

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NATIONAL POLICE CANINE ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE BOARD
(Telephonic - conference call)

Date: Sunday, April 11, 2010

Time: 1603 Hours (AZ Time)

ATTENDANCE:

1. President Terry Anderson
2. Administrative Assistant Katy Farnsworth
3. Treasurer Mark Green
4. Secretary Greg Thomas
5. Southwest Region Director Ralph Pendergast
- ~~6. North/Central Region Director Eric Schmitz~~
7. South/East Region Director Mike Colton
8. North/West Director Bill Delay
9. South/Central Director Danny Valdez
10. North/East Director Mark Tobin
- ~~11. West Coast Director Elliot Zibli~~

READING OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES:

Dispense with reading of minutes from prior meeting, which were distributed on e-mail and posted on website. Everyone had chance to review meeting minutes.

MOTION: Approve minutes Secretary Greg Thomas read from the 2009 Nationals meeting in DE.

The motion was discussed, voted on and passed unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Terry Anderson):

1. CNCA raffle – we donated one NPCA National conference tuition. In response, CNCA gave NPCA a tuition to their national conference.
2. SWAT dog training at TTPOA (Texas Tactical Police Officer's Assoc.) conference in Texas; NPCA paid for Brad's flight and food to teach at National Conference.

SECRETARY'S REPORT (Greg Thomas):

1. Nationals Ad – Ad was e-mailed for approval by Board, then submitted to Police K-9 Magazine. The full page ad was complimentary based on our membership agreement with Police K-9 Magazine.
2. Utah Trophy – Allot \$50 for a traveling trophy to be presented on May 22, 2010 to the Utah Police Officer's Association K-9 trials in Salt Lake County.
3. SRT Score Sheet – fix technical errors pertaining to judge's signature box at bottom. Eliminate one of the judge's signature boxes so there is only one, and each judge has a score sheet consistent with other certifications.

MOTION: Accept Secretary's report. The motion was discussed, voted on and passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Mark Green):

1. Checking account balance, including the Officer Relief Fund: is approximately \$37,00+/- . 953 active members in NPCA.
2. National Conference plans in place. Phoenix PD secured a \$15k donation for the seminar. There are no registrations for the October conference as of this date.
3. The majority of monies taken in by NPCA are from membership dues, certifications and merchandise sales. The majority of our expenses are incurred by travel expenses for training.

MOTION: Accept Treasurer's report. The motion was discussed, voted on and passed unanimously.

APPLICANTS FOR CERTIFYING OFFICIAL/TRAINER & INSTRUCTOR:

Applicants for Certifying Official, Instructor and Trainer

1. Rickey Farley - Arizona DOC – CO Patrol/Detection - **Approved**
2. Brian Gallagher – Arizona DOC – CO Patrol/ Detection – **Approved**
3. Frank Glover – Lee County (FL) SO - Instructor - **Approved**
4. Chad Guidry – Louisiana State PD – CO and Instructor Detection – **Tabled**
5. Jerry LaChance – Beaumont PD (TX) – CO Patrol/Detection - **Approved**
6. Jason Matyas – Cape Coral PD (FL) – CO Patrol/Detection – **Approved**
7. Ryan McNeil – Surprise PD (AZ) – CO and Instructor Patrol/Detection – **Approved**
8. Diana Smith – LAPD (CA) – CO and Instructor Detection – **Approved**
9. Danny Valdez – Beaumont PD (TX) – Trainer – **Approved**
10. Kenny Vance JR – Arizona DOC – CO Patrol/Detection – **Approved**
11. Kenny Vance SR – Arizona DOC – Instructor Track/Trail; CO Patrol/Detection – **Approved**
12. Darrin Wendling – Colonial Regional PD (NE) – CO Patrol/Detection – **Approved**

Distances for apprehension in Patrol Certification:

Conversation on this topic resulted in the recommendation that CO's have discretion to adjust apprehension distances to allow for safety of dog and decoy during the Patrol Certification. Mark Green will add this topic to the Certifying Official training to update all C/Os.

CASE OF THE YEAR AWARDS FOR 2009 - DETECTION:

WINNER: DANNY VALDEZ – BEAUMONT (TX) POLICE DEPARTMENT.

