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SABINE-NECHES CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

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May MINUTES

Quorum is (10) Voting Members at Regular Meeting

NEXT MEETING

The **June 11th**, 2008 **707th** SNCA meeting at **10:00 a.m.** will be hosted by Kay Electronics at Courville's (Big Rich's) on Highway 90.

****Note Date Change for next months meeting: JUNE 11th****

The **706th** Sabine Neches Chiefs Association meeting was hereby called to order at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday May 7th, 2008 and was hosted by Chevron Pipeline at Courville's (Big Rich's).

Cindy Powers gave the invocation.

Stephen Curran led the pledge of allegiance.

Self-introductions were made and Host, Juan Calderon with Chevron Pipeline welcomed the membership.

The following SNCA Officers were excused: John Owens, Dale Jackson, Doug Jones, Larry McBride, and Mark Brown.

READING OF THE MINUTES

President Jeff Bolton asked for "Approval" of the **705th** previous month's minutes as e-mailed for the April 2nd, 2008 meeting. A motion was made by Scott Kerwood and seconded by Terry Basham to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

CORRESPONDANCE –

President, Jeff Bolton read Membership Letter from Sartomer Company, Beaumont, Texas and Sponsorship letter from Hamshire VFD/EMS.

These letters were read at the previous 2nd Quarter Board of Directors Meeting, April 24th, 2008. (Required Emergency Mgt.Inventory Survey is also attached). After discussion, the membership agreed the Application for Membership should be tabled for additional clarification until the regularly scheduled June meeting.

TREASURERS REPORT

Information compiled by John Owens, Sec./Treasurer with the assistance of John Avery, PAFD

** Mark Mulliner, PAFD gave report in the absence of John Owens

Balance as of 5/2/08:

Checking:	\$13,245.03
CD	\$ 4,967.86

Total Balance	\$18,212.89
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The following numbers are what I have so far with respect to the golf tournament.

Receipts from all sources:	\$9,695.00 (includes check received from IFW for credit cards)
Expenses	\$2,822.68

Net Income	\$6,872.32
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Last year the tournament had receipts of \$7,785.00 and expenses of \$3,094.00 and netted \$4,691.00

This year the raffle brought in \$610.00

The putting contest brought in \$155.00

Mulligans brought in \$280.00

SNCA Dues Payment: Current list is available for viewing of those members who have paid dues.

MEMBER	PAID FY '08
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	DUES
Acadian Ambulance	x
American Red Cross	x
Arkema Safety	x
AtoFina-Beaumont (Total)	
Ausimont USA, Inc	
BASF/Beaumont	x
BASF/Pt. Arthur	X
Beaumont Fire Department	x
Beaumont Health Department	x
Beaumont Police Department	x
BMC Holdings, Inc. (Terra Capital)	x
Bridge City Police Department	x
C&B Services	
C.A. "Pete" Shelton	Exempt
Center Point Energy	x
Charley Watson	Exempt
Chevron/Phillips Chemical Co. - Orange	
Chevron/Phillips Chemical Co. - P.A.	x
Chevron-UGT Pipeline	x
China/West Jefferson Co.	x
CHRISTUS Hospital - St. Elizabeth	x
CHRISTUS Hospital - St. Mary	x
Colonial Pipeline Company	X
Dick Nugent	Exempt
Dooley Tackaberry	x
Draeger Safety Inc.	returned unpaid
Dyn McDermott Petroleum	x
E. I. DuPont (Orange)	x
Entergy Company/Sabine Plant	x
Entergy Texas	x
Equistar-PD Glycol/Oxy-Chem	
Explorer Pipeline	x
ExxonMobil Beaumont Refinery	x
ExxonMobil Chemical BOAP/O/A	x
ExxonMobil Chemical P/E	
Father Don Golaskinsky	Exempt
Fire Source	
Firestone Polymers	x
Flint Hills Attn: Lance Foster	
Foster Enterprises	x
G.C. Baldwin	Exempt
Garner Environmental	x
Gerdau Steel	x
Goodyear Tire Rubber Co.	x
Groves Fire Department	x
Groves Police Department	x
Hagemeyer North America	x
Hamshire Fire Department	x

Hardin County Emergency Management	x
Hardin County ESD # 2 (Lumberton Fire)	x
Hardin County ESD #5 (Sour Lake Fire)	X
Hardin County Sheriff Dept.	x
Harold N. Shavers	Exempt
Huntsman	x
Industrial Fire World	x
International Specialty Products	x
ISTC	X
Jefferson County E.S.D. #1	X
Jefferson County Emg. Mgt.	x
Jefferson County LEPC	X
Jefferson County Sheriff Dept.	x
Jerry Wimberley	Exempt
Jim Herrington	Exempt
John Harrington	Exempt
John Paul Freely	Exempt
Kay Electronics	x
Kenneth Browning	Exempt
LaBelle-Fannette FD	X
Lanxess (Bayer)	
Louis Miller	Exempt
Lucite (DuPont) Beaumont	x
Martin Midstream Patners L.P.	x
McLewis VFD	X
Memorial Herman Baptist - Beaumont	x
Memorial Herman Baptist - Orange	x
Merisol	
Mine Safety Appliances Co.	
Motiva Enterprises	x
Motorola	returned unpaid
National Weather Service	Exempt
Neches Industrial Park	returned unpaid
Nederland Fire & Rescue	X
Nederland Police Department	x
Nick Davis	Exempt
Nome Volunteer Fire Department	x
Oil Mop	X
Orange County Emergency Mgt.	x
Orange County ESD #1	x
Orange County ESD #2	x
Orange County ESD #3	x
Orange County Health - UTMB	
Orange County Sheriff	
Orange Fire Department	x
Orange Police Department	x
Peak Sulfur, Inc. (ChemTrade Logistics)	x
Pinehurst Fire Department	x

