



Meeting Minutes
March 13th, 2013

Opening:

The Board of Directors and general meeting of FSCAN was called to order at 1:31pm on Tuesday, March 13th, 2013 at Valentino's on 102nd and Maple in Omaha, NE by Bob Mahoney Jr.

Present:

Bob Mahoney Jr., Les Swanson, Jim Kenney, Melissa Spencer, Megan Tolbott, Doug Hohbein, Rich Graham, Jordan VanLoon, Mike McNiff, Brian Marinus

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

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| April 9, 2013 | Board of Directors and General Meeting at the Executive 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 th Annual Burn Aid Golf Classic – Ashland Country Club, Ashland, NE – Shotgun start at 9:00am, Lunch provided after golf |
| September 10 th , 2013 | Board of Directors and General Meeting in Omaha, NE |
| October 8 th , 2013 | Board of Directors and General Meeting in Lincoln, NE |
| November 12 th , 2013 | Board of Directors and General Meeting in Omaha, NE |

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 bob3@mahoneyfiresprinkler.com.

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

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.

Talked about possibly doing a demo of the burn trailer at the August golf outing.

Trailer still needs to be insured and it was also mentioned to create doors for the trailer.

SFPE would like to demo the burn trailer at one of their upcoming meetings.

OFD, Irvington Training Center, would like to do a demo of the burn trailer as well.

F. Golf Tournament

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

Flyers and business cards are in! An email of each was sent to all members. Watch your mailbox for the packet including the handouts.

Donations are currently being accepted and it is encouraged to solicit from local businesses.

G. Treasurer Report

Approved as read. Ending balance was \$13,521.81

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. They are looking for a permanent replacement.

Plans reviewed in January – 167, up from 124 last year. Plans reviewed in February – 155, up from 103 last year.

State FM would only like fire alarm test reports if deficiencies are noted.

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

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.

Brian Marinus with Big Red Fire Protection indicated that fire sprinkler inspections are being completed by unlicensed workers that do not know what they are doing. For example, he stated that fire alarm technicians are performing fire sprinkler inspections. He thinks there needs to be a way to regulate this.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 2:25pm by Bob Mahoney Jr.

Agenda for Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting will be a Board of Directors & General meeting and is scheduled for April 9th 2013 at The Executive Building in Lincoln, NE.

Call meeting to order	New Business	Round Table Discussion
Introductions	Golf Tournament	Lunch – Provided by FSCAN
Last meeting minutes	Treasurers Report	Minutes submitted by:
Calendar of events	Residential Sprinklers	Melissa Spencer
Open Issues	Fire Marshals Minute	