

#### SABINE-NECHES CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

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#### 2015 Board of Directors

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**Larry Richard** Fire Director 15-16

**Tommy Wells Industry Director 14-15** 

**Chris Gonzales Industry Director 15-16** 

**Gary Porter Police Director 14-15** 

Aleta Cappen **Police Director 15-16** 

David Frenzel At-Large Director 15-16

Stephanie Garsea **EMS Director 15-16** 

**Cindy Powers Health Director 15-16** 

#### **MAY 2015 MINUTES**

## Quorum is (10) Voting Members at Regular Meeting

The 788<sup>th</sup> Sabine Neches Chiefs Association meeting was called to order at 10:11a.m. on Wednesday, May 6, 2015, at Big Rich Courville's – 1744 Rose Lane #90, Beaumont TX. The event was sponsored by Lucite International – Beaumont – Bryan Markland.

John Durkay gave the invocation.

Tim Ocnaschek led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Host Welcome: The host welcome was by Kevin Burgason.

Board members Bryant Champagne, Tommy Wells, David Frenzel, and Cindy Powers were 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 John Owens and seconded by Gary Porter to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Southeast Texas Air Rescue – Request for membership President Jackson discussed with the group about STAR request for membership would be considered the first reading of the request. The letters of membership would also be posted with the May minutes (Attachment 1 and 2).

SQSI – Request for membership – President Jackson advised the group that the request was received and that Bryant Champagne would advise the group as to what type of member they would be considered.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE:** (Continued)

Exxon Chemical Company, Beaumont Polyethylene Plant – RCRA Letter
President Jackson stated that the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) letter was received.
President Jackson reviewed the content of the letter with the group.

#### TREASURERS REPORT:

Financials as of April 30, 2015:

Checking	\$44,277.46
CD	\$ 4,967.86
CD #2	\$ 5,126.03
Total	\$54,371.35

Secretary/Treasurer Charlie Kosh read the financial report and advised membership there are 2 members still needing to pay membership dues. The two members have been contacted via e-mail that they have not paid.

Charlie also informed the group of the Independent Accountants' Compilation Report prepared by Edgar, Kiker, and Cross. The report was prepared for the SNCA for the year of 2014. The report was made available to the members for review at the meeting.

Stephanie Garsea made a motion that was seconded by Greg Fountain to approve the report. The motion carried.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

There was not any Old Business

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Jefferson Terminal Membership Vote: The issue of membership for Jefferson Terminal had been tabled at the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter BOD meeting. Bryant Champagne was to come back to the Board to advise as to what type of member they would be classified. Bryant's recommendation to the Board was that Jefferson Terminal would fall into the pipeline/storage group as a non-voting member. Larry Richard made a motion the accept Jefferson Terminal as recommended, pipeline/storage, non-voting. The motion was seconded by John Owens. The motion passed by vote.
- B. Constitution and By-Laws changes related to dissolving of the Budget and Finance Committee. The specific changes to the Constitution were on page 1 (the revised date) on page 17 item D (deleted Finance/Budget and added Marine Fire, Salvage, and Recovery) and on page 21(the listed revisions). On the By-Laws the changes were on page 1 (the revised date) on page 2 Section 4 (deleted Finance/Budget and added Marine Fire, Salvage, and Recovery and added committee scope) on page 7 (the listed revisions). President Jackson discussed the proposed changes with the group. Gary Porter made a motion to accept the changes. Bob Stegall seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed.
- C. President Jackson announced to the group that the Board had reviewed the idea of, and approved making Marshall Jeff Wilmore an honorary member of the SNCA since he had recently retired from Groves Police Department and had been a long time member of the SNCA Board of Directors.

#### SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

John Durkay reported that the Plant Manager's Forum had completed its hurricane preparations for 2015 through the Hurricane Planning/Safety, Security Sub-Committee.

#### **RECENT EMERGENCIES/ ISSUES:**

SNCA – No Activations in March

SNCA Activations YTD 4 1/7/15,1/12/15, 1/14-21/15, and 2/17/15

Industry

Municipal Fire

Law Enforcement

**EMS** 

**Homeland Security** 

Health

#### STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE** – MATT DULANEY, CHAIRPERSON

Absent No Report

**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:** BRYANT CHAMPAGNE, CHAIRPERSON

Absent No Report

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS: STEVE CURRAN, CHAIRPERSON

Steve advised the group that everything is updated.

**WEBSITE:** STEVE CURRAN, CHAIRPERSON

Steve informed the group that everything is updated.

HOMELAND SECURITY: JEREMY HANSEN, CHAIRPERSON

Jeremy thanked all the SNCA members for the good turn-out at the recent ATAC/AMSC meeting.

Jeremy also reminded the members that the Port Security Grant deadline is May 19.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS and INVENTORY:** PAT GRIMES, CHAIRPERSON

Pat advised the group that the 211 registrants for 2014 had been archived. The 2015 registrants are in the system now. The SNCA inventory list looks good. We still have six that have not updated their inventory in the system. Pat will be following up with them.

TRAINING & EDUCATION: LOUIS HAVENS, CHAIRPERSON

Louis reported that there is a Situation Unit Leader class going on this week.

