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MARCH MINUTES

Quorum is (10) Voting Members at Regular Meeting

NEXT MEETING

The April 7, 2012, 751st SNCA meeting has been cancelled due to conflicts with the Homeland Security Conference. The May 4, 2012 meeting will be hosted by BASF Port Arthur, and the meeting location TBA.

The 751th Sabine Neches Chiefs Association meeting was called to order at 10:07 a.m. on Wednesday March 7, 2012, at the Antioch Baptist Church in Beaumont.

Reverend Jack Gray, Minister with Antioch Baptist Church gave the invocation.

Terry Basham led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The American Red Cross hosted the meeting, and the group was welcomed by Donna Ferchak.

The following SNCA Officers were excused: Ann Huff & Tommy Wells..

READING OF THE MINUTES

President Owens asked for "Approval" of the previous month's minutes as e-mailed. A motion was made by Greg Fountain and seconded by Larry Richard to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDANCE:

NONE

TREASURERS REPORT:

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

Financials as of 9/30/2011:

Checking	\$28,352.74
CD	4,967.86
CD #2	5,047.47
TOTAL	\$38,368.07

Secretary Treasurer Dale Jackson read the financial report, and President Owens asked for a motion to approve the report. Vernon Pierce made the motion to approve the Financials and Steve Curran seconded the motion. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

President Owens asked Chief Steve Curran to give an update of recent events concerning the Regional Radio System. Chief Curran gave a brief update on the progress of the system, and what actions have been recently taken to move forward with the new radio building in Beaumont, and other work to merge with the Orange System. The 7-X switch should be installed in the near future which would give interoperability between the two systems. Chief Curran also urged industry to continue working toward acquiring radio equipment which could talk on the regional radio system. Chief Curran stressed the importance for Industry to maintain communications with the area responders. Chief Curran also advised the membership of the latest reductions in grant funds which were being used to upgrade the regional radio system, and how it could impact future upgrades of the Regional Radio System.

President Owens called on Stephanie Garsea to give the membership an update on the SNCA Golf Tournament set for April 16th. Stephanie asked the membership to please get in their registrations and hole sponsorships, and asked for any assistance with grab bags and other needs. Stephanie asked anyone wanting to help, to contact her,

NEW BUSINESS:

President Owens informed the membership that the April Meeting would be at the same time as the Texas Homeland Security Conference. A discussion was held regarding the meeting, and if a quorum of Board Members would be available to attend the meeting. After a discussion, the item was tabled until Board Members could be polled, and if the host, BASF could reschedule if needed. Secretary Treasurer Dale Jackson was asked to poll the BOD and get back with President Owens on the April meeting.

SPECIAL ANOUNCEMENTS

None

RECENT EMERGENCIES/ ISSUES:

Recent Emergencies were discussed

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

NOMINATING COMMITTEE – MATT DULANEY, CHAIRPERSON

No Report

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: BRYANT CHAMPAGNE , CHAIRPERSON

No report

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS: STEVE CURRAN, CHAIRPERSON

No report

AUDIT COMMITTEE: ANDREW GARCIA, CHAIRPERSON

No Report

TRAINING & EDUCATION: LOUIS HAVENS, CHAIRPERSON

Louie asked members to check the web site frequently to see postings of training opportunities. He also advised the membership that the Regional Airport would be conducting a drill in April, and a PIO class was scheduled to be held in May. Again, please check the training calendar on the SNCA website.

AWARDS COMMITTEE: STEPHANIE GARSEA, CHAIRPERSON

No report

COMMUNICATIONS: PAT GRIMES, CHAIRPERSON

Pat Grimes advised the membership that the Beaumont Dispatch would be holding scheduled radio tests on the Regional Radio System, and would be conducting the test on the Interop 1 talk group. The test would be conducted once a week, and Pat asked the membership to get with him and let him know if your entity would like to participate in the weekly radio test. Pat will get out information on what day and time the test will take place each week. It was also brought up that the National Weather Service in Lake Charles is interested in using the Interop 1 channel to broadcast immediate severe weather information to the membership. Roger Erickson advised this would be a great means to get important severe weather information out in a very timely manner, instead of trying to make numerous phone calls to multiple agencies. Contact Pat Grimes with the Beaumont Fire Department if you are interested on being added to the list.

INVENTORY: VERNON PIERCE, CHAIRPERSON

Pat Grimes stated that he and Clem are still working on the Inventory list through the web site. Pat is in need on contact information on all entities who wish to access the inventory list over the internet. If you have not filled out a Membership Contact Sheet, please do so. The Membership Information Sheet can be found on the home page of the web site.

BOSSES NIGHT: DAVID FRENZEL, CHAIRPERSON

No Report

PROGRAMS: ROGER ERICKERSON, CHAIRPERSON

Roger is asking for anyone with a program suggestion to contact him.

DRILLS/EXERCISES: BOB STEGALL, CHAIRPERSON

Bob Stegall informed the membership that the Regional Security exercise would be held on October 31, 2012. Bob is needing help from law enforcement members in the planning stages of the exercise. Anyone who wishes to be a part of the planning team should contact Bob Stegall.

HOMELAND SECURITY: STEVE CURRAN, CHAIRPERSON

Chief Curran gave a brief status of grant funding for Homeland Security projects, and how severe the recent cuts to grant funding have been. Steve stated there would be strong competition for the little funds, and they would be priority based. He anticipated the trend in cutting future grant funding would continue.

OIL SPILL: TOMMY WELLS, CHAIRPERSON

No Report

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM: TIM OCNASCHEK, CHAIRPERSON

Tim gave a brief update on the IMT progress in the State and region, and advised the membership of upcoming position specific training. More information will be coming on the IMT training.

STRATEGIC PLANNING: CINDY POWERS, CHAIRPERSON

No report

GOLF TOURNAMENT: STEPHANIE GARSEA, CHAIRPERSON

Report given under Old Business

PUBLIC RELATIONS: STEPHANIE GARSEA, CHAIRPERSON

No report.

PROGRAM

Donna Ferchak gave a very informative program on the recent changes in the American Red Cross Organization, and what services are and will be available in the future.

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
MEETING CANCELLED	April	2012
BASF Port Arthur	May	2012
Cray Valley	June	2012
Christus Hospital, St Mary	July	2012
Cottonwood Energy	August	2012
The Medical Center of SE Texas	September	2012
DM Petroleum Operations Co, INC	October	2012
Entergy Company, Sabine Plant	November	2012
Explorer Pipeline	December	2012

ATTENDEES: There were 64 attendees at this meeting.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Darrell Irvin and seconded by Stephanie Garsea to adjourn the 751st meeting at 11:37 am. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dale Jackson
Secretary/Treasurer

NEXT MEETING:

******* IMPORTANT NOTICE*******

The April 4, 2012 meeting of the SNCA has been cancelled due to a conflict with the TEXAS HOMELAND SECURITY CONFERENCE. President Owens has cancelled the meeting due to there not being a quorum of Board Members who can make the meeting.

The May 2, 2012 SNCA meeting will be hosted by BASF Port Arthur, and the location of the meeting will be sent out at a later date.