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MARCH 2016 MINUTES

Quorum is (10) Voting Members at Regular Meeting

The 798th Sabine Neches Chiefs Association meeting was called to order by President Dale Jackson, at 10:11 a.m. Wednesday, March 2, 2016, at the Rockin A Café 3520 W Cardinal Dr. Beaumont TX. The event was sponsored by the One Gas.

Brad Penisson gave the invocation.

Steve Curran led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Host Welcome: The host welcome was by Arthur Thomas – One Gas.

Board members Carman Apple and Chris Gonzales were excused from the meeting.

Self Introductions were made by those present.

READING OF THE MINUTES

President Jackson asked for “Approval” of the previous month’s minutes as e-mailed:

A motion was made by Gary Collins and seconded by Larry Richard to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

President Jackson read a letter from LIT (Joanne Brown) addressed to Stephanie Garsea related to scholarship distribution.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Financials as of 2/29/2016:

Checking	\$44,882.61
CD	\$ 4,967.86
CD #2	\$ 5,154.20
Total	\$55,004.67

Charlie Kosh read the financial report.

John Owens made a motion that was seconded by Stephanie Garsea to approve the financial report. The motion passed.

Charlie Kosh also reported that there were (26) members that had not paid dues. A list of unpaid members was available at the meeting for review.

President Jackson advised that an additional invoice was available for those members that have not paid. The invoices were available at the head table.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. President Jackson discussed with the group about sending Steve Curran and Pat Grimes to the Texas Homeland Security Conference.

Together the costs associated with Steve Curran and Pat Grimes attendance to the Texas Homeland Security Conference in April. The total amount for both will be \$1,900, with Steve's room, meals, registration come out to \$800. Pat's expenses for room, parking, meals, registration, and travel come out to \$1,100. Pat's is more because he is driving and Steve is riding with someone else. Both of them are available for the conference. I understand the current budget does not allow for these expenses, so it was propose to take \$1,900 out of our general bank account to pay these expenses. The plan is to take the money from the \$40,000 plus, in the general account so it should not be an issue. President Jackson expressed that having these two guys there to make the classes and represent the SNCA interests is well worth the money.

A motion was made by Gary Collins to amend the budget by \$1900 and to use that money to send Steve and Pat to the conference. The motion was seconded by John Owens. The motion passed by vote.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Jackson advised the group that the dates of the 2016 BOD meetings had changed since the last meeting. The new dates for the 2016 SNCA Board of Directors meetings are: January 21, April 21, July 28, and October 27.

Georgette Pillitere with TXDOT informed the membership that a child passenger safety technician certification course would be held beginning Tuesday, May 24, 2016. The location will be LIT's Multi-Purpose Center. The cost of the course is \$85.00, which includes course materials and the two-year certification fee. There will be TCOLE or CEU's given for the 32 hour course. They are looking for interested police officers, firefighters, health care workers, and child safety advocates. For additional information contact Trooper Davis at stephanie.davis@dps.texas.gov.

Ann Huff reported that the Texas Forrest Service would be at the next SNCA meeting to discuss with stakeholders on Community Wildfire Protection Plan or CWPP.

RECENT EMERGENCIES/ ISSUES:

SNCA did not have any activations in February.

SNCA Activations for 2016 is one, 1/28/16.

Industry

Municipal Fire

Law Enforcement

EMS

Health –

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

NOMINATING COMMITTEE – MATT DULANEY, CHAIRPERSON

No Report.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: BRYANT CHAMPAGNE, CHAIRPERSON

Bryant had the first reading to the membership on the request for membership from Foster Safety LLC. Bryant also read the sponsor letter from Glenn Lyles – Exxon/Mobil Beaumont.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS: STEVE CURRAN, CHAIRPERSON (Absent)

Steve reviewed the proposed change to the Constitution related to strategic planning. The changes will be presented at the next scheduled BOD meeting and then brought back to the membership.

WEBSITE: STEVE CURRAN, CHAIRPERSON

Steve reported that the 5 year anniversary of the SNCA website had recently passed in February. In the five year period the site has had over 1 million hits.

MARINE FIREFIGHTING, SALVAGE, AND RECOVERY COMMITTEE: LOUIS HAVENS, CHAIRPERSON

Louis reported that meetings had been held with Houston and Galveston area fire departments to discuss marine firefighting needs. This training would need funding, perhaps through port security grants.

