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SABINE-NECHES CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

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2014 Board of Directors

John D. Owens
President 11-14

Dale Jackson
Vice-President 13-14

Tim Ocnaschek
Secretary/Treasurer 13-14

Carman Apple
Sergeant-at-Arms 13-14

Bryant Champagne
Fire Director 14-15

Anne Huff
Fire Director 13-14

Tommy Wells
Industry Director 14-15

Charlie Kosh
Industry Director 13-14

Gary Porter
Police Director 14-15

Aleta Cappen
Police Director 13-14

Jeff Kelley
At-Large Director 13-14

Stephanie Garsea
EMS Director 13-14

Cindy Powers
Health Director 13-14

DECEMBER 2014 MINUTES

Quorum is (10) Voting Members at Regular Meeting

The 783rd Sabine Neches Chiefs Association meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m. on Wednesday, December 3rd, 2014, at Big Rich Courville's- 1744 Rose Lane #90, Beaumont, TX 77713 (off Hwy 90), (409-860-9811)

Cindy Powers gave the invocation.

Tim Ocnaschek led the Pledge of Allegiance.

David Jones and Will Baker (Business Development Director) welcomed the group on behalf of KMTEX.

Board Members John Owens, Stephanie Garsea, 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 Bryant Champagne 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 December 1st, 2014:

Checking	\$32,986.45
CD	\$ 4,967.86
CD #2	\$ 5,126.03
Total	<u>\$43,080.34</u>

Secretary/Treasurer Tim Ocnashek read the financial report and advised membership that the association was behind in dues payments as of this time in most years past. A copy of all the outstanding invoices was available at the head table for review if members needed to check or get another copy. The Board understands that some members have to wait until after the calendar year to expend the funds. Please check if you are unsure your payment has been received. Larry Richard asked for a motion to approve the report and Gary Porter seconded the motion. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Vice President Dale Jackson turned over the meeting to Nomination Committee Chair, Matt Dulaney to run the annual election for Board Members. The open positions are those current held by Tim Ocnashek as Secretary/Treasurer; Carman Apple as Sergeant-at-Arms; Anne Huff as Fire Director; Aleta Cappen as Police Director; Jeff Kelley as At-Large Director; Stephanie Garsea; and Cindy Powers as Health Director. Nominations were received for all incumbents in Director positions as well as Charlie Kosh for Secretary/Treasurer; Doug Saunders and Larry Richard for Fire Director and Anne Huff as Fire Director, and Chris Gonzales as Industry Director. All current nominees are eligible based on the Constitution. The board voted 10/30/2014 to accept all nominees submitted by the Membership Committee Chair, Matt Dulaney. Matt Dulaney advised that Doug Saunders withdrew his name prior to the election. At 10:21 a.m., the floor was opened for additional nominations with none submitted, so the floor was closed at 10:22 a.m. Each eligible voting member was then called to the check-in table to receive a ballot. The meeting then resumed until the ballots had been counted for the one election in contention, that of Fire Director. The end results are attached and revealed 20 votes for Larry Richard and 18 for Anne Huff. Vice President Dale Jackson welcomed the new and returning members.

Vice President Dale Jackson advised membership regarding a membership request made by Kevin Hopkins on behalf of S&S Sprinkler Company. The application was sponsored by SNCA member Steve Curran, Port Neches Fire Chief. Membership Committee Chair, Bryant Champagne, reviewed the application of S&S Sprinkler for membership. This application meets the Constitutional requirements as a non-voting Vendor/Sales Company. In accordance with the Constitution, both the request and sponsorship letter were read. On November 23, 2014, the Board conducted an e-vote and recommended to membership the application be accepted as recommended by the committee pending the required dues payment and database information entry. A motion was made by Bryant Champagne and seconded by Anne Huff to accept the Board's recommendation with the same caveats and accept S&S Sprinkler as a new member for the SNCA. Motion passed.

Vice President Dale Jackson advised membership regarding a membership request made by Joe Tumbleson, long-time SNCA member, on behalf of Hayden and Company. The application was sponsored by SNCA

member J.L. Raney, Valero Port Arthur Refinery Fire Chief. Membership Committee Chair, Bryant Champagne, reviewed the documentation and recommended the Board accept the application as meeting the Constitutional requirements of a non-voting Vendor/Sales Company. In accordance with the Constitution, both the request and sponsorship letter were read. On November 23, 2014, the Board conducted an e-vote and recommended to membership the application be accepted as recommended by the committee pending the required dues payment and database information entry. A motion was made by Larry Richard and seconded by Tommy Wells to accept the Board's recommendation with the same caveats and accept Hayden and Company as a new member for the SNCA. Motion passed.

