



## FIRE SPRINKLER CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OF NEBRASKA

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**MINUTES**  
**FIRE SPRINKLER CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OF NEBRASKA**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**February 13, 2007**  
**Howard Johnson, 5250 Cornhusker Highway**  
**Lincoln, Nebraska**

### **Directors Present**

Bob Mahoney	DeMaranville Installations, Inc.
Matt Carey	NIFCO
John Wieczorek	Ahern Fire Protection
Les Swanson	Bullseye Fire Sprinkler
Ryan Dexter	Nebraska Fire Sprinkler
Matt Zastera	White Hot Fire Protection
Chris Meininger	Mininger Fire Protection, Inc.

### **Others Present**

Tom Kulhanek	Howells Fabrication
Chris Stason	Victaulic Co.

**Call to Order:** Mahoney called the meeting to order at 10:45 A.M.

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer's Report for the period of 1/1/07 through 2/12/07 was presented by Swanson. We have a current balance of \$8,265.70. The report was approved and seconded. A bill for the projector for February's meeting was approved. There was discussion on whether or not the money raised from the golf outing was needed for the association to survive. Swanson explained that we are setting where we usually are financially and it would not hurt us to hold one golf outing.

## Old Business

### **Calendar of Events:**

- **March 13, 2007** - Board of Directors and General Meeting (**tentative speaker McNiff**)
- **April 20, 2007** - BFP Seminar/Board of Directors Meeting Bellevue Training Center  
(**April 26, 2007** – NAACO spring meeting)
- **May 8, 2007** - Board of Directors and General Meeting (**tentative speaker Ken Ulrich**)
- **August 2007** - Summer Seminar
- **August 3, 2007** - Annual Golf Outing/Board of Directors Meeting
- **September 11, 2007** - Board of Directors and General Meeting
- **October 2007** - Sprinkler Advantage Seminar/Board of Directors Meeting
- **November 13, 2007** - Board of Directors and General Meeting
- **January 8, 2008** – Board of Directors and General Meeting
- **February, 2008** – SFM Deputies Meeting-Seminar/Board of Directors Meeting
- **March 11, 2008** - Board of Directors and General Meeting

**Fire Sprinkler Safety Assurance Program:** Swanson has contacted the professor. The professor stated that he has a good start on the program. It should be available in the next three weeks to put a dummy form on the website to try. He was able to fix the volume on the training disc. Swanson will start to follow up with him in two weeks.

**Omaha BFP Issue:** There was discussion on the procedure for taking out permits. There will be one more reading before permits can be taken out. MUD office will have applications for permits. Mahoney will follow up on the procedure and report at the April meeting.

**Vertical Installation of BFP's In Lincoln:** Carey stated that a committee has been set up. Wilken will do a position paper to put on our letterhead.

**Guest Speakers:** Carey will contact McNiff for the March meeting. He will speak on the IBC code study and the upcoming changes. Ken Ulrich will speak at the May meeting and will discuss fire protection for ethanol plants. Rhonda will contact Russ Leavitt with Telgian for the September or November meeting. He volunteered to do a presentation on the revisions in the 2007 edition of NFPA 25.

## New Business

**Fire Marshal's Minute:** Due to weather there was no report. John Falgione is the new Fire Marshal. Jim Hine is the Assistant Fire Marshal.

**2007 BFP Seminar:** Wieczorek reviewed the tentative agenda for the seminar. It will be held Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at the Bellevue Training Center. There was discussion whether \$35 fee will cover all costs for the program. The seminar will begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at 3:30. The lunch will be catered by Wild West Bar-b-que. 50 registrants will be the target number. The center will hold 120 people. Rhonda will send an email notice out for the date and time. After the agenda is approved by NE Health and Human Services, a hard copy registration will be sent out the first week of March. Wieczorek will contact Terry Vale, UNMC, MUD and Lincoln Water System for additional attendees. The registration will be posted on the website to be downloaded. Mahoney will construct a letter for Lincoln Water System for Dahlgren to attend the seminar. Wieczorek asked Mahoney if there were any charges in the past from speakers/instructors. Mahoney stated there was not, and there would not be a problem if there are any charges. The training center fee is \$300.00.

**Charity Golf Outing:** Carey will invite Donna Henik to the March meeting. Carey will ask her to bring past advertisements for members to view. Wieczorek suggested to have information posted for the NAACO meeting to get interest from members. Mahoney will contact Woodland Hills. There was discussion on having golf shirts or \$100.00 gift certificate to the pro-shop for first place. Stason stated that last years golf outing in St. Louis distributed pull over jackets to every entry. He also stated that the union gets involved and fitters donate so much for every dollar from their checks. Burn camp employees might volunteer to work the outing.

Mahoney will contact Barney for their input.

**N.C. Museum Sprinkler Interactive Display:** Dennis Marshall and Brian V. would like to get together in the next two weeks to put work on the display options. Mahoney suggested for discussion a monitor and video display and then put different kinds of sprinkler heads throughout the museum. Wieczorek will follow up with Opelt and invite Viox, Marshall and Brian V. to the next meeting.

### **Notes:**

- 1) Donna Kohlan was not able to attend the meeting due to weather. Mahoney reported on upcoming work:
  - OAH towers are up for bid. There will be a mandatory meeting date announced soon. There are 11 buildings and four of them will be sprinkled.
- 2) Mahoney will forward an email to Rhonda to email out to members regarding FOR IFCC: Resolution supporting residential sprinklers in the IRC. This will be up for discussion at the March meeting.
- 3) Stason reported that Vitaulic will have a new product out in June.
- 4) Kulhanek reported they have moved into a new building and there will be an open house in March.

- 5) New NFPA 13 2007 criteria for ceiling suspended privacy curtains is that the mesh must extend no less than 22" from the ceiling. CMS is currently enforcing the issue from an owners standpoint. Refer to NFPA 13 2007 8.7.5.2.2 for detailed information.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m. for lunch.

**Guest Speaker:** Lane Wintermute, Residential Fire Safety Institute (RFSI) took the floor at 12:45 p.m. He presented a slide show that is available to AHJ or governing bodies to promote residential sprinkler ordinances. Lane will email, per requests, sample sprinkler ordinances for a particular jurisdiction. The following are websites he listed.

Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition	<a href="http://www.homefiresprinkler.org">www.homefiresprinkler.org</a>
NFPA	<a href="http://www.nfpa.org">www.nfpa.org</a>
American Fire Sprinkler Assoc.	<a href="http://www.sprinklernet.org">www.sprinklernet.org</a>
Fire Team USA	<a href="mailto:www.fireteamusa@aol.com">www.fireteamusa@aol.com</a>

Meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.