

Minutes from TIESB Meeting

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Friday, October 10, 2014

TEEX-ESTI

College Station, Texas

I. Call to Order

Chairman Deel called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

II. Roll Call

12 Members present: Rick Deel; Keith Russell; Gerald Sherman; Brett Steed; Chuck Richardson; Paul Hanneman; Rodney Kovalcik; Lee Ray Kaderli; Michael Barley; Kent Delaney; Robert Moore; David Wade

6 Members absent: Terry Boyett; Todd Johnson; James Purcell; David Cave; Jeff Hoffstadt; Steve Pollock
SFFMA Staff present: Kevin Creamer, Industrial Coordinator

Guests: Lynn Bizzell – TEEX; Harvey Cheshire – TEEX; Gordon Lohmeyer – TFS; Brett Boren and Steve Pepper.

III. Committee Members Review YTS Reports

The committees began reviewing the **13** submitted reports prior to the meeting at 9:00 a.m.

IV. Approval of Minutes from April 25, 2014.

On motion by Keith Russell and seconded by Gerald Sherman.

V. Action Items

A. February '09 Meeting Status

1. Verify with Trey Blocker if it would be better to insert in the Vehicle Criteria document to reference DSHS criteria with appropriate TIESB exceptions as warranted or leave alone. (Chuck Richardson – EMS Committee) **In Progress**

Mr. Richardson reported that he had not heard back from Mr. Blocker on this item. Mr. Wade noted that he was not sure if he remained on the T*FLAG committee.

Issues to be addressed are liability, vehicles, and industrial ambulances. Mr. Deel suggested a group e-mail exchange needed to be started to keep the Codes & Standards group on top of any legislation. Bill Gardner and Trey Blocker would need to be included on any communications.

B. April '13 Meeting status

1. Draft letter to send to new members upon appointment (Robert Moore) **Closed**
2. Review vehicle registration signage & pin-striping requirements (Gerald Sherman) **In Progress**

Mr. Sherman noted that he and Mr. Creamer had been discussing ways to ease vehicle registrations and renewals. Additionally, supplies are at a point that new stickers will need to be ordered soon so this is a good time for design changes.

One suggestion was to replace the SFFMA logo with the TIESB logo on the side seen from the outside.

Another suggestion was to go from a \$40 four-year registration fee to a \$10 single year registration and tie the registrations into the facility's membership renewal. This would require bumping up all current registrations to December 31st of the expiring year. There was a question about the timing of registrations and if a vehicle is in an accident, Mr. Creamer stated that the office can e-mail out an itemized receipt to document payment of renewal fees while the stickers are in transit. He further clarified that fees could be paid with a credit card, even over the phone.

On motion by Gerald Sherman, with second, the board approved to modify the vehicle registration stickers to include the TIESB logo and pertinent information.

On motion by Gerald Sherman, with second by Chuck Richardson, the board approved to move registrations to an annual renewal tied to membership renewal from the current four-year cycle. On clarification, the overall cost would remain the same.

There was further discussion of the requirement to show facility names, with clarification that this requirement has been removed.

C. January '14 Meeting status

1. Review payment wording on invoices (Kevin Creamer) **Closed**
This item had previously been completed and not marked as closed.

D. April '14 Meeting status

1. Discuss Limits of Liability with Dave Womack from TCC (Rick Deel / Trey Blocker) **Closed**
3. Create a list of cell phone numbers for internal TIESB use (Kevin Creamer) **Closed**
Chairman Deel reviewed the list of numbers and asked for additions/corrections.

E. June '14 Meeting status

1. Provide all current TIESB policy documents and establish 3-year review cycle. (Kevin Creamer) **In Progress**
Mr. Creamer noted that that the documents are all posted on the website, and Mr. Deel suggested starting the review cycles the date of this meeting.
2. Provide an attendance list showing who has missed meetings for the last 2 years. (Kevin Creamer) **Closed**
3. Provide copy of the current TIESB membership brochure to the board for review. (Kevin Creamer) **Closed**
4. Determine how many of the facilities submitting a 2013 YTS are meeting NFPA 1081 standards. (Kevin Creamer) **In Progress**

