

January 26, 2000
To: NSA Directors
FROM: Carl Gidlund

Subject: January 20 Meeting in Redmond, Ore.

Thought I'd fill you in on the highlights of the meeting. Remember, these are unofficial notes, and I don't guarantee that they're accurate or complete. You'll receive the official minutes from Secretary Spud DeJarnette.

Executive Committee members in attendance were Larry Lufkin, Chuck Sheley, Spud DeJarnette, Jon McBride and me. Dan McComb had a domestic problem and couldn't make it. Director Harold Hartman also was present.

The meeting itself was in the SJ Training Room at the Redmond Air Center, with arrangements made by Redmond Squadleader Mark Corbet who also spearheaded the social that night. Base Manager Dewey Warner sat in for most of the session. The social, at a downtown hotel restaurant, attracted 39, including area jumpers, pilots and their wives.

Membership. Membership Chair Spud reports 1,291 members of some 3,100 for whom we have addresses. Tim Aldrich and Jim Blaine have helped him in his retention work by calling those who've failed to renew. Spud will propose some changes to the membership activity by our next meeting, April 1 in McCall.

Budget. Treasurer Jon McBride presented the proposed Year 2000 budget, to be voted on by the full Board at the June meeting in Redding. We gave our approval to it, and you should find it appended to the official minutes of this meeting when Spud sends them. Jon also announced that, after three years, he's resigning as Treasurer as of June. He'll devote his energies to helping our new "Trail Boss," Dave Owen. Obviously, we'll need to replace Jon, so get thinking about potential candidates.

Website: Webmaster McComb called in a report, to the effect that the jumper database on the web is now searchable by name.

Newsletter. The winter issue is in the mail. Deadline for the spring issue is Feb. 18. We approved mailing copies to one-third of the non-members on our database each of the next three issues. Managing Editor Chuck Sheley has received input from all the base liaisons with the exception of Grangeville for the past couple of issues.

Reunion. Chuck and Spud, both on the Redding Reunion Committee, said there would be a mailing to the 3,100 on our database in late January.

Bylaws Review. Larry Lufkin reported on his efforts, assisted by Lon Dale and George Gowen, to update the bylaws. When he completes the draft changes he'll present them to the Executive Committee for review before submitting them to the entire Board for approval.

Historic Smokejumper Video. It should be released in mid-February. Chuck is proofing the jacket now. A total of 212 will be mailed to donors.

History. Committee Chair Bill Moody sent a report to the effect that,

- He's sent a letter to Base Managers and others regarding our efforts,
- We have reps looking at BLM Boise jump gear that's due for disposal,

McCall, the best record keepers of all bases, are outlining their procedures for the other bases,

- Tom Kovalicky is working on a memo of understanding with Region 1 that would permit transfer of jump gear to the NSA,
- Bill is in contact with the University of Montana Mansfield Library curator regarding the possibility of storing and archiving our material.
- He's also contacted the Fort Missoula Museum on the same topic.

Tax Savings Brochure. The Committee approved a brochure developed by McComb and me with input from George Gowen that will ask members to consider the NSA in their estate plans. We'll be soliciting printing bids within the next several weeks.

Corporate Endowment Plan. NSA member Bill Ruskin is working with Larry Lufkin on a plan that would solicit corporations for funds to support the NSA. Lufkin will ask Ruskin to present his ideas to the full Board at our annual meeting.

Long-Range Plan Needed. It's become obvious, especially considering our plans to solicit corporate memberships, that the NSA needs a long-term plan. A Director should lead that effort.

Recognition of Life Members. The Committee decided to honor our 31 Life Members by presenting them special NSA ball caps at the reunion. We'll also arrange for a no-host cocktail party at that event for those members, Directors and spouses.

Chapter Guidelines. We've received a request from a member who lives in Minnesota for a listing of other members residing in that state. He intends to form a NSA chapter there. Jon McBride is drafting "chapter guidelines" that will be submitted to the Executive Committee for approval. We'll send those with our response to the request.

If you have any questions regarding any of the above, please contact me or any other member of the Executive Committee.

Sincerely,

Carl A. Gidlund
President

P.S. We encourage you to attend Executive Committee meetings. We'd like your thoughts, opinions and suggestions, and want to keep you up to date on issues.