Vice President Dale Jackson advised membership regarding outreach sponsorship for the 2015 budget year. As discussed in the October Board meeting and November General meeting, the Association agreed to wait until Nov 30 for sponsorship requests to be sent in. As of December 1st, only two requests for 2015 sponsorship were received. One was received from Beaumont Fire Department Chief Anne Huff for the 2015 annual Fire Safety Festival, and another was received from Beaumont Police Chief James Singletary for the 2015 Cops and Kids program. Requests and program information are available for both. \$3000 was budgeted for 2015, and the Association has traditionally provided \$1500 each year for the Fire Safety Festival and the same amount in 2013 for the Cops and Kids program. However, for 2015, the sponsorship package for the Cops and Kids program in that funding range is tiered at \$1000, then jumped to \$2500. On December 1st 2014, the Board conducted an e-vote resulting in a recommendation to membership that the Fire Safety Festival be funded at \$1500, and the Cops and Kids program be funded at \$1000 in order to stay within our budget. A motion was made by Jeff Kelley and seconded by Larry Richard to concur with the Board's recommendation and make the respective sponsorship payments. Motion passed.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

RECENT EMERGENCIES/ ISSUES:

Recent emergencies were discussed. On behalf of Port Arthur Public Health, Martha Simien reminded membership it was flu season and to get a flu shot. She also provided an update for the regional affects dealing with Ebola.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

NOMINATING COMMITTEE – MATT DULANEY, CHAIRPERSON

Conducted elections as noted in New Business

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: BRYANT CHAMPAGNE, CHAIRPERSON

New members approved under New Business

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS: STEVE CURRAN, CHAIRPERSON (absent)

No report. Potential updates will be discussed in the January Board meeting.

WEBSITE: STEVE CURRAN, CHAIRPERSON (absent)

No report.

HOMELAND SECURITY: JEREMY HANSEN, CHAIRPERSON

Jeremy reminded everyone to keep vigilant and report suspicious activity.

COMMUNICATIONS and INVENTORY: PAT GRIMES, CHAIRPERSON (absent)

Tim Ocnaschek reminded everyone to review database contact information and inventory and provide updates as needed, to include an alternate member if none was listed.

TRAINING & EDUCATION: LOUIS HAVENS, CHAIRPERSON

Louis advised membership that a lot of courses have been approved for calendar 2015 and are posted on the Association website and are on PreparingTexas.Org. Several impending courses include: 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 (absent)

Dale Jackson advised membership who were not able to attend Bosses Night that Aleta Cappan and Stephanie Garsea were awarded as Outstanding Members, while Larry Richard was awarded for Community Service.

GOLF TOURNAMENT: STEPHANIE GARSEA, CHAIRPERSON (absent)

Tim Ocnaschek reminded membership that Golf Tournament flyers will begin going out this month. The tournament will be at Tyrrell Park Golf Course Friday, April 24, with a rain-out day of Friday, May 1st. Support is requested in getting teams signed up, as well as providing gift items and sponsorships, etc.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: STEPHANIE GARSEA, CHAIRPERSON (absent)

No report.

BOSSSES NIGHT: DAVID FRENZEL, CHAIRPERSON

The event went smoothly with approximately 200 people attending and just under budget, at a total of \$8919.49 (\$9000 budgeted). The next Bosses Night will be December 7, 2015 at the same place, the Groves Activity Center. Budget attached.

PROGRAMS: ALETA CAPPEN, CHAIRPERSON

Aleta Cappan 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

The deadline is December 31st for any maritime regulated facility that has not completed an Oil Spill drill for 2014.

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM: TIM OCNASCHEK, CHAIRPERSON

No report.

STRATEGIC PLANNING: CINDY POWERS, CHAIRPERSON

No report.

PROGRAM:

Will Baker provided an brief overview of KMTEX background and organization for the membership.

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
S&S Sprinkler	November	2015
Hayden and Company	December	2015

ATTENDEES: There were 83 attendees at this meeting, down from 89 at the previous meeting: 47 Voting (includes both primary and alternates); 9 Non-Voting (includes primary and alternates); 0 Honorary; 21 member agencies attendees; and 6 Guests

ADJOURN:

A motion was made by Gary Collins and seconded by Aleta Cappen to adjourn the 783rd meeting at 11:00 am. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tim Ocnaschek
Secretary/Treasurer

NEXT MEETING:

The January 7th, 2015 meeting will be sponsored by David Brucia and 24 Hr. Safety at Big Rich Courville's- 1744 Rose Lane #90, Beaumont, TX 77713 (off Hwy 90), (409-860-9811)



Elections

Sabine - Neches Chief's Association (SNCA)

Board of Directors

2015 - 2016

Please mark "one" candidate per position

HUFF 18
RICHARD 20

Math Delaney
Markus Lindsey
Carman Apple

Secretary Treasurer

- Charlie Kosh
- _____

Sergeant at Arms

- Carman Apple
- _____

Fire Director

- Anne Huff
- Larry Richard
- _____

Industry Director

- Chris Gonzales
- _____

Police Director

- Aleta Cappen
- _____

At Large

- Jeff Kelley
- _____

EMS Director

- Stephanie Garsea
- _____

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Sabine Neches Chiefs Association

Bosses Night Expenses - 2014

Moncla's Catering - Meal	\$3,620.00
BFD Firehouse Band	250.00
Red's Liquor - Beverages	375.69
David Frenzel - Gift Cards	2,857.40
David Frenzel - Decorations	1,566.40
Groves - Clean-Up	250.00

TOTAL **\$ 8,919.49**