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SABINE-NECHES CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

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2009 Board of Directors

John Owens
President 11-12

Terry Basham
Vice-President 11-12

Dale Jackson
Secretary/Treasurer 11-12

Vernon Pierce
Sergeant-at-Arms 11-12

Larry Richard
Fire Director 10-11

Ann Huff
Fire Director 11-12

Tommy Wells
Industry Director 10-11

Elgin Browning
Industry Director 11-12

Aleta Cappen
Police Director 10-11

Tim Ocnashek
Police Director 11-12

Theresa Wigley
At-Large Director 11-12

Stephanie Garsea
EMS Director 11-12

Cindy Powers
Health Director 11-12

1st Quarter Board of Directors Meeting **MINUTES**

January 27th, 2011 5:30 pm
Quorum is (7) Voting Directors

On Thursday, January 27th, 2011 at 5:38 pm, John Owens, President of the Sabine Neches Chief's Association called to order the 1st Quarter Board of Directors Meeting held at the Schooner.

The following SNCA Officers were excused: Theresa Wigley and Larry Richard

Open Meeting: Noting that a Quorum was present, President Owens opened the meeting.

Old Business:

President Owens had Chief Steve Curran give an update on the work being done on the SNCA website by Juxtapose. Chief Curran advised members Juxtapose was moving along on the development and showed the progress on his laptop. Some board members asked about having certain information password protected, mainly having to do with the SNCA inventory information. President Owens also stated that Vernon Pierce was very interested in getting the SNCA inventory on the site, and making it possible for members to log in and do their updates online. Discussion also followed to have a member of the organization be appointed as the Web Administrator to oversee the operation of the web site.

A motion was made by Tim Ocnashek to allow the President to appoint a member of the organization as the Web Administrator, and his/her duties would be to oversee and coordinate with the IT vendor. The motion was seconded by Terry Basham, motion carried.

President Owens appointed Chief Steve Curran to be the SNCA Web Administrator.

Correspondence:

A thank you note was received from the family of Ray Broussard, who recently passed away.

Financial Report : Secretary/Treasurer gave the following report

Checks issued since last Board meeting:

10/28/2010	Schooner	October Board Meeting	\$ 585.97
		I/2 down on website	
11/24/2010	Juxtapose	development	\$ 270.63
		Colley plaque expense	
11/30/2010	Jiffy Trophy	bosses night (debit card)	\$ 202.97
		Colley plaque expense	
12/03/2010	Jiffy Trophy	bosses night (debit card)	\$ 1,082.50
12/13/2010	City of Groves	Bldg rent bosses night	\$ 50.00
12/13/2010	Johnsen Florist	Bosses night	\$ 383.50
		Reimburse plaque engraving	
12/13/2010	Stephanie Garsea	bosses night	\$ 194.66
		Reimburse various bosses	
12/13/2010	David Frenzel	night expenses	\$ 4,115.07
12/13/2010	MCS	Screen rental bosses night	\$ 155.00
12/13/2010	Firehouse Band	Bosses night	\$ 250.00
12/13/2010	Moncla's	Bosses night	\$ 3,102.50
		Reimburse for part of costs	
		associated with Colley	
12/13/2010	Pat Grimes	Plaque bosses night	\$ 172.91
		Part of costs for Colley	
12/13/2010	Alfonso Albacete	plaque bosses night	\$ 250.00
		Reimburse for	
		miscellaneous bosses night	
12/13/2010	William Spell	expenses	\$ 64.03
12/14/2010	Red's Liquor	Bosses night	\$ 353.84
01/05/2011	Postmaster	Box rental	\$ 56.00

Account Balances

Checking Balance	\$19,824.65
CD Balance	\$ 4,967.86
CD #2 Balance	\$ 5,000.00
Total Balance	<u>\$29,792.51</u>

The President called for a motion to approve the Treasurers Report; Cindy Powers made the motion to approve the Financials and Terry Basham seconded the motion. The motion carried.

A discussion followed regarding members who were delinquent in dues payments for 2011. Various Board Members volunteered to contact these members. A discussion followed in how membership could pay dues with a credit card or online through some avenue such as "Paypal". Chief Curran stated he would discuss this with the IT vendors who are setting up the web site, and get back with the board on possible ways this can be accomplished online.

