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SABINE-NECHES CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

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MAY 2014 MINUTES

Quorum is (10) Voting Members at Regular Meeting

The 776th Sabine Neches Chiefs Association meeting was called to order at 10:13 a.m. on Wednesday, March 5th, 2014 at Big Rich Courville's at 1744 Rose Lane #90, Beaumont, TX 77713.

Brad Penisson gave the invocation.

Dale Jackson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The welcome was presented by Doug Saunders with Jefferson County ESD#3.

Self Introductions were made.

The following SNCA Officers were excused: Carman Apple, Bryant Champagne, Anne Huff, Jeff Wilmore, and Cindy Powers

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 Charlie Kosh to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Special Presentation: Chris Hebert with Impact Weather provided a seasonal forecast overview.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Membership requests were addressed under "New Business."
(Letters attached)

TREASURERS REPORT:

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

Financials as of May 5, 2014:

Checking	\$36,418.81
CD	\$ 4,967.86
CD #2	<u>\$ 5,098.02</u>
Total	<u><u>\$46,484.69</u></u>

Checking account includes golf receipts restricted as to use.

The financial report was read by Secretary/Treasurer Tim Ocnashek. A motion was made by Aleta Cappen and seconded by Doug Saunders to accept the financial report. Motion carried. Renewable Biofuels (2013 pro rata dues and 2014 dues) and Pinehurst Fire are the only two members left with outstanding dues.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

On 4/24/2014, the SNCA Board voted to recommend to membership that Texas Parks and Wildlife's (TP&W) membership request be approved. The Board further concurred with the Membership Committee recommendation that they be identified as a non-paying, voting and governmental agency in line with Constitutional eligibility and membership requirements. This application has United States Coast Guard (USCG) member Jeremy Hansen's sponsorship. Correspondence was read previously and is attached. Larry Richard made a motion that Texas Parks and Wildlife be accepted into SNCA membership as recommended. Gary Collins seconded that motion. Motion passed.

On 4/24/2014, the SNCA Board voted to recommend to membership that U.S. Customs and Border Protection (USCBP) membership request be approved. The Board further concurred with the Membership Committee recommendation that they be identified as a non-paying, voting and governmental agency in line with Constitutional eligibility and membership requirements. This application has United States Coast Guard (USCG) member Jeremy Hansen's sponsorship. Correspondence was read previously and is attached. Aleta Cappen made a motion that U.S. Customs and Border Protection be accepted into SNCA membership as recommended. Lee Sherman seconded that motion. Motion passed.

On 4/24/2014, the SNCA Board voted to recommend to membership that Golden Triangle Baptist Disaster Relief Team (BDRT) membership request be approved. The Board further concurred with the Membership Committee recommendation that they be identified as a non-paying, non-voting and community service entity in line with Constitutional eligibility and membership requirements. This application has Orange County EMC and SNCA member Jeff Kelley's sponsorship. Correspondence was read previously and is attached. Stephanie Garsea made a motion that Golden Triangle Baptist Disaster Relief Team be accepted into SNCA membership as recommended. Aleta Cappen seconded that motion. Motion passed.

U.S. Coast Guard and SNCA member Jeremy Hansen reviewed a bereavement request regarding Maritime Enforcement Specialist First Class Will Worthen who works in his unit. Letter attached. The request met the requirements previously established in SOG100, and on 4/24/2014, the board voted to recommend to membership that a \$1000 donation be made to Worthen. A motion was made by Jeff Kelley to make the donation as recommended, and Gary Collins seconded the motion. Motion passed.

President Owens presented a request from Beaumont Fire/Rescue and SNCA member Anne Huff requesting sponsorship for the Fire Prevention and Safety Festival this fall the same day as the Gift of Life Color Run. No other sponsorship requests have been received so far and this outreach opportunity is in line with the SNCA budget parameters recommended by the membership. On 4/24/2014, the Board voted to recommend membership make a donation of \$1500 to support this event. Aleta Cappen made a motion to donate the recommended amount. Charlie Kosh seconded the motion. Motion passed.

RECENT EMERGENCIES/ ISSUES:

Recent emergencies were discussed. Public Health members present reminded membership about the downward trend of flu symptoms, but the upward trend of West Nile and asked that their briefings be specifically included in the minutes.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chief Frenzel advised membership that Deputy Fire Chief Jerry Ziller recently retired from the Orange Fire Department and went to private industry and Lee Ann Brown has been appointed to the Deputy Chief position. President John Owens advised membership that Anne Huff, Beaumont Fire/Rescue, was appointed to finish Chief Ziller's term as a SNCA Municipal Fire Director.

Port Neches Fire Chief Steve Curran advised his deputy chief, Sean Gearing, recently retired and Guy Bodin is acting deputy chief pending completion of the standard promotional process.

