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## SABINE-NECHES CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

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## OCTOBER 2014 MINUTES

### Quorum is (10) Voting Members at Regular Meeting

The 781<sup>st</sup> Sabine Neches Chiefs Association meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m. on Wednesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014, at Big Rich Courville's-1744 Rose Lane #90, Beaumont, TX 77713 (off Hwy 90), (409-860-9811)

Brad Pennison gave the invocation.

Dale Jackson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chris Jeanes and Justin Payne welcomed the group on behalf of Oil Tanking Port Neches.

Board Members Tommy Wells, Jeff Kelley, Aleta Cappen, and Cindy Powers 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 Jeff Wilmore and seconded by Stephanie Garsea 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 September 26, 2014:

Checking	\$30,816.50
CD	\$ 4,967.86
CD #2	<u>\$ 5,126.03</u>
Total	<u>\$40,910.39</u>

Secretary/Treasurer Tim Ocnashek read the financial report and reminded membership that dues needed paid prior to December 31<sup>st</sup>. Steve Currant asked for a motion to approve the report and Charlie Kosh seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### OLD BUSINESS:

None.

### NEW BUSINESS:

President Owens informed membership that the laptop purchased by the Association for financial management was no longer functional and needed replaced. Deputy Fire Chief John Avery, PAFD, notified executive Board members several days previously that the laptop quit working and the financial software needed updating. In a special Board meeting prior to this general meeting, a recommendation was approved to request membership authorize up to \$2000 to facilitate the necessary replacements. Chief Frenzel made a motion to approve the Board recommendation. Chief Curran seconded the motion. Motion passed.

### SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Owens advised membership that LIT presented a plaque honoring the Sabine Neches Chiefs Association at the 2014 Salute to American Heroes event on September 11, 2014. The Executive Board had approached Chief Huff regarding displaying the plaque in the State Fire Museum along with other SNCA memorabilia.

Sue Landry (SETRPC) requested regional Law Enforcement Sub-Committee members of the EMPAC committee remain following the SNCA meeting to review grant related Law Enforcement Analysis Portal program issues.

Beaumont Fire Chief Anne Huff reminded membership of the Fire Safety Festival Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at Beaumont Fire Headquarters, located at 400 Walnut from 10am to 2pm and encouraged membership to attend.

Port Arthur Fire Chief Larry Richard reminded membership of the Fire Safety Festival Monday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at Port Arthur Civic Center from 6-8 PM, and encouraged membership to attend.

Port Neches Fire Chief Steve Curran reminded membership of the impending move-in at the new Port Neches Fire Station, Monday October 6<sup>th</sup> and informed membership a ribbon-cutting ceremony would follow in the next month.

Groves Fire Chief Dale Jackson reminded membership of the Fire Safety Festival Wednesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> in Groves from 6:30-8 PM encouraged membership to attend.

At President Owens request, Roger Erickson, National Weather Service, provided a seasonal briefing regarding expectations from the “El Nino Dude”. Expectations are positive for Texas the remainder of the Hurricane Season, but El Nino weather patterns may indicate potential for more severe weather over the winter months.

President Owens advised membership a Special Board Meeting had been called at 9:15 AM this morning to address issues related to the 2015 Golf Tournament fundraiser and needed replacement of a laptop for financial continuity. Minutes to follow, but the laptop issue is clarified under New Business and the Golf Tournament in the Committee report of this membership meeting minutes.

Greg Fountain advised membership that a very productive EPA workshop held at Ford Park on September 23 had resulted in information about EPA funding to reimburse small hazardous material unbudgeted cleanup costs. An informational link is: <http://www2.epa.gov/emergency-response/local-governments-reimbursement-program>

### **RECENT EMERGENCIES/ ISSUES:**

Recent emergencies were discussed. Beaumont Public Health Director Sherry Ulmer provided a brief review of the Ebola status in Texas and an overview of infectious disease protocols, standard symptoms, and investigatory process being followed.

### **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE – MATT DULANEY, CHAIRPERSON**

Matt Dulaney reported that nominations were received for each category and quite a few nominations had been received, but they were still taking nominations through November 1<sup>st</sup> at noon. Anyone with questions on nominations or the election should contact him at MDulaney@hagemeyerna.com

#### **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: BRYANT CHAMPAGNE, CHAIRPERSON**

No Report.

