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SABINE-NECHES CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

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FEBRUARY 2014 MINUTES

Quorum is (10) Voting Members at Regular Meeting

The 773rd Sabine Neches Chiefs Association meeting was called to order at 10:13 a.m. on Wednesday, February 5th, 2014 at the Orange County EOC & Convention Center, 11475 FM 1442, Orange, Texas.

Brad Pennison gave the invocation.

Dale Jackson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The welcome was presented by Bryant Champagne on behalf of Orange County ESD#1, Vidor Police Department, and Vidor ISD, who Cohosted the meeting at the Orange County EOC & Convention Center.

Self Introduction were made.

The following SNCA Officers were excused: Tim Ocnaschek, Tommy Wells, and Carman Apple

READING OF THE MINUTES

President Owens asked for "Approval" of the previous month's minutes as e-mailed. A motion was made by Bryant Champagne and seconded by Aleta Cappen to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Membership requests from OilTanking Port Neches and Beaumont Water Utilities Department to be addressed under New Business

E-mail from ESD#3 regarding the combining of China and Nome VFD's. President Owens advised the group of the merger between the two VFD's.

Continuation of Correspondence:

Received a letter from USCG Captain Paitl, thanking the SNCA for allowing Admiral Cook to address the group at the January meeting. Captain Paitl felt the SNCA group represented themselves very well and Admiral Cook had very favorable remarks regarding the organization and cooperation in this area by all the different agencies. (Letter Attached)

TREASURERS REPORT:

The Treasurer's information is presented with the assistance of Deputy Fire Chief John Avery, PAFD.

Financials as of February 3, 2014:

Checking	\$28,626.66
CD	\$ 4,967.86
CD #2	\$ 5,098.02
Total	\$38,692.54

The financial report was read by Dale Jackson. A motion was made by Charlie Kosh and seconded by Steve Curran to accept the financial report. Motion carried. (Chief Jackson reminded members who have not paid their dues to try and get them in as soon as possible, Members who were unsure if dues had been paid were asked to come up during break to check the list of unpaid members.)

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

President Owens explained how new member requests would be handled in the future, as far as getting approval from the Board of Directors and membership. This will reduce the wait time for new members who apply. Members were told of how important the information on the Inventory sheets was in determining voting status on new and current members. President Owens passed to Bryant Champagne, membership chairman, to further explain the process and importance. Bryant discussed the need to review all current members to assure they are categorized properly according to the constitution and By-laws. Bryant also emphasized the importance on getting the information correct on the Inventory sheet, as to whether an entity has equipment which can be utilized by the association in an emergency. Bryant and his committee will be reviewing current members status based on the inventory update which is currently being conducted by Pat Grimes. At this time, the floor was passed to Pat Grimes who encouraged members to go into the data base and complete their updates. Pat also affirmed how important the information is for determining assets within the organization which can be utilized in an emergency. Pat advised members he was set up in the hallway with a laptop and could assist any member with their information updates.

President Owens read the recommendation for membership for OilTanking-Port Neches. The recommendation was to accept Oil Tanking as a non-voting member. A motion was made by Larry Richard, and seconded by Stephanie Garsea to accept the recommendation. Motion carried.

President Owens also read the recommendation for membership for Beaumont Water Utilities Department for membership. The recommendation was to approve them as a non-voting member. Cindy Powers made a motion to accept the recommendation, and it was seconded by Charlie Kosh. Motion carried.

Cindy Powers discussed the recent update to the membership on the Strategic Plan. A motion was made by Bryant Champagne and seconded by Jim Clay to accept the recommended changes presented by Cindy Powers. Motion carried.

RECENT EMERGENCIES/ ISSUES:

Recent emergencies were discussed.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jeff Kelley advised the membership that the Open House for the Orange County EOC and Convention Center had been rescheduled to February 6, 2014 from 4 to 6 pm, due to the recent weather events. Jeff encouraged all to attend.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

NOMINATING COMMITTEE – MATT DULANEY, CHAIRPERSON

No report.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: BRYANT CHAMPAGNE, CHAIRPERSON

Covered under new business.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS: STEVE CURRAN, CHAIRPERSON

Steve will make the update to the Strategic Plan

WEBSITE: STEVE CURRAN, CHAIRPERSON (Absent)

Steve added Pics from the State EOC regarding Jack Colley plaque presented by SNCA

HOMELAND SECURITY: JEREMY HANSEN, CHAIRPERSON

None.

COMMUNICATIONS and INVENTORY: PAT GRIMES, CHAIRPERSON

Pat reminded members to go to website and update, and get with him on the break in the hall and he would assist members with updating their inventory.

TRAINING & EDUCATION: LOUIS HAVENS, CHAIRPERSON

Go to PreparingTexas.Org for the latest training announcements.

AWARDS COMMITTEE: STEPHANIE GARSEA, CHAIRPERSON

Pictures of the awards presentation have been added to website.

GOLF TOURNAMENT: STEPHANIE GARSEA, CHAIRPERSON

Stephanie gave a report on the progress of the tournament, scheduled for April 28, 2014. Stephanie asked members to get in their sponsorship and team forms as soon as possible. Still plenty of player slots available. She also asked anyone who could help with goody bags and door prizes to get with her also. She will need help once again putting together the goody bags.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: STEPHANIE GARSEA, CHAIRPERSON

No report.

BOSSES NIGHT: DAVID FRENZEL, CHAIRPERSON

No report.

PROGRAMS: ALETA CAPPEN, CHAIRPERSON

Aleta went over the next few months hosts.

DRILLS/EXERCISES: BOB STEGALL, CHAIRPERSON (Absent)

Jeremy reminded members of the AMSTEP drill March 13, and advised there is an Oil Spill Exercise in the works, more information will be coming out later.

OIL SPILL: TOMMY WELLS, CHAIRPERSON (Absent)

No report.

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM: TIM OCNASCHEK, CHAIRPERSON (Absent)

No report.

STRATEGIC PLANNING: CINDY POWERS, CHAIRPERSON

Covered under New Business.

PROGRAM:

Bryant Champagne with OCESD #1, Aleta Cappen with Vidor Police Department, and Jerry Parker with Vidor ISD Police Department, gave a brief presentation to the membership of what services each of these entities provide, and what programs are offered to the communities they serve. Each of the presentations were very informative.

FUTURE SNCA MEETING HOSTS:

Please review the upcoming hosts. Each member is required to host a monthly meeting. Below is the schedule for 2014.

Host Member	Month	Year
GE Energy Water & Storage (Strategic meeting)	January	2014
Vidor Pd, OCESD#1 and Vidor ISD PD	February	2014
East Texas Advisory Council	March	2014
GT Logistics (Strategic Planning Meeting)	April	2014
Jefferson County ESD#3 (China/Nome)	May	2014
Renewable BioFuels	June	2014
Hardin County Public Health (Strategic Planning Meeting)	July	2014
Oil Tanking Beaumont	August	2014
Care Plus Ambulance Service	September	2014

ATTENDEES: There were 74 attendees at this meeting, up from 66 at the previous meeting: 41 Voting; 11 Non-Voting; no Honorary; 16 member agencies attendees; and 6 Guests

ADJOURN:

President Owens called for a motion to Adjourn. A motion made by Jeff Kelley and seconded by Stephanie Garsea. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:26 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tim Ocnaschek
Secretary/Treasurer

NEXT MEETING:

The March 5th, 2014 meeting will be sponsored by Jeff Thibodeaux with East Texas Regional Advisory Council at Big Rich Courville's- 1744 Rose Lane #90, Beaumont, TX 77713 (off Hwy 90), (409-860-9811)