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MAY 2017 MINUTES

Quorum is (10) Voting Members at Regular Meeting

The 812th Sabine Neches Chiefs Association meeting is hereby called to order at 10:10 a.m. Wednesday, May 3, 2017, at Big Rich Courville, 1744 Rose Ln, Beaumont, TX 77713. The meeting will be hosted by Chevron/Phillips Chemical Co. P.A.

Brad Penisson gave the invocation.

Charlie Kosh led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Host Welcome: The host welcome was given by Chevron/Phillips Chemical Co. P.A, Chris Gonzales.

Board members John Owens, Carmen Apple, Matt Dulaney, and Cindy Powers 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 Dale Jackson and seconded by Stephanie Garsea to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Bryant Champagne read the thank you letter submitted by OCESD #1 for the donation of outreach funds to support ESD #1’s fire prevention activities.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Financials as of 4/30/2017:

Checking	\$ 56,747.21
CD	\$ 4,967.86
CD #2	\$ 5,159.36
Total	<u>\$ 67,694.43</u>

Tim Ocnaschek asked for a motion to approve the Treasurer’s report. Ann Huff made the motion and Chris Gonzales seconded. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

No Old Business

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Tim Ocnaschek discussed the e-votes the board conducted since last general meeting. There were three E-votes since last BOD meeting. Tim Ocnaschek went over each e-vote, covering the support letter for H.B. 919, the strategic plan changes, and the use of the SNCA logo by Motiva.

- B. Tim Ocnaschek discussed concerns about the travel policy pertaining to the GSA guidelines for travel pay and reimbursements. The board made the following recommendation to simplify the travel guidance and add language to allow deviation from strict adherence to GSA rates (i.e. "Notwithstanding GSA..."), and then to pay full per diem for authorized travel days as well as the attendance days at the standard GSA rate rather than itemize the exact time of day travel started and ended. We would also delete the portion regarding reducing per diem if a meal was provided by the hotel or meeting host. In addition, the recommendation was also to pay full parking and toll fees.

There was also some minor wording cleanup to make sure the guidance was clear. Tim also advised membership that we had asked retired Chief John Avery to review and SOG and make recommended changes and the Board would then take another look at it.

- C. Tim Ocnaschek discussed SASOL's membership as well as how members contact the SNCA for response. A decision was made that Sasol was incorrectly identified as a Provisional member, but after confirming their facility is in Jefferson County, the Board recommends to membership that they be reclassified as a regular Non-voting, Industrial Facility member. Additionally, there was concern that there could be delay in coordinating response or duplication of resources if a first response agency isn't called rather than calling SNCA directly; however, the Board felt the current SOG 100-1 was acceptable and any member should be able to call SNCA directly. The President will request Beaumont Fire/Rescue Communications (as the dispatch point for SNCA) to add a checklist item asking the non-responder entities if they have called their first response agency and identify who that agency is. Tim also advised the membership that the checklist of questions had already been updated. Ann Huff made the motion to change SASOL's membership classification from provisional to member. Dale Jackson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

- D. Tim Ocnaschek discussed the boards discussion on the communication SOG and request of the communications committee to review SOG 100-1, as well as come up with a path forward regarding interoperable communications and talk groups that meet the current need of the SNCA. In addition, the committee was asked to provide a radio use briefing/training power point for the membership.

- E. Tim Ocnaschek discussed the membership committee report on the workshop regarding membership classifications, voting status and dues structure. Direction was requested from membership committee with regards to the voting status verses the pay status of a member. Bryant Champagne then discussed the membership committee results of the first workshop and the path forward. Bryant explained the direction was to develop and streamline the classification and dues verses voting structure. Bryant further explained the direction was also given with regards to State, Federal and exempt agencies. The committee has begun reducing the number of classification as well as developed a base plan to build foundation questions that will determine a members voting status and dues cost. The Board sent it back to the Committee for further review and members were asked to provide comments and feedback in the meeting and following it.

- F. Tim Ocnaschek discussed the board's recommendation for the SNCA to possibly contribute some funds towards the golf tournament. Tim Ocnaschek discussed the possibility of the SNCA contributing the difference in funds between the profits from the golf tournament and a 10,000 dollar donation of scholarship funds to LIT. Bryant Champagne discussed the membership possibly placing a limit on the amount of each years SNCA contribution, while also covering the difference between the golf tournaments contribution and \$10000. The motion was made by Ann Huff for the SNCA to donate funds to cover the difference between the golf tournament contribution and a total contribution of \$10000 to LIT. With a maximum SNCA donation of \$2000. The motion was seconded by Tommy Wells. The motion carried.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Beaumont Fire department EMTF discussion about Ambus. (Jimmy Blanchard)
2. Tommy Wells made announcement that Sonoco Logistics is now Entergy Transfer.
3. Louis Havens discussed evacuation issues and said he would be sending out an email to membership that plan to utilize Shelter Facilities in Lumberton.

RECENT EMERGENCIES/ ISSUES:

SNCA There was 1 activation in March.

SNCA Activations YTD 2

Activation and Standby requirement was for Port Arthur Fire, Silo Fire.

Industry

Municipal Fire

- A. Louis Havens discussed Silo fire in Port Arthur and thanked everyone for their continued support and assistance.

Law Enforcement

EMS

Health

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

NOMINATING COMMITTEE – MATT DULANEY, CHAIRPERSON)

Not present, No report

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: BRYANT CHAMPAGNE, CHAIRPERSON

No additional report.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS: STEVE CURRAN, CHAIRPERSON

No report

WEBSITE: STEVE CURRAN, CHAIRPERSON

Steve Curran gave a report about the website discussing that he was reducing the number of times changes were made which should reduce charges. Steve also discussed that he would be updating website next month.

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

No Report

COMMUNICATIONS: TEERY LAFLUER, CHAIRPERSON

No Report

INVENTORY: PAT GRIMES, CHAIRPERSON

Not present, No Report

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.



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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

Not present, No report

AWARDS COMMITTEE: STEPHANIE GARSEA, CHAIRPERSON

No report

Providing Mutual Aid for Over 65 Years

GOLF TOURNAMENT: STEPHANIE GARSEA, CHAIRPERSON

Stephanie discussed how well the golf tournament had went and said that they were working to complete the numbers so they could report out on the donation amount raised. See also thanked everyone for their support and participation.

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

Not present, no report.

ATTENDEES: There were 78 attendees at this meeting, 43 Voting; 12 Non-Voting; 4 Honorary Members; 4 Guest, 15 member agency.

ADJOURN:

Tim Ocnaschek calls for motion to Adjourn. A motion was made by Louis Havens and seconded by Dale Jackson to adjourn the 812th meeting at 11:39am. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

NEXT MEETING:

The 813th meeting will be held on June 7, 2017. Location TBD. The meeting will be hosted by Jefferson County Sheriff Dept.

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