



FIRE SPRINKLER CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OF NEBRASKA

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**MINUTES
FIRE SPRINKLER CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OF NEBRASKA
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
April 20, 2007
Bellevue Fire Department Training Facility
Bellevue, Nebraska**

Directors Present

Bob Mahoney	DeMaranville Installations
Matt Carey	NIFCO
John Wieczorek	Ahern Fire Protection
Les Swanson	Bullseye Fire Sprinkler
Ryan Dexter	Nebraska Fire Sprinkler
Brent Opelt	Associated Fire Protection
Greg Higginbotham	Acme Omaha Sprinkler

Others Present

David Autry	State Fire Marshal
Mike Stucker	Bellevue Fire Department
Dennis Marshall	Nebraska City Volunteer Fire Dept.
Brian Volkmer	Nebraska City Museum

Call to Order: Mahoney called the meeting to order at 10:30 A.M.

Minutes: Minutes of the March meeting were read by Wieczorek and approved by Carey and Swanson.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's Report for the period of 3/13/07 through 4/19/07 was presented by Swanson. We have a current balance of \$8,682.17. Hutcheson Engineering donated \$100 for a hole sponsor for the golf outing. The report was approved by Wieczorek and Opelt.

Old Business

Calendar of Events:

- **May 8, 2007** - Board of Directors and General Meeting (**speaker Ken Ulrich**)
- **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
- **January 8, 2008** – Board of Directors and General Meeting
- **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

There was discussion on holding the summer seminar with AFSA in August. Due to there being about 6 subjects that are repeated over, it was decided that we would hold one every other year. In the past we've paid half of the seminar expenses with AFSA. Swanson suggested we could cover \$1,000 for three individuals to attend the seminar in Kansas City. This was approved. Autry will check on upcoming class dates and report at the May meeting.

Fire Sprinkler Safety Assurance Program: Swanson stated that the Professor was using this as a class project for his class. The basic shell is completed. He was using his students to try to hack into the system. Swanson will update us at the May meeting.

Omaha BFP Issue: Mahoney reported that the Omaha Mayor had signed off on the code the previous week. It will then go to City Council for the next three readings. By the middle of June it will become a statute. Contractors will have to have a \$10,000 bond with the city of Omaha. The actual BF forms are \$28.85 for RP and \$28.85 for double checks. We take out permits and install. Mahoney suggested that the city's link be added to our website.

Vertical Installation of BFP's In Lincoln: No new updates.

Guest Speakers: Ken Ulrich will be the speaker for May 8th meeting. We are looking for suggestions for speakers for September and November. If anyone knows of a speaker for those dates, please contact Rhonda.

New Business

Fire Marshal's Minute: Autry reported there is a 2-week turn around. There was discussion on the lack of gauges on the bottom of the backflow preventer. As a group, company owners and inspectors need to make sure that we do not void the warranties by attaching it incorrectly. It was suggested to add the correct arrangements on the website to satisfy inspection from SFM.

Charity Golf Outing: Donna Hannock will attend the May meeting to discuss their role in the golf outing. We will obtain an invitation list from her. Carey said that Shawn Timm from Reliable Automatic will be willing to help set up the golf tournament. Shawn and Donna will be able to attend the May meeting. We need at least a 100 golfers for the shotgun start.

Resolution supporting residential fire sprinklers: Due to there not being any opposing information, it was decided that each individual/company will endorse it and send it in.

N.C. Museum Sprinkler Interactive Display: Brian Voelkmer, Museum Association and Dennis Marshall, Nebraska City VFD presented the exhibit for the museum. Dennis reported that they had reached their \$600,000 budget goal. He thanked the association for their \$5,000 donation. The opening date is not set, but they are looking at middle of June.

Brian explained that there are 40 6'x8' panels that will go on the walls by the displays. 2-3 panels will be ours to use for our display. Sprinklers could be mounted to these panels with a written description next to it. He suggested we have a script include the history of sprinklers, myths, and an actual plan of sprinklers in the building. He could provide a questionnaire to help with the script and then have several members edit it.

Brian said the approximate costs for 3 panels, with interactives would be \$700. We could also do 2 panels, DVD kiosk and interactives. There are several combinations he could work with if he knows our budget.

The members present discussed that we would allot \$1000 with a maximum of \$1,500 for the display. That would give Brian an idea of what to work with.

Mahoney suggested that there are antique sprinkler cabinets that might work in the exhibit. He asked if anyone would like to donate antique sprinklers and pictures to bring them to the next meeting. Autry offered to label them in his spare time.

Mahoney, Opelt and Autry volunteered to be on the committee.

Dennis invited everyone to stop by if they would like to see the museum before it opens. He also said that they have a website ncfire.net.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Lunch