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SABINE-NECHES CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

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APRIL 2015 MINUTES

Quorum is (10) Voting Members at Regular Meeting

The 787th Sabine Neches Chiefs Association meeting was called to order at 10:15a.m. on Wednesday, April 1, 2015, at the Silsbee Fire Department, 490 Payne St. The event was sponsored by Hardin County ESD# 6 – Matt Dulaney.

Fred Raney gave the invocation.

Tim Ocnaschek led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Host Welcome: The host welcome was by Judge McDaniels.

Board members Gary Porter, Bryant Champagne, Larry Richard, Chris Gonzales, and Aleta Cappen 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 Cindy Powers and seconded by Stephanie Garsea to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

No Correspondence

TREASURERS REPORT:

Financials as of March 26, 2015:

Checking	\$46,939.26
CD	\$ 4,967.86
CD #2	<u>\$ 5,126.03</u>
Total	<u>\$57,033.15</u>

Secretary/Treasurer Charlie Kosh read the financial report and advised membership there are 3 members still needing to pay membership dues. The three members have been contacted via e-mail that they have not paid. Matt Dulaney made a motion that was seconded by Steve Curran to approve the report. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

No Old Business

NEW BUSINESS:

No New Business

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. (C. Kosh) Charlie Kosh talked to the group about maintaining the SNCA Blackboard Connect database. At each meeting when members are signing in they will be asked to highlight their names, if they are not receiving e-mails from the association.
- B. (Henrietta Gentry) Henrietta Gentry reminded the group of the upcoming Disaster Relief Expo scheduled for Saturday April 18, 2015 at the First Baptist Church in Nederland.

RECENT EMERGENCIES/ ISSUES:

SNCA – No Activations in March

SNCA Activations YTD 4 1/7/15, 1/12/15, 1/14-21/15, and 2/17/15

Industry

Municipal Fire

Law Enforcement

EMS

Homeland Security

Health

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

NOMINATING COMMITTEE – MATT DULANEY, CHAIRPERSON

No Report

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: BRYANT CHAMPAGNE, CHAIRPERSON

Absent

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS: STEVE CURRAN, CHAIRPERSON

Steve advised the group that everything is updated.

WEBSITE: STEVE CURRAN, CHAIRPERSON

Steve informed the group that everything is updated.

HOMELAND SECURITY: JEREMY HANSEN, CHAIRPERSON

Absent

COMMUNICATIONS and INVENTORY: PAT GRIMES, CHAIRPERSON

Pat advised the group that the SNCA database was not completely updated. He asked that everyone take the time and update their information.

TRAINING & EDUCATION: LOUIS HAVENS, CHAIRPERSON

No Report. Absent

Unconventional Crude Oils Awareness & Hazards April 8th 2015, 2pm – 4pm – Lt. Joshua Valdivia

Hurricane Readiness for Coastal Communities April 14 – 15 2015 – Beaumont EOC – Tim Ocnaschek

AWARDS COMMITTEE: STEPHANIE GARSEA, CHAIRPERSON

No Report – Will start in August

GOLF TOURNAMENT: STEPHANIE GARSEA, CHAIRPERSON

Stephanie advised that the tournament was full. She has (21) hole sponsors and there are (4) vendors that will be cooking. She still needs door prizes.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: STEPHANIE GARSEA, CHAIRPERSON

No Report.

BOSES NIGHT: DAVID FRENZEL, CHAIRPERSON

No Report

PROGRAMS: ALETA CAPPEN, CHAIRPERSON

Absent

DRILLS/EXERCISES: BOB STEGALL, CHAIRPERSON

No Report - Bob Stegall was absent. There was discussion that we may have conflict with a LNG Exercise and the City of Beaumont exercise scheduled for the week of June 17.

OIL SPILL: TOMMY WELLS, CHAIRPERSON (Absent)

No Report

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM: TIM OCNASCHEK, CHAIRPERSON

No Report

STRATEGIC PLANNING: CINDY POWERS, CHAIRPERSON

No Report

PROGRAM:

No Program

Jason Beck from the State's Fire Marshall's office gave a brief overview of his duties and the purpose of his job. A question and answer session followed his announcement.

Steve Curran presented on the status of the Regional Radio System. The system is becoming a strong system for the entire region. The system has been changing from analog to digital in order to be P-25 compliant. Once the cutover is complete analog radios will no longer work on the digital system. In 2015 five (5) additional repeaters were added to the four (4) tower sites in Jefferson County. Two (2) additional IR Tower Sites will be added to the system – one tower site in Port Arthur and one tower site in Sour Lake to improve coverage in those two areas.

ATTENDEES: There were 76 attendees at this meeting, 31 Voting; 9 Non-Voting; 0 Honorary Members; 29 Member Agency and 7 guests.

ADJOURN:

A motion was made by Stephanie Garsea and seconded by Cindy Powers to adjourn the 787th meeting at 11:25 am. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charlie Kosh
Secretary/Treasurer

NEXT MEETING:

The 788th meeting will be held on May 6, 2015 the meeting will be sponsored by Lucite – Beaumont the location will be announced.