F. October '14 Meeting status

1. E-mail new Board appointees to Rusty Kattner (Kevin Creamer)
2. Appoint new committee liaisons (Speaker Selection, EMS, Certification, etc.) to replace Chuck Richardson (Rick Deel)
3. Add policy documents to the website (Kevin Creamer)
3. Confirm with TxDOT their requirements for 2nd party registration stickers regarding content and placement (Kevin Creamer)
4. Provide a list of facilities not current on membership to the board to review for updates to name changes, contact changes, etc. (Kevin Creamer)
5. Forward copies of all minutes to board members on CD. (Kevin Creamer)
6. Add committee duties to roster

VI. Communications

A. Committee Reports

1-4. Area Committees

- a. Area 1 – Area Chair Brett Steed: 0 YTS pending for Area 1
 - b. Area 2 – Area Chair Kent Delaney: 4 YTS for Area 2 were approved
 - i. FMC Bayport – Advanced Exterior/Interior, Rescue, HazMat
 - ii. Sun Products Bay Area – Advanced Exterior/Interior, Rescue, EMS, HazMat
 - iii. Equistar Sheldon Road – Advanced Exterior/Interior, Rescue, EMS, HazMat
 - iv. Lyondell Sheldon Road – Advanced Exterior/Interior, Rescue, EMS, HazMat
 - c. Area 3 – Area Chair David Cave: 0 YTS pending for Area 3
 - d. Area 4 – Area Chair Keith Russell: 2 YTS for Area 4 were approved
 - i. Luminant Martin Lake – Advanced Exterior/Interior, Rescue
 - ii. Luminant Big Brown – Advanced Exterior/Interior, Rescue
5. Codes, Standards & Legislation Committee – Robert Moore
Mr. Moore mentioned the upcoming NFPA 472 HazMat standard which is currently out for comment. He had been on a teleconference earlier in the week with individuals working on the standard and suggested board members renew the updates. Mainly the change will be to a JPR format like 1081, but it will create some changes. Mr. Sherman added that there was some WMD information added.

Mr. Sherman noted that 156 would also be updated in the near future to more of a proqual standard, which would then affect 600, etc. 156 had been in effect since 1982, and Mr. Moore noted that it may pull in 1081.

Mr. Moore noted that TEEEX's legislative representative Tiffany Britain was leaving, and had had a great working relationship. They had not yet announced who would be replacing her, but as soon as they get a new person, they would get contact information out to Trey Blocker.

Mr. Moore further added that the incoming legislature is probably going to be quite conservative, so any additions to funding may be difficult.

6. Board Membership – Robert Moore

Mr. Moore stated there were currently four slots open – 6, 10, 14 and 15 – and Chuck Richardson has announced that this would be his last board meeting as he has taken a new position within his company. He introduced Brett Borden as his replacement. Mr. Moore noted that he had Mr. Borden's application as well as one other for Steve Pepper, also from Phillips 66.

On question of whether there had been interest from anyone in the Beaumont/Port Arthur area, Mr. Moore stated that Charlie O'Brian from Phillips 66 in that had expressed interest, but had pulled his application when finding out that Phillips 66 already had one current and pending member.

Mr. Russell noted that Lee Sherwood (sp?) had expressed interest and Mr. Moore suggested to have Mr. Sherwood contact him.

Mr. Richardson discussed Mr. Borden's qualifications, and on motion with second, the board approved adding him to replace Chuck Richardson in Slot 7.

Mr. Moore discussed Mr. Pepper's qualifications, and on motion with second, the board approved adding him to fill Slot 10.

Coming out of the meeting we still have three open slots – 6, 14 and 15.

7. TEEEX Advisory Board – Keith Russell

Mr. Russell noted the advisory board met yesterday with several items coming out of the meeting. He discussed the fire systems including upgrades to fire pumps to meet NFPA compliance, as well as overlay to creeks and roads. There was a long term report to future actions to move staff to permanent buildings.

There were good reports on all of the annual schools in addition to the industrial week. Attendance numbers were down slightly, but should improve as there has been a very strong push to look at resourcing it with people having correct certificates.

Mr. Russell noted Howard Meek's presentation and that during all four annual schools there had been 59 incidents, but that only 38 required treatment and 21 assessments. In all of the cases, there was only one individual who could not meet modified requirements to go back into training.

