



FIRE SPRINKLER CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OF NEBRASKA

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MINUTES
FIRE SPRINKLER CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OF NEBRASKA
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
October 12, 2006
UNL Architecture Hall, 400 Stadium Dr.
Lincoln, Nebraska

Directors Present

Bob Mahoney	DeMaranville Installations, Inc.
Matt Carey	NIFCO
John Wieczorek	Ahern Fire Protection
Les Swanson	Bullseye Fire Protection, Inc.

Others Present

David Autry	State Fire Marshal
Doug Hohbein	State Fire Marshal
Ed Remar	Webmaster

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

Minutes: Minutes of the September meeting were read by Wieczorek and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's Report for the period of 9/12/06 through 10/10/06 was presented and explained by Swanson. We have a current balance of \$7,957.78. A \$400 donation was given to AIA for their October 10th seminar. This also included the final expense bill for the golf outing. The summer seminar has not been finalized. Our cost will approximately be \$2,500. This report was approved.

Old Business

Calendar of Events:

- **September 18, 2006** – Summer Seminar (Rescheduled from August 7-9)
- **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
- **August 3, 2007** - Annual Golf Outing/Board of Directors Meeting
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Carey will work on getting a speaker for the November meeting.

There has not been a date or location set for the February meeting. Autry will follow up on this date and let Mahoney know.

Fire Sprinkler Safety Assurance Program: Carey distributed a draft listing items to be considered when creating the program on our website. There was discussion on how to keep it secure and how to manage it if it doesn't go through the SFM office. Contractors should have only the ability to look at the document they are inputting information on. When they enter their password it should bring up a form with blank fields to enter new information on. It is also important to track a dry valve through the given number. It serves as a concrete number for each wet and dry system since there could be several at one address. Another issue discussed was if it is feasible for members to get a password to input their information and if there could be an annual charge for it to help with the maintenance of the program.

Ed will look into our server further and will need a copy of the present program. Swanson will forward the contact information from Chrisman to Ed. Autry will email Ed the copy of the present program installed on his computer. This may not contain the data information which may be on the SFM server.

Omaha BFP Issue: This issue is progressing.

Vertical Installation of BFP's In Lincoln: Carey will talk to Dahlgren and composite a letter to give to the board for their review to resolve this issue.

IBC and Type 5 Construction: Issue requiring sprinklers under balconies have been resolved at this time.

2007 BFP Seminar: The Omaha facility will be completed around the time of the seminar. The seminar for the Omaha facility will go through Jim Bewley from MUD and Jim Wonder, City of Omaha. Wonder puts on 5 hour programs. Discussion if Dahlgren will continue to do the agenda. We will supply him the people and the numbers again. Carey will talk to Dahlgren regarding the agenda. There will be more discussion at the January meeting.

Guest Speakers: Carey met with Dahlgren and discussed speakers. There was discussion on paying a speaker for our meetings. A price range of \$200 was discussed. Carey has attended some UNL seminars with professors speaking on topics pertaining

to our business that he could recommend. This could help increase the associate members belonging to our organization.

Website Development: There was discussion and agreement on adding an “Industry News” or “Hot Topics” section to the website. This would include important issues such as the recall on the fire jockey pumps and other pertinent information that all members need to be aware of. All issues should be sent to Mahoney and he will get it to Ed if needed.

N.C. Museum Sprinkler Interactive Display: Wieczorek and Carey will contact Alan Viox to get an idea of what they would like to display and to get a timeline. We could tap vendors for items.

New Business

Fire Marshal’s Minute: David Autry said there was still an 8 week turnaround. Autry also reported the Summer Seminar was a good program. There were less attendees than the original dates but still had a good number.

He stated that the SFM office is trying to move towards doing all forms electronically. He brought up that the Fire Alarm Systems may be interested in our Fire Sprinkler Safety Assurance Program.

Charity Golf Outing: This will be on the November agenda for discussion.

Memberships and Renewals: Discussion on emailing the first renewal notice out the week of November 20th. Rhonda will email membership letter and renewal form. The second notice will be mailed out the first of January.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Lunch