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SABINE-NECHES CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

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EMS Director 13-14

Cindy Powers
Health Director 13-14

JULY 2014 MINUTES

Quorum is (10) Voting Members at Regular Meeting

The 778th Sabine Neches Chiefs Association meeting was called to order at 10:12 a.m. on Wednesday, July 2nd, 2014 at Catfish Cabin, located at 192 LHS Drive (HWY 69N), Lumberton, TX 77657; (409-755-6800)

Brad Pennison gave the invocation.

Dale Jackson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Sharon Whitley with Hardin County Public Health welcomed the group.

The following SNCA Officer was excused: Tim Ocnaschek, 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 Charlie Kosh and seconded by Theresa Wigley to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

President Owens read a thank you letter from Chief Anne Huff with the Beaumont Fire Department for the \$1,500 sponsorship of the upcoming Fire Safety Festival to be held in Beaumont.

President Owens also read a thank you letter from the family of R.J. Smith, thanking the SNCA for the flowers in memory of R.J.

President Owens advised the membership of the Ceremony of the USCG Change of Command set for July 14, at 10:00am. The ceremony will take place at the Elegante Hotel in Beaumont.

TREASURERS REPORT:

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

Financials as of July, 2014:

Checking	\$27,204.35
CD	4,967.86
CD #2	<u>5,098.02</u>
Total	\$37,270.23

Golf proceeds are not included in this accounting, but are documented below in the Golf Tournament report under Old Business.

Vice President Dale Jackson read the financial report, and President Owens asked for a motion to approve the report. Aleta Cappen made the motion to approve the financials and Greg Fountain seconded the motion. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

President Owens called on Stephanie Garsea, golf tournament chairperson, to give the membership a report on this year's event. Stephanie gave a very entertaining PowerPoint presentation of the day's events, as well as a breakdown of the funds raised.

Income from event		\$11,120.00
Expenses:		
Reimbursements to Stephanie	(1,160.49)	
Palms for Golf fees	(2,431.05)	
Pay Pal Fees	<u>(129.20)</u>	
Total Expenses	(3,720.74)	
NET INCOME		\$7,399.26

After Stephanie made her presentation, President Owens presented a check of \$7,399.26 to LIT representatives, to be used for the scholarship program.

NEW BUSINESS:

President Owens advised the membership of a change in the voting status of the USCG. At the board meeting held on April 24, 2014, a recommendation was made to change the voting status of the USCG from a Non-voting member, to a Voting member. This change was recommended due to the fact the USCG has deployable equipment assets, which gets them in line with the Constitution. Gary Collins made the motion to accept the Board's recommendation to change the voting status of the USCG from non-voting to voting member, and it was seconded by Jeff Kelley. The motion carried.

President Owens advised the membership that two of the members have not paid dues for 2014, and according to the Constitution, they were automatically dropped from the membership as of June 30th. President Owens stated there were numerous attempts made to each of the organizations in an attempt to keep them from being

dropped. The two organizations are Renewable Biofuels, who owed 2013 and 2014 dues, and Pinehurst Fire Department. No vote was required from the membership.

President Owens also advised the membership that Care Plus EMS submitted a letter of resignation from the organization, citing that they no longer operate in our response area and will no longer be able to serve the organization. No vote was required.

President Owens advised the membership that the IMT uniforms have been delivered and issued to our IMT members on the statewide deployment status. He also recognized ExxonMobil, their management, and specifically Lee Sherman and Becky Knott for their considerable contribution in covering this cost for the Association. The contribution saved the SNCA \$2,429.70.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

NONE

RECENT EMERGENCIES/ ISSUES:

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

NOMINATING COMMITTEE – MATT DULANEY, CHAIRPERSON

Matt Dulaney gave a short presentation on the upcoming elections which will be held in December. Matt went over protocols for submitting nominations for the Board of Directors. Anyone wanting to nominate someone for one of the upcoming positions should have the nomination in by noon of the first Wednesday, November 2014. Anyone with questions on nominations or the election should contact Matt.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: BRYANT CHAMPAGNE, CHAIRPERSON (Absent)

No Report.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS: STEVE CURRAN, CHAIRPERSON

No Report.

WEBSITE: STEVE CURRAN, CHAIRPERSON

No Report.

HOMELAND SECURITY: JEREMY HANSEN, CHAIRPERSON

Sabine Neches Navigation District will be conducting fly overs in the near future for the production of a video. Jeremy Hansen with the USCG will provide information at a later date when the fly overs will be taking place, so there will not be any alarm from responders.

COMMUNICATIONS and INVENTORY: PAT GRIMES, CHAIRPERSON

Pat Grimes advised the membership that the STEAR data will be ready for download soon. Pat also advised the membership of the weekly radio checks on the Interop 1 talkgroup on Tuesday mornings at 9:00 am, and anyone who is not on the list and would like to participate, should contact him.

TRAINING & EDUCATION: LOUIS HAVENS, CHAIRPERSON

Louie Havens advised the membership to check out the website for upcoming training opportunities.

AWARDS COMMITTEE: STEPHANIE GARSEA, CHAIRPERSON

No Report.

GOLF TOURNAMENT: STEPHANIE GARSEA, CHAIRPERSON
Presentation made under Old Business.

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
No Report

OIL SPILL: TOMMY WELLS, CHAIRPERSON
Tommy asked the membership with deployable oil spill response equipment to go over their inventory and be sure it is in good condition.

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM: TIM OCNASCHEK, CHAIRPERSON (Absent)
Tim wanted to advise the membership that the Deployment team members met on Monday, June 23rd at 2:00 pm and discussed credentialing, recruitment, training opportunities and other issues. He advised that there were eight members who are currently fully credentialed covering all command and general staff positions, and communications unit leader.

STRATEGIC PLANNING: CINDY POWERS, CHAIRPERSON (Absent)
No Report.

PROGRAM:
This was a Strategic Planning meeting; however, Roger Erickson with the National Weather Service gave a very informative presentation on the upcoming Hurricane Season, and presented the membership with information on new weather products the NWS will be using this year.

FUTURE SNCA MEETING HOSTS:
Please review the upcoming hosts. Each member is required to host a monthly meeting. Below is the schedule for 2014 and early 2015.

Host Member	Month	Year
24HR Safety (Strategic Planning Meeting)	January	2015
Labelle-Fannett and Cheek VFD	February	2015
Beaumont Water Utilities	March	2015
Lucite International (Strategic Planning Meeting)	April	2015
Baptist Hospital	May	2015
SASOL (formerly Merisol)	June	2014
Shell Pipeline (Strategic Planning Meeting)	July	2014

CenterPoint Energy	August	2014
Care Plus Ambulance Service SNCA	September	2014
OilTanking Port Neches	October	2014
Chevron –UGT Pipeline	November	2014
KMTEX	December	2014

ATTENDEES: There were 74 attendees at this meeting, down from 99 at the previous meeting: 38 Voting; 11 Non-Voting; 0 Honorary; 23 member agencies attendees; and 2 Guests

ADJOURN:

A motion was made by Stephanie Garsea and seconded by Jeremy Hansen to adjourn the 778th meeting at 11:26 am. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tim Ocnaschek
Secretary/Treasurer

NEXT MEETING:

The August 6th, 2014 meeting will be sponsored by John Seale and CenterPoint Energy at Rockin A, - 3520 W. Cardinal Dr, Beaumont, Texas (409-842-0010/ fax 409-840-6272)