Mr. Russell announced that Mr. Moore had been reviewing the 1081 program to determine how to improve the quality of the training as well as how to grow the training. Most of the updates are enhancements to logistical management, but also with opportunities to enhance via instructors the quality out at the props.

Mr. Wade noted that one of the main points that has been addressed over the years has been consistency in safety for everyone regardless of whether the individual was volunteer or not. Mr. Moore added that all of the different safety groups from the schools would be sitting down to go over the requirements to further work on consistency.

8. Texas Chemical Council – Rick Deel

Mr. Deel noted that he had not been able to attend the previous meeting due to conflict with the TIESB meeting.

Training Committees

9. EMS – Chuck Richardson

Mr. Richardson noted he had not heard anything with which to be concerned. He added that the call for presenters for the 2015 SFFMA conference had gone out and that if anyone was interested or knew of anyone who might be interested to add to the EMS track for CE approval, to forward that information.

Mr. Moore noted that as Texas is a National Registry state, as of January 2015 all classes must be part of an approved program in order to take the National Registry exam. He further added that TEEEX is now the only non-college/university to receive that program accreditation.

There was discussion on the discontinuation of ECA in Texas. ECA certifications are still recognized, but no new ones will be issued. Mr. Wade asked whether the updates were in statute or if DSHS could make changes as necessary. Mr. Richardson clarified that DSHS should have the ability to make the changes. He further clarified that when the switch from Vernon's Civil Statute was made, the reference to TIESB governing industrial ambulances was omitted, and the work is to make sure the reference is added back.

Mr. Deel asked that if anyone was interested in taking over Mr. Richardson's spot on the EMS committee to please let him know.
10. HazMat – Lee Ray Kaderli

Mr. Kaderli noted that NFPA 472 is currently in rewrite. He further suggested that if anyone had their people certified to that level in the past to look at the new requirements because WMD wasn't really covered in the past.

Mr. Lohmeyer noted that everything from awareness through technician (chapters 4-6) were moved from 472 to 1072, and everything else stayed in 472 including container specialist, flammable liquids, bulk storage and LPG. There was further discussion and clarification that it would be just the addition of JPRs in 1072, but they would remain in 472.
11. Marine Fire Fighting – Rodney Kovalcik

Mr. Kovalcik questioned whether with the addition of 1081 being allowed as a prerequisite for 1005, whether we would go for certification under 1005. Mr. Lohmeyer reported that he was on the 1405 review committee and their plan was to merge the 1405 and 1005 committees to have both pieces of the rules together. Mr. Lohmeyer noted they would need a tentative interim agreement on 1005 as done with the driver/operator series stating that from an owner/operator perspective their people would certify under 1081 industrial and not 1001.

There was further clarification that 1072 was the proqual standard for hazmat, but does not cycle with 472 on the same cycle. Current ProBoard certifications are still through 472, but any new ones would be through 1072.
12. Industrial Fire Fighting – Keith Russell

Mr. Deel noted that the committee position is still open. There was discussion of what would fall under this committee with clarification it would be 1081 for Industrial Firefighter. Mr. Wade mentioned there had been some previous discussion about this position regarding oil and gas issues and responses and impacts on the volunteer fire service, mutual aid, with Mr. Deel adding also the rail transport.

Mr. Hanneman suggested adding something like a mission statement for each position to help clarify responsibilities and concentration areas.

Mr. Deel appointed Keith Russell to this position to also look at combining it with Codes and Standards.
13. Organizational Membership – David Cave

Mr. Cave was not in attendance; Mr. Creamer reported that there were 80 current members and that number is dropping every year. Mr. Creamer asked the board members when they get back to work to look at the facilities and whether they are members or not. The decrease is due to many factors including facility name changes, contacts changing with no updates, etc.

Mr. Creamer stated he would provide a list of all facilities not current on their membership for board members to review for updates.

There was discussion on the actual benefits of membership in TIESB. Mr. Moore suggested that aside from being a statutory requirement, maybe adding legislative support, discounts on training materials, AD&D/LODD insurance for individuals. Mr. Creamer provided all of the existing membership brochures to Gordon Lohmeyer for distribution at the upcoming HotZone conference. Mr. Deel created a committee to work with Mr. Creamer on updating the membership benefits brochure, headed by Mr. Wade, with Mr. Moore, Keith Russell and Lee Ray Kaderli.

