

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NATIONAL POLICE CANINE ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE BOARD

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31, 2009 – Port St. Lucie, FL

ATTENDANCE:

Officers in attendance: President Terry Anderson, Administrative Assistant Katy Farnsworth, Treasurer Mark Green, Secretary Greg Thomas, Southwest Region Director Ralph Pendergast, South/Central Region Director Danny Valdez, South/East Region Director Mike Colton, North/West Director Bill Delay, and North/East Director Mark Tobin. The meeting commenced at 0904 hours.

READING OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES:

MOTION: Approve meeting minutes from November 7, 2008 telephonic meeting – Ralph Pendergast. Danny Valdez second. The motion was discussed, voted on and passed unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Terry Anderson briefed the board on the following issues:

1. Terry Anderson and Ralph Pendergast had a meeting with the Palm Beach County Sheriff's canine unit about re-joining NPCA. The meeting was positive.
2. NPCA will be conducting a certification for canine teams in the Los Angeles, California area on February 10 and 11, 2009. Potentially up to 30 teams have expressed interest. Elliot Zibli is the contact person. Six certifying officials are scheduled to judge the certification.
3. Four dogs completed the SRT certification in California. A question was posed from Sgt. Bill Lewis (Oxnard PD – ret.) via e-mail. Sgt. Lewis requested clarification of the current requirement that a letter from the law enforcement agency indicating the canine team will be deployed with the SWAT team. Conversation ensued resulting in the issue being sent to the Standards Committee for recommendations.
4. President Anderson addressed the board about lost and incomplete paperwork. This is unacceptable.

SECRETARY REPORT:

Secretary Greg Thomas briefed the board on the following issues:

1. Elections: No one was nominated for any of the Region Director positions due for election this year (North Central Region, South Central Region, South East Region). Due to cancellation of the National Conference in Beaumont, TX (hurricane), nominations for President and Treasurer were extended through January 19, 2009. A detailed e-mail was sent to the membership about election and open positions. No nominations were submitted for any open offices.
2. A proposed law pending in the Missouri Legislature (Bill 149) would result in nullifying NPCA certifications in that state. Greg Thomas sent a letter to the bill's sponsors citing deficiencies in the proposed law. Joe Caponetto completed significant work to educate the sponsors in the state legislature.
3. Region Director Report. The new form will be used by all Region Directors for future reports to the Executive Board.
4. Advertising. NPCA will be running advertisements in every "Police K-9" magazine for the remainder of 2009.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Treasurer Mark Green presented the following financial report:

Main Acct--\$32,332.94
Seminar Acct--\$3,796.16
CD--\$11,346.63
Officer Relief--\$2,000.00

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT REPORT:

Katy Farnsworth presented the following breakdown of membership numbers:

North/Central -73
North/East – 29
North/West – 51
South/Central – 306
South/East – 147
South/West - 309
International - 10

Total of 936 members

REGIONAL DIRECTOR REPORTS:

Each regional director in attendance provided an overview of business in their respective regions. The director's reports were scanned into PDF files and will be made available on the NPCA website. North/East Director Mark Tobin indicated his intention to host the 2009 National Conference in Delaware. Specific details will be released in the near future. The target dates are October 5-9, 2009. North/Central Region Director Joe Caponetto indicated his intention to resign. Eric Schmitz from the Lenexa Police Department has agreed to assume the post until elections in Fall 2009. A motion proposing Eric's appointment as North/Central Region Director ensued.

MOTION: Accept Eric Schmitz as interim North/Central Region Director. – Ralph Pendergast. Mark Green second. The motion was discussed, voted on and passed unanimously.

AWARDS COMMITTEE:

Bill Delay submitted nomination for "Case of the Year" for both patrol and narcotics. The following recipients were selected by majority vote of the Executive Board:

Patrol: Ricky Melrose and K-9 Zip – Goodyear Police Department (AZ)
Runner-up: Steven Yoos and K-9 Hano – West Palm (FL)

Narcotics: Mike Martin and K-9 Rico – Kansas City PD (KS)
Runner-up: Brian Laas and K-9 Body – Arvada PD (CO)

OLD BUSINESS:

A hardcopy newsletter is forthcoming and will be sent to the entire membership.

Clarification on NORT Certification. One particular certifying body cannot dominate a NORT certification offered by ATF. A NORT certification is open to any canine team possessing the prerequisite EOD certification.

NEW BUSINESS:

Secretary Greg Thomas was tasked with addressing the feasibility and profitability of advertising on the NPCA website.

Secretary Greg Thomas was tasked with placing a full page ad in the May/June Issue of "Police K-9" magazine. The full page ad will focus on promoting the National Conference to be held in Delaware in October 2009.

Possible rule deficiency noticed in the apprehension phases. Nowhere in the rules does it indicate the exercises are to be completed off-leash. Issue sent to Standards Committee for resolution.

Mark Green presented clarifying verbiage to be added to the Human Concealment certification. The verbiage to be added is as follows:

"To ensure that each search area is searched thoroughly only 4 called alerts will be allowed for this entire certification."

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 1648 hours – Greg Thomas. Danny Valdez second. The motion was discussed, voted on and passed unanimously. Next meeting will be conducted telephonically to handle Standards Committee decisions.

Submitted by:



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