



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

March 14, 2006

Howard Johnsons, 5250 Cornhusker Hwy.  
Lincoln, Nebraska

**Directors Present**

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

**Others Present**

David Autry	Nebraska State Fire Marshal
Doug Hohbein	Nebraska State Fire Marshal
Dave Bowman	NFSA
Mike Durst	NFSA

**Call to Order:** Marion called the meeting to order at 10:30 A.M.

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer's Report for the period of 2/07/06 through 3/13/06 was presented and explained by Swanson. We have a current balance of \$13,388.90. This report was approved.

**Old Business**

**Calendar of Events:**

- **April 21, 2006** - BFP Seminar/Board of Directors Meeting (Election of Officers)
- **May 9, 2006** - Board of Directors and General Meeting (Announcement of Officers)
- **August 7-9, 2006** - Summer Seminar
- **August 10, 2006** - Annual Golf Outing
- **September 12, 2006** - Board of Directors and General Meeting
- **October 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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Patty requested a \$100 deposit for the golf outing.

Bruce will contact Jeff Gamm to get contact information for architecture department at UNO. Mike Durst will contact Gene Endthoff about seminar dates.

**BFP Seminar:** Because of security reasons, John will need a registration list by the 19<sup>th</sup> of April. He also needs a list of members attending the meeting. Patty will send an email requesting those who plan to attend the meeting reply by the 18<sup>th</sup>.

The agenda for the seminar has been submitted, but not approved yet. John will forward it to Patty as soon as he receives approval. She will then send out the registration forms.

Lunch will be at the Golden Corral from 11:00 – Noon. Patty will reserve a space for us.

**Fire Sprinkler Safety Assurance Program:** Swanson was unable to reach Professor Chrisman to get a copy of the program. Autry bought in a copy of the training disc for us to view, however, we were unable to run it through our laptop. Marion will take the disc back with him and make sure it works before bringing to the next meeting.

Swanson will report next month on website development and direct entry via the internet.

Both Autry and Hohbein were for the idea of having someone else enter the data, however, there is not space available at their office. They don't foresee a problem with the records leaving the office and getting entered offsite. Marion volunteered to have his office check with a local temp agency for information.

It was suggested we start entering data for 2005 and 2006. If cost is not too prohibitive, we could work backwards until it all is entered. It was pointed out that a new system installed in 2003, but not inspected since then, would not show up if we entered only 2005 and 2006. Autry will find out how current the database is.

**Omaha BFP Issue:** Wonder will be at the backflow preventer seminar in April, and we are hoping to talk to him then.

**Memberships and Renewals:** Patty will send a 2<sup>nd</sup> renewal notice to all inactive members, along with a letter from Marion.

There has been some confusion as to who is invited to the board meeting and general meeting. It was agreed that all meetings are open to all members, unless there are space restrictions. Evers suggested Patty send an email reminder stating the above.

**FSCAN Brochures:** Patty will send an email reminder to reply verifying correct contractor information for the brochure update. The deadline is 4/21/06. Only current active members will be listed on the brochure.

**Nomination of Officers:** Marion asked if anyone else was interested in running for office. If you are, please contact Patty @ [lenshome@aol.com](mailto:lenshome@aol.com) as soon as possible. In the past, nominations are mailed out with at least one candidate per position, and a write in slot. Nominations forms will be mailed out after the April meeting.

**Summer Seminar:** Mike Durst and Dave Bowman brought information on available seminars that we went over. Per Durst, in the past, more delegated authorities have attended. Marion asked for input from Autry and Hohbein by the end of the month, as to what they would like to see offered. Classes must be picked from one list, either AFSA or NFSA.

NFSA is looking into contractor business related classes, such as developing codes and safety issues, and also at a lower cost annual seminar for the future.

### **New Business**

**Fire Marshal's Minute:** Per Autry, the backlog is still at eight weeks. There was good feedback on the Q&A session in February.

The question was raised who in the SFM office has the final say on items. Hohbein said they can give an interpretation on codes and regulations.

**Sprinkler System Display:** A couple fire fighter museums being built in Nebraska have requested sprinkler system displays. We need to find out what they are looking for, what we can donate, and come up with a standard display. We will discuss this further at the next meeting.

Marion adjourned the meeting at noon.

Lunch

### **General Meeting**

#### **Others Present**

Shahzad Kazmi	Blaze Master CPVC
John Piffner	Hertz Equipment
Bill Scholting	Hertz Equipment
Brandon Hoy	Hertz Equipment
Jim Murphy	Omaha Permits & Inspections
John Dahlgren	Lincoln Water Systems
Tom Kulhanek	Howells Fab Inc.
Chris Stason	Victaulic

Patty reviewed the meeting minutes.

Chris Stason with Victaulic gave a presentation on FireLock NXT. Field demonstrations and training are available. He said to look for several new products in 2006.

Jim Murphy asked what Lincoln is going to do about the IBC code requirement for Type 5 construction (combustible balconies) that have to be sprinklered. The City of Omaha is requiring this work be completed if the conditions exist. Patty will put this on the agenda for next month.

Meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.