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SABINE-NECHES CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

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Fire Director 14-15

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Industry Director 14-15

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Industry Director 15-16

Gary Porter
Police Director 14-15

Aleta Cappen
Police Director 15-16

Jeff Kelley
At-Large Director 15-16

Stephanie Garsea
EMS Director 15-16

Cindy Powers
Health Director 15-16

MARCH 2015 MINUTES

Quorum is (10) Voting Members at Regular Meeting

The 786th Sabine Neches Chiefs Association meeting was called to order at 10:05a.m. on Wednesday March 4, 2015, at the Event Centre 700 Crockett Street, Beaumont TX (800.782.3081) The event was sponsored by Beaumont Water Utilities – Molly Villarreal

Cindy Powers gave the invocation.

Tim Ocnaschek led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Host Welcome: The host welcome was by Molly Villarreal Utilities Engineer with the Beaumont Water Utilities Department.

Board member Gary Porter was excused from the meeting.

READING OF THE MINUTES

President Jackson asked for “Approval” of the previous month’s minutes as e-mailed. A motion was made by Aleta Cappen and seconded by Cindy Powers to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

President Dale Jackson read a “thank you” letter to the membership. The letter was from Ami Kamara with the Fire Museum of Texas. In the letter she thanked the SNCA for the \$1500 donation for the annual Fire Prevention and Family Safety Festival. The festival is a method to preserve, interpret, and educate the public about the fire service and fire prevention safety.

CORRESPONDENCE: (Continued)

President Dale Jackson discussed the flyer from LIT about the 8th annual Shoot-Out scheduled for March 28, 2015. This event benefits the Lamar Institute of Technology Foundation.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Financials as of February 28, 2015:

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| Checking | \$39,799.63 |
| CD | \$ 4,967.86 |
| CD #2 | \$ 5,126.03 |
| Total | <u>\$49,893.52</u> |

Secretary/Treasurer Charlie Kosh read the financial report and advised membership there are 4 members still needing to pay membership dues. Larry Richard made a motion that was seconded by Stephanie Garsea to approve the report. The motion carried.

The Form 990 Electronic Postcard has been submitted and accepted by the IRS (See Attachment #1).

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. President Jackson discussed with the members that an emergency meeting of the SNCA Board of Directors was held on February 4, 2015 to discuss the possibility to spend funds(not to exceed \$500) to supply food to the first responders that were involved in the recent Spurger fire. The board had voted to spend the funds (not to exceed \$500) at that meeting.

Bryant Champagne spoke to the group and explained how members of the SNCA had helped the Spurger Fire Department by preparing a meal for them on the evening of February 4, 2015. The Spurger emergency responders had been involved in a tragic loss of life event the night before.

Chaplain Fred Raney Hardin County ESD #6 addressed the group and thanked the SNCA on behalf of the Spurger Fire Department for the compassion and help to its members.
- B. President Jackson explained to the members that he had appointed David Frenzel to the at large board of director’s position for the remainder of the term. The position is open due to Jeff Kelley’s retirement.
- C. President Jackson discussed the activation of the SNCA last month. There was a message sent out at the time informing the membership that the SNCA had been activated. The discussion stemmed around if the membership thought this notification was beneficial. It was agreed that it was. The discussion then moved to documenting the number of times the SNCA is activated. John Owens made a motion that was seconded by Anne Huff to start including in the monthly minutes and on the website the number of activations. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. CIOW Invitation – Tim Ocnashek told the group what the meeting was about and presented the attached flyer to the members. – (See Attachment #2)
- B. Tony Buagas of Christus Health and Wellness Center announced its 2nd annual Shield and Axes Program is scheduled for Thursday, April 9, 2015 from 5:30 – 7 pm (See Attachment #3)

RECENT EMERGENCIES/ ISSUES:

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

NOMINATING COMMITTEE – MATT DULANEY, CHAIRPERSON

No Report

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: BRYANT CHAMPAGNE, CHAIRPERSON

Two memberships working at this time

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS: STEVE CURRAN, CHAIRPERSON

Steve advised the group that he had been updating the Constitution and By-Laws to reflect the dissolving of the Budget and Finance Committee. He also has included the Marine, Salvage and Recovery Committee. He will be prepared to present at the next scheduled Board of Directors meeting.

WEBSITE: STEVE CURRAN, CHAIRPERSON

Steve informed the group that he had made numerous changes to the website recently, changes included President's welcome, officer page, how to join, payment page, corrected dues amount, history, membership list from previous years, past presidents, honorary members, 2014 awards, pictures from the 2014 golf tournament.

HOMELAND SECURITY: JEREMY HANSEN, CHAIRPERSON

Jeremy Hansen advised that they would be having the second grant outreach meeting on March 19 at 9:30am. He also stated that the ATAC/AMSC would be meeting at the Orange County Convention Center on April 14 at 9:30am.

