



FIRE SPRINKLER CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OF NEBRASKA

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**MINUTES
FIRE SPRINKLER CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OF NEBRASKA
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
November 14, 2006
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 Protection, Inc.
Brent Opelt	Associated Fire
Bruce Halldorson	Continental Sprinkler
Chris Meininger	Meininger Fire

Others Present

Jim Murphy	City of Omaha
Donna Kohlan	Farris Engineering
Tom Kulhanek	Howells Fabrication
David Bowman	NFSA
Shawn Timm	Reliable Automatic
David Autry	State Fire Marshal
Ed Remar	Webmaster

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

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

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's Report for the period of 10/05/06 through 11/13/06 was presented and explained by Swanson. We have a current balance of \$5,853.26. The summer seminar costs came in less than expected. This report was approved.

Old Business

Calendar of Events:

- **January 9, 2007** - Board of Directors and General Meeting
- **February 26-March 3, 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
- **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

Fire Sprinkler Safety Assurance Program: (Old Notes) 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.

(New Notes) Les reported that we could access a page similar to our Nebraska State Inspection Form. Only the state office would be able to access or manipulate data. Access to each inspection report will be through the valve serial number. This appears to be a feasible option to move this program forward. One form will have to be entered for each valve tag number.

It was mentioned that the cover sheet is the page required to be sent to the state. Les will investigate accessing the form by the address as well. Les will verify if new tag information could be entered by the contractor. Approximate cost to develop a website form is \$750.

Opelt made a motion to approve the funds to develop the input pages. Les 2nd the motion. No opposition was received. Carey will update the FSSAP note letter by 11/25/06.

Omaha BFP Issue: No news at this time. The issue is still progressing.

Vertical Installation of BFP's In Lincoln: Carey will continue to address with Dahlgren at the next review meeting.

IBC and Type 5 Construction: Issue requiring sprinklers under balconies have been resolved at this time. ***NOTE:** On the top floor with or without an eve, it will be enforced per Matt Carey based on the code study he attended.

2007 BFP Seminar: Wieczorek to speak with Jim Bewley in regards to putting together an agenda to be approved by NH&HS Board & D.E.Q. geared toward FSC – discuss

date with Jim Bewley. Usually April agenda must be submitted 30 days prior. This will be addressed at the January meeting.

Guest Speakers: David Bowman took the floor at 12:01. Please visit NFSA.org and click on the Great Plains page to see the monthly minutes for new updates. Missouri is working toward contractor licensing. Discussed Risk Reduction caused by last minute AHJ changes and the rising cost of insurance. Discussed Litigation Reduction. They are also working to improve training for AHJ. Email addresses were requested of those interested in receiving monthly newsletters. It was requested that all FPCs submit sprinkler saves.

Carey has a workman's compensation speaker scheduled for January.

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: June/July timeframe. Opelt come up with 3 ideas by mid-December, contact Alan and update the Board in January. Opelt will contact David Bowman at NFSA.

New Business

Fire Marshal's Minute: Currently working to get caught up by Christmas.

Lane Wintermutter (Residential Fire Safety Institute) wanted to set up a 1-2 hour workshop regarding residential sprinkler ordinance at the February meeting. There will be no cost. Dave will forward Lane's contact information to Mahoney. Mahoney will invite Lane to the January meeting or get more information regarding the subject. Dave Autry requested to have a guest speaker to discuss protection in the ethanol industry. Carey will update.

Charity Golf Outing: Carey will contact the St. Elizabeth's Burn Unit for feedback. Shawn Timm will forward information to Carey regarding the Minnesota Burn Unit Golf Outing.

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.

Notes:

- 1) Donna Kohlan reported on upcoming work: NE Department of Corrections renovation in Omaha.
- 2) 3 high-rises are to be built in Omaha by the summer of 2007.
- 3) New elementary schools are to be built in Iowa.
- 4) Iowa now requires an additional outside entrance to the fire sprinkler rooms.
- 5) Jim Murphy reported that MIC has been found in CPVC systems.
- 6) Pio Porta has officially retired.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:34 p.m.

Lunch