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SABINE-NECHES CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

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Cindy Powers
Health Director 13-14

NOVEMBER 2014 MINUTES

Quorum is (10) Voting Members at Regular Meeting

The 782nd Sabine Neches Chiefs Association meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m. on Wednesday, November 5th, 2014, at The November 5th, 2014 meeting will be sponsored by Rockin A, located at 3520 W. Cardinal Dr, Beaumont, Texas (409-842-0010/ fax 409-840-6272)
Brad Pennison gave the invocation.

Gary Porter led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Billy Job, Charlie O'Brien, and Plant Manager Jan Tomlin welcomed the group on behalf of Phillips 66.

Board Members Jeff Wilmore, Carman Apple, Tommy Wells and Charlie Kosh were excused.

READING OF THE MINUTES

President Owens asked for "Approval" of the previous month's minutes as e-mailed. A motion was made by Gary Collins and seconded by Steve Curran to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

President Owens read a note of appreciation from the Wood family in response to the Association sending a flower arrangement.

TREASURERS REPORT:

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

Financials as of November 3, 2014:

Checking	\$41,129.37
CD	\$ 4,967.86
CD #2	<u>\$ 5,126.03</u>
Total	<u><u>\$51,223.26</u></u>

Secretary/Treasurer Tim Ocnaschek read the financial report and advised membership there are 37 members still needing to pay. This is about normal for October. Last year 17 dues payments were received in November, and 9 in December. The balance was chased down after the 1st of the year. Since membership is up this year compared to last, this total seems about right for October. We do realize that some members have to wait until after the calendar year to expend the funds. Cindy Powers asked for a motion to approve the report and Jeff Kelley seconded the motion. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Updates to Constitution and By-Laws were concluded: On August 12, the Board voted to recommend updates to the Constitution and By-Laws to the membership. On September 3rd, at a Strategic Planning meeting, Constitution and By-Laws Committee Chair Steve Curran presented recommended changes to the membership. This constituted the first reading of the document after which it is required to be opened for review for a minimum of thirty days in accordance with the Constitution. It was also posted on the Association website for review. Since the October 1st meeting only provided 29 days, the changes were brought to the membership during this meeting for a vote. There was no further discussion, and John Avery made a motion to approve the changes as drafted. Stephanie Garsea seconded the motion. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

President Owens informed membership that sponsorship requests for outreach funding are being accepted through November 30 for review by the Board. The Board recommendation is to maintain the current level of funding (\$3000) for this function. Stephanie Garsea volunteered to draft a request form to provide necessary information and justification that could be posted on the website, as well as enable a standardized process. To assist with the 2015 sponsorship requests, Tim Ocnaschek advised that any requests should be sent by email, along with a justification, to the Secretary/Treasurer.

President Owens advised membership that during the October 30 Board meeting, a recommendation was made to adopt the same budget proposal for calendar year 2015 as used successfully over the past year. A copy of the proposed budget is attached and was briefly reviewed. A motion was made by Steve Curran to accept the budget as proposed, and Greg Fountain seconded the motion. Motion passed.

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 the ad-hoc Mutual Aid Committee was disbanded since regional coordination has been accomplished and consensus was that current SNCA practices are not in conflict.

President Owens officially recognized Jeff Wilmore for his dedicated service as a long-time Police Director who recently retired. He appointed Gary Porter, Assistance Police Chief for Nederland PD, to complete the remainder of that term.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

RECENT EMERGENCIES/ ISSUES:

Recent emergencies were discussed. This included a brief review of the Ridgwood Center fire in Beaumont lasting from 11/4-5/2014. Beaumont Public Health Assistant Director Kenneth Coleman reminded membership to get a flu shot. Cindy Powers, lauded membership collaboration during the Ebola preparation work over the past month where many disciplines, agencies, and organizations have worked together to make, update, and brief plans.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

NOMINATING COMMITTEE – MATT DULANEY, CHAIRPERSON

Matt Dulaney reported that the nominations deadline had passed. Nominations will be allowed from the floor at the December membership meeting prior to a vote. The ballot has been prepared and the Board approved all nominees as meeting Constitutional eligibility requirements.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: BRYANT CHAMPAGNE, CHAIRPERSON (absent)

One membership request pending for SS Sprinkler System, sponsored by Steve Curran.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS: STEVE CURRAN, CHAIRPERSON

Updates finalized under “Old Business”

WEBSITE: STEVE CURRAN, CHAIRPERSON

Following approval of the Constitution and By-Laws changes under “Old Business” (above), the Website will be updated.

