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MARCH 2017 MINUTES

Quorum is (10) Voting Members at Regular Meeting

The 810th Sabine Neches Chiefs Association meeting is hereby called to order at 10:10 a.m. Wednesday, March 1, 2017, at Rockin A Cafe, 3520 W Cardinal Dr, Beaumont, TX 77705. The meeting will be hosted by ISTC, - Denzil Thompson.

Brad Penisson gave the invocation.

Charlie Kosh led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Host Welcome: The host welcome was given by Denzil Thompson.

Board members Matt Dulaney, Carman Apple and John Owens were excused from the meeting.

Self Introductions were made by those present.

READING OF THE MINUTES

Tim Ocnaschek asked for "Approval" of the previous month's minutes as e-mailed:

A motion was made by Steve Curran and seconded by Louis Havens to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Steve Curran asked the below question to the membership and handed out the attached questionnaire.

The Fusion Center would like to know if anyone has been contacted about a situation like this. A man contacted a Parish OHSEP asking for a fire department that needed help with coverage & equipment. He was directed to a local Fire Dept. The contacts continue to increase with too good to be true offers. He says that he is from another state and is planning on relocating to Louisiana. He has made offers of equipment, supplies and services.

Please canvas your local First Responder agencies and let me know if anyone has encountered what they believe may be an attempt to scam or defraud.

BUREN R. (Ric) MOORE, SGM (R)

GOHSEP Intelligence Officer

Louisiana State Analytical & Fusion Exchange (LA-SAFE) Liaison

Curran Quest. March
2017 SNCA.pdf

TREASURERS REPORT:

Financials as of 2/28/2017:

\$52,969.87	Checking
\$ 4,967.86	CD
\$ 5,159.36	CD #2
<u>\$63097.09</u>	Total

Bryant Champagne discussed financial statement and the following information.

Accountants Edgar Kiker & Cross have completed the Financial Statements compilation. **Their report is not and cannot be relied upon as an audit.** The engagement letter does, however, provide that *"we will inform the appropriate level of management of any material errors and any evidence or information that comes to our attention during the performance of our procedure that fraud may have occurred. In addition, we will inform you of any evidence or information that comes to our attention during the performance of our compilation procedures regarding any wrongdoing within the entity or noncompliance with laws and regulations that may have occurred, unless they are clearly inconsequential."*

No such errors or wrongdoing are noted in the report.

Tim Ocnashek asked for a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. Cindy Powers made the motion and Tommy Shelton seconded. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

No Old Business

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Tim Ocnaschek discussed the board's discussion by e-vote to recommend the membership approve support of HB 919. Tim then discussed the following:

As the IMT Steering Committee member for Region 2, I have been working with the Brazos Valley IMT, TFS, and Representative Kacal's office reference this House Bill. You can read the executive summary and bill in the attachment, but for our area, it would be most beneficial for the retirees we have who still wish to maintain their IMT credentials and would still be valuable to our region and team if an incident develops where we are stretched thin. We have several who have stayed on the team into retirement, one of whom is a Logistics Section Chief Train-the-Trainer. My hope would be that we can develop and then maintain self-sufficiency in position specific training ability for SETRPC. Right now we only have a couple positions covered for instructor level trainers. It would also be nice to have a local source of heavily experienced personnel to assist the DDC/DC (Carman) or one of our EOCs if we need support for an incident in our own jurisdictions. Worker's Comp coverage enabled by this bill would protect them if they get injured if they are activated from a State of Texas Assistance Request (STAR).

As the IMT committee chair for the Association, I think there is benefit for us to lend official support to this bill through our local legislators and am doing so from the jurisdictional level. As the SNCA President, I ask if you think this is beneficial for the Association and if so, is there a motion and second that we could send out for an E-Vote to the Board. Since the Legislature is in session and things are moving rapidly, we will be behind the curve if we wait until the next Board meeting to discuss. Please advise.

A motion was made by Louis Havens and a second by Ricky Bodin to support HB 919. Motion carried.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Michael Mattis from the federal prison system introduced Percy Pitzer from Creative Corrections. Percy Pitzer spoke about his fund raising opportunity and discussed the Fundraiser dinner that will be at the Civic Center on April 13. It features Retired Dallas Police Chief David O. Brown. Honoring Jefferson County Sheriff Zena Stephens & LIT President Dr. Lonnie Howard. Tickets are \$75.00. However, Law Enforcement get them at a discounted price of \$25.00. This week he was recognized in Austin for his contributions to our community. I was hoping he could get a few moments to speak of his foundation.