COMMUNICATIONS and INVENTORY: PAT GRIMES, CHAIRPERSON

Pat advised the group that he was still updating the inventory database and that he would be available at today's meeting for anyone needing help on their updates. Pat also advised that the Harris County radio connectivity has been completed.

TRAINING & EDUCATION: LOUIS HAVENS, CHAIRPERSON

No Report -Louis Havens was absent.

AWARDS COMMITTEE: STEPHANIE GARSEA, CHAIRPERSON

No Report – Will start in August

GOLF TOURNAMENT: STEPHANIE GARSEA, CHAIRPERSON

Stephanie advised there were 31 teams signed up at this time and 15 hole sponsors. She still needs door prizes.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: STEPHANIE GARSEA, CHAIRPERSON

No Report.

BOSSSES NIGHT: DAVID FRENZEL, CHAIRPERSON

No Report

PROGRAMS: ALETA CAPPEN, CHAIRPERSON

Aleta Cappen stated that program today would be by Mike Whitfield from the TDEM. The topic will be Disaster Finance. She also reminded everyone that the host of the meeting is responsible for the monthly program.

DRILLS/EXERCISES: BOB STEGALL, CHAIRPERSON

No Report - Bob Stegall was absent.

OIL SPILL: TOMMY WELLS, CHAIRPERSON (Absent)

No Report but Tommy Wells did advise everyone to update facility response plans and Coast Guard manuals at least annually.

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM: TIM OCNASCHEK, CHAIRPERSON

Tim Ocnaschek advised that the Texas Forest Service would be paying for six IMT members to attend upcoming training.

STRATEGIC PLANNING: CINDY POWERS, CHAIRPERSON

Cindy Powers reported that the proposed changes from the recent strategic planning meeting were being incorporated. Discussion was that the changes should be passed by Steve Curran to review for possible Constitution and By-Laws issues.

PROGRAM:

Mike Whitfield from the Texas Department of Emergency Management presented a slide presentation on Disaster Finance.

ATTENDEES: There were 84 attendees at this meeting, 49 Voting; 3 Non-Voting; 0 Honorary Members; 32 Member Agency and guests.

ADJOURN:

A motion was made by Bryant Champagne and seconded by John Owens to adjourn the 786th meeting at 11:36 am. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charlie Kosh

Secretary/Treasurer

NEXT MEETING:

The 787th meeting will be held on April 1, 2015 the meeting will be sponsored by - Hardin County ESD #6 – The location will be the Silsbee Fire Department, 490 Payne Street, Silsbee TX- Matt Delaney

Attachment #1- IRS e-Postcard

Organization: SABINE NECHES CHIEFS ASSOCIATION
EIN: 74-6062272
Submission Type: Form 990-N
Year: 2014
Submission ID: 7800582015034ba62882
e-File Postmark: 2/3/2015 10:06:27 AM
Accepted Date: 2/3/2015

The IRS has accepted the e-Postcard described above. Please save this receipt for your records.

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Phone: 866-255-0654 (toll free)
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Attachment #2 – CIOW Invitation

**Chemical Industry Outreach Workshop
FBI HOUSTON**

When: June 17, 2015

Where: Beaumont Civic Center, 701 Main, Beaumont, Texas 77701

Demo Description:

Attendees will receive lectures in the morning regarding emerging threats posed by improvised explosives. Presentations will cover Weapons of Mass Destruction Chemical Countermeasures, Clandestine Drug Labs and Improvised Explosives. After lunch, attendees will witness the detonation of a variety of improvised explosives, most of which can be mixed utilizing common household chemicals. This demonstration is designed to underscore the potential danger of these chemicals, both in the hands of terrorists as well as juvenile experimenters.

RSVP: Please RSVP via e-mail to bobby.anderson@ic.fbi.gov Attendance is by invitation only but there should be plenty of room.

Cameras and video equipment will be permitted during the demonstration, but are limited to private use only.

Attachment #3 Shields & Axes 2015 Registration Form



Shields & Axes 2015 Registration Form



Who You're Representing:

City: _____

Department: _____

Team Roster (Identify Team Captain with a "C" next to the name)

T-shirt Size:

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| 1. _____ | _____ |
| 2. _____ | _____ |
| 3. _____ | _____ |

Team Captain Contact Info:

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

All team members will be required to sign a Waiver of Liability and Photo Consent form to participate in Shields & Axes 2015. We will e-mail these forms to the team captain who will need to ensure all team members and alternates complete the paperwork no later than April 9. If these forms are not completed, the team member will not be able to participate.

We have scheduled a Packet Pickup for Thursday, April 9, 2015 at CHRISTUS HWC (3030 North St. Beaumont, TX 77702) from 5:30 to 7 pm. Teams will also get their t-shirts and sign waiver forms at the pickup. If someone from your team is unable to attend, another teammate will be able to pick up his/her t-shirt.

Any questions regarding the event or this form can be directed to Jacquelynn Conger 409-899-7062 or Tony Buagas 409-899-7745.