



**FIRE SPRINKLER CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OF NEBRASKA**

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**MINUTES  
FIRE SPRINKLER CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OF NEBRASKA  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
November 2007  
Howard Johnson  
Lincoln, Nebraska**

**Directors Present**

Bob Mahoney  
Matt Carey  
Les Swanson

DeMaranville Installations  
Nifco Mechanical Systems  
Bullseye Fire Sprinkler

**Others Present**

Mike Durst  
Jerry Pennington  
Doug Hutcheson  
Don Hutcheson  
David Autry  
Shawn Timm  
Jim Murphy  
Tom Kulhanck  
Ryan Dexter  
Donna Kohlan

Blazemaster  
Pipe Fabricators  
Hutcheson Engineer  
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State Fire Marshall  
Reliable  
City of Omaha P&I  
Howells FAB Inc  
Nebraska Fire Sprinkler  
Farris Engineering

**Call to Order:** Mahoney called the meeting to order at 10:32 A.M.

**Minutes:** Minutes of the September meeting were read by Carey.

Mahoney would like to see more attending Backflow Seminar, doubled may be too much.

Swanson made a motion to approve minutes, Carey seconded.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer's Report reviewed.

Saint E's money still in account. Carey will write draft of a letter, send it to Swanson for approval, Swanson will cut a check, Carey will take letter and check to Saint E's. Mahoney would like the letter posted on the website.

## **Old Business**

### **Calendar of Events:**

- **January 8, 2008** – Board of Directors and General Meeting (**speaker opening**)
  - As a result of the UNL sprinkler mandate, Carey suggested having someone from the university come speak on how this will be implemented.
  - Carey will contact UNL housing rep.
  - Mahoney to contact Larry Hamilton, Omaha fire inspector, as possible backup speaker.
- **February, 2008** – SFM Deputies Meeting-Seminar/Board of Directors Meeting
  - Probable Grand Island location. Mahoney suggested waiting until January to put something together to present if included on the agenda.
- **March 11, 2008** - Board of Directors and General Meeting
- **April, 2008** – BFP Seminar/Board of Directors Meeting
  - Call Babcock rep to get a price after a date has been set.
  - Date most likely a Friday.
  - Wieczorek to get the date.
- **May 13, 2008** – Board of Directors and General Meeting
- **August, 2008** – Summer Seminar
  - NFSA or AFSA would have a seminar regarding NFPA 22—maintenance and testing of pressure vessels as it relates to NFPA 25.
  - Should they be maintained by a sprinkler contractor or by someone certified to maintain pressure vessels?
  - NFSA will set up for classes they teach, charge per student or per sponsor.
  - AFSA also charges a fee.
  - In February could get input on seminar topic at SFM Deputies Meeting.
- **August 8, 2008** – Annual Charity Golf Outing
  - Committee to meet in January or February
  - Encourage more involvement of Saint E's, specifically the Burn Unit.
- **September 9, 2008** – Board of Directors/General Meeting

### **Fire Sprinkler Safety Assurance Program:**

- Lawson has left voicemails with no responses,
- Could it be hosted on FSCAN website with IT support from State?
- Autry suggested asking their new IT guy; meeting could be set up for January after the board of Directors/General Meeting.
- IT guy could provide some structure; have experience to provide information not on state site.

- Autry preserved previous minutes as a criticism of his office. Autry stated that the FM was not interested but there are not the personnel to do input.
- Carey apologized and stated that any remarks were not meant as a criticism.
- Until its resolution, send Major Deficiencies to Autry. Flag them as Major. Autry will look into all Major Deficiencies. All other Deficiencies can be put off.
- Request to send Major Deficiencies to Autry will be posted on website.
- Mahoney still willing to contact FM Falgione.

**Omaha BFP Issue:** Issue basically resolved, Wunder not much help.

### **New Business**

#### **Fire Marshal's Minute:**

- Autry asked to post licensed contractors on the SFM website.
- It was asked to add a link to the FSCAN website with the list as promotion for the group.
- Mahoney motioned to publish information as submitted to the state, which was approved.

#### **N.C. Museum Sprinkler Interactive Display:**

- Opelt thanked those who donated sprinklers and such.
- Museum to open this summer.
- Kohlan mentioned that Midwest Automatic will soon have a fire pump from OHA high rise. Opelt will contact.

#### **Seismec Bracing Seminar:**

- NE state requirement in military installation in Omaha and Lincoln only
- Lunch and Learn, about one hour long.
- Booklets provided helpful.

#### **FSCAN Brochure:**

- Past brochure could only be edited by printing company.
- Lage passed around three brochure designs.
- New brochure designed by Lage could be changed and printed as needed.
- Send updated brochure information to Lage at amyjlage@yahoo.com.

#### **Membership:**

- Same letter, information, and invoice to be sent out with email follow-ups.
- It was asked if credit cards could be accepted for membership. Look into paypal or American Express for next year.

#### **Other New Business:**

- Murphy to retire from city, May will be his last meeting.

- Tom indicated that steel pipe and PUC-petroleum will be up the first part of the year.
- Donna had information on the Holdrege Homes remodel/addition, NW Sports in Kearney, Abraham Lincoln High School remodel/addition, Youth RTC 4 dorms/sprinklers, State Pen waiting on 4 buildings with new fire alarms on entire campus, Iowa Air National Guard remodel/addition.
- Mike with Blazemaster reminded contractor of the use of CPVC pipe and glue during cold weather, if there are problems call him.
- Jerry stated there would be no import of steel with a 40-50% increase, however small diameter not effected as much.

Lunch