There will also be a PIO class May 19 -21 at the Beaumont EOC.

AWARDS COMMITTEE: STEPHANIE GARSEA, CHAIRPERSON

No Report

GOLF TOURNAMENT: STEPHANIE GARSEA, CHAIRPERSON

Stephanie informed everyone that the golf tournament had been GREAT! She advised there were (40) teams and (22) hole sponsors. She thanked everyone for their support of the golf tournament.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS**: STEPHANIE GARSEA, CHAIRPERSON

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No Report.

**BOSSES NIGHT:** DAVID FRENZEL, CHAIRPERSON

Absent No Report

#### **PROGRAMS:** ALETA CAPPEN, CHAIRPERSON

Aleta stated that the programs were good. She reminded everyone that if you are the host you are responsible for the program.

#### DRILLS/EXERCISES: BOB STEGALL, CHAIRPERSON

Bob Stegall informed the group that the facilities should have already received a hurricane preparation update from the Coast Guard. This request would contain basic information about your site. Bob also stated that post hurricane you would see the Coast Guard visiting the sites.

#### **OIL SPILL:** TOMMY WELLS, CHAIRPERSON (Absent)

Absent No Report

#### INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM: TIM OCNASCHEK, CHAIRPERSON

Tim told the group that they did have Situation Unit Leader Training taking place this week and that there is a Liaison Officer class coming in July. Later in the year there will be an advanced professional development class coming to the area. This class should help for the re-credentialing.

Tim also stated that we do need to be doing recruitment for the IMT.

#### STRATEGIC PLANNING: CINDY POWERS, CHAIRPERSON

Absent No Report

#### PROGRAM:

Roger Erickson with the National Weather Service gave a presentation of the upcoming Hurricane Season and some of the new features the NWS would be incorporating for the 2015 Hurricane Season. Included in the changes for 2015 you will see a tropical weather update, a public advisory every three hours, a tropical cyclone update each hour, and a full forecast each day at 10am and 4pm. Additional changes will include intermediate update at 1pm and 7pm, and an open line conference call, a prototype storm surge that includes watches and warnings and a flood map.

The outlook for the season should be quitter than normal due to cooler Atlantic waters and stronger wind shear near the equator.

**ATTENDEES:** There were 74 attendees at this meeting, 40 Voting; 9 Non-Voting; 1 Honorary Members; 22 Member Agency and 2 guests.

#### **ADJOURN:**

A motion was made by Aleta Cappen and seconded by Gary Porter to adjourn the 788th meeting at 11:35 am. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charlie Kosh Secretary/Treasurer

# **NEXT MEETING:**

The  $789^{th}$  meeting will be held on June 3, 2015, the meeting will be sponsored by – SASOL– the location will be the Rockin-A-Café – 3520 W. Cardinal Dr. Beaumont TX.

# Southeast Texas Air Rescue

A "DBA" for MED-TRANS CORPORATION

March 26, 2015

Charlie Kosh Secretary / Treasurer Sabine Neches Chief's Association PO Box 2257 Nederland, TX 77627

Dear Mr. Kosh,

I would like to introduce myself as the new Program Manager for Southeast Texas Air Rescue and submit a letter of request for membership into the Sabine Neches Chief's Association. I previously worked in Austin-Travis County and have an extensive history in the public safety sector and understand the important role of an association such as yours. I hope to have the opportunity to become an active member in your association.

Southeast Texas Air Rescue is a CAMTS accredited rotor wing air ambulance serving the citizens of 8 counties in Southeast Texas. We are stationed at CHRISTUS St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont and also have hangar facilities in Silsbee, Texas. We operate a Bell 407 aircraft 24/7 and employ 4 EMS pilots, 7 critical care paramedics and 7 critical care nurses along with 2 flight qualified administrators. We are also actively involved in regional planning for disaster response and are currently implementing new hangar plans to house a disaster flight operations center out of the Orange County Airport.

I look forward to hearing from the Board and membership regarding our application.

Regards,

Glenn Anderson Program Manager

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### ORANGE FIRE DEPARTMENT

David Frenzel
Fire Chief

John Bilbo Fire Marshal

Deputy Chief

March 6, 2015

Charlie Kosh Secretary/Treasurer Sabine Neches Chiefs Association P.O. Box 2257 Nederland, Texas 77627

Dear Charlie,

I would like to take this opportunity to recommend the acceptance of Southeast Texas Air Rescue, Inc. as a member of the Sabine Neches Chiefs Association. Southeast Texas Air Rescue is a local entity specializing in rotor wing air ambulance service serving southeast Texas and currently has locations in Beaumont and Silsbee. The relationship that the Orange Fire Department has experienced with the Air Rescue, Inc. has exhibited their professionalism to provide emergency air ambulance to our community and our local industries and they are committed to the quality of life issues within our region. I feel that their membership in our organization would be proactive and a positive expansion in membership of emergency medical transport providers. The Orange Fire Department is proud to be a sponsor for the membership of the Southeast Texas Air Rescue, Inc. and look forward to their active role in the SNCA. Thanking you for the opportunity to request the acceptance of this application, I remain;

Respectfully yours,

David Frenzel

Fire Chief

Orange Fire Department