



FIRE SPRINKLER CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OF NEBRASKA

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MINUTES FIRE SPRINKLER CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OF NEBRASKA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

May 8, 2007

Howard Johnson, 5250 Cornhusker Highway
Lincoln, Nebraska

Directors Present

Bob Mahoney	DeMaranville Installations
Matt Carey	NIFCO
John Wieczorek	Ahern Fire Protection
Les Swanson	Bullseye Fire Sprinkler
Ryan Dexter	Nebraska Fire Sprinkler
Brent Opelt	Associated Fire Protection
Jason Brown	Continental Fire Sprinkler
Larry Kohwer	Continental Fire Sprinkler
Roger Scheidies	Bamford Inc.
Chris Meininger	Meininger Fire Protection

Others Present

David Autry	State Fire Marshal
Donna Kohlen	Farris Engineering
Barney Murphy	Sprinkler Fitters Local 669
Jerry Pennington	Pipe Fabricators
Shawn Timm	Reliable Automatic Sprinkler Corp.
Bob Jedlicka	Mack McClain Associates
John Dahlgren	Lincoln Water Systems

Call to Order: Mahoney called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M.

Minutes: Minutes of the April meeting were read by Carey and approved by Opelt and Swanson.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's Report for the period of 4/20/07 through 5/7/07 was presented by Swanson. We have a current balance of \$9,258.87. The report was approved.

Old Business

Calendar of Events:

- **May 8, 2007** - Board of Directors and General Meeting (**speaker Ken Ulrich**)
- **August 3, 2007** - Annual Golf Outing/Board of Directors Meeting
- **September 11, 2007** - Board of Directors and General Meeting (**tentative professor**)
- **October 10, 2007** - Sprinkler Advantage Seminar/Board of Directors Meeting
- **November 13, 2007** - Board of Directors and General Meeting (**speaker opening**)
- **January 8, 2008** – Board of Directors and General Meeting (**speaker opening**)
- **February, 2008** – SFM Deputies Meeting-Seminar/Board of Directors Meeting
- **March 11, 2008** - Board of Directors and General Meeting
- **April, 2008** – BFP Seminar/Board of Directors Meeting
- **May 13, 2008** – Board of Directors and General Meeting
- **August, 2008** – Summer Seminar
- **August, 2008** – Annual Golf Outing/Board of Directors Meeting
- **September 9, 2008** – Board of Directors/General Meeting

Rhonda reported the Sprinkler Advantage Seminar will be held October 10, 2007 from 9:30 – 11:30 am in the Architecture Hall at UNL.

Fire Sprinkler Safety Assurance Program: Swanson reported there was no update. He will follow up with the professor on his progress. The professor has not billed us for the program. Swanson stated the original quote was \$1500 there maybe some negotiations for the length of time it has taken.

Omaha BFP Issue: Mahoney reported that it is at City Council. Contractors should get some notification by June. We will have Ed put a link to the City of Omaha on our website.

Vertical Installation of BFP's In Lincoln: No new updates.

Guest Speakers: September and November are still available for speakers.

New Business

Fire Marshal's Minute: Autry reported there is a 4-week turn around. Mahoney would like to invite the new State Fire Marshal to the September meeting. Autry will follow up with Falgione for the September meeting.

N.C. Museum Sprinkler Interactive Display: Mahoney and Opelt met with Brian Volkmer. A worksheet was given to everyone present to answer questions that will be used for the verbiage in our display. Opelt suggested we list some myths about sprinklers to take out the fear factor of water damage. Some of the primary goals mentioned for the exhibit were life safety, property safety and safety of firemen. Opelt suggested a cut out drive valve for the kids to look at and touch. Kohlan also suggested

for the interactives to have a question with multiple choice answers and buttons to push. The target audience for this museum is children and individuals between the ages of 45-55.

It was suggested that NFSA would be a good resource for ideas and information on history of fire sprinklers. Minnesota had some rulers and bookmarks in the shape of sprinklers that is very popular with the children.

