

Minutes of the General Membership Meeting of the National Police Canine Association

Tucson, AZ September 14, 2015

Attendance:

Officers in attendance: President Terry Anderson, Treasurer Mark Green, Secretary Joe Caponetto, South West Regional Director Tim Norton, North Central Director Ryan Sumner, South East Regional Director Fred Janke, North East Director Mark Tobin. Also present: Administrative Assistant Katy Farnsworth, Standards Committee Chairman Frank Glover and Recruitment Director Rich Maiocco.

Meeting was called to order at 0825 hours.

Motion to waive the reading of the minutes was made by Tim Norton and 2nd by Ryan Fuxa.
Motion Passed.

Presidents Report:

The rule book printing will be delayed until it can be updated.

With the Classroom only (Dog less) National Seminar in place more effort needs to be given to have Regional Seminars so that members can attend with their canine partners for hands on canine training.

Awards Presentation:

Patrol Case of Year 2014: Nick Franco, West Covina PD, Ca. K9 Rocco. West Coast Region.
Patrol Honorable Mention 2014: Officer Shaun Boudreaux, K9 Nicky. Beaumont PD. Texas. South Central Region.

Detection Case of the Year 2014: Deputy Steve Orr and K9 Danco. Rapides Parish. La. South Central Region.

Detection Case Honorable Mention 2014: Antonio Garcia and K9 Zina. Kansas City PD. Missouri. North Central Region.

Secretary Report:

2015 elections that were unopposed; Secretary, Joseph Caponetto and North West Regional Director, Bill Delay.

West Coast Regional Director is currently vacant.

Elections were held for the South West Regional Director. Steve Lowe received 42 votes and Tim Norton received 45 votes.

Elections were held for the North East Regional Director. Jason Laky received 8 votes and Mark Tobin received 11 votes.

Recommendation that the current By Laws Article VIII, Section 8.01 to Section 8.03 be eliminated and replaced with following:

ARTICLE VIII ELECTION OF REGIONAL DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

Section 8.01 Nomination of Regional Directors:

(a) A regular or associate member, in good standing, may nominate a candidate for the Regional Director position for his or her region no later than sixty (60) days prior to the annual meeting.

(b) A nomination must be accepted by the nominee within ten (10) days of receiving the nomination. To be eligible for office, the nominee shall accept the nomination in writing (electronically or by paper) to the chairman of the election committee, if applicable, or the Secretary.

Section 8.02 Nomination of Officers:

(a) A regular or associate member, in good standing, may nominate an Officer at the annual meeting.

(b) A nomination must be accepted by the nominee within ten (10) days of receiving the nomination. To be eligible for office, the nominee shall accept the nomination in writing (electronically or by paper) to the chairman of the election committee, if applicable, or the Secretary.

Section 8.03 Election of Regional Directors and Officers:

(a) The Secretary shall establish, if not already in existence, and maintain an e-mail account and address book to be used strictly for nomination and election proceedings. The address book shall contain a record of all members, their e-mail addresses, their class of membership, and their designated region.

(b) Election of Regional Directors and Officers:

1. Each Regional Director and Officer shall be elected to a term of service to last two (2) years.

A. The Regional Directors from the North Central, South Central, and Southeast Regions, the President and CFO shall be nominated and elected in the even numbered years and take

office on January 1 of the odd numbered years.

B. The Regional Directors from the North East, Southwest, West Coast, and Northwest regions, and the Secretary shall be nominated and elected in the odd number years and take office on January 1 of the even numbered years.

2. Regional Directors and Officers are to be elected by electronic ballot by the regular (K-9) and associate members that are in good standing within the designated region for Regional Director elections or all regular (k-9) and associate members in good standing for the election of Officers..

A. No later than sixty (60) days prior to the annual meeting of the membership, electronic ballots will be sent to the last known e-mail address of each member entitled to vote. A biography of each candidate and the electronic voting procedures outlined in these By-Laws shall be attached to the electronic ballot e-mail.

B. The election shall be 30 days in length. Each member entitled to vote must send the email vote to the election e-mail address no later than the thirtieth (30th) day before the annual meeting. Each member entitled to vote may cast only one vote for each available position.

C. The elections committee, if applicable, or the Board shall tally the votes. The candidates who receive the highest number of votes shall be elected to the respective positions. The results of the election shall be announced via email and website posting. A written record of the votes shall be recorded in the minutes of the annual meeting.

D. Any newly elected member shall be afforded the opportunity to attend the current year's National Conference.

Motion to accept the proposed By Law changes was made by Paul Koinig, 2nd by Fred Janke. Motion passed.

Treasurer Report:

Current account balances are as follows: Main account, \$93,201.12, Certificate of Deposit, \$11,595.60 and the Seminar Account \$12,000.00.

Administrative Assistant Report:

Please make sure everyone updates their email address as they change and make sure it legible. Membership Applications need to be filled out every year so we are getting updated information on members.

Regional Director Reports:

See attached reports.

Director of Recruiting Report:

Currently traveling to other canine events and making contact with potential new members in the canine field.

Rich is working towards retaining current vendors and new recruiting vendors to attend the National Seminar in Pittsburgh, PA.

If you know of any vendors or potential members please contact Rich Maiocco.

International Committee Report:

The International Committee is now up and running with international certifications. Work was completed on verify international members law enforcement status and policy put into place to ensure members safety while travelling abroad. Forty three (43) narcotic teams were certified this past year in Veracruz, Mexico.

Standards Committee Report:

An explanation of what the Standards Committee does and how it works was presented.

Awards Committee Report:

The Awards Committee has processed 16 awards total for the First and Second quarters of 2015.

We are receiving nominations mostly from North Central, North West, South Central regions, Brad Smith keeps the west coast involved each quarter. He submits nominations each quarter for the K9 teams from West Covina PD.

2016 National Seminar:

The 2016 National Seminar will be held in Pittsburgh, PA, October 8th thru October 14th, 2016 at the Sheraton Hotel at Station Square.

Motion to accept all of the presented reports was made by Mark Tobin, 2nd by Paul Koinig. Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Tim Norton, 2nd by Paul Koinig. Motion passed.

Submitted by,

Joseph M. Caponetto

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