FIRE SPRINKLER CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OF NEBRASKA



BOX 874 NORFOLK, NE 68702-0874

Meeting Minutes April 9th, 2013

Opening:

The Board of Directors and general meeting of FSCAN was called to order at 10:45am on Tuesday, April 9th, 2013 at The Executive Building in Lincoln, NE by Matt Carey.

Present:

Bob Mahoney Jr., Les Swanson, Jim Kenney, Melissa Spencer, Tom Kulhanek, John Wieczorek, Rich Graham, Matt Carey, Andrew Johnson, Jim Paben, Bob Jedlicka, Mike Evers

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

May 10, 2013	Backflow Preventer Continuing Education Seminar at The Bellevue Fire Department Training Facility in Bellevue, NE, Board of Directors only meeting to be held during seminar
August 16, 2013	7 th Annual Burn Aid Golf Classic – Ashland Country Club, Ashland, NE – Shotgun start at 9:00am, lunch provided after golf
September 10 th , 2013	Board of Directors and General Meeting in Omaha, NE
October 8 th , 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.

Rich Graham ordered FSCAN logo golf balls to hand out as prizes.

Custom FSCAN logo koozies will also be made for the event.

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 \$16,598.33

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

Jim Heine has officially been appointed as the State Fire Marshal. They are looking for an assistant state fire marshal at this time.

Plans reviewed in March -155, same as February.

State FM would only like fire sprinkler and alarm test reports if deficiencies are noted. Contractors would need something in writing from the State FM's office in order to do this. Guidelines between minor and major deficiencies would also be needed.

NFPA 101 will be reviewed for adoption by the NE State FM office in 2015.

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

All plan reviews should be sent to the Lincoln office instead of to each district office and can be emailed 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 jim.kenney@nebraska.gov.

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.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 12:20pm by Bob Mahoney Jr.

Agenda for Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting will be a Board of Directors ONLY meeting and is scheduled for May 10th 2013 during the Backflow Preventer Seminar in Bellevue, NE.

Call Meeting to Order	Burn Trailer	Round Table & New
Introductions	Golf Tournament	Business Discussion
Last Meeting Minutes	Treasurer Report	Lunch – Provided by FSCAN
Calendar of Events	Residential Sprinklers	Minutes submitted by: Melissa Spencer
Open Issues	Fire Marshal's Minute	