Mahoney asked that everyone fill out the worksheet and fax to Brian at 402.873.4578 as soon as possible. If you have ideas that require research or needs to be expanded on, fax them to Brent Opelt at 402.344.7469 or email him at bopelt@associatedfire.net. Brian will then collect the data and work on the script for members to edit.

Reliable Automatic Sprinkler has a dry valve to donate. Autry also has four decades of sprinkler heads to donate as well.

Backflow Seminar Update: Contractors are not putting gauges on backflow preventers correctly. All materials should be 100% brass. Autry stated their office is not writing up past work. A reminder will be put on our website "Don't forget to put gauge on backflow preventers".

Bewely had stated at the seminar that the domestic line has to be dug up to put a "T" on the line for two shut off valves. One valve will go to the main water and the other valve for the sprinklers. If the water bill has not been paid then MUD can shut off the water without shutting off the sprinklers. This will release MUD from any liability issues.

Rhonda will send out the thank you cards to the speakers and a gift certificate to the Bellevue FD Training facility.

Charity Golf Outing: Timm and Carey will meet with Donna following today's meeting to discuss St. Elizabeth's role in the charity golf outing. Timm commented that the hospital may have their own marketing department who will take care of the flyers and any advertising. We could supply cards and stamps for "save the date" flyers. Rhonda will email "save the date" to members and to watch for the flyer and times.

Mahoney stated that our goal is 100 golfers. Changing the date to a Friday should help with our registrations. The present members agreed that the cost for individual would be approximately \$150 and for a foursome \$500. Carey would like to see us raise \$10,000 for the first year. It was suggested too invite some local officials to get them involved, as well as vendors. Timm noted that non-golfers may be willing to donate their time to work.

There was discussion on hole sponsors, silent auction and raffle drawings. After discussion, members agreed that a raffle drawing would be best for the first year. Some items mentioned for the drawing were: autographed jerseys by college football players

that turned pro, autographed footballs from UNL, paintings from children at the burn unit, tools, and gift certificates to Nebraska Furniture Mart. Discussion on the format of the day would be meeting, lunch and tee off at 1:00 or 1:30. Everyone would get done close to the same time and then could have cocktails and a program.

Carey will update through email on the outcome of their meeting with Donna H. We will use our website for details and the forum for discussions.

Other Business:

- There was discussion on speakers for future meetings. The professor working on the training disc could give a presentation on the program in September.
- Future meetings will begin at 10:30 instead of 10:00.
- Reminder to push the golf tournament to fellow co-workers and vendors
- Members agreed on the importance of stating in the flyers what the money from the charity golf outing will be used for.
- Mahoney received a donation form on our forum regarding the Missouri Valley Fire Chief Association. The convention is being held in Minnesota this year. He asked the members to take a vote on whether we wanted to donate to this or not. The consensus was not to donate since it is out of state this year.
- Autry will follow up with Falgione for the September meeting.
- Kohlen reported the following were up for bids:
 - Kearney Readiness Center has one new building
 - Hastings Readiness Center has one new building
 - Crescent Elementary
 - Algeant Health
 - IMC
 - Peru State College
 - Boys Town National Research center
 - Bergan Mercy
- Pennington reported an increase in pipe to take affect in June.
- Sprinklerreplacement.com will be added to the website. Paperwork needs to be filed by August 1st for free replacements by TYCO.
- There will be an increase in brass and nickel the middle of June. This will affect the price of backflows.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Lunch

Speakers Ken Ulrich, ICMINC. and James Lind, FM Global took the floor at 12:40 pm. Ken presented the planning, building and operations of Ethanol Plants. James covered different areas in the plant that need to be sprinkled and what type of sprinklers, but may not necessarily be required. FM Global makes the suggestions to protect the owners from a devastating loss.

Meeting concluded at 2:30 pm.