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AUGUST 2015 MINUTES

Quorum is (10) Voting Members at Regular Meeting

The 791st Sabine Neches Chiefs Association meeting was called to order at 10:09 a.m. Wednesday, August 5, 2015, at Big Rich Courville's – 1744 Rose Lane #90 Beaumont TX. The event was sponsored by Shell Pipeline.

Cindy Powers gave the invocation.

Tim Ocnaschek led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Host Welcome: The host welcome was by Payton Ross – Facilities Manager for Shell Pipeline. Payton also showed slides from a recent emergency at the Manchester Valve Site located on Hwy 225 in Pasadena TX.

All Board members were present at the meeting.

Self Introductions were made by those present.

READING OF THE MINUTES

President Jackson asked for "Approval" of the previous month's minutes as e-mailed with the following exception: **Added to the Program Section: Captain Pat Grimes informed the group that there are currently 443 citizens registered in the SNCA evacuation registry. Captain Grimes also encouraged all Emergency Managers to become STEAR data custodians for their City's or Jurisdictions. By becoming a STEAR data custodian you will have access to 211 registrants through the State system, as well as our local system.**

A motion was made by John Owens and seconded by Gary Collins to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

President Jackson read a membership request letter from Williams/Tyco and a sponsorship letter from TOTAL – Charlie Kosh.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Financials as of August 3, 2015:

Checking	\$33,155.69
CD	\$ 4,967.86
CD #2	<u>\$ 5,126.03</u>
Total	<u><u>\$43,249.58</u></u>

Secretary/Treasurer Charlie Kosh read the financial report. Charlie also advised the membership to please check their email addresses in the SNCA database to insure they are correct. SNCA annual dues invoices will be going out around September 1st and it is important that they are sent to the correct person.

Cindy Powers made a motion that was seconded by Aleta Cappen to approve the financial report. The motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Stephanie Garsea gave an update on the 12th Annual SNCA Golf Tournament. A slide show was viewed with photos of the day's events. The event raised over \$8,000 that was donated to LIT. Stephanie thanked all those that supported the event.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. President Jackson discussed the proposed changes to the constitution related to nominations and elections (see Attachment 1 for proposed changes). A motion was made by Stephanie Garsea and seconded by Bryant Champagne to accept the proposed changes. The motion passed by vote.
- B. President Jackson advised the membership that the Board had included Gary Duncan and John Avery as honorary SNCA members.
- C. President Jackson presented the membership with a recommendation from the Membership Committee to include Renewable Bio Fuels as a non-voting, industrial member. Renewable Bio Fuels was sponsored by Port Neches Fire Department– Steve Curran. Gregg Fountain made the motion to accept Renewable Bio Fuels as a non-voting, industrial member. The motion was seconded by Aleta Cappen. A vote was taken and the motion passed.
- D. President Jackson presented the membership with a recommendation from the Membership Committee to include Southeast Texas Air Rescue as a for-profit/non-profit, voting member. Texas Air Rescue was sponsored by Orange Fire Department – David Frenzel. A motion was made by Matt Dulaney and seconded by Cindy Powers to accept the motion. The motion passed by vote.
- E. President Jackson discussed with the membership about a membership request for Cheek VFD as a SNCA member. President Jackson advised that the Board had determined that Cheek VFD is a part of

ESD#4 and Labelle is already a member, therefore, Cheek VFD cannot be an independent member of the SNCA. This would allow ESD#4 to have two voting members from the same ESD. President Jackson advised that the Board rejected the request for membership.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

STEAR/ 211 Discussion (Colleen Halliburton and Carman Apple) - 211 is a statewide information source. One of the programs they assist TDEM (Texas Division of Emergency Management) with is State of Texas Evacuation Registry (STEAR). They take initial information for citizen needing transportation assistance and then send it to the State. Each year, jurisdictions provide a local point of contact or call center information in case a hurricane hits, because once an evacuation is ordered, calls are transferred from 211 to the specific jurisdiction people need help in. Additionally, each jurisdiction needs a person registered to access STEAR data for their registrants. That information should be sent to TDEM through the District Coordinator (Carman Apple). During an evacuation, information specific to resource availability and other general information should be made available to 211 so they can make sure the call center operators have the appropriate information to answer questions from citizens calling.

RECENT EMERGENCIES/ ISSUES:

SNCA – No Activations in July

SNCA Activations YTD 4 Jan. 7, Jan. 12, Jan. 14-21, and Feb. 17

Industry

Municipal Fire

Law Enforcement

EMS

Homeland Security

Health – The Health Department reminded everyone that Flu season is coming and to be sure to get a Flu shot.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

NOMINATING COMMITTEE – MATT DULANEY, CHAIRPERSON

No Report

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: BRYANT CHAMPAGNE, CHAIRPERSON

No Report

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS: STEVE CURRAN, CHAIRPERSON

Steve reported that he would update the Constitution with the today's changes.

WEBSITE: STEVE CURRAN, CHAIRPERSON

Steve stated that once he updated the changes to the Constitution he would post to the website. Steve also stated he would be posting registration to the Salute to the Real American Hero's Banquet on the website. You can get in free, if in uniform, but you have to register.