HOMELAND SECURITY: JEREMY HANSEN, CHAIRPERSON

Jeremy informed membership that Homeport had Homeland Security information regarding the recent murder of Canadian Police Officers. He reminded everyone to keep vigilant and report suspicious activity. He is also trying to coordinate Community Response to Active Shooter training, and a train-the-trainer course to expand the number of instructors for that topic.

COMMUNICATIONS and INVENTORY: PAT GRIMES, CHAIRPERSON

Captain Grimes is still working with several members to coordinate direct radio communication capability with Harris County’s radio system. The radio system worked well for the large coordination effort required to manage the Ridgwood Center fire off IH10 in Beaumont yesterday.

TRAINING & EDUCATION: LOUIS HAVENS, CHAIRPERSON (absent)

Tim Ocnashek advised a number of courses have been posted to the website and are on PreparingTexas.Org. Orange County is hosting a Public Officials Workshop on November 19. Beaumont is hosting a Disaster Recovery Course on November 20 (that is a combination of the residential and infrastructure assessment courses previously taught, with added recovery information and less duplication of information in a less than one day format). Additionally, look for Staging Manager Course-Bmt EOC Dec 3-4; Radiological Operations Bmt EOC Jan 27-29; ICS 300 & 400 Feb 24-26; MGT 346 EOC Ops for All Hazard Events- Orange Co EOC Feb 16-20; L954 Safety Officer Course- Orange Co EOC March 2-6;

AWARDS COMMITTEE: STEPHANIE GARSEA, CHAIRPERSON

Several nominations were received and approved by the executive Board. Awards will be presented at Bosses Night, December 1st.

GOLF TOURNAMENT: STEPHANIE GARSEA, CHAIRPERSON

Stephanie Garsea advised membership she was able to reserve the Tyrrell Park Golf Course for the 2015 fundraiser for Friday, April 24, with a rain-out day of Friday, May 1st. Flyers will be sent out starting in December to solicit support.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: STEPHANIE GARSEA, CHAIRPERSON

No report.

BOSSES 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, with the happy hour starting at 6PM at the Groves Activity Center. Event should be complete by 8:30 PM. He reminded membership that members were responsible for their own invites.

PROGRAMS: ALETA CAPPEN, CHAIRPERSON

Aleta Cappen reminded membership that the host provides the program and there were no formal requirements for the presentation.

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

No report.

PROGRAM:

Billy Job and Charlie O’Brien provided an enlightening review of Phillips 66 background and national footprint for the membership. On October 19, 2015, Phillips 66 is hosting a tabletop exercise focused on a “worst case” scenario. SNCA members are solicited to participate and should RSVP to

jobbl@p66.com

FUTURE SNCA MEETING HOSTS:

Please review the upcoming hosts. Each member is required to host a monthly meeting. Below is the schedule for the next year.

Host Member	Month	Year
24HR Safety (Strategic Planning Meeting)	January	2015
Labelle-Fannett and Cheek VFD	February	2015
Beaumont Water Utilities	March	2015
Hardin County ESD #6 (Silsbee Fire) (Strategic Planning Meeting)	April	2015
Baptist Hospital	May	2015
SASOL (formerly Merisol)	June	2015
Orange County ESD #1 (Strategic Planning Meeting)	July	2015
Shell Pipeline	August	2015
Lamar Institute of Technology (LIT)	September	2015
Lucite (DuPont) Beaumont	October	2015
West Orange Police Department	November	2015
Jack Brooks Airport	December	2015

ATTENDEES: There were 89 attendees at this meeting, down from 99 at the previous meeting: 52 Voting; 10 Non-Voting; 0 Honorary; 17 member agencies attendees; and 10 Guests

ADJOURN:

A motion was made by Greg Fountain and seconded by J.T. Ewing to adjourn the 781^{2nd} meeting at 11:13 am. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tim Ocnashek
Secretary/Treasurer

NEXT MEETING:

The December 3rd, 2014 meeting will be sponsored by David Jones and KMTEX at Big Rich Courville's- 1744 Rose Lane #90, Beaumont, TX 77713 (off Hwy 90), (409-860-9811)