



FIRE SPRINKLER CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OF NEBRASKA

Box 80922 Lincoln, NE 68501

Meeting Minutes
January 10, 2012

Opening:

The regular meeting of FSCAN was called to order at 10:42am on Tuesday, January 10, 2012 at the State Office Building in Lincoln, NE by Matt Carey.

Present:

Bob Mahoney Jr., Les Swanson, Tom Kulhanek, Jim Kenney, Doug Hohbein, Regina Shields, Jim Heine, Terry Phillips, Matt Carey, David Autry and Bob Jedlicka

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

February 2012	Nominations to be made by Contractor members only for Ballots
February 2012	Ballots to be sent to Contractor members only for voting
Feb. 14 th , 2012	Board of Directors and General Meeting at Nebraska Children's Home Society in Omaha, NE – Guest Speaker from a pump manufacturer rep through Ferguson Fire & Fabrication
March 13 th , 2012	Board of Directors and General Meeting at Nebraska Children's Home Society in Omaha, NE
April 2012	Elections to be held to determine new Officers
April 10 th , 2012	Board of Directors and General Meeting at Nebraska Children's Home Society in Omaha, NE
May 4 th , 2012	Backflow Preventer Continuing Education Seminar & Board of Directors only Meeting to be held during seminar – Announcement of new officers to be made
August 3 rd , 2012	6 th Annual Burn Aid 2012 Golf Classic – location TBD
October 2012	UNL FP Annual class on hold, Gene has retired

D. Open Issues

Residential Fire Sprinklers – takes 3 years to get through federal register (2015/2016 before anything happens).

Tom with Howell's noted 6% pipe increases with more in the future.

DeMaranville in Omaha is now Mahoney Fire Sprinkler, Inc. as of January 1, 2012.

Bob Mahoney Jr. with Mahoney Fire Protection has possession of the NE Riser Tags. Please order through the FSCAN website or contact Bob at bmahoneyiii@cox.net

Email any ideas for guest speakers to Matt Carey at mcarey@nifcomechanical.com

E. New Business

SFPE (Society of Fire Protection Engineers) has lunch meetings on 2nd Wednesday of each month. We should keep in contact with SFPE so we can help each other.

Matt Carey gave the OK for Tony Long to build a custom trailer for the burn unit. It was unanimously approved by all present members.

F. Golf Tournament

A golf committee has been formed and will start meeting to get a head start on planning the golf tournament for 2012. It consists of Melissa Spencer (chair), Rich Graham, Bob Mahoney Sr., Jordan Van Loon and Gary Unger, a member of the Shriners.

We have picked a date of Friday, August 3rd, 2012. The location will be determined.

G. Treasurer Report

Approved as read. Ending balance was \$11,156.97

H. Residential Sprinklers

LB 949 – Working with Jerry Stilmock on LR384

LR209

Codes are possibly under review for changes in 2012

I. Fire Marshals Minute

Matt to start a letter regarding possibly writing new verbiage for state requirements. Fire Marshal's office wants it to come from us (contractor), "what we want it to read".

Jim Heine noted that those required to have quarterly inspections can perform themselves if we, the contractors, feel they are competent. Otherwise, we should be performing.

There is a link on the NE State Fire Marshal website in regards to Title 153, Chapter 19 on Sprinkler Regulations. Feel free to offer suggestions, comments, etc.

Jim would like us to send him a list of any locations that you can think of that have commercial hood systems where a wet pipe sprinkler system is installed in them, or, send him the location as you come across them.

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

J. Round Table

NFSA – there is a possibility of creating a Nebraska Chapter for NFSA Members. It would be open to any current NFSA members in the state of Nebraska. Terry noted that they are getting a new president.

Permit requests for the City of Omaha are now available online, along with an 8% fee increase whether submitting online or by mail. The goal is to submit and review electronically.

We need to improve attendance at the FSCAN meetings by advertising a little more about our meetings and what they are about (topics of discussion, changes to regulations, guest speakers, etc.).

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 11:53am by Matt Carey.

Agenda for Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting will be a Board of Directors and General meeting and is scheduled for February 14th, 2012 in Omaha, NE.

Call meeting to order

Introductions

Last meeting minutes

Calendar of events

Open Issues

New Business

Golf Tournament

Treasurers Report

Residential Sprinklers

Fire Marshals Minute

Round Table Discussion

Lunch – Provided by FSCAN

Minutes submitted by: Melissa Spencer