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JULY MINUTES

Quorum is (10) Voting Members at Regular Meeting

NEXT MEETING

The August 3, 2011, 744th SNCA meeting will be hosted by Firestone Polymers . The meeting will be held at Roberts Meat Market in Orange.

The 743rd Sabine Neches Chiefs Association meeting was called to order at 10:15 a.m. on Wednesday July 6, 2011, at Rockin-A-Café.

Cindy Powers gave the invocation.

Dale Jackson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following SNCA Officers were excused;
Terry Basham, Vernon Pierce, & Anne Huff

READING OF THE MINUTES

President John Owens asked for "Approval" of the previous month's minutes as e-mailed. A motion was made by Theresa Wigley and seconded by Cindy Powers to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

The host for the July Meeting was Valero, and J.L. Rainey welcomed the group.

CORRESPONDANCE:

President Owens read a letter submitted by Mark Czerwick, which addressed his recent acceptance of a position with another company. See the letter below;

June 30, 2011

Major John Owens
Port Arthur Police Department
645 4th Street
Port Arthur, Texas 77641

Dear John:

As the President of the Sabine – Neches Chiefs Association (SNCA), I wanted to let you know that I will be leaving TOTAL and this great area for an employment opportunity with another company in the Houston area. It saddens me to say, that under the bylaws I must relinquish my membership and my alternate voting rights with the SNCA.

I have enjoyed many years of involvement with the SNCA and I will surely miss no longer being a part of this fine organization. In the future, as in the past, I will be able to state with confidence that I was a part of the finest mutual aid organization in the United States.

I want to thank you personally and the entire membership in general for their continued support of the communities and industries in this area. I truly believe that this area is a safer and a more secure area for the citizens to live and to work in because of the dedicated service provided by the members of the SNCA.

I wish you the best of success for the future and I will continue to pray for the safety of all of the members.

Sincerely,

Mark R. Czerwiec

President Owens also read to the membership an invitation received from LIT for the “Salute to Real American Hero” annual event, Thursday, September 8, 2011 and Westley United Methodist Church in Beaumont.

President Owens also read a letter from LIT thanking SNCA for the donation of \$5,244.63 to go to the Lamar Institute of Technology Foundation Real American Heroes Endowment account for scholarship distribution to students who pursue a career in Law Enforcement, Fire Protection, EMS, Criminal Justice, or Homeland Security at the University.

TREASURERS REPORT:

The Treasurer’s information is compiled by Dale Jackson, Sec. /Treasurer with the assistance of Mr. John Avery, PAFD.
Financials as of 5/31/2011:

Checking	\$20,567.81
CD	4,967.86
CD #2	<u>5,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$30,535.67

The President called for a motion to approve the Treasurers Report. Charlie Kosh made the motion to approve the Financials and Aleta Cappen seconded the motion. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Chief Curran provided a brief written update on the SNCA website which was read by President Owens to the membership. The updated information is listed below;

WEB SITE Update: www.snchiefs.com

- 1) All URL's are corrected on the LINKS page. If anyone wants their link placed on the LINKS page, have them email that to me at scurran@ci.port-neches.tx.us.
- 2) SNCA is registered with Google. You can now Google the Sabine Neches Chiefs Association and get to the site.
- 3) The Jefferson County LEPC page has been corrected to link to the SNCA. If anyone wants to place the SNCA logo on their website as a link, have them contact me on my email above. I will get that to them.
- 4) The PAYMENTS PAGE has been corrected to reflect the same numbers as referenced in the By Laws. Select the Green Payments tab on the HOME Page to get to the Payments Page.
- 5) The HOW TO JOIN page has been corrected to refer to the Emergency Management form "below" instead of "in the email".
- 6) The NEWS page has the details of the calendar events that are scheduled. If anyone has an event they want scheduled, have them email the information to me and I will get it on the calendar and the details will be placed in "NEWS"
- 7) The CALENDAR is up to date.
- 8) The OFFICERS page has been corrected and is current.
- 9) The HOME Page has the next meeting date and location on it.
- 10) The SNCA power point is on the HOME page.
- 11) The counter at the bottom of the page adds each page a person selects. There are already over 100 pages being looked at each day on the Website.
- 12) My Comment: With Juxtapose, we are keeping the Web site much-much more up to date. Changes and corrections are made within days of submitting to the Web update email. The site is looking much more professional. Please send ideas and comments to my email address above. Thnx...S

Next Projects for the Website:

- 1) On the GALLERY page, I plan to place pictures in albums from Bosses Night and other SNCA event pictures on the page.
- 2) For the "DATA BASE", there are plans to touch base with Vernon & Pat Grimes to see what it will take to get the online maintenance and access to the data accessible to members.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chief Jackson gave a disposition on the status of the 800 radio located at the Lake Charles weather office. The radio is currently at Kay's for reprogramming, and once programmed will have all the interop channels. Captain Pat Grimes advised the membership the Weather Service would monitor the Interop 1 channel, but would have the capability to switch to any of the other interop channels if need be.