On Nov. 02, 2009 K9 Officer was contacted by a Detective. K9 Officer was requested to assist with the stop of a passenger bus. The bus was coming from Houston. The bus was stopped. The Detective received consent to search the bus. K9 Officer deployed K9 to search the outside of the bus. During the sniff of luggage compartment K9 alerted to a gray rubber maid cooler. The cooler contained several blocks of white cheese. The Detective emptied the cooler placing the contents on the ground and asked that search again. Again K9 alerted on the cooler. Based on K9s alerts the Detective further investigated the cooler. The cooler was fairly heavy to lift even with the contents out of the cooler. The Detective separated the outer shell from the interior liner and discovered several kilos of Cocaine.

RUNNER UP: DETECTIVE CURSAIN – JEFFERSON PARISH (LA) SO

On 022009 investigators of the Narcotics task force were surveilling a known narcotics trafficker. The suspect was known to traffic large amounts of narcotics. The investigators followed the suspect to a residence. The suspect spent some time inside the residence, then exited the residence holding a plastic bag. The suspect left in a vehicle. Investigators observed a traffic violation and stopped the vehicle. The investigators asked for consent to search the vehicle and were refused. The K9 team responded and conducted a search of the vehicles exterior. The K9 alerted near the front door. The K9 then searched the interior and alerted to the center console. A search warrant was applied for. A search of the vehicle revealed 4.5 ounces of cocaine. Based on the results of the search of the vehicle a search warrant was granted for the suspects residence. The K9 team searched the residence. The K9 alerted in the master bedroom. A search of the master bedroom and uncovered Cocaine, \$66,000 in currency and two weapons, including a sawed off shotgun. The K9 team searched a car parked inside the garage. The K9 alerted on the back seat of the vehicle. 9 Kilos of cocaine were recovered. In all total 10.4 Kilos of cocaine was recovered.

CASE OF THE YEAR AWARDS FOR 2009 - PATROL

PATROL:

WINNER: CHRIS SARNECK – NEW CASTLE COUNTY (DE) POLICE.

On 111109 K9 Officer and K9, responded to an apartment complex to search for a male suspect who made several threats against an ex-girlfriend. K9 was sent to apprehend the armed suspect. The suspect fired several rounds. K9 was struck on the left shoulder and left hind leg. K9 was still able to apprehend the suspect. After the suspect was subdued, K9 was called back to his handler and was rushed to a local animal hospital where he was stabilized. K9 was then rushed by police escort to the University veterinary hospital for surgery.

RUNNER UP: OFFICER COLLINS – BROOMFIELD (CO) POLICE.

On 010709 at approximately 0324 hours Officers and K9 were dispatched to a criminal trespass in progress. Officers arrived on scene and observed the suspects and their car. One suspect ran on foot and was chased by one Officer. K9 team positioned his vehicle a short distance from the suspect vehicle and in front of the suspect vehicle. K9 Officer and K9 exited the patrol car and moved to the passenger side. The K9 Officers intentions were to apprehend the suspect who was running on foot from the Officer. As the K9 Officer reached the passenger side of the K9 unit the suspect vehicle sped towards him. The suspect vehicle struck the K9 handler knocking him to the ground. The K9 Officer did fire two rounds into the vehicle. The suspect vehicle traveled another 50 feet and struck the Sgt.'s vehicle. The Officer who had been chasing the suspect on foot began yelling for the K9 Handlers help. The K9 was running towards the Officer involved in the foot chase. The K9 handler recalled the K9. The K9 did stop his pursuit and returned to the handler. The Officer involved in the foot pursuit told the K9 handler that the suspect he now had proned out might have a weapon. The K9 handler noticed the suspects hands were under him. K9 handler sent his K9 to apprehend the suspect. The K9 bit the suspect on the leg with a full bite. The suspect immediately pulled his arms out from under him. The K9 handler took control of the K9 and called him off the bite. The Sgt whose car had been struck aired that he had one suspect in custody and that there were two suspects in the suspect vehicle. The K9 handler placed the K9 in the door of the suspect vehicle and challenged the suspects. The suspects immediately surrendered. Another Officer aired that he had a suspect contained in a small area consisting of two dumpsters. The K9 handler went to that location. The handler issued challenges. There was no response. The K9 was released to search. The K9 alerted to one of the dumpsters. The handler issued more challenges and the suspect surrendered.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 1847 hours on Sunday, April 11th. The motion was discussed, voted on and passed unanimously.

Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Greg Thomas', written over a faint rectangular stamp.

Greg Thomas

NPCA Secretary

Gilbert Police Department

Gilbert, AZ