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APRIL MINUTES

Quorum is (10) Voting Members at Regular Meeting

NEXT MEETING

The May 4, 2011, 741th SNCA meeting at 10:00 A.M. will be hosted by Colonial Pipeline Company. The meeting will be held at Courville's on Highway 90.

The 740th Sabine Neches Chiefs Association meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m. on Wednesday April 6, 2011, at Catfish Cabin in Lumberton.

Pastor Richard Turner gave the invocation.

Terry Basham led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following SNCA Officers were excused;
Vernon Pierce, Theresa Wigley

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 Charlie Koch to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Chevron Pipeline sponsored the April meeting, and members were welcomed by Terry Basham.

CORRESPONDANCE:

President Owens read membership requests from Cray Valley LLC out of Beaumont, and from the Port Arthur Health Department. Both membership requests will be presented to the Board members at the next Board meeting on April 21, 2011.

TREASURERS REPORT:

The Treasurer's information is compiled by Dale Jackson, Sec. /Treasurer with the assistance of Mr. John Avery, PAFD.
Financials as of 3/31/2011:

Checking	\$26,266.11
CD	4,967.86
<u>CD #2</u>	<u>5,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$36,233.97

NOTE: The Checking figure includes Golf Tournament revenue collected to date.

The President called for a motion to approve the Treasurers Report. Darrell Irvin made the motion to approve the Financials and Dennis Gifford seconded the motion. The motion carried.

ALL 2011 DUES HAVE BEEN COLLECTED FROM THE MEMBERSHIP!

OLD BUSINESS:

Chief Steve Curran gave a brief update on the progress of the web site, and advised the membership he was hoping it would be ready soon. Chief Curran also discussed the progress on setting up the Pay Pal account, and was hoping to have it ready to use next week in time for the Golf Tournament.

NEW BUSINESS:

No new Business was discussed

RECENT EMERGENCIES/ ISSUES:

Recent Emergencies were discussed

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

TRAINING & EDUCATION: ELGIN BROWNING, CHAIRPERSON

Elgin Browning advised the membership to get any training announcements to him or the Secretary Treasurer so it can be forwarded to the membership. Elgin reminded members of upcoming schools and training courses.

AWARDS COMMITTEE: STEPHANIE GARSEA, CHAIRPERSON

NO REPORT

COMMUNICATIONS: PAT GRIMES, CHAIRPERSON

Pat Grimes gave a brief report on the upcoming Communication Exercise on May 25, 2011. Pat also asked members to be sure and fill out the SNCA Radio Interoperability Capability Questionnaire if your organization has not done so. A copy of the questionnaire will be sent out to the membership via e-mail.

INVENTORY: VERNON PIERCE, CHAIRPERSON

No Report

BOSSES 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

No Report

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.

SPECIAL ANOUNCEMENTS

Allan McDermand with Colonial Pipeline that April was national safe digging month and had a handout available.

Nome Fire Department announced they were having a B-B-Q fundraiser this Sunday April 10, 2011 from 11am to 2pm.

Chief Anne Huff announced there would be a dedication ceremony on April 16, 2011 for the State of Texas Firefighter Memorial at the Fire Museum of Texas. A flyer with more information will be e-mailed out.

If anyone is having trouble receiving e-mails, please contact me at (409)960-5761 or email me at djackson@cigrovestx.com. Also, if you or a coworker need to be added to the SNCA e-mail list, please send a request with your e-mail address to my e-mail, and I will be sure it gets added to the SNCA list.

PROGRAM

There was no program scheduled for today's meeting, the meeting was dedicated for Strategic Planning.

President John Owens gave a brief discussion on the upcoming Communication Drill set for May 25, 2011, at Ford Park.

Pat Grimes gave an overview of the drill and stated there would be another planning meeting May 5th.

Walter Billingsley gave a report on P25 compliance in the region, and explained to the membership how this affects radio communication planning for the region. Sue Landry with the Southeast Texas Regional Planning commission also spoke about how grant funding is being used to assist entities in the region meet the P25 compliance. Sue also mentioned that future grant funding would more than likely be needed to bring all entities in the region into compliance. Walter also reminded entities in the region of the narrow banding requirements for VHF frequencies. Walter also advised the membership that the regional radio system is set to meet the P25 compliance in 2014, which is a year before mandated.

Bob Stegall gave a detailed report on grant funding for Interoperability in the region. Bob mentioned the availability of matching grant funds which could be used by industry to upgrade communication equipment, or by government entities needing assistance with funding to meet the P25 compliance by 2015. A copy of Bob Stegall's outline will be sent out to the membership via e-mail. Anyone with questions regarding grant assistance should contact Bob.

President Owens gave a brief talk on the need for Industry to keep up with the changes in communication operations in the region. Industry members were encouraged to review their current communications structure and see what they need to do to remain interoperable with the region. Some discussion was made as to industry needing permission to obtain programming on the new system, and Alan Aldredge with Kay Electronics felt the previous permissions would still stand.

Members were also encouraged to fill out the SNCA Radio Interoperability Capability information from which Captain Pat Grimes, which will be e-mailed out to the membership.

FUTURE SNCA MEETING HOSTS:

Please review the upcoming hosts. Each member is required to host a monthly meeting. Below is the schedule for 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 75 attendees at this meeting.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Larry Richard and seconded by Stephanie Garsea to adjourn the 740th meeting at 11:30am. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dale Jackson

Secretary/Treasurer