Pinehurst Police Department	x
Port Arthur Fire Department	x
Port Arthur Police Department	X
Port Neches Fire Department	x
Port Neches Groves ISD	x
Port Neches Police Department	x
R. A. Dick Nugent	Exempt
R. H. "Junior" Bruce	Exempt
R. J. Wood	Exempt
Ray Broussard	Exempt
S. D. Strickland	Exempt
Shell Pipeline Company LP	x
Silsbee Fire Department (Hardin ESD#6)	x
Simplex Grinnell - Bmt Fire Ext	
Southeast Texas Air Rescue(MTC)	X
Southeast Texas Regional Airport	
Stat Care EMS	x
Sun Marine Terminal (Sunoco)	x
SWLA Mutual Aid Association	Exempt
Texas Eastern/Eastern Prod. P/L	returned unpaid
Texas Gas	X
Texas GLO Regional Mgr.	Exempt
Texas Petrochemicals	X
Total Inc.-Pt. Arthur	x
TX. Dept of Public Safety	Exempt
United States Coast Guard	Exempt
Valero	X
VIDOR ISD	x
Vidor Police Department	x
Water District #10 VFD	X
Webb, Murray & Associates	X
West Orange Fire Department	
West Orange Police Department	X
Westvaco	
Williams Fire & Hazard Control	x
WSI (TOTAL SAFETY)	X

A motion was made by Gary Collins and seconded by Larry Richard to approve the report from the Treasurer. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

President, Jeff Bolton advised the Board of Directors and specific Committee Chairs continue to work on several possible proposals to bring before the membership in the near future.

- The concept of a membership dues increase. There has not been a dues increase in many years. Operational costs have increased through the years.
- The concept of “work sessions” scheduled for some monthly meetings instead of the usual “program”. These “work sessions” would be perfect for Standing Committees because the monthly meeting is probably the most opportune time for a great majority of the members to get together, we need to capitalize on this opportunity. We all have so many meetings to attend and often do not have time for “another meeting”.
- The concept of ensuring the monthly SNCA meetings are held at locations within all of the (3) county area, with the SNCA actually hosting some of the monthly meetings.
- Continue to work on the SNCA Strategic Plan; make it a “living document” that is kept up to date. Cindy Powers, Committee Chair is working on this issue and has some good recommendations.
- Discussion of the current SNCA Activation Procedures regarding emergency notification and receipt of request for SNCA assistance from any agency/entity. Suggestions have been made that we revise the existing procedures for more flexibility and reasonableness.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nominating Committee: Tommy Wells – absent

President Bolton reminded the Membership that several Board positions will soon be up for election. The Membership should begin considering individuals for nominations.

Membership Committee: Dennis Gifford- No Report

Constitution and By-Laws: Gary Collins- No Report

Audit Committee: Andrew Garcia – No Report

Training and Education Committee: Elgin Browning

Dennis Gifford discussed the upcoming **SFFMA's (State Fireman's and Fire Marshal's Assn.) 132nd Annual Conference to be held at Ford Park and the Elegante Hotel in Beaumont, June 5-11, 2008**. This years Conference will include N.I.M.S., Fire, EMS Training Tracks/Workshops. The East Texas District will be the Hosting District. **Conference registration fees can be paid for with Texas Forest Service Training Grants!!**

Here is where we need your help!! We would like to invite all our area departments in our 21 county District to show their support by lending a hand with some of the hosting and entertainment activities. It will be a great opportunity to prepare some of our famous East Texas favorite foods for our friends from all across the state. For additional information go to “Convention News” at www.sffma.org Please contact Dennis M. Gifford, the East Texas District Secretary/Treasurer by email at EastTXDistrict@aol.com or by telephone at (409) 755-3379

Also, House Bill 1915, which states “develop a complete list of fire department and firefighting resources within this state” is a mandate by the Texas Legislature to the Texas Forest Service during the last legislative session. Therefore, to help achieve the intent and mandate of House Bill 1915, the Texas Forest Service, in cooperation with the Fire Associations and Agencies of Texas, developed an online **Fire Department Directory (FDD)** application. This is a web-based system to capture essential information. The web-site is: <http://tfsfrp.tamu.edu/fdd>

This web-site is available to all fire departments, agencies and associations. For more information, contact: fdd@tfs.tamu.edu or call (979) 458-7306

