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FEBRUARY MINUTES

Quorum is (10) Voting Members at Regular Meeting

NEXT MEETING

The March 2, 2011, 739th SNCA meeting at 10:00 A.M. will be hosted by the Pinehurst Fire Department. The meeting location will be provided at a later date.

The 738th Sabine Neches Chiefs Association meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday February 2, 2011, At Roberts Meat Market in Orange.

Jeff Bolton gave the invocation.

Terry Basham led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following SNCA Officers were excused;
Ann Huff, Tommy Wells, Theresa Wigley, & Cindy Powers

READING OF THE MINUTES

President John Owens asked for "Approval" of the previous month's minutes as e-mailed. A motion was made by Steve Curran and seconded by Jeff Bolton to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDANCE:

President Owens advised the membership that a "Thank You" card had been received from the family of Ray Broussard, lifetime SNCA member, who had passed away.

TREASURERS REPORT:

The Treasurer's information is compiled by Dale Jackson, Sec. /Treasurer with the assistance of Mr. John Avery, PAFD.

Financials as of 1/31/2011:

Checking	\$19,641.97
CD	4,967.86
CD #2	5,000.00

TOTAL **\$29,609.83**

The President called for a motion to approve the Treasurers Report. Larry Richard made the motion to approve the Financials and Charlie Koch seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Dues have not been received from the following members. Please contact Dale Jackson or John Avery if there are any questions on dues payments;

CenterPointe Energy
Chevron Phillips Port Arthur
Firestone Polymers
Jefferson County ESD 1
Jefferson County ESD 3
Orange Police Department
Pinehurst Fire Department

OLD BUSINESS:

President Owens discussed the progress on the SNCA website and asked members to look at the new site and make any comments. The web site can be viewed at <http://devel.snchiefs.com/test/>

President Owens discussed the progress of the SNCA Golf Tournament scheduled for April 18, 2011 at Belle Oaks Golf Course. Stephanie Garsea, Committee Chair, asked the membership for assistance with hole sponsorships, door prizes, grab bag items, food sponsors, and help at the fundraiser. A Golf Tournament Flyer will be sent out via e-mail with more information.

NEW BUSINESS:

President Owens opened discussion on establishing a means to pay dues online, which was brought up in the recent BOD meeting. The membership was given a brief overview of information Chief Steve Curran had obtained on using "PayPal". Chief Curran had learned the SNCA would receive the service for free, however there would be user fees for every transaction, which would be charged to the SNCA organization. The fees were to be relatively small, and would be 2.9% of the amount of the transaction plus .30. President Owens asked for discussion from the floor, and asked for a motion on using Paypal for paying dues.

A motion was made by Charlie Kosh to have the SNCA pursue setting up a PayPal account, and to have the SNCA absorb the transaction fees at this time. The motion was seconded by Aleta Cappen. Motion Carried.

President Owens opened the floor for discussion on a request from Chief Jeff Wilmore, on having Pastor Turner from St. Paul Lutheran Church, be the Chaplain of the SNCA. President Owens explained to the membership the constitution currently did not recognize a position for Chaplain, and the BOD felt that Pastor Turner could be voted in as an honorary member until the Constitution & By-Law committee could make a recommendation to the membership. **Chief Steve Curran made a motion to vote Pastor Turner into the SNCA as an honorary member, and to have the Constitution & By-law committee look into creating a position of Chaplain, and defining the role and authority of the position. The motion was seconded by Mark Czerwiec. Motion carried.**

President Owens discussed the SNCA's role in establishing priorities for Homeland Security planning for the region, more specifically to "Interoperability" in the region. Bob Stegall commented that "Interoperability" is a National Priority, not just a regional one. He also mentioned this region may possibly be used as a model to the rest of the Nation. President Owens advised the membership that the BOD had voted to use the April Strategic Planning meeting for looking at the regions needs for Homeland Security Planning. There was no action taken on this issue, and there will be more information provided at the April meeting.

The BOD received a request for participation in the next BEST school. President Owens commented on the discussion at the recent BOD meeting, and deferred to Elgin Browning for his comments. Elgin explained to the membership why there was an urgent need for the SNCA to provide an answer, and made remarks on the low attendance to the presentation put on by the SNCA, and felt the class should be moved to an earlier time slot in the week, and should be a required course to have participation from the attendees. The cost of the school was also discussed, and the fact the school competed with similar schools in the area which were either free or much cheaper. President Owens deferred this item to the Training & Education Committee for recommendations and comments. Elgin is going to take the SNCA concerns to the planning committee of the BEST school and get back with the membership at the next meeting.

