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SABINE-NECHES CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

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NOVEMBER 2013 MINUTES

Quorum is (10) Voting Members at Regular Meeting

The 770th Sabine Neches Chiefs Association meeting was called to order at 10:11 a.m. on Wednesday, November 6th, 2013 at Rockin A Cafe-3520 W. Cardinal Dr, Beaumont, Texas

Cindy Powers gave the invocation.

Dale Jackson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Industrial Rescue Instruction Systems (IRIS) hosted the November meeting and David Owens provided welcoming remarks.

The following SNCA Officer was excused: Charlie Kosh

READING OF THE MINUTES

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

TREASURERS REPORT:

The Treasurer's information is presented with the assistance of Deputy Fire Chief John Avery, PAFD.

Financials as of November 8th, 2013:

Checking	\$33,405.36
CD	\$ 4,967.86
CD #2	<u>\$ 5,098.02</u>
Total	<u><u>\$43,471.24</u></u>

Secretary/Treasurer Tim Ocnashek read the financial report and reminded membership that Dues payments should be paid before the end of December. President Owens asked for a motion to approve the report. Larry Richard made the motion to approve the financials and Chris Gonzales seconded the motion. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Constitution Committee Chair, Steve Curran reviewed recommended changes to the Constitution regarding membership application requirements, and membership acceptance. This followed the 30 day review requirement. A motion by Bryant Champagne was made to adopt the changes to the Constitution as presented. Jeff Wilmore seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Secretary/Treasurer Tim Ocnashek presented a budget recommendation to the membership based on a draft developed by Deputy Fire Chief John Avery, PAFD, based largely on the yearly financial review conducted by Edgar, Kiker and Cross. Some additional adjustments to break out costs such as educational outreach and bereavement were added at the request of the Board. The Board's goal is to ensure money is being spent in accordance with the Association's mission and priorities. There was also a recommendation that a formal process be implemented to submit proposals for educational outreach sponsorship one time each year to help with budgeting. The Board conducted an E-Vote to bring this budget proposal to the membership for review. Feedback should be provided to the Secretary Treasurer Tim Ocnashek. A membership vote will then be requested at the December meeting.

Revenues:		Proposed	
	Dues	\$ 28,000	
	Golf Tournament	7,500	
	Interest Income	50	
	Total Revenues:		35,550
Expenses:			
	Awards	1,300	
	Board Meetings	1,500	
	Bosses Night	9,200	
	Donations: Education Outreach	3,000	
	Donations: LIT Scholarship Proceeds from Golf Tournament	5,000	
	Donations: Bereavement	2,000	
	Dues and Subscriptions (1)	3,000	
	Credit Card Fees: Dues	110	
	Golf Tournament	2,500	
	Licenses and Permits	250	
	Postage and Office Supplies	250	
	Professional Fees	500	
	Telephone and Internet (2)	2,200	
	Strategic Planning Meeting (3)	2,000	
	Miscellaneous	1,000	
	Total Expenses		33,810
Increase (Decrease) Net Assets:			\$ 1,740
(1) primarily cost associated with Brickmann Group evacuation database			
(2) Internet Access and Webhosting costs			
(3) Cost of one general membership meeting per year			

President Owens advised membership that Roger Erickson was having difficulties covering the duties of the Program Committee Chairman due to increased job-related responsibilities with the National Weather Service. He truly regrets having to resign, feels it best for the Association. Therefore, Owens spoke with Aleta Cappen, Vidor PD, who agreed to assume the duties of Program Committee Chairperson. Aleta Cappen presented changes she is implementing regarding how programs are scheduled. It will be up to the hosting member to coordinate the program, and that program should include a brief overview of the host member's organization and its mission.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jacquelynn Conger (899-7062) and Tony Buagas from the Wellness Center presented their idea of hosting a Shields and Axes competition and fundraiser on Saturday, April 12, 2014. All proceeds would be given to the 100 Club. Interested departments should coordinate with Ms Conger for those who haven't already agreed to participate.

Sue Landry invited membership to stay after the meeting and listen to a two-hour lecture from Noel Whalen regarding anti-terrorism planning that would begin at 1PM.

RECENT EMERGENCIES/ ISSUES:

Chief Richard (Port Arthur Fire) discussed a mutual aid incident involving a shipyard confined space recovery. Assistance was rendered by the Huntsman team.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

NOMINATING COMMITTEE – MATT DULANEY, CHAIRPERSON

Mark Landry is participating on the Committee. Nominations need to be submitted within two weeks, specifically, by 20 Nov at noon to Matt Dulaney. He can be reached at 409-656-7948 or by email at mdulaney@hagemeyerna.com. The positions up for nomination include: Jeff Wilmore/Police; Larry Richard/Fire; and Tommy Wells/Industry. Once nominations are in, the Board will vote regarding accepting the nominations, and then membership will vote the selections in at the December meeting.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: BRYANT CHAMPAGNE, CHAIRPERSON

Oil Tanking Nederland has expressed interest in becoming a member of SNCA. At the last Board meeting, a discussion was held to resolve the longstanding guidance question regarding membership eligibility. A recommendation was made that eligibility should be based on independent management at the same hierarchical organizational level and not necessarily be connected with geographical placement. Thus, multiple departments of one municipality or county agency can be individual members, as can industries with individual plants or facilities, as long as the management levels are equal and not subordinate to one or the other. Champagne will follow up with Oil Tanking.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS: STEVE CURRAN, CHAIRPERSON

A constitutional amendment was voted FOR under “Old Business”

WEBSITE: STEVE CURRAN, CHAIRPERSON

No report.

