



FIRE SPRINKLER CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OF NEBRASKA

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MINUTES FIRE SPRINKLER CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OF NEBRASKA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

January 9, 2007
Howard Johnson, 5250 Cornhusker Highway
Lincoln, Nebraska

Directors Present

Bob Mahoney	DeMaranville Installations, Inc.
Matt Carey	NIFCO
John Wieczorek	Ahern Fire Protection
Brent Opelt	Associated Fire Protection
Bruce Halldorson	Continental Sprinkler
Ryan Dexter	Nebraska Fire Sprinkler
Matt Zastera	White Hot Fire Protection
Roger Scheidies	Bamford, Inc

Others Present

Jim Murphy	City of Omaha
Donna Kohlan	Farris Engineering
Tom Kulhanek	Howells Fabrication
Shawn Timm	Reliable Automatic
Mark Connor	Reliable Automatic
David Autry	State Fire Marshal
John Dahlgren	Lincoln Water System
Jerry Pennington	Pipe Fabricators
Don Hutcheson	Hutcheson Engineering Products

Call to Order: Mahoney called the meeting to order at 10:15 A.M.

Minutes: Minutes of the November meeting were read by Wieczorek and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's Report for the period of 11/14/06 through 12/31/06 was presented by Mahoney. We have a current balance of \$5,291.22. The website hosting was paid through May 2007. This report was approved by Wieczorek and seconded by Carey.

Old Business

Calendar of Events:

- **January 9, 2007** - Board of Directors and General Meeting
- **February 13, 2007** – Board of Directors and General Meeting (tentative speaker Lane Wintermute)
- **March 13, 2007** - Board of Directors and General Meeting (tentative speaker McNiff)
- **April 2007** - BFP Seminar/Board of Directors Meeting
- **May 8, 2007** - Board of Directors and General Meeting (tentative speaker Ken Ulrich)
- **August 2007** - Summer Seminar
- **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

**Meetings will begin at 10:00 a.m. as opposed to the 10:30 a.m. in the past.

Fire Sprinkler Safety Assurance Program: Swanson is working with the professor on the program. He will attend the February meeting to update us on what has occurred.

Omaha BFP Issue: A BFP permit is needed and they are letting us install and test. The cost is between \$25- \$40. This issue is getting closer to being resolved.

Vertical Installation of BFP's In Lincoln: Carey will attend the meeting to represent our association's position on this issue.

Guest Speakers: Mahoney will contact Lane Wintermute, Residential Fire Safety Institute, to speak at the February meeting. Carey will contact McNiff for the March meeting. McNiff could speak 30 – 45 minutes on Lincoln's pending codes. Wiczorek will contact Ken Ulrich to see if he can be scheduled for the May meeting and discuss fire protection for ethanol plants.

New Business

Fire Marshal's Minute: Bruce is acting Fire Marshal until a replacement is picked by the Governor. There are several candidates up for the position. Due to the full agenda at the State Fire Marshal's office there will not be a time slot for us to attend the Deputies meeting in February.

Residential Fire Safety Institute workshop: Mahoney will contact Wintermute to present to the members at the February meeting.

2007 BFP Seminar: Wieczorek is working on the agenda. He will discuss an open date on Friday with Bewley. If anyone has suggestions for topics or would like to see a particular vendor there, please email them to Wieczorek as soon as possible. The agenda will need to be submitted and approved 30 days prior to the seminar. There was discussion with no oppositions of opening the seminar up to the plumbers.

Dahlgren will need a letter from Mahoney requesting his help. He will contact an individual to speak on safety issues that will cover a ½ hour to 1 hour.

Charity Golf Outing: Carey contacted Donna Henik from St. Elizabeth's Burn Unit. They are very appreciative of any donations. They discussed how St. Elizabeth could help with marketing the golf outing. They will meet within the next week to discuss details.

Shawn Timm and Mark Connor with Reliable Automatic in Minnesota shared information on how they handle their charity golf outing. They have been raising money for the burn center for approximately 10 years. They averaged over \$55,000 in the course of 10 years. They formed a committee to spear head their fundraiser. They chose to keep it within the fire sprinkler members and in conjunction with the SFM. Mark handed out an outline with suggestions on golf related information, logistics and donations and door prizes. A silent auction is a good way to also raise money with donations coming from the golfers. They have held the outing on Mondays with a great turnout. Mahoney has a copy of their brochure.

Mark also suggested asking individuals who have been through the burn unit program to be a guest speaker. Doctors, nurses as well as sport speakers are good choices. Mark extended an invitation to come to one of their regional meetings.

There was discussion on the golf outing being a part of our income in the past. Suggestions were made to have two separate golf outings.

Carey volunteered to head the committee and start taking volunteers. Mahoney will work with the golf course. Wieczorek will talk to Pam about helping put packets together. If anyone is interested in volunteering to help please let Mahoney or Carey know. This will be discussed further at the February meeting.

N.C. Museum Sprinkler Interactive Display: Alan Viox was unable to attend the meeting. Opelt is working with Viox on the 4' x 6' area designated for FSCAN. He reported that the way the displays are being set up will follow a timeline. Viox has requested they would like to display old sprinkler heads.

Opelt stated that they could have the members names listed and a brief history of fire sprinklers. He will invite Viox to the February meeting and will also contact Bowman.

Notes:

- 1) Donna Kohlan reported on upcoming work: Several projects going to owner review:
 - OHA high-rise which includes four buildings and will be set up to take bids on one or all four buildings.
 - New Urology building at UNL campus
 - Bergan Mercy Center
 - Kearney and Hastings are getting additions and new buildings at their guard bases.
 - Wayne State
 - Several in Iowa

Meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m. for lunch.

Guest Speaker: Rennie Walt with Harry A. Koch Co. took the floor at 12:45 p.m. He has been in the insurance business since 1968. He spoke to the group on different insurance issues involving companies. He discussed different kinds of frauds including workman's comp, staged auto accidents and arsons.

He suggested that most companies should check to see if they have an umbrella policy as well as a vehicle fleet policy. He can email the vehicle fleet policy in a word document to anyone requesting to look it over. Q & A followed.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.