COMMUNICATIONS and INVENTORY: PAT GRIMES, CHAIRPERSON

President Jackson reminded everyone to update their contact and inventory information in the SNCA database. Even if you have no changes you are required to log in review your information and click the submit button to show that the account was reviewed in 2016.

Important reminder: Once changes are made be sure to click the submit button to save the changes.

Steve Curran reported that a meeting was held last month on the regional radio system. Steve advised the group that consoles in dispatch needed to be replaced and that this is a priority item. The group will be seeking funding for these upgrades.

TRAINING & EDUCATION: LOUIS HAVENS, CHAIRPERSON

For upcoming training check preparingtexas.org

HOMELAND SECURITY: JEREMY HANSEN, CHAIRPERSON

Jeremy was absent but Austin Campbell (USCG) reported that the ATAC/AMSC group would be meeting on March 30, 2016 at the Beaumont Civic Center. The meeting will start at 9am.

AWARDS COMMITTEE: STEPHANIE GARSEA, CHAIRPERSON

No Report

GOLF TOURNAMENT: STEPHANIE GARSEA, CHAIRPERSON

Stephanie reported that the golf tournament is scheduled for April 22, 2016. Currently we have 15 teams and 6 hole-sponsors that have paid. There are 3 food vendors lined up to cook. This year we will be having a raffle in an effort to raise additional money. Donations for these raffle items are needed.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: STEPHANIE GARSEA, CHAIRPERSON

No Report

BOSSSES NIGHT: DAVID FRENZEL, CHAIRPERSON

No Report

PROGRAMS: ALETA CAPPEN, CHAIRPERSON

Aleta reminded everyone that the host is responsible for the program.

DRILLS/EXERCISES: BOB STEGALL, CHAIRPERSON

Bob was absent but it was reported by Austin Campbell (USCG) that planning for the April hurricane exercise will take place at the Port Arthur MSU on March 22, 2016 at 9:00am.

OIL SPILL: TOMMY WELLS, CHAIRPERSON

Tommy reported that the planned local spill response training that was being organized may be postponed until next year. The group was seeking funding for the training.

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM: TIM OCNASCHEK, CHAIRPERSON

No Report

STRATEGIC PLANNING: CINDY POWERS, CHAIRPERSON

No Report

PROGRAM:

There was not a program at this meeting.

ATTENDEES: There were 85 attendees at this meeting, 48 Voting; 14 Non-Voting; 2 Honorary Members; 49 Member Agencies and 2 guests.

ADJOURN:

A motion was made by Stephanie Garsea and seconded by Bryant Champagne to adjourn the 798th meeting at 11:14 am. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

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Respectfully Submitted,
Charlie Kosh
Secretary/Treasurer

NEXT MEETING:

The 799th meeting will be on April 13, 2016. The location will be Jerry Nelson's Hill Country Grill – 3871 Stagg Dr. - Beaumont, TX. The meeting will be sponsored by the TOTAL – Port Arthur Refinery.

The proposed host list through 2017 is attached.

Attachment 1 - Proposed Host List

West Orange Police Department	796	January 4, 2016
Jefferson County Emg. Mgt.	797	February 3, 2016
Texas Gas (Southern Union)	798	March 1, 2016
Total Inc.-Pt. Arthur	799	April 1, 2016
Orange Fire Department	800	May 1, 2016
BASF/Beaumont	801	June 1, 2016
Hardin County Emergency Management	802	July 1, 2016
Martin Midstream Partners L.P.	803	August 1, 2016
Entergy Texas	804	September 1, 2016
Motiva	805	October 1, 2016
Orange County ESD #2	806	November 1, 2016
Jefferson County Sheriff Dept.	807	December 1, 2016
McLewis VFD	808	January 1, 2017
Hardin County ESD #2 (Lumberton Fire)	809	February 1, 2017
ISTC	810	March 1, 2017
Orange Police Dept.	811	April 1, 2017
Chevron/Phillips Chemical Co. P.A.	812	May 1, 2017
Williams/Tyco	813	June 1, 2017
Hardin County Sheriff Dept.	814	July 1, 2017
Port Neches Fire Dept.	815	August 1, 2017
Port Neches Police Dept.	816	September 1, 2017
Jefferson County ESD #4	817	October 1, 2017
Nederland Fire Dept	818	November 1, 2017
Nederland Police Dept.	819	December 1, 2017