Elgin Browning advised the membership of the upcoming **60th Annual IRECA Rescue Conference and Extrication Challenge that will be held in Beaumont from June 16-21, 2008**. The BLS, ALS and Extrication Challenge will occur at the Holiday Inn, Walden Rd. The Technical Rescue (Confined Space/Rope) Challenge will occur over several days at the BEST Complex, Beaumont. All Challenge information is available at www.ireca.org . For any additional info. contact Elgin at EBrowning@gt.rr.com

For a complete, up-to-date listing of other area Training and Education Opportunities for First Responders, please refer to the SNCA Website and click on “Calendar of Events”. Should you have any training opportunities that you want posted, Elgin asks that you contact him at EBrowning@gt.rr.com

Awards Committee: Stephanie Garsea—No Report

Communications Committee: Pat Grimes— No Report

Inventory: Vernon Pierce – No Report

Bosses Night: David Frenzel—No Report

Program Committee: Bryant Champagne

Bryant advised that he has Programs scheduled through July of this year, however is looking for prospective Programs for the remainder of the year.

Should any member have an idea for a program, please contact Bryant at (409) 989-7909 or bryant.champagne@motivaent.com

Drill and Exercise Committee: Bob Stegall

Bob Stegall advised the US Coast Guard will host a (2) day "AMSTEP" Field Exercise, July 16-17, 2008. All Industry and First Responder Entities are welcome to participate. "DHS" Exercise Credit will be awarded for those respective entities that participate. The Field Exercise will be held at Ford Park. The State Emergency Operations Center (EOC), USCG will participate and the Department Of Homeland Security will send observers. This Field Exercise will be a "Multi-Staged Terrorist Attack" Scenario and is considered the most aggressive maritime exercise ever attempted.

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

Homeland Security Committee: Steve Curran

Steve reiterated the 2008 Port Security Grant Funding Application Process. We need to work together as a port to identify and prioritize all of the projects for the remaining \$11.4 million (Round 7 Supplemental + Round 8 Funding) for this year. If any Industry or Jurisdiction has a Grant Project, please get with Bob Stegall as Port Security Applications will be due in the near future.

Oil Spill Committee: Tommy Wells- No Report

Overhead Team Committee: Scott Kerwood

Scott advised that he is working on putting together an All Hazard Incident Management Team (AHIMT) for this area and a course of instruction for the team. Currently, he is looking at a June class in Houston as follows:

The June AHIMT class will be held June 15-21, 2008 at the Hilton Hobby Hotel, Houston. Check in will be on Sunday from 4 pm to 6 pm. Class will be held Monday June 16 beginning at 8 am. Class will conclude on Saturday, June 21 at 3 pm.

Please advise Scott Kerwood or Larry Richard, no later than close of business Wednesday, May 7, 2008 if you are interested in attending the described class.

Scott Kerwood, Larry Richard and Wayne Roccaforte attended the Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System (TIFMAS) Drill in College Station. All entities need to be advised to list equipment in the Texas Regional Response Network (TRRN) to make it available for statewide mutual aid responses. This is now a DHS Mandate. Any Equipment that is listed in the TRRN is only a resource and does not necessarily dictate that you must respond or relinquish the item. If the resource is needed, the Agency will be contacted to see if it is available. Should you make available any personnel or equipment listed in TRRN, you will receive 100% reimbursement from the State of Texas.

Strategic Planning Committee: Cindy Powers- No Report

Jeff Bolton advised the Board of Directors continues to work on the Strategic Plan revisions as submitted by Cindy Powers and the Board should have some recommendations to bring to the Membership in the near future.

SNCA Golf Tournament Committee: Bobby Layne/ Bryant Champagne

On Monday, April 28th, the SNCA Golf Tournament was held at the Belle Oaks Country Club. We had an excellent turn-out and everyone had fun. We far exceeded last years fund raiser. (See Treasurer's Report).

Special thanks goes out to Bryant Champagne, Stephanie Garsea, Bobby Layne, Cindy Powers, John Avery and all those who worked so hard to make this tournament a success.

Public Relations Committee: Stephanie Garsea—No Report

RECENT EMERGENCIES/ISSUES

Recent emergencies were discussed in the following categories: Industry, Municipal Fire, Law Enforcement, EMS, Homeland Security and Health.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Vice President, Steve Curran discussed the recent announcement of the new Beaumont Fire Department Chief, Ann Huff. The membership congratulates Chief Huff and wishes her well in her new position

PROGRAM

Kerri Reeves, with "DNA Total Profile Inc." gave a very interesting and informative program on "Bio-Identity Preservation".

PLEASE NOTE THE UP-COMING HOSTS:

MONTH	YEAR	ENTITY
June	2008	Kay Electronics
July	2008	Chevron Phillips
August	2008	Valero
September	2008	Huntsman
October	2008	TOTAL Petrochemicals
November	2008	Stat-Care Ambulance
December	2008	Orange Co. ESD #3

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Mike White and seconded by Terry Basham to adjourn the 706th meeting at 11:40 a.m. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.
Respectfully Submitted,

John Owens

Secretary/Treasurer