New Business:

President Owens discussed a request from Marshal Jeff Wilmore, with the Groves Police Department, to appoint Pastor Turner, with St. Paul Lutheran Church, as Chaplain of the organization. A discussion

followed and the board members felt the request needed to be looked at by the constitution committee. Board members agreed Pastor Turner could be designated as an honorary member at this time.

A motion was made by Tommy Wells, and seconded by Ann Huff to designate Pastor Turner as an honorary member of the SNCA. Motion carried

A motion was made by Tim Ocnaschek and seconded by Vernon Pierce to have the constitution and By-laws committee look at creating a position in the SNCA organization for Chaplain, and to define the roles and authority of the position. Motion carried.

President Owens opened up discussion of the SNCA golf tournament, and to solicit assistance from members of the board. President Owens turned the floor over to Stephanie Garsea, who informed members she still needed help with door prizes and food vendors. Stephanie also stated she would continue to promote the tournament, and ask members to solicit teams and hole sponsors.

President Owens opened discussion regarding the State's and COG's priority for future grant funding being allocated to "Interoperability". President Owens discussed the importance for the SNCA be involved in Homeland Security planning for the region. A motion was made by Vernon Pierce and seconded by Stephanie Garsea, to devote the next Strategic Planning meeting to allow the membership input into identifying the Homeland Security priorities for the region. Motion carried.

Elgin Browning commented on efforts being made in the region to coordinate training to eliminate duplication in schools. Elgin also commented on the BEST school which will soon be advertised. Board members discussed the SNCA class which was held at the Elegante' Hotel. Board members were not impressed by the turnout on Friday, and there was discussion made that if the SNCA was going to participate in the next school, a request would be made to move the class to a day earlier in the week. Some board members questioned the cost for participation in the school, which was \$715. Elgin reminded members the charges were from the hotel, and not BEST. Another discussion followed regarding the use of the SNCA logo on flyers and advertisements in the previous year's school. There were some concerns that the use of the logo might have been without the approval of the SNCA membership. Noting that currently there were no rules or procedures outlined in the Constitution and By-laws for use of the SNCA logo, a motion was made by Cindy Powers and seconded by Aleta Cappen to not lend the SNCA logo to any entity or organization without the investigation and approval of the Board of Directors, and to be subsequently voted on by SNCA membership. Any request to use the SNCA logo would need to be made in writing to the president of the SNCA for consideration. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Nominating Committee – Matt Dulaney – no report

Membership Committee – Dennis Gifford –
Dennis stated he is continuing to solicit more members from Hardin County

Constitution and By-Laws Committee – Gary Collins – absent – no report

Audit Committee – Andrew Garcia- Absent-No Report

Training & Education – Elgin Browning
Elgin asked that any training announcements be forwarded to him

Awards Committee – Stephanie Garsea – No Report

Communications – Pat Grimes-No Report

Inventory – Vernon Pierce – Covered under new business

Bosses Night – David Frenzel - absent – no report

Programs –Roger Erickerson

Roger indicated he had programs booked through June.

Drill / Exercise – Bob Stegall - absent – no report

Homeland Security-Steve Curran

Steve indicated the Rainbow warning for Homeland Security is going away.

Oil Spill Committee – Tommy Wells –No Report

Overhead Team Committee – Jeff Kelley-Absent-No Report

Strategic Planning Committee – Cindy Powers

Cindy discussed the need for the SNCA to identify what goals need to be addressed concerning the Strategic Plan. One goal Cindy mentioned was working on the “Member of the Month” program for this year. Stephanie Garsea and Tommy Wells were on the committee which had been working on the program, and had developed a questionnaire for the membership to fill out. Stephanie and Tommy both indicated they would get together and possibly have the forms at the next meeting and present the program to the membership. Stephanie also indicated she would provide the form to the Secretary/Treasurer to be distributed to the membership electronically.

Golf Tournament Committee – Stephanie Garsea-Earlier discussion under new business

Public Relations Committee – Stephanie Garsea - no report

SNCA Board of Directors Meeting Schedule 2011:

Thursday, January 27

Thursday, April 28

Thursday, July 28

Thursday, October 27

Call for motion to adjourn:

Motion made by Vernon Pierce, seconded by Tim Ocnaschek to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:35 pm

Dale Jackson

Secretary/Treasurer