

FIRE SPRINKLER CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OF NEBRASKA

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Meeting Minutes February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013

### **Opening:**

The Board of Directors and general meeting of FSCAN was called to order at 11:15am on Tuesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at the State Office Building in Lincoln, NE by Bob Mahoney Jr.

#### **Present:**

Bob Mahoney Jr., Matt Carey, Jim Kenney, Melissa Spencer, Dave Autry, Tom Kulhanek, Jordan VanLoon, Mike McNiff, Chris Meininger, Mike Evers

# A. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was unanimously approved as distributed.

#### **B.** Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved as distributed.

#### C. Calendar of Events

March 13, 2013	Board of Directors and General meeting to be held in Omaha, NE immediately following the SFPE meeting at Valentino's on 102 <sup>nd</sup> and Maple. SFPE meeting starts at 11:30am and is \$15.00 for members, \$20.00 for non-members. FSCAN meeting will have an approximate start time of 1:00pm.
April 9, 2013	Board of Directors and General Meeting at the State Office Building in Lincoln, NE
May 10, 2013	Backflow Preventer Continuing Education Seminar, Board of Directors only meeting to be held during seminar
August 16, 2013	7 <sup>th</sup> Annual Burn Aid Golf Classic – Ashland Country Club, Ashland, NE – Shotgun start at 9:00am, Lunch provided after golf

#### D. Open Issues

Bob Mahoney Jr. with Mahoney Fire Sprinkler has possession of the NE Riser Tags. Order through the FSCAN website or contact Bob at <u>bob3@mahoneyfiresprinkler.com</u>.

Email any ideas for guest speakers to Matt Carey at <u>mcarey@firespk.com</u>, Bob Mahoney Jr. at <u>bob3@mahoneyfiresprinkler.com</u> or Melissa Spencer at <u>mspencer@ahernfire.com</u>.

#### E. New Business

We need to put policies and procedures in place for when the burn trailer is requested.

John Wieczorek will be in charge of the burn trailer. He will be responsible for the coordination of delivery and pick up of the unit and all other matters. John to draft a letter to be signed by the person requesting the trailer outlining the guidelines.

The possibility of adding an adapter to hook up a hose to the burn unit was discussed.

We need to secure a semi-permanent storage location for the burn trailer. The trailer is approximately 23' long. Matt and Les to check into possible locations.

Need to create a waiver to be signed by the person requesting the trailer.

It was also mentioned to create doors for the trailer. Talked about possibly doing a demo of the burn trailer at the August golf outing.

Trailer still needs to be insured.

Mahoney Fire Sprinkler and Associated Fire Protection have moved to new locations in Omaha, NE.

A \$250 donation was made by FSCAN again this year for the Eastern NE 4-H Center's  $3^{rd}$  Annual Campership Dinner. This dinner raises funds to help pay for kids to attend summer camp. FSCAN will be recognized at the dinner at a sponsor and be listed in the dinner flyer as a contributor.

### F. Golf Tournament

Planning for the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Burn Aid Golf Classic is already in the works. The event will be held on Friday, August 16<sup>th</sup> 2013 at Ashland Country Club in Ashland, NE with a 9:00am shot gun start. Lunch will be provided after golf. Mark your calendars!

# G. Treasurer Report

Approved as read. Ending balance was \$11,300.03

# H. Residential Sprinklers

LB 949 - Working with Jerry Stilmock on LR384

LR 209 - Statewide code application process

Grand Island and Legislature have opted out of new code

# I. Fire Marshals Minute

Jim Heine is the acting State Fire Marshal at this time due to the current State Fire Marshal retiring about 30 days ago. They are looking for a permanent replacement.

Plans reviewed in December -165, up from 117, Plans reviewed in January -167. Work load for February is steady and on track to review about the same as January.

All plan reviews should be sent to the Lincoln office instead of to each district office and can be emailed Sharon Brandt at <u>sharon.brandt@nebraska.gov</u>.

A proposed increase in plan review fees was discussed. It would need to be approved by the Governor before it goes any further. The Governor may be receptive, but it is likely that it will be denied. If approved, a Senator would need to sponsor the increase and industry support would then be needed. Matt will create a cover letter and will include a signature sheet for contractors to show their support for approval.

Questions or Suggestions?? Please contact plans examiner, Jim Kenney by phone 402-471-9469 or by email jim.kenney@nebraska.gov.

### J. Round Table

Training discussions – NFPA 25, 5 Year Maintenance or other extended interval testing requirements – Q&A discussion to set standards – John W. to create power point.

Jordan VanLoon with Victaulic offered to bring in an engineer for training/presentation or can provide training himself. They provide the majority of the fire sprinkler products on the market today. Let Jordan know what products/devices we are interested in.

Mike Evers made a motion for us as an organization to pursue a change in regulations to eliminate the use of schedule 10 pipe and only use schedule 40 pipe for dry systems.

Dry system corrosion – thin wall pipe, schedule 40 galvanized preferred, pass a state law to only use schedule 40 pipe. Mike McNiff volunteered to draft a letter and send to Jim Kenney – he will forward on to the state attorney. Mike and Bob Jr. to check with other sprinkler contractors to see if they are on board as well.

Tom with Howell's Fab mentioned that pipe went up 4% in the first part of February. If history repeats itself, expect a decrease later in the year.

FPPI makes an expansion tank that is UL Listed for Anti-Freeze systems. It is 2.5 gallons, stainless steel and made in the USA. Howell's Fab has these in stock.

Mike McNiff noted he has possession of old FSCAN documents that are in need of organizing. A motion was made for Melissa Spencer to be paid to go through, sort, organize and convert to a flash drive. Bob Jr. also has some material to be included.

#### Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 12:16pm by Bob Mahoney Jr.

# Agenda for Next Meeting

# The next scheduled meeting will be a Board of Directors & General meeting and is scheduled for March 2013 at Valentino's on 102<sup>nd</sup> and Maple in Omaha, NE.

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