#### **CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS: STEVE CURRAN, CHAIRPERSON**

Waiting time requirement to pass and the impending vote at the November meeting.

#### **WEBSITE: STEVE CURRAN, CHAIRPERSON**

Following membership approval of anticipated Constitutional changes, some updates to the PayPal account will be necessary.

#### **HOMELAND SECURITY: JEREMY HANSEN, CHAIRPERSON**

Jeremy informed 2014 Port Security Grant funding award recipients that official notification should have been received by all awarded jurisdictions by this date. The new grant cycle and coordination meetings will begin in this region in January 2016. Additionally, the AMSC will meet in upcoming months to review challenges and best practices to help with funding prioritization.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS and INVENTORY: PAT GRIMES, CHAIRPERSON**

Captain Grimes is working with several members to coordinate direct radio communication capability with Harris County’s radio system. Significant progress has been made. For members looking to join or add to the regional radio system, an agreement currently prevents any new analog talkgroups being added to the system. Additionally, the SNCA Database now shows 1243 STEAR registrants.

#### **TRAINING & EDUCATION: LOUIS HAVENS, CHAIRPERSON**

Several courses have been posted to the website and are on PreparingTexas.Org. Orange County is hosting a Floodfight course October 20-22 and a Public Officials Workshop on November 19.

**AWARDS COMMITTEE:** STEPHANIE GARSEA, CHAIRPERSON

Several nominations were received and the nomination period is now closed. Awards will be presented at Bosses Night, December 1<sup>st</sup>.

**GOLF TOURNAMENT:** STEPHANIE GARSEA, CHAIRPERSON

Stephanie Garsea advised membership of the Board meeting earlier this morning to provide guidance needed for the scheduling of the 2015 fundraiser. The Board approved changing the location to Tyrrell Park based on the best value, a \$40 increase in the per team price to \$240 to cover increasing fees, and if availability permits, to move the tournament to a Friday instead of Monday to help with attendee scheduling.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS:** STEPHANIE GARSEA, CHAIRPERSON

No report.

**BOSSES NIGHT:** DAVID FRENZEL, CHAIRPERSON

RSVPs are being accepted at meetings and through email to Chief Frenzel at [dfrenzel@orangefd.com](mailto:dfrenzel@orangefd.com). Event to be held on December 1<sup>st</sup>, 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

Tim Ocnaschek advised membership several position-specific training courses were being brought into this region over the next year. The Texas Forest Service will provide a free Supply Unit Leader course in November, and a Staging Manager Course in December. Additionally, regional members are soliciting local funds to provide a Safety course in March, and Situation Unit course in May, and a Liaison course in July. All courses are posted on PreparingTexas.Org. Providing the courses with local funding will allow us to manage attendance and enable not just IMT members, but also individuals filling those roles in jurisdictional emergency management plans to get the appropriate training as well. These courses will also be posted on the SNCA website.

**STRATEGIC PLANNING:** CINDY POWERS, CHAIRPERSON (absent)

No report.

**AD-HOC MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT COMMITTEE:**

No report.

**PROGRAM:**

None- Significant organizational changes occurred this morning with the host, including a by-out. Time is needed to see what all changes occur and a briefing will be provided once information becomes clear.

**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
Lucite International (Strategic Planning Meeting)	April	2015
Baptist Hospital	May	2015
SASOL (formerly Merisol)	June	2015
Shell Pipeline (Strategic Planning Meeting)	July	2015
Lamar Institute of Technology (LIT)	August	2015
Jack Brooks Airport	September	2015
Texas Gas (Southern Union)	October	2015
Phillips 66 (Chevron –UGT Pipeline)	November	2014
KMTEX	December	2014

**ATTENDEES:** There were 99 attendees at this meeting, up from 79 at the previous meeting: 54 Voting; 22 Non-Voting; 0 Honorary; 18 member agencies attendees; and 5 Guests

**ADJOURN:**

A motion was made by Greg Fountain and seconded by Chris Gonzales to adjourn the 781<sup>st</sup> meeting at 10:59 am. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Tim Ocnaschek**  
**Secretary/Treasurer**

**NEXT MEETING:**

**The November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014 meeting will be sponsored by Billy Job and Phillips 66 at Rockin A, located at 3520 W. Cardinal Dr, Beaumont, Texas (409-842-0010/ fax 409-840-6272)**