



**MINUTES
FIRE SPRINKLER CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OF NEBRASKA
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
JANUARY 10, 2006**

Howard Johnsons, 5250 Cornhusker Hwy.
Lincoln, NE

Directors Present

Michael Marion	Ahern Fire Protection
Bob Mahoney	DeMaranville Installations, Inc.
Les Swanson	Bullseye Fire Protection
Roger Scheidies	Bamford, Inc.
Matt Carey	Nifco
Mike Evers	Nebraska Fire Sprinkler

Others Present

David Autry	Nebraska State Fire Marshal
John Dahlgren	Lincoln Water Systems

Call to Order: Marion called the meeting to order at 10:35 A.M.

Minutes: Minutes of the November meeting were read by Carey. Jim from the City of Omaha informed us that a correction was required on the Omaha backflow note to the last sentence. He said that a new test is required for any standpipe system where the old information was greater than a year and a half old (18 months). The minutes will be changed and were approved as amended.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's Report for the period of 10/05/05 through 1/09/06 was presented and explained by Swanson. We have a current balance of \$13,093.26. Our net increase for 2005 was \$1,177.90. This report was approved

Old Business

Calendar of Events:

- **February 7, 2006** - Deputies Meeting – Seminar/Board of Directors Meeting
- **March 14, 2006** - Board of Directors and General Meeting
- **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

Summer Seminar: Swanson will contact AFSA to find out what topics are available, and if they are open for the dates of August 7-9.

Fire Sprinkler Advantage Seminar: Patty will contact Gene Endthoff to see if they can get a date set, and get him a contact name for UNO.

Fire Sprinkler Safety Assurance Program: We have not received the training video as of yet. Swanson will get back in touch with him to find out when he expects to get the video done. Autry informed us that the SFM office is currently backlogged, and not able to get the information entered in to the database at this time. Even with the training, the office doesn't have the manpower. It was suggested we talk to Denny, Bruce, and Doug at the Deputies meeting in February about the implementation and input of the fire safety assurance program. Marion will call Denny and invite him, Bruce, and Doug to lunch and our meeting in February to discuss sprinkler inspections, plan review, and enforcement of the law.

Omaha BFP Issue: No update.

NFSA Representative Replacement: They are expecting to make an announcement on 1/15/06. Patty will forward the announcement as soon as she receives it. Marion asked if it was possible to get AFSA representation at our meetings. Evers and Swanson believe that is possible only if we become an AFSA chapter.

Guest Speakers for 2006: May, September, and November are available for speakers. Jerry will check with Tim Davis of Fire Protection Systems Corrosion Management Inc. to see if he can reschedule for the May meeting. Evers suggested Mark McCue with Ryder-Rosacker-McCue Insurance of Grand Island give a presentation on insurance liability. Evers will check with him and get back with Patty.

New Business

Fire Marshal's Minute: There is still about an eight week lead time for plan reviews. December slowed down some, only 94 plans were submitted. He is hoping to get plan review time down.

February Deputies meetings topics: FSCAN will arrange the hospitality suite. Evers will order the ordeuvres and beverages, and Carey will pick them up. We were unable to get in contact with Matrix or the ethanol board, so instead we will hold a roundtable discussion on general items instead. Questions that you would like covered should be sent to Patty by 1/23, so she can organize a list and forward it to Autry. Patty will send an email reminder asking for questions and encouraging attendance.

FSCAN Registered Agent: A motion was made to leave Mike McNiff as our agent, and it was approved.

Meetings: There are only 5 actual meetings, not counting special events. It was decided we should leave the location and frequency the same, and instead push for better attendance, especially from local contractors. Carey and Marion will contact the local members.

Vertical Installation of BFP's in Lincoln: John Dahlgren informed us that the City of Lincoln Code Committee reviews are approaching. FSCAN is on the list to be invited to attend the meeting, and he suggested that we have representation there. One item we may want to question is why bfp's are not allowed to be installed vertically, when the SFM allows them, they are designed for vertical installation, and space and cost are considerations at a lot of jobs. The meeting will probably be in the fall of '06, but the committee will be formed soon. Mahoney will put together a position paper on the above, and ask for input in the next couple months.

BFP Seminar: Patty will check into different lunches that are available, possibly USA Steak Buffet, or the Golden Corral. We would plan on a lunch break from 11:00 – noon.

Dahlgren asked for ideas to fill a big time opening. Mahoney suggested other municipalities. He will contact Wonder, who could fill an hour on the City of Omaha test procedures and differences. Jedlicka has a question/answer sheet that would work. John will contact The Tool House to see if they have anything on confined space entry

We are requiring advance registration for the seminar. No walk-ins will be allowed. Patty will make sure it is on the registration form. John will have a rough draft of the agenda in February. We will review it and send it out 30 days in advance.

Marion adjourned the meeting at 12:30.

General Meeting

Others Present

Bob Jedlicka	Mack McClain Associates
Jim Murphy	City of Omaha – P & I
Tom Kulhanek	Howells Fab Inc.
John Piffner	Hertz Equipment
Bill Scholting	Hertz Equipment
Jerry Pennington	Pipe Fabricators
Scott Beaton	Globe Fire Sprinkler

Scott Beaton gave a short presentation on Globe Fire Sprinkler and their products. They do have a new website available.

Don Hutcheson informed us that they have a full time pump repair person on staff.

Meeting adjourned at 1:35.