



**FIRE SPRINKLER CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OF NEBRASKA**

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**MINUTES  
FIRE SPRINKLER CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OF NEBRASKA  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

May 9, 2006

Howard Johnsons, 5250 Cornhusker Hwy.  
Lincoln, Nebraska

**Directors Present**

Michael Marion	Ahern Fire Protection
Bob Mahoney	DeMaranville Installations, Inc.
Matt Carey	Nifco
Bruce Halldorson	Continental Fire Sprinkler
Les Swanson	Bullseye Fire Protection
Ryan Dexter	Nebraska Fire Sprinkler

**Others Present**

David Autry	Nebraska State Fire Marshal
Donna Kohlan	Farris Engineering

**Call to Order:** Marion called the meeting to order at 10:35 A.M.

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer's Report for the period of 3/12/06 through 5/8/06 was presented and explained by Swanson. We have a current balance of \$14,252.32, which does not include the Golden Corral bill from the backflow preventor seminar. This report was approved.

**Announcement of Officers:** The following were voted in as officers for the term of May 2006-May 2008:

Bob Mahoney – President  
Matt Carey – Vice-President  
Les Swanson – Treasurer  
John Wiczorek – Secretary

Bob took over the meeting as President. John W. will start attending at the August meeting.

**Old Business**

**Calendar of Events:**

- August 7-9, 2006 - Summer Seminar

- **August 10, 2006** - Annual Golf Outing/Board of Directors Meeting
- **September 12, 2006** - Board of Directors and General Meeting
- **October 11, 2006** - Sprinkler Advantage Seminar/Board of Directors Meeting
- **November 14, 2006** - Board of Directors and General Meeting
- **January 9, 2007** - Board of Directors and General Meeting
- **February 2007** - Deputies Meeting – Seminar/Board of Directors Meeting
- **March 13, 2007** - Board of Directors and General Meeting
- **April 2007** - BFP Seminar/Board of Directors Meeting
- **May 8, 2007** - Board of Directors and General Meeting
- **August 2007** - Summer Seminar
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**Fire Sprinkler Safety Assurance Program:** Swanson will follow up with Chrisman to see when we can expect the training disc. Autry will notify us when he receives the training disc, so we can get a temp agency lined up with the goal of starting July 1<sup>st</sup>. Data input will start with the current date, and work backwards for two years. We will discuss at a later date if we should enter data back farther. Patty will send a copy of the temp agency information sheet to Autry and Mahoney. Autry, or another designated person at the SFM Office, would have to verify that the information is entered to the database. The SFM Office would have to send out any correspondence to owners.

Mahoney handed out and discussed an informational sheet on website development. Costs included a \$10/month hosting fee, \$30 domain name, \$500 to build website, and \$25/hour for website maintenance. Website name of [www.fscan.org](http://www.fscan.org) is currently open. Motion was made and approved to go ahead with Ed Remar's plan for website development. Bob will have the domain name registered, and hosting plan purchased. If members have ideas they want on website, contact Bob Mahoney. Suggestions were made to have a bulletin board and associate member vendor links on our website

**Omaha BFP Issue:** No update. We will leave on the agenda until we have confirmation that licensed fire sprinkler contractors are able to pull permits and install bfp's in Omaha.

**FSCAN Brochures:** We will purchase 500 copies of the updated brochure. The name of our website [www.fscan.org](http://www.fscan.org) will be added to the brochure. The July 19-21 event at the Qwest Center in Omaha is expecting a minimum of 300 people. They suggested we purchase a half page ad for \$250 and have them hand out the brochures. This was approved. Patty will type up a half page ad with our logo and the following message: Proud to support the MO Valley Chapter of Intl. Assoc. of Fire Chiefs. Look for our brochure and future website. She will email this to Mahoney/Marion for approval.

**Summer Seminar:** Swanson sent an email to AFSA to save the date, but has not received a confirmation yet. We will need to provide a class monitor and mailing list. A motion was made and approved to sign AFSA up for the summer seminar as "joint venture" option. FSCAN will sponsor any/all AHJ's on a first come/first served basis determined by room size occupancy. Swanson will contact AFSA to get things in motion, and determine how to handle payment.

**Vertical Installation of BFP's in Lincoln:** No update.

**Sprinkler System Displays:** Alan Vioxx with the Nebraska City Volunteer Fire Department gave a request for their project. They are the oldest fire department in the State of Nebraska. Their goal is to preserve the departments antique fire equipment collection with a permanent exhibit gallery, visitor welcome center and interactive exhibits pushing fire education/fire safety. They would like the building to display an open finished sprinkler system and show how it works. Each exhibit will have donor information listed. Donations are tax deductible, and are trying for a \$100,000 matching grant. They have an expected completion date of Spring 2007. They asked for help with an interactive display, funding, and materials.

A motion was made and approved to donate \$5000 cash to the general building fund, and come up with an interactive display. The bid for the fire sprinkler system will be open to all contractors. Marion volunteered to be the contact person for the interactive display, and Carey offered to be on the committee. Bob Jedlicka volunteered to donate a backflow preventor for display.

Carey will send Alan Vioxx an underground information packet.

Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2006 – 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Parade (antique fire equipment) and Celebration.

**IBC and Type 5 Construction:** No update.

### **New Business**

**Fire Marshal's Minute:** Per Autry, there is a 2 week turnaround on plan review

There was a discussion on PIV placement. The State Fire Marshal's office still requires a post indicator valve on nearly all private fire service mains. Nebraska State Fire Marshal official interpretation 93-02 answers the question "Are post indicator valves required on all private fire service mains?" as follows:

*Response: Yes, unless one of the following methods is used:*

- 1. Listed control valves installed in a cutoff stair tower or valve room accessible from outside.*
- 2. Listed control valves located in risers with indicating posts arranged for outside operation.*
- 3. Listed control valves in an accessible valve pit.*

*(More strict local code provisions may be required)*

The Nebraska State Fire Marshal will require that the water supply to a fire protection system be controlled by a listed post indicator valve (PIV) located at least 40 feet from the building if space permits. If site conditions do not allow PIV placement at least 40 feet from the building, the PIV may be placed closer to the building when approved by your office. When site conditions do not allow the use of a PIV, your office may approve valve arrangements in order of preference per NFPA #13 A.8.15.1.1.1 and items 1 through 3 from the formal interpretation above. A key operated valve with a road box will only be allowed when, in the opinion of your office, none of the other methods listed are feasible.

**Association Secretary Duties:** Need to be proactive and find a replacement. Carey will check around to see if he can come up with any ideas for a replacement. If you have suggestions, please contact Mahoney, or Carey.

Mahoney adjourned the meeting at 12:26.

Lunch

## **General Meeting**

### **Others Present**

Jim Murphy	Omaha Permits and Inspections
Bob Jedlicka	Mack McClain & Associates
John Dahlgren	LWS
Tom Kulhanek	Howells Fab Inc.
Jerry Pennington	Pipe Fabricators, Inc.
Mark McCue	Ryder-Rosacker-McCue & Huston

Patty reviewed the meeting minutes.

Mark McCue gave a short presentation on insurance. He will email me some specifics to look out for on indemnity clauses, and he will check into a group health plan for our organization.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:15