



FIRE SPRINKLER CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OF NEBRASKA

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MINUTES
FIRE SPRINKLER CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OF NEBRASKA
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
September 11, 2007
Howard Johnson, 5250 Cornhusker Highway
Lincoln, Nebraska

Directors Present

Bob Mahoney	DeMaranville Installations
Matt Carey	Nifco Mechanical Systems
John Wiczorek	Ahern Fire Protection
Les Swanson	Bullseye Fire Sprinkler
Brent Opelt	Associated Fire Protection
Bruce Halldorson	Continental Fire Sprinkler
Mike Evers	Nebraska Fire Sprinkler

Others Present

David Autry	State Fire Marshal
John Dahlgren	Lincoln Water Systems
Tom Kulhanek	Howell's Fab
Jim Murphy	City of Omaha P&I

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

Minutes: Minutes of the May meeting were read by Wiczorek and approved by Carey.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's Report for the period of 5/07/07 through 9/11/07 was presented by Swanson. The association has a current balance of \$10,113.06. After the remaining Charity Golf Outing money of about \$2,000 the budget will be about \$8,000, which was agreed to be normal.

Charity Golf Outing: Swanson reported the total income was \$8,930, total expenses of \$6,945.27, with a grand total of \$1,984.73. A \$500 and \$100 checks were just received and not included in totals. It was decided to wait for more checks before sending Saint E's the remaining money. Swanson will let Matt know.

The outing grossed about \$4,550. Carey has the actual totals. Some checks were made out directly to Saint E's, which they have. Carey and others thanked Continental for their generous donation of \$1500.

Old Business

Calendar of Events:

- **October 10, 2007** - Sprinkler Advantage Seminar/Board of Directors Meeting
 - Lage will use Valentino's gift cards to order pizzas. Will go off of last year's number to determine the number of pizzas and soda to order for this year.
 - The time and event will be posted on the FSCAN web site (Wednesday, 9:30-11:30 at Architectural Hall, UNL city campus).
- **November 13, 2007** - Board of Directors and General Meeting (**speaker opening**)
 - Evers suggested to have a speaker on the subject of pressure tanks (and foam tanks), including maintenance, sizing, and 5 year inspection requirements.
 - Mahoney will talk to an Arrow tech about a possible speaker.
 - Will be added to new business for October Meeting.
- **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.
- **February, 2008** – SFM Deputies Meeting-Seminar/Board of Directors Meeting
- **March 11, 2008** - Board of Directors and General Meeting
- **April, 2008** – BFP Seminar/Board of Directors Meeting
- **May 13, 2008** – Board of Directors and General Meeting
- **August, 2008** – Summer Seminar
- **August ,8 2008** – Annual Charity Golf Outing
 - Possible Board of Director's Meeting
 - Mahoney will call to set up date of golf outing.
 - Will be posted on FSCAN website.
- **September 9, 2008** – Board of Directors/General Meeting

Fire Sprinkler Safety Assurance Program: Swanson reported there was little to update. The program is complete, however waiting on interface. The professor is working on a method for information to be entered. The database will be totally secure and will work as an enter only system. Individual companies will not have the ability to review other company's deficiencies—including their own. Companies will still be required to turn in a paper copy of reports. Data will be kept within the FSCAN website, not the Fire Marshall's. Deficiency post cards sent via email and distributed by zip code.

It was suggested to forgo entering back data.

Mahoney questioned who would maintain program. Swanson reported that the professor is concerned that the program is complicated and someone would need to become familiar with the program. The eventual IT person will need to assign passwords. Carey suggested charging an initial set up/user id fee for revenue.

Mahoney suggested waiting to see how things go, if the site can maintain itself-let it. The cost of the site is about \$10-\$12 a month and \$10 domain name fee.

It was determined that the Fire Marshall should have total access to the program. A link from the Fire Marshall site to the program should be established.

It would be beneficial to have the site available for trail entries by January.

Omaha BFP Issue: No new information.

Murphy wanted more information about plastic pipe failures. No one had information except it was thought to be an isolated situation.

Vertical Installation of BFP's In Lincoln: Carey suggested removing from future agenda's, all agreed. If your situation must require vertical installation call LWS to request information.

Charity Golf Outing: Carey reported outing raised \$4,250-\$4,450 for the Saint E's burn unit. \$2,500 of the checks were written directly to Saint E's. \$2,200 remains to be issued from the FSCAN account (see Treasurer's Report).

There were approximately 70 golfers, it was hoped to have 100 for a true scramble. As a result \$1500 was paid in to maintain a shotgun scramble. It will be a goal to have at least 100 golfers next year and to receive more help from Saint E's. It would be nice to see some doctors or other affiliates of the burn unit. It was decided to stay with Saint E's burn unit and give them another chance. They were very excited about the money and may be more eager to help knowing the first year's positive outcome.

Saint E's would like to have photo op for their newsletter when the remaining charity money is delivered. Carey will contact a few people in about a month to participate in the photograph. The picture will be posted on the FSCAN website also.

It was agreed to use vendor donations (those who paid and did not golf) to invite the Fire Marshall and other local people to participate. It was also agreed to run the outing the same as this year with the addition of a silent auction. A Golf Committee should be established by January, Carey agreed to chair again. Save the date cards will be sent out in the spring.

All thanks you notes have been sent by Rhonda.

\$4,500 was a good start. Thank you to Carey for all his efforts. (side note—Matt will not be golfing next year)

Backflow Seminar, Issue of Certificates: Need to be turned into the HHS. Carey has the name and address. Mahoney has the list of attendees and their information. He will send to Mike at HHS and he will renew the grade 6 certification.

New Business

Fire Marshal's Minute: Autry reported there is 5-week turn around on plan review.

Autry asked for input on underground fire lines that have not been tested properly, yet are being hooked up. It was agreed that most do not know to send in plans, including pressure tests and proper flushing. The biggest problem is debris in the

line. Mahoney has information that may be useful if sent out to the rural plumbing community including a cover letter of expectations. Autry volunteered to draft a letter. It was also suggested to have one standard form including a space available for the Fire Marshall or deputy or locale fire chief to sign off on. This would require contractors to stand their ground and not hook up until all necessary testing has been done.

Autry also stated the DDG buildings over 12,000 square feet at ethanol plants will require sprinklers.

N.C. Museum Sprinkler Interactive Display: Opelt reported that things were moving along well. Mahoney brought in rulers with sprinkler kids on them from a group in Minnesota as an example for the museum to use.

Reliable Automatic Sprinkler did donate a dry valve. Opelt does need more sprinkler head donations or fire protection items of special interest, such as old gauges. Please bring to the October FSCAN meeting.

No bills have been issued, it is estimated that it will cost no more than \$1500.

Other Business:

- Future meetings will begin at 10:30 instead of 10:00.
- Kulhanek from Howell's Fab announced there would be a 5-8% discount in September with a 10% increase in October. Brass still remains high.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Lunch