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SEPTEMBER 2014 MINUTES

Quorum is (10) Voting Members at Regular Meeting

The 780th Sabine Neches Chiefs Association meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m. on Wednesday, September 3rd, 2014, at Catfish Cabin, located at 192 LHS Drive (HWY 69N), Lumberton, TX 77657; (409-755-6800)

Brad Pennison gave the invocation.

Tim Ocnaschek led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice President Dale Jackson welcomed the group on behalf of the SNCA.

The following SNCA Officers were excused: John Owens, Tommy Wells, Jeff Willmore, and Aleta Cappen

READING OF THE MINUTES

Vice President Dale Jackson asked for "Approval" of the previous month's minutes as e-mailed. A motion was made by Stephanie Garsea and seconded by Anne Huff to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

LIT is dedicating the 2014 Salute to American Heroes to the Sabine Neches Chiefs Association and members were encouraged to attend. First responders should wear a uniform, and RSVPs are requested.

Beaumont Fire/Rescue Chief Anne Huff sent a letter of appreciation regarding the \$1500 sponsorship of the 2014 Fire Prevention and Family Safety Festival scheduled for October 4th.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Continuation of Correspondence:

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

Financials as of September 2, 2014:

Checking	\$25,413.28
CD	\$ 4,967.86
CD #2	\$ 5,098.02
Total	<u>\$35,479.16</u>

Secretary/Treasurer Tim Ocnaschek read the financial report, and Vice President Dale Jackson asked for a motion to approve it. Cindy Powers made the motion to approve the financials and Charlie Kosh seconded the motion. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Constitution and By-Laws Committee Chair Steve Curran presented recommended changes approved by the Board by e-vote on 8/12/2014. This constituted the first reading of the document after which it will be opened for review for a minimum of thirty days in accordance with the Constitution. It will be sent to the membership by email and posted on the SNCA Website. Since time remaining before the October meeting provides only twenty nine days, the changes will be brought to the membership again in the November meeting for a vote. If acceptable to the membership, a motion will be requested to approve the changes as drafted.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sue Landry (SETRPC) requested regional EM staff remain following the SNCA meeting to review input for a new scenario required in the 2015 THIRA.

Victor Cano with Flint Hills Resources (Koch Industries) discussed the postcard and letter sent out Friday, August 15, 2014, to area fire departments to promote grant applications for this year's Helping Heroes Program. The website to apply is www.helpinghereosupport.com. Deadline is Sept. 5, 2014 and grant awards range from \$2,500 to \$10,000. SNCA is an eligible applicant.

Jacquelynn Conger with St. Elizabeth Wellness Center provided a brief overview of the Axes and Shields Police/Fire competition scheduled for 4/11/2015 at the Wellness Center in Beaumont, at 3030 North St. They are hoping for expanded participation from the 2014 event where the winner takes home a cash donation for their favorite charity. The flyer was sent to the Association in July by email. The competition will be expanded to take in team from Industry, VOADs, Public Works, and other member organizations.

RECENT EMERGENCIES/ ISSUES:

Recent emergencies were discussed. Cindy Powers (St. Elizabeth) and Martha Semien (Port Arthur Public Health) provided a brief review of West Nile status in the local area with the exception of Beaumont, the

availability and Flu. Port Arthur Health is providing drive through shot clinic on the 1st and 20th of October and responders and SNCA members were encouraged to take advantage of the opportunity.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

NOMINATING COMMITTEE – MATT DULANEY, CHAIRPERSON (absent)

Committee member Mark Landry provide the report that nominations were received for each category, but they were still taking nominations through November 1st at noon. Anyone with questions on nominations or the election should contact Matt.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: BRYANT CHAMPAGNE, CHAIRPERSON

No Report.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS: STEVE CURRAN, CHAIRPERSON

Covered under New Business. Members applauded Steve's work cleaning up the documents.

WEBSITE: STEVE CURRAN, CHAIRPERSON

No Report.

HOMELAND SECURITY: JEREMY HANSEN, CHAIRPERSON

Jeremy informed 2014 Port Security Grant funding award recipients that official notification is being disseminated from Washington individually. He reminded members about HomePort availability as well as HSIN.Gov for intelligence information. The AMSC Cyber sub-committee is scheduled to hold its first meeting September 4th.

COMMUNICATIONS and INVENTORY: PAT GRIMES, CHAIRPERSON

Captain Grimes informed members the Database and STEAR data is now integrated and updated. All previous year data is accessible through agency archives on the database. Additionally, due to a new server address, any member saving the database as a website favorite should delete that URL and reconnect and re-save. Sue Landry informed membership of the recent award of competitive grant funding for the remaining microwave backups for the regional radio system. Chief Curran reminded members of grant awards supporting communication-related projects, including IR sites in Hardin County and Port Arthur, radio maintenance funding for the region, and remaining repeater upgrades needed for the regional system as well as the grant award to the Regional Planning Committee for the regional BlackBoard Connect system. Special appreciation was again announced for Pat Grimes and the extensive time and effort he has given to updating the inventory and membership database and contacts.

TRAINING & EDUCATION: LOUIS HAVENS, CHAIRPERSON

No report.

AWARDS COMMITTEE: STEPHANIE GARSEA, CHAIRPERSON

Only three nominations have been received so far, so the nomination period will be extended through the end of September. The nomination form will be sent to membership again.

GOLF TOURNAMENT: STEPHANIE GARSEA, CHAIRPERSON

No report.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: STEPHANIE GARSEA, CHAIRPERSON

No report.

BOSESSES NIGHT: DAVID FRENZEL, CHAIRPERSON

Providing Mutual Aid for Over 60 Years

RSVPs are being accepted at meetings and through email to Chief Frenzel at dfrenzel@orangefd.com. Event to be held on December 1st, the first Monday in December, starting at 6PM at the Groves Activity Center.

PROGRAMS: ALETA CAPPEN, CHAIRPERSON (Absent)
No report.

DRILLS/EXERCISES: BOB STEGALL, CHAIRPERSON
No report.

OIL SPILL: TOMMY WELLS, CHAIRPERSON (Absent)
No report.

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM: TIM OCNASCHEK, CHAIRPERSON
No report.

STRATEGIC PLANNING: CINDY POWERS, CHAIRPERSON
The strategic meeting was dedicated to updating the Constitution and By-Laws.

AD-HOC MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT COMMITTEE:
Jeff Kelley and Mayor Durkay provided a brief update regarding the regional agreement update between cities and counties within the South East Texas Regional Planning Commission. The consensus at this time is that the agreement is between governmental agencies only and does not affect the SNCA.

PROGRAM:
None- Strategic Planning Meeting

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 79 attendees at this meeting, down from 99 at the previous meeting: 46 Voting; 13 Non-Voting; 0 Honorary; 17 member agencies attendees; and 3 Guests

ADJOURN:

A motion was made by Larry Richard and seconded by Jeff Kelley to adjourn the 780th meeting at 11:15 am. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tim Ocnaschek
Secretary/Treasurer

NEXT MEETING:

The October 1st, 2014 meeting will be sponsored by Chris Jeanes and Oil Tanking Port Neches at Big Rich Courville's- 1744 Rose Lane #90, Beaumont, TX 77713 (off Hwy 90), (409-860-9811)