Tim Ocnashek notified membership of former and long-time SNCA member and retired Beaumont Police Officer R.J. Smith's death the previous night. He has been the EMC for Washington County for the past several years. His brother, Billy Ted Smith is the EMC of Jasper, Newton and Sabine Counties and remains a close friend to the SNCA and many members. The funeral arrangements were not available at the time of the meeting. Darryl Irvin recommended the association send flowers and there was clear consensus from the membership. President Owens asked Secretary/Treasurer Tim Ocnashek to handle the arrangements.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

NOMINATING COMMITTEE – MATT DULANEY, CHAIRPERSON

Absent- No report.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: BRYANT CHAMPAGNE, CHAIRPERSON

Absent- No report.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS: STEVE CURRAN, CHAIRPERSON

He and Pat Grimes are correcting some language inconsistencies between the Constitution and By-laws and will bring changes to the Board once they are finished.

WEBSITE: STEVE CURRAN, CHAIRPERSON

Website is up to date with information.

HOMELAND SECURITY: JEREMY HANSEN, CHAIRPERSON

This year's Port Security Grant Application period closes May 23. Mayor John Durkay was appointed as the Vice Chair of the Area Maritime Security Council (AMSC).

COMMUNICATIONS and INVENTORY: PAT GRIMES, CHAIRPERSON

Providing Mutual Aid for Over 60 Years

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Pat Grimes informed membership of a recent meeting with the Jefferson County Volunteer Fire Departments and ESD chiefs regarding requesting mutual aid.

TRAINING & EDUCATION: LOUIS HAVENS, CHAIRPERSON

Louis Havens briefed membership about a recent Chemical Protective Clothing presentation from a manufacturer, which provided some informative information regarding how and why they do things. This presentation will be solicited again and would be beneficial for other members as well. Additionally, the Texas Emergency Management Conference is scheduled for the following week.

AWARDS COMMITTEE: STEPHANIE GARSEA, CHAIRPERSON

No report.

GOLF TOURNAMENT: STEPHANIE GARSEA, CHAIRPERSON

Stephanie thanked membership for the awesome support and great tournament outcome. 42 teams paid, 38 played and there was great sponsorship all around. A formal report will be available by next meeting.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: STEPHANIE GARSEA, CHAIRPERSON

No report.

BOSSES NIGHT: DAVID FRENZEL, CHAIRPERSON

No report.

PROGRAMS: ALETA CAPPEN, CHAIRPERSON

No report.

DRILLS/EXERCISES: BOB STEGALL, CHAIRPERSON

There will be an Oil Spill/Hazmat Exercise in the works in late June. More information will be coming out later.

OIL SPILL: TOMMY WELLS, CHAIRPERSON

Tommy Wells recommended members take time to inspect and test equipment.

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM: TIM OCNASCHEK, CHAIRPERSON

Louie Havens, Charlie Cox, and Scott Wheat attended a recent IMT conference. The Golden Triangle Team now has nine credentialed members in multiple positions. Additionally, ExxonMobil has paid for the uniforms the membership decided to supply the deployable IMT members with. This will enhance recognition for the association and member agencies.

STRATEGIC PLANNING: CINDY POWERS, CHAIRPERSON

No report.

PROGRAM:

Larry Kleinkemper presented a briefing and demonstration regarding his simulator capability derived from LiDAR scanning of buildings in order to create precise Building Information Models (BIMs). These BIMs are used for Security Simulators and Facility Management as well as Design tools. The application presented was touted for supporting and conducting training and exercise.

Chief Saunders (Host) and Rod Carroll provided an professional overview of Jefferson County ESD #3 and its service territory and resources.

FUTURE SNCA MEETING HOSTS:

Please review the host listing. Each member is required to host a monthly meeting. Below is the schedule for 2014.

Host Member	Month	Year
24HR Safety	January	2015
Labelle-Fannett and Cheek VFD	February	2015
East Texas Advisory Council	March	2014
GT Logistics (Strategic Planning Meeting)	April	2014
Jefferson County ESD#3 (China/Nome)	May	2014
Renewable BioFuels Oil Tanking Beaumont	June	2014
Hardin County Public Health (Strategic Planning Meeting)	July	2014
National Trench Rescue	August	2014
Care Plus Ambulance Service	September	2014
Oil Tanking Port Neches	October	2014
Beaumont Water Utilities	November	2014
KMTEX	December	2014

ATTENDEES: There were 100 attendees at this meeting (the largest attendance in association history), up from 79 at the previous meeting: 49 Voting; 13 Non-Voting; no Honorary; 32 member agencies attendees; and 6 Guests

ADJOURN:

President Owens called for a motion to Adjourn. A motion made by Stephanie Garsea and seconded by Gary Collins. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:24am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tim Ocnaschek
Secretary/Treasurer

NEXT MEETING:

The June 4th, 2014 meeting will be sponsored by Aaron Strain with Oil Tanking Beaumont at Big Rich Courville's- 1744 Rose Lane #90, Beaumont, TX 77713 (off Hwy 90), (409-860-9811)