FIRE SPRINKLER CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OF NEBRASKA



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Meeting Minutes May 10th, 2013

Opening:

The Board of Directors only meeting of FSCAN was called to order at 12:40pm on Friday, May 10th, 2013 at the Bellevue Volunteer Fire Department Training Facility, in Bellevue, NE by Bob Mahoney Jr.

Present:

Bob Mahoney Jr., Les Swanson, John Wieczorek

A. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was unanimously approved as distributed.

B. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved as distributed.

C. Calendar of Events

August 16, 2013 7th Annual Burn Aid Golf Classic – Ashland Country Club, Ashland, NE – Shotgun start at 9:00am, lunch provided after golf

September 10th, 2013 Board of Directors and General Meeting in Omaha, NE

October 8th, 2013 Board of Directors and General Meeting in Lincoln, NE

November 12th, 2013 Board of Directors and General Meeting in Omaha, NE

D. Open Issues

Bob Mahoney Jr. with Mahoney Fire Sprinkler has possession of the NE Riser Tags. Order through the FSCAN website or contact Bob at bob3@mahoneyfiresprinkler.com.

Email any ideas for guest speakers to Matt Carey at mcarey@firespk.com, Bob Mahoney Jr. at bob3@mahoneyfiresprinkler.com or Melissa Spencer at mspencer@ahernfire.com.

E. Burn Trailer

We need to put policies and procedures in place for when the burn trailer is requested.

John Wieczorek will be in charge of the burn trailer. He will be responsible for the coordination of delivery and pick up of the unit and all other matters. John to draft a letter to be signed by the person requesting the trailer outlining the guidelines.

John W. to create a box to house adapters to hook up a hose to the burn unit.

The trailer is currently being housed at the Gretna Fire Department.

Need to create a waiver to be signed by the person requesting the trailer.

Talked about possibly doing a demo of the burn trailer at the August golf outing.

Trailer still needs to be insured and it was also mentioned to create doors for the trailer.

SFPE would like to demo the burn trailer at one of their upcoming meetings, follow up with Donna Kohlan or Shane Cherney about this.

OFD, Irvington Training Center, would like to do a demo of the burn trailer as well.

F. Golf Tournament

Planning for the 7th Annual Burn Aid Golf Classic is already in the works. The event will be held on Friday, August 16th 2013 at Ashland Country Club in Ashland, NE with a 9:00am shot gun start. Lunch will be provided by Tim's Wild West BBQ after golf. Mark your calendars!

Flyers and business cards are in! An email of each was sent to all members. Watch your mailbox for the packet including the handouts.

Donations are currently being accepted and it is encouraged to solicit from local businesses.

Jim Paben with Continental has a connection with one of the radio DJ's at KFAB and it was discussed to get a radio advertisement on the air to help promote the event.

G. Treasurer Report

Approved as read. Ending balance was \$16,464.90

H. Residential Sprinklers

LB 949 – Working with Jerry Stilmock on LR384

LR 209 – Statewide code application process

Grand Island and Legislature have opted out of new code

I. Fire Marshals Minute

It was asked that Jim Heine attend an upcoming meeting to address questions.

All test reports should be sent to the Lincoln office instead of to each district office and can be emailed to Sharon Brandt at sharon.brandt@nebraska.gov.

A proposed increase in plan review fees was discussed. It would need to be approved by the Governor before it goes any further. The Governor may be receptive, but it is likely that it will be denied. If approved, a Senator would need to sponsor the increase and industry support would then be needed. Matt will create a cover letter and will include a signature sheet for contractors to show their support for approval.

Questions or Suggestions?? Please contact plans examiner, Jim Kenney by phone 402-471-9469 or by email <u>jim.kenney@nebraska.gov</u>.

J. Round Table & New Business

Training discussions – NFPA 25, 5 Year Maintenance or other extended interval testing requirements – Q&A discussion to set standards – John W. to create power point.

Bob Mahoney Jr. mentioned contacting NFPA directly about the dry pipe issues.

It was suggested to add regulations to eliminate RME's for hire.

It was asked if the State FM could look into contractors that do not install to code. Documentation (proof) would be needed to start an investigation. Facts were discussed as provided by Continental and were presented to Jim Kenney with the State FM office.

Les suggested using FSCAN funds to help provide additional training for the AHJ's. This was re-discussed and agreed to as well by John Wieczorek, Les Swanson and Bob Mahoney Jr.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 1:00pm by Bob Mahoney Jr.

Agenda for Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting will be a Board of Directors and General meeting and is scheduled for September 10th 2013 in Omaha, NE.

Call Meeting to Order
Introductions
Last Meeting Minutes
Calendar of Events
Open Issues
Burn Trailer

Golf Tournament

Treasurer Report

Residential Sprinklers

Fire Marshal's Minute

Round Table & New Business Discussion

Lunch – Provided by FSCAN

Minutes submitted by: Melissa Spencer