HOMELAND SECURITY: JEREMY HANSEN, CHAIRPERSON

Absent No Update

MARINE FIREFIGHTING, SALVAGE, AND RECOVERY COMMITTEE: LOUIS HAVENS, CHAIRPERSON

Louis reported that the Port Security Grants were out and the grant for a regional fire boat was not approved. Louis had recently met with Harris County, Galveston County, and Texas A&M to discuss options for training land-based marine firefighters. The goal is to have approximately 50 – 75 marine firefighters in the region. Louis also stated they had been working curriculum updates for marine firefighting.

COMMUNICATIONS and INVENTORY: PAT GRIMES, CHAIRPERSON

Pat advised the group that there were currently 917 registrants in STEAR. Pat also advised that the inter-ops radio check occurs each week on Tuesdays at 0900. If you have signed up to be on the test, please participate. Pat also advised if you are getting your radios reprogrammed, be sure they have the inter-ops channels.

TRAINING & EDUCATION: LOUIS HAVENS, CHAIRPERSON

Louis reported that on August 18 and 19 there would be an evacuation and re-entry training at the Beaumont EOC. Louis also advised that there would be a “Donations Management” class on September 16, also at the Beaumont EOC. Louis also informed the group that the Port Arthur Fire Department Dive Team had recently completed training in evidence and body recovery.

AWARDS COMMITTEE: STEPHANIE GARSEA, CHAIRPERSON

Stephanie handed out nomination forms and asked for everyone to please nominate someone deserving of this award from the SNCA.

GOLF TOURNAMENT: STEPHANIE GARSEA, CHAIRPERSON

Report given in “Old Business”

PUBLIC RELATIONS: STEPHANIE GARSEA, CHAIRPERSON

No Report

BOSSES NIGHT: DAVID FRENZEL, CHAIRPERSON

David reminded everyone that Bosses Night would be the first Monday in December. This year it will be on December 7 at the Groves Community Center. The social will start at 6 pm and the dinner at 7 pm. David advised he would have registration forms at the next meeting in order to get a head count for the caterer.

PROGRAMS: ALETA CAPPEN, CHAIRPERSON

Aleta advised the group of the program scheduled for this meeting. She also reminded everyone that it is the host’s responsibility to have the program.

DRILLS/EXERCISES: BOB STEGALL, CHAIRPERSON

Bob reported that on August 19 there would be a National Emergency Management webinar at 1 pm local time. Sue Landry reported that there would be a Regional Alerting Network drill for Jefferson County tomorrow.

OIL SPILL: TOMMY WELLS, CHAIRPERSON

Tommy reported that Sunoco had recently went through an unannounced Coast Guard drill. Tommy read a letter from the Captain of the Port about the drill. Tommy advised all that they should maintain their facility response plans.

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM: TIM OCNASCHEK, CHAIRPERSON

Tim reported that the IMT has two new members and is still needing more.

STRATEGIC PLANNING: CINDY POWERS, CHAIRPERSON

No Report

PROGRAM:

Phil Barker and Toni Atwell presented on Shell Pipeline's Response Capabilities.

ATTENDEES: There were 97 attendees at this meeting, 49 Voting; 15 Non-Voting; 1 Honorary Members; 26 Member Agency and 6 guests.

ADJOURN:

A motion was made by Aleta Cappen and seconded by Cindy Powers to adjourn the 791st meeting at 11:33 am. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charlie Kosh

Secretary/Treasurer

NEXT MEETING:

The 792nd meeting will be held on September 2, 2015, the meeting will be sponsored by – LIT the location will be the MPC Building at L.I.T.

The proposed host list through 2016 is attached. (Attachment 2)

Attachment 1

Proposed changes to the constitution related to nominations and elections:

Article III Voting (3) - **The voting member must be present at the meeting on the day of the elections to cast a vote.**

Article IV Section 7 Nominations for Officers (2) – **The Chair shall send an e-mail to the Voting Members listing who is eligible to be nominated, no later than the 1st Wednesday of September.** Nominations **shall be closed and** must be submitted to the Chair of the Nominations Committee in writing no later than 12 noon the first Wednesday in November each year.

Article IV Section 7 Nominations for Officers (4) - Once nominations have been closed ~~(45) days prior to the General Election,~~ the Chair of the Nominations Committee shall prepare a list of prospective candidates. The list shall be submitted to the Nominations Committee for review. After review, a list of prospective candidates shall be submitted to the Board of Directors **to be reviewed/approved during the fourth quarter Board meeting or by an electronic vote within one week (7 days) after closure of the nominations as needed.** ~~prior to the December meeting.~~

Attachment 2**Proposed Host List**

Shell Pipeline Company LP	791	August 5, 2015
Lamar Institute of Technology (LIT)	792	September 2, 2015
Lucite (DuPont) Beaumont moved to May. Baptist Hospital moved to October.	793	October 7, 2015
S&S Sprinkler (new member Dec 2014)	794	November 1, 2015
Hayden and Company (new member Dec 2014)	795	December 1, 2015
West Orange Police Department	796	January 1, 2016
Jack Brooks (Southeast Texas) Regional Airport	797	February 1, 2016
Texas Gas (Southern Union)	798	March 1, 2016
Total Inc.-Pt. Arthur	799	April 1, 2016
Orange Fire Department	800	May 1, 2016
BASF/Beaumont		June 1, 2016
Hardin County Emergency Management		July 1, 2016
Martin Midstream Patners L.P.		August 1, 2016
Entergy Texas		September 1, 2016
Jefferson County Emg. Mgt.		October 1, 2016
Orange County ESD #2		November 1, 2016
Jefferson County Sheriff Dept.		December 1, 2016