President Owens informed the membership of a request received from the City of Pinehurst regarding dues structure for smaller cities. President Owens gave a brief explanation of the request and advised the membership the issue would be addressed at the next Board of Director meeting in July, and a recommendation would be brought back to the membership.

President Owens also advised the membership of cities in the region's use of notification systems in times of disasters, such as a hurricane. The intent of entities in the region is to use the notification system as a means of getting information out to the public and to industry in the area, and he encouraged members to promote citizens in their respective communities to sign up for the free service.

SPECIAL ANOUNCEMENTS

Dennis Gifford read a letter from the Executive Director of the Fire Museum of Texas, requesting help with funding a Memorial Tribute to 9/11, including a World Trade Center artifact from the site. The piece of steel would be transformed into an artifact to be included with the existing memorial in the Plaza. The Fire Museum of Texas is requesting \$1,000 to ship the metal, and for the necessary work to place the piece in the Plaza. The request will be brought to the next BOD meeting in July.

Cindy Powers invited members to participate in the "Shootin'" for a Miracle Children's Miracle Network CLAY SHOOT fundraiser on September 24, 2011. More information will be sent out to the membership on this event, or you can go online at www.christushealthfoundationsetx.org.

Secretary Dale Jackson asked for help from the membership to update contact information for each member organization. Chief Jackson provided the members a contact information sheet to be filled out with current contact information on voting and alternate voting members. The information form will be e-mailed out to members, and returned to Chief Jackson.

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: STEVE CURRAN, CHAIRPERSON

Steve Provided the following written report;

CONSTITUTION & BY LAWS:

- 1) There are plans to finish the updates to the Strategic Plan and have them ready for approval at the next meeting.
- 2) Work has begun on updating the Constitution, By Laws, and Procedures. This will be a lengthy process, but is now under way.

AUDIT COMMITTEE: ANDREW GARCIA, CHAIRPERSON

No Report

TRAINING & EDUCATION: ELGIN BROWNING, CHAIRPERSON

Training opportunities will be e-mailed to the membership, or you may look at upcoming training on the SNCA website under NEWS or on the event calendar.

Beaumont Police Department will be hosting a Department of Homeland Security on August 2 – 4. A separate e-mail will have detailed information on this course.

Will Lyons reminded the membership of scholarship opportunities for anyone who will be enrolling for the Law Enforcement, Fire Protection, EMS, Homeland Security, or Criminal Justice. Detailed information will be e-mailed out or you can go to the SNCA website for more information.

Members were reminded of the upcoming BEST Complex Annual Fall school which will be held on October 22-28. More information on the school can be obtained by contacting BEST at (409)833-2378 or www.bestcomplex.com. BEST provided brochures at today's meeting.

AWARDS COMMITTEE: STEPHANIE GARSEA, CHAIRPERSON
NO REPORT

COMMUNICATIONS: PAT GRIMES, CHAIRPERSON

Pat advised the 211 database is still up and updates will be available every 2 weeks. Rebanding will begin in Beaumont next week. Pat also talked about the grass fire event in Nederland and the patch which was set up.

INVENTORY: VERNON PIERCE, CHAIRPERSON

No Report

BOSSSES NIGHT: DAVID FRENZEL, CHAIRPERSON

No Report

PROGRAMS: ROGER ERICKERSON, CHAIRPERSON

No Report

DRILLS/EXERCISES: BOB STEGALL, CHAIRPERSON

Between the 19th and 21 of September 2011, the USCG Marine Safety Office Port Arthur will be conducting a Government Led PREP (Preparedness for Response Exercise Program) Exercise. Some of the participants in this exercise will be evaluators for which I am requesting local participation. I could use volunteers to evaluate the following;

- 1) Incident Command Post - to be located at MSU Port Arthur 1st floor
 - Unified Command (1)
 - Planning Section (1)
 - Situation Unit (1)
 - Operations Section (1)
 - Overall Incident Command Post (1)

HOMELAND SECURITY: STEVE CURRAN, CHAIRPERSON

Troops are being pulled from Afghanistan. Please note for easy access that the Terrorism Notice and Marsec Levels are on the Home Page of the SNCA Website.

OIL SPILL: TOMMY WELLS, CHAIRPERSON

No Report

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OVERHEAD TEAMS: JEFF KELLEY, CHAIRPERSON

No Report

STRATEGIC PLANNING: CINDY POWERS, CHAIRPERSON

No report

GOLF TOURNAMENT: STEPHANIE GARSEA, CHAIRPERSON

PUBLIC RELATIONS: STEPHANIE GARSEA, CHAIRPERSON

No report.

PROGRAM

NO PROGRAM- STATGIC PLANNING MEETING

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
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 76 attendees at this meeting.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Elgin Browning and seconded by Darrell Irvin to adjourn the 743rd meeting at 11:18am. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dale Jackson

Secretary/Treasurer

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