HOMELAND SECURITY: JEREMY HANSEN, CHAIRPERSON

There is an FSO meeting on 12 Dec where a new chairperson needs to be selected. He is trying to develop a cyber-security sub-committee to promote the sharing of ideas. December is CIKR Resiliency month. Information regarding these issues is available on Homeport. If you don't have an account and need one, please get with Jeremy.

COMMUNICATIONS and INVENTORY: PAT GRIMES, CHAIRPERSON

The move of radio equipment from the old Radio Shop building to the new facility is 95 % complete. All 21 channels are available. Thanks to everyone for their patience during the move. As part of the 2013 Region 6/55 RADD SNS Exercise, Communications checks were conducted using the Regional Radio 800 Mhz system between the Beaumont EOC, Port Arthur EOC, Hardin County EOC, Orange Fire Department and several other Departments around the region. Additionally, ARES/RACES conducted successful communications checks with the Beaumont DDC, Beaumont EOC, State Operations Center, and Harris County EOC. Another component of the drill was testing Communications with the deaf by utilizing a web based solution provided by Deaf Link to provide an translator via the internet. Special Assistance desk personnel accessed a translator using an IPAD. The application was successful and could be used at any evacuation site provided there is good internet connectivity.

TRAINING & EDUCATION: LOUIS HAVENS, CHAIRPERSON

Register on PreparingTexas.Org

PER-211 Medical Management for CBRNE Events (13-14 Nov at the Orange Co EOC- F. Walters)

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G361 Flood Fight Operations (18-20 Nov at the Beaumont EOC- T. Ocnaschek)
G727/G628 Residential and Infrastructure Damage Assessment Courses (11 Dec at Orange Co EOC)
PER240 WMD Radiological/Nuclear Responder Operations (28-30 Jan at Beaumont EOC)

AWARDS COMMITTEE: STEPHANIE GARSEA, CHAIRPERSON

Nominations for awards have been received.

GOLF TOURNAMENT: STEPHANIE GARSEA, CHAIRPERSON

Currently scheduled for April 28th, 2014 (the fourth Monday of April)

PUBLIC RELATIONS: STEPHANIE GARSEA, CHAIRPERSON

No report.

BOSSSES NIGHT: DAVID FRENZEL, CHAIRPERSON

Chief Frenzel reminded membership that Bosses Night is scheduled for Monday, December 2nd at the same place as last year, the Groves Community Center. Individual members are responsible for inviting their own bosses and elected officials. Please RSVP by submitting a form in person, delivered at the next meeting, or emailed to Chief Frenzel at dfrenzel@orangeofd.com

PROGRAMS: ROGER ERICKSON, CHAIRPERSON

Programs are scheduled through February.

DRILLS/EXERCISES: BOB STEGALL, CHAIRPERSON

Kenneth Coleman (Beaumont Public Health, Assistant Director) discussed last week's 2013 Region 6/5S RADD SNS Exercise.

OIL SPILL: TOMMY WELLS, CHAIRPERSON

No Report.

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM: TIM OCNASCHEK, CHAIRPERSON

No report.

STRATEGIC PLANNING: CINDY POWERS, CHAIRPERSON

No Report.

PROGRAM:

David Owens, Industrial Rescue Instruction Systems (IRIS), provided a brief overview of their company's mission and service, and then gave an overview regarding the regional rescue team.

FUTURE SNCA MEETING HOSTS:

Please review the upcoming hosts. Each member is required to host a monthly meeting. Below is the schedule for 2013 and early 2014.

Host Member	Month	Year
Enterprise Pipeline and Storage	October	2013
Industrial Rescue Instruction Systems	November	2013
Invista (SARL Orange)	December	2013
GE Energy Water & Storage	January	2014
Care Plus Ambulance Service	February	2014
East Texas Advisory Council	March	2014

GT Logistics	April	2014
Jefferson County ESD#3 (China/Nome)	May	2014
Renewable BioFuels	June	2014
Hardin County Public Health	July	2014
Oil Tanking Beaumont	August	2014

ATTENDEES: There were 79 attendees at this meeting, up from 62 at the previous meeting: 41 Voting; 22 Non-Voting; 1 Honorary; 13 member agencies attendees; and 2 Guests

ADJOURN:

A motion was made by Stephanie Garsea and seconded by Jeff Kelley to adjourn the 770th meeting at 11:13 am. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tim Ocnashek
Secretary/Treasurer

NEXT MEETING:

The December 4th, 2013 meeting will be sponsored by Ralph Valenciano and Ivista Orange at Roberts Meat Market- 3720 W Park Ave, Orange, TX 77630-1810 (409-883-0979)