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SABINE-NECHES CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

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JUNE 2014 MINUTES

Quorum is (10) Voting Members at Regular Meeting

The 777th Sabine Neches Chiefs Association meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m. on Wednesday, June 4th, 2014 at Big Rich Courville's at 1744 Rose Lane #90, Beaumont, TX 77713.

Cindy Powers gave the invocation.

Dale Jackson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The welcome was presented by Aaron Strain with Oil Tanking Beaumont and Aaron gave a brief overview of his facility's background and capabilities.

Self-introductions were made.

The following SNCA Officers were excused: Jeff Wilmore, and Stephanie Garsea

READING OF THE MINUTES

President Owens asked for "Approval" of the previous month's minutes as e-mailed. A motion was made by Anne Huff and seconded by Cindy Powers 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 June 2nd, 2014:

Checking	\$34,172.08
CD	\$ 4,967.86
CD #2	<u>\$ 5,098.02</u>
Total	<u>\$44,237.96</u>

Checking account includes golf receipts restricted as to use.

The financial report was read by Secretary/Treasurer Tim Ocnashek. A note was made that record proceeds were garnered from the Golf Tournament and a complete report will be provided by Stephanie Garsea at next meeting. Renewable Biofuels (2013 pro rata dues and 2014 dues) and Pinehurst Fire are the only two members left with outstanding dues. A motion was made by Aleta Cappen and seconded by Larry Richard to accept the financial report. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Due to the city of Port Arthur's excellent, long-standing relationship with the Coast Guard (since 1942), our local MSU office has urged the city of Port Arthur to make application for designation as an official "Coast Guard City". A vital part of the application process is Letters of Support from local partners. Therefore, as President of the SNCA, John Owens respectfully requested the membership's approval of the attached "Letter of Support" from the Sabine Neches Chiefs Assn. Tommy Wells made a motion to approve the letter as written and displaying the SNCA logo. Charlie Kosh seconded the motion. Motion passed.

During the April 24 Board Meeting, a recommendation was approved that LIT should be changed from a non-dues paying member, to a dues paying member in line with the Constitution and LIT's resource availability constraints. The representatives are aware of this recommendation and agree. And an LIT member was present during this meeting. A motion was made by Bryant Champagne and seconded by Cindy Powers to approve this recommendation. Motion passed unanimously.

RECENT EMERGENCIES/ ISSUES:

Recent emergencies were discussed. A Public Health report was provided by Darrell Irvin (Beaumont) regarding the foreign travel advisory concerning a Middle East bird virus with respiratory type symptoms. Information for that advisory can be found on the CDC website.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pat Grimes announced a fundraiser for Stacye Steele on July 19th. The flyer is attached and was subsequently sent to membership by email.

Jeremy Hansen announced the USCG MSU Port Arthur is having a change of command ceremony on July 14 at the MCM Elegante in Beaumont. Invites were sent out to membership.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

NOMINATING COMMITTEE – MATT DULANEY, CHAIRPERSON

No report.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: BRYANT CHAMPAGNE, CHAIRPERSON

Covered under old and new business.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS: STEVE CURRAN, CHAIRPERSON

Absent. No report.

WEBSITE: STEVE CURRAN, CHAIRPERSON

Absent. No report.

HOMELAND SECURITY: JEREMY HANSEN, CHAIRPERSON

No report.

COMMUNICATIONS and INVENTORY: PAT GRIMES, CHAIRPERSON

No report.

TRAINING & EDUCATION: LOUIS HAVENS, CHAIRPERSON

Radiation training is scheduled in Port Arthur for 10-13 June and the syllabus was subsequently sent to membership by email. A Siddons Martin mobile pump apparatus will be brought to this region for a demonstration at a later date to be announced. There will be additional wildland firefighter training provided September 15-19 by Carl Westbrook. Details will be sent out later.

AWARDS COMMITTEE: STEPHANIE GARSEA, CHAIRPERSON

Absent. No report.

GOLF TOURNAMENT: STEPHANIE GARSEA, CHAIRPERSON

Absent. Report will be provided in the July meeting.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: STEPHANIE GARSEA, CHAIRPERSON

Absent. No report.

BOSSSES NIGHT: DAVID FRENZEL, CHAIRPERSON

No report.

PROGRAMS: ALETA CAPPEN, CHAIRPERSON

The July 2014 meeting will be in Hardin County at Catfish Cabin and is a Strategic Planning meeting, so no program will be provided.

DRILLS/EXERCISES: BOB STEGALL, CHAIRPERSON (Absent)

Bob Stegall made a request for an industry volunteer to provide a site for a full-scale oil spill Exercise. He asked that any volunteers submit their name to him directly.

OIL SPILL: TOMMY WELLS, CHAIRPERSON

No report.

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM: TIM OCNASCHEK, CHAIRPERSON

No report.

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STRATEGIC PLANNING: CINDY POWERS, CHAIRPERSON

No report.

PROGRAM:

Golden Triangle Texas Baptist Disaster Relief Team presented a very professional overview of their organization, function, and capabilities. The PowerPoint presentation has been requested and information will be available upon request.

FUTURE SNCA MEETING HOSTS:

Please review the upcoming hosts. 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
Beaumont Water Utilities	March	2015
	April	2015
	May	2015
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
Chevron –UGT Pipeline	November	2014
KMTEX	December	2014

ATTENDEES: There were 99 attendees at this meeting, down from 100 at the previous meeting: 53 Voting; 20 Non-Voting; no Honorary; 24 member agencies attendees; and 2 Guests

ADJOURN:

President Owens called for a motion to Adjourn. A motion made by Jeff Kelley and seconded by Charlie Kosh. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:11 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tim Ocnaschek
Secretary/Treasurer

NEXT MEETING:

The July 2nd, 2014 meeting will be sponsored by Sharon Whitley and Hardin County Public Health, at Catfish Cabin, located at 192 South LHS Drive (Hwy 69N), Lumberton, TX 77657; (409-755-6800)