Tim Ocnashek spoke about the importance of the new radio tower in Vidor and how proud we are as an organization that one of our own had the tower named after them (Cappen Tower). He congratulated Aleta Cappen and introduced Sue Landry to speak more about the dedication. Sue discussed the following:

Sue Landry March
2017 SMCA.pdf

RECENT EMERGENCIES/ ISSUES:

SNCA There was 1 activation in February.

SNCA Activations YTD 1

Tim Ocnashek discussed receiving a SNCA request for standby from Port Arthur Fire Dispatch for a Port of Port Arthur Equipment Fire. Request was received on 2/28/17 approx. 1500 hrs.

Official Notification for stand down was received 2/28/17 approx. 1730 hrs. This notification resulted in standby action only, no further action was needed.

Industry
Municipal Fire
Law Enforcement
EMS
Health

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Providing Mutual Aid for Over 65 Years

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE – MATT DULANEY, CHAIRPERSON)

No report, Not Present

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: BRYANT CHAMPAGNE, CHAIRPERSON

No report

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS: STEVE CURRAN, CHAIRPERSON

No report

WEBSITE: STEVE CURRAN, CHAIRPERSON

Steve Curran gave a report about the website discussion about lowering the monthly price and possibly going with a different provider. He recommended that we stay with the same provider but had several options to lower the cost. He also provided the membership with a questionnaire.

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

Louis Havens reported about a marine fire that Port Arthur had at the Port. He gave a presentation to the membership and discussed the response.

COMMUNICATIONS: TEERY LAFLUER, CHAIRPERSON

No report. Absent

INVENTORY: PAT GRIMES, CHAIRPERSON

No report, absent

TRAINING & EDUCATION: SHAQUEENA NOBLES, CHAIRPERSON

Shaqueena reported on all up and coming training. She advised personnel wishing to attend training to sign up on [preparingtexas.org](https://www.preparingtexas.org).

SNCA Training
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Please visit <https://www.preparingtexas.org/index.aspx>? for the most up to date training opportunities.

HOMELAND SECURITY: JEREMY HANSEN, CHAIRPERSON

No report

AWARDS COMMITTEE: STEPHANIE GARSEA, CHAIRPERSON

No report

GOLF TOURNAMENT: STEPHANIE GARSEA, CHAIRPERSON

Stephanie advised everyone that the date for the 2017 golf tournament is set for Friday, April 28, 2017. She had flyers and if you have door prizes please get with her.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: STEPHANIE GARSEA, CHAIRPERSON

No Report

BOSSSES NIGHT: DAVID FRENZEL, CHAIRPERSON

No Report

PROGRAMS: ALETA CAPPEN, CHAIRPERSON

Aleta Cappen reminded everyone that if you are the host you are also responsible for the program.

OIL SPILL: TOMMY WELLS, CHAIRPERSON

No report

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM: TIM OCNASCHEK, CHAIRPERSON

No report

STRATEGIC PLANNING: CINDY POWERS, CHAIRPERSON

Cindy stated that she needed the committee chair's input for the strategic plan by the end of March.

PROGRAM:

Jim Phelp gave a presentation about what is offered through ISTC and Best with regards to training.

ATTENDEES: There were 90 attendees at this meeting, 51 Voting; 14 Non-Voting; 3 Honorary Members; 22

ADJOURN:

Tim Ocnaschek Ocnaschek calls for motion to Adjourn. A motion was made by Tommy Shelton and seconded by Mark Landry to adjourn the 810th meeting at 11:43am. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

NEXT MEETING:

The 811th meeting will be held on April 5, 2017. Location Sunset Grove Country Club, 2900 W Sunset Dr, Orange, TX 77630. The meeting will be hosted by Orange Police Department.

Bryant Champagne

Secretary/Treasurer SNCA

The proposed host list through 2017 is attached.

Orange Police Dept.	811	April 1, 2017
Chevron/Phillips Chemical Co. P.A.	812	May 1, 2017
Jefferson County Sheriff Dept.	813	June 1, 2017
Hardin County Sheriff Dept.	814	July 1, 2017
Port Neches Fire Dept.	815	August 1, 2017
Port Neches Police Dept.	816	September 1, 2017
Jefferson County ESD #4	817	October 1, 2017
Nederland Fire Dept	818	November 1, 2017
Nederland Police Dept.	819	December 1, 2017