



**MINUTES  
FIRE SPRINKLER CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OF NEBRASKA  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
AUGUST 12, 2005**

Woodland Hills Golf Course, 6000 Woodland Hills Drive  
Eagle, Nebraska

**Directors Present**

Michael Marion	Ahern Fire Protection
Bob Mahoney	DeMaranville Installations, Inc.
Matt Carey	Nifco Mechanical Systems, Inc.

**Others Present**

Shahzad Kazmi	BlazeMaster
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**Call to Order:** Marion called the meeting to order at 10:10 A.M.

**Minutes:** Minutes of the May meeting were read by Carey and approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer's Report was not available. Patty noted that checks were issued for \$372 for the City of Lincoln seminar fees, \$771 for the SFM seminar fees, and \$1680 for R. Chrisman data base revisions.

**Old Business**

**Calendar of Events:**

- **September 13, 2005** - Board of Directors and General Meeting
- **October 5, 2005** - Sprinkler Advantage Seminar/Board of Directors Meeting
- **November 8, 2005** - Board of Directors and General Meeting
- **January 10, 2006** - Board of Directors and General Meeting
- **February 14, 2006** - Board of Directors and General Meeting
- **March 2006** - Deputies Meeting – Seminar/Board of Directors Meeting
- **April 2006** - BFP Seminar/Board of Directors Meeting (Election of Officers)
- **May 9, 2006** - Board of Directors and General Meeting (Announcement of Officers)
- **August 2006** - Annual Golf Outing
- **August 2006** - Summer Seminar
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**Golf Outing:** Patty received an email from Jim Henry with Potter-Roemer who suggested that future golf outings be held on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday so that more vendors would be

able to play. Since they travel so much they like to be home Thursday night. Shahzad agreed with that. Next year we have the tentative date set for Thursday, August 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Summer Seminar:** According to an email from Durst, they had 56 attendees for the 3 days and 4 classes, and the seminar evaluations were very positive.

**Fire Sprinkler Advantage Seminar:** UNL is set for Wednesday, 10/5 from 9:30 - 11:00. SECC at Milford is set up for 10/6/05 from 10:15 – Noon. We asked Durst to check with Gene Endthoff on an UNO date.

**Dedicated Fee Based Fund:** Our goal has changed. According to Autry, they have the manpower to run the program, but it doesn't work properly. Instead of funding payroll, we can maintain the database program. We spent \$1680 to upgrade the program. At the September meeting, we will go over the upgrades that were done, and ask for feedback on how we can help maintain the database, or make further refinements to the program.

**Omaha BFP Issue:** Mahoney conversed with Wonder this morning. There are some political issues with steamfitters and language in the draft. Wonder apologized for his slow response, which is due to workload. He expects a further update in 60 days.

**NFSA Representative Replacement:** Per Kass, they are still actively searching for a replacement, but are having trouble finding candidates. They look for fire or building code people. If we have anyone in mind, let Kass ([ofra@sunlink.net](mailto:ofra@sunlink.net)) or [dewar@nfsa.org](mailto:dewar@nfsa.org) know.

**Omaha Flow Tests:** Patty received an email from Paben which stated that MUD has agreed to using a seasonal adjusted flow, which is very acceptable with them. Patty will request that Paben get something from MUD to document this change.

### **New Business**

**Guest Speakers:** We have open dates for associate members to give presentations in 2006. If you are interested, please contact Patty.

**Golf Burn Aid:** At the Iowa Association meeting, Jim Henry with Potter suggested that FSCAN team up with the Iowa Association to put on a golf tournament where the proceeds go to a charity. We will talk about this at the September meeting.

**General Discussion:** Kazmi reported that they have received recent FM approval specific to Blazemaster pipe and fittings.

Marion asked about a new tool from Wheeler Rex Company that he saw in a magazine. It allows you to cut off plastic pipe right at the fitting. The tool drills out fitting and allows it to be re-used. Kazmi will check into this and report back to us.

The residential market might be taking off. An item was rejected to take out the requirement to install sprinkler protection in all 1 and 2 family homes in NFPA 101 and Life Safety 5000.

Marion adjourned the meeting.

Matt Carey, Secretary