President Owens brought concerns to the membership concerning the use of the SNCA logo, and after discussion of this item, President Owens stated the BOD voted not to lend the SNCA logo to any entity or organization without the investigation and approval of the Board of Directors and membership, and any request to use the logo be made in writing to the President of the SNCA. **John Durkay made a motion to have the Constitution and By-law committee draft the rules for use of the SNCA logo, and bring it back to the membership for a vote, using the wording approved by the BOD. The motion was seconded by Tom Colwell. Motion Carried.**

President Owens discussed the need for the SNCA to look at what goals need to be addressed in the Strategic Plan for the coming year. He stated there would be more discussion on this item in a future meeting.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

NOMINATING COMMITTEE – MATT DULANEY, CHAIRPERSON

No Report

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: DENNIS GIFFORD, CHAIRPERSON

No report

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS: GARY COLLINS, CHAIRPERSON

No report

AUDIT COMMITTEE: ANDREW GARCIA, CHAIRPERSON

No Report

Providing Mutual Aid for Over 60 Years

TRAINING & EDUCATION: ELGIN BROWNING, CHAIRPERSON

Elgin Browning requested members submit training opportunities to him for posting. Elgin stated he will also forward the training information to the secretary/ treasurer to be included in the minutes.

Several courses are being offered by the Division of Emergency Management.

The Kountze Fire Department is sponsoring;

H-201 Pipeline Emergency Operations Course, March 12-13, 2011

H-404 Clandestine Drug Lab Course, April 9, 2011.

Information on these courses can be obtained by contacting Theresa Wigley at 409-246-5119.

Williams Foam School will be May 15 – 19.

26th Industrial Fire World Emergency Responder Training & Exposition

April 11 - 14, 2011

Renaissance Riverview Plaza Hotel

Mobile, Alabama

Contact kendra@fireworld.com for group rates or questions.

NFA classes in Lumberton, contact Dennis Gifford for more information.

Please check the SNCA web site for training opportunities.

Also please check <https://www.preparingtexas.org/index.aspx>

AWARDS COMMITTEE: STEPHANIE GARSEA, CHAIRPERSON

NO REPORT

COMMUNICATIONS: PAT GRIMES, CHAIRPERSON

Pat Grimes advised the membership that the Communication Committee had met and were discussing communication issues. Pat also commented on needing to get an inventory on each entities frequencies and talk groups which they operate on. Pat stated this may also be something that can be added to the web site.

INVENTORY: VERNON PIERCE, CHAIRPERSON

No Report

BOSSSES NIGHT: DAVID FRENZEL, CHAIRPERSON

No Report

PROGRAMS: ROGER ERICKERSON, CHAIRPERSON

No Report

DRILLS/EXERCISES: BOB STEGALL, CHAIRPERSON

No Report.

HOMELAND SECURITY: STEVE CURRAN, CHAIRPERSON

No report

OIL SPILL: TOMMY WELLS, CHAIRPERSON

No Report

OVERHEAD TEAMS: JEFF KELLEY, CHAIRPERSON

Tim Ocnacheck gave a brief update on the IMT training, and the possibility of coordinating AHIMT courses with the Houston/Galveston area mutual aid association. Tim hoped to have more information at the next meeting once they meet with Bob Koenig.

STRATEGIC PLANNING: CINDY POWERS, CHAIRPERSON

No Report

GOLF TOURNAMENT: STEPHANIE GARSEA, CHAIRPERSON

No Report-covered under new business

PUBLIC RELATIONS: STEPHANIE GARSEA, CHAIRPERSON

No report.

RECENT EMERGENCIES/ ISSUES

Recent emergencies were not discussed due to time constraints.

SPECIAL ANOUNCEMENTS

John Durkay, General Counsel for the Plant Managers Forum, commented on his recent contact with Jefferson County Judge Jeff Branick in regards to the Texas Safe Shelter Initiative Project currently being researched for Jefferson County.

Michael Mattes with the Federal Bureau of Prisons wanted to ask the membership for support of an employee of the prison who has been diagnosed with cancer. Michael informed members of a T-Shirt fundraiser being held and also asked anyone who could make a donation could contact him.

PROGRAM

The program was put on by Huntsman and was related to the fire which occurred at the Port Arthur facility in 2006. Tom Colwell introduced John Prows, who gave a very informative program on the fire, and the subsequent investigation as to the cause of the incident. Mr. Prows commented on the importance for industry to share this type information to make industry as a whole safer.

Please review the upcoming hosts. Each member is required to host a monthly meeting. Below is the schedule for 2010-2011.

Host Member	Month	Year
Pinehurst Fire Department	March	2011
Chevron-UGT Pipeline	April	2011
Colonial Pipeline Company	May	2011
ExxonMobil Chemical P/E	June	2011
Valero	July	2011
Firestone Polymers	August	2011
Cheniere	September	2011
CHRISTUS Hospital - St. Elizabeth	October	2011
Chemtrade Logistics (Peak Sulfur)	November	2011
Bridge City	December	2011

ATTENDEES: There were 61 attendees at this meeting.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Aleta Cappen and seconded by Elgin Browning to adjourn the 738th meeting at 11:48 am. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dale Jackson

Secretary/Treasurer