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## SABINE-NECHES CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

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## FEBRUARY 2015 MINUTES

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

The 785<sup>th</sup> Sabine Neches Chiefs Association meeting was called to order at 10:07 a.m. on Wednesday, February 4, 2015, at Big Rich Courville's-1744 Rose Lane #90, Beaumont, TX 77713 (off Hwy 90), (409-860-9811)

Cindy Powers gave the invocation.

Charlie Kosh led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Host Welcome: Charles Sonnier of the Labelle-Fannett VFD welcomed the group.

Board members Tim Ocnaschek and Chris Gonzales were excused from the meeting.

### READING OF THE MINUTES

President Jackson asked for "Approval" of the previous month's minutes as e-mailed. A motion was made by John Owens and seconded by Bryant Champagne to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

### CORRESPONDENCE:

There was not any correspondence to review.

## TREASURERS REPORT:

Financials as of January 31, 2015:

Checking	\$39,482.00
CD	\$ 4,967.86
CD #2	<u>\$ 5,126.03</u>
Total	<u>\$49,575.89</u>

Secretary/Treasurer Charlie Kosh read the financial report and advised membership there are 4 members still needing to pay membership dues. Stephanie Garsea made a motion that was seconded by Cindy Powers to approve the report. The motion carried.

### OLD BUSINESS:

None

### NEW BUSINESS:

- A. The group discussed having the SNCA Executive Board members (President, Vice President, and Secretary) serve as standing members of the Sabine-Neches AMSC Executive Steering Group (ESG). After discussion a motion was made by Larry Richard and seconded by Steve Curran to have the group serve on the AMSC Executive Steering Committee. A vote was taken and the motion passed.
- B. A discussion took place to establish Jeff Kelley as an honorary member of the SNCA since he has retired as Orange County EMC and had served the SNCA for many years. A motion was made by Tommy Wells and seconded by David Frenzel. A vote was taken by President Jackson and the motion passed.
- C. A motion was made by Aleta Cappen and seconded by Stephanie Garsea to change the Association Chaplain from Chaplain Turner to Brad Penisson since Chaplain Turner has other issues consuming his time. After discussion a vote was taken and the motion passed.
- D. President Jackson discussed with the group that there was no longer a need for the Budget Committee since these duties are performed by the Board. A motion was made Cindy Powers to dissolve the Budget Committee. The motion was seconded by Larry Richard. A vote was taken and the motion passed.
- E. Jeremy Hansen discussed the need for the SNCA to establish a standing Marine Fire, Salvage and Recovery Committee that would be involved with the AMSC. John Owens made a motion that was seconded by Aleta Cappen to establish a standing Marine Fire, Salvage and Recovery Committee to be chaired by Louis Havens. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

## **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- A. Special Recognition Presentation by LIT - President of the LIT Foundation and Orange City Manager, Dr. Shawn Oubre, made a presentation to Stephanie Garsea for her hard work and dedication in raising funds for the LIT Foundation.
- B. Henrietta Gentry Team Leader of the Golden Triangle Baptist Disaster Relief (GTBDR) Team advised that they would be having a Disaster Relief Expo on Saturday, April 18, in Nederland. The location will be the parking lot of the First Baptist Church, 1911 Nederland Ave.
- C. President Dale Jackson informed the group that the SNCA was organized on February 9, 1949, therefore, on the 9<sup>th</sup> of this month our organization will have been existence and serving Orange, Jefferson, and Hardin counties for 66 years.

## **RECENT EMERGENCIES/ ISSUES:**

### **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

No Report – Matt Dulaney was absent

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

No Report – Jefferson County Terminal had already been presented to the Board.

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

Steve advised the group that he would make any necessary changes, if needed, from the items that were voted on today.

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

Jeremy Hansen advised that there would be a consolidated outreach meeting, scheduled for February 12th, that will include Port Security Grants (PSG) and State Homeland Security Program (SHSP).

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

Pat advised the group to review their information in the inventory database for accuracy. Include any type of adapters that you may have. New for this year will also be hydrant thread types.

Primary and alternate listing on the membership roster should be checked. Any changes that need to be made to the membership roster should be done by the primary voting member. To make changes contact Pat Grimes or Charlie Kosh.

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

No Report from Louis Havens. He was absent from the meeting

Beaumont will still have the ICS 300 & 400 Feb 24-26

Orange County will have MGT 346 EOC Ops for All Hazard Events- Orange Co EOC Feb 16-20

Skywarn and Radar Class – Port Arthur MSU, 2/5, 6:30PM, POC Roger Erickson

NFA/TEEX Incident Safety Officer, Port Arthur Civic Center, 2/28-3/1, POC Mike Free

**AWARDS COMMITTEE:** STEPHANIE GARSEA, CHAIRPERSON

No Report

**GOLF TOURNAMENT:** STEPHANIE GARSEA, CHAIRPERSON

Stephanie advised there were 10 teams signed up at this time. She still needs hole-sponsors and items for goody bags.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS:** STEPHANIE GARSEA, CHAIRPERSON

No Report.

**BOSSES NIGHT:** DAVID FRENZEL, CHAIRPERSON

No Report

**PROGRAMS:** ALETA CAPPEN, CHAIRPERSON

Aleta Cappen stated that program were up to date. We have programs scheduled for March and April.

**DRILLS/EXERCISES:** BOB STEGALL, CHAIRPERSON

Bob Stegall was absent from the meeting. Jeremy Hansen advise the group that the semi-annual meeting of the SE Texas and SW Louisiana Area Committee Friday, February 6<sup>th</sup> at the Orange County Convention Center at 10:00am. The guest speaker will discuss unconventional oils.

**OIL SPILL:** TOMMY WELLS, CHAIRPERSON (Absent)

No Report but Tommy Wells did advise that anyone that could attend the

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM:** TIM OCNASCHEK, CHAIRPERSON

No Report but Carmen Apple informed the group of a Type 3 IMT Conference to be held in Galveston, March 11&12. Info on TA&MFS website.

**STRATEGIC PLANNING:** CINDY POWERS, CHAIRPERSON

No Report but Cindy Powers did thank everyone for participating in the recent strategic planning meeting. There were some good suggestions that came from the meeting.

**PROGRAM:**

Charles Sonnier discussed the recent (last night) fire that occurred in Spurger that claimed the lives of four children and left two others hospitalized. Charles expressed that the Spurger VFD was a small organization and that they were having a difficult time coping with the event. He suggested that any help that could be provided (food, counseling, critical stress de-briefing, etc.) would be beneficial to the department.

**ATTENDEES:** There were 82 attendees at this meeting, 43 Voting; 11 Non-Voting; 0 Honorary Members; 25 Member Agency, and 3 guests

**ADJOURN:**

A motion was made by John Owens and seconded by Steve Curran to adjourn the 785th meeting at 11:25 am. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Charlie Kosh**

**Secretary/Treasurer**

**NEXT MEETING:**

**The 786<sup>th</sup> meeting will be held on March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015 the meeting will be sponsored by Beaumont Water Utilities – Dr. Hani Thome at the Event Centre 700 Crockett Street, Beaumont TX (800.782.3081)**