14. Texas A&M Forest Service and State Incident Management Team – Paul Hanneman
Mr. Hanneman reported that the TFS had finally gotten all of their people hired on for their task forces, and one will be done in Humble with Harris County. The new people brought on are done through a two-week academy done throughout the state.
Mr. Hanneman stated that the TFS survey of is 98-99% complete out of 1894 departments. He will forward an e-mail with the website information.
Mr. Hanneman noted the minutes should be updated to clarify that TFS was not looking to re-fund 2604, but to reestablish the authority to spend the money that is currently there. They're also looking to increase TIFMAS from \$1 million to \$2 million.
Mr. Hanneman discussed Instant Qualification System (IQS) noting that there were 15,000 installs of the software across the country. The program is supported by TFS, but it's not used by the federal agencies. He can provide access if desired.
On incident management, they're working on a simulation for austere environment for the incident management teams to get task-books signed off. The first will be at Camp Bowie up in Brownwood.
He further noted that the National All Hazard IMT conference would be held in Fort Worth on December 8-11, and they're planning a statewide IMT conference down in Moody Gardens in March.
15. Certification Committee – Lee Ray Kaderli
Mr. Deel stated he had a note regarding "ad hoc committee meeting at industrial annual school". Mr. Wade noted that the time may be coming that an industrial certification program is required whether that's starting with 1081. Mr. Moore noted that currently certification is voluntary, but most companies are moving that way on their own. Further he would like to promote the industrial emergency response training that TEEEX offers. Mr. Deel wanted to ensure this discussion would continue and possibly add to the brochure as a membership benefit.
There was discussion of the current format of the emergency response specialist program. Currently 303 people have the certification, and Mr. Moore provided further information on the format of the program.
16. Industrial Fire School – Lee Ray Kaderli
Mr. Kaderli reported that they're continuing to work on safety at the school. Industrial school should continue to grow as a lot of facilities are increasing their fire teams.
On question regarding the increased oil and gas employment, Mr. Moore clarified that those individuals would fall under volunteer or municipal fire departments. They do have the EMBR class that is being promoted to bring them to the awareness level to keep them from being hurt. He discussed some of the prop changes that could be targeted toward the field and transport emergencies.
Mr. Wade added that he had recently been invited to Colorado to meet with the upstream and midstream groups and they are moving ahead of Texas in response on their incidents in the field. He added that he took the opportunity to promote TEEEX's industrial school that some of the companies might want to send their employees.
17. Vehicle Registration – Gerald Sherman
See item V. B. above.
Mr. Creamer added that there were currently 287 registered vehicles.

B. Executive Director's Report – Chris Barron

Mr. Creamer gave the report in Mr. Barron's absence, noting that Mr. Barron had recently been recognized by the International Association of Fire Chiefs as Volunteer Fire Chief of the Year.

SFFMA has a new website design launched, and industrial information is located under the "Divisions" tab on the main toolbar.

The project to expand the volunteer monument at the Capitol has had a hiccup. The State Preservation Board, the state agency in charge of the Capitol grounds, had initially said the project would cost \$150,000 with SFFMA meeting the goal within 150 days. The Preservation Board then came back and said the minimum amount needed would be an additional \$110,000 so Mr. Creamer passed out some brochures for donations.

C. Industrial Coordinator Update – Kevin Creamer

Mr. Creamer said he had nothing to add that had not already been discussed.

VII. Old Business

A. TFS/TIESB Annual Meeting with Industrial Mutual Aid Groups – Rick Deel

Mr. Deel stated that he and Mr. Hanneman would get together and discuss.

B. Industry involvement with TIFMAS – Paul Hanneman

Mr. Deel noted that Shell Deer Park had a listing on TIFMAS now. Mr. Hanneman that yes they wanted to be a member of TIFMAS in case anything arose. Mr. Deel noted that he'd like further information on this to share with others.

VIII. New Business

A. Review of TIESB Accomplishments

There was discussion of updating what the board has determined over the last few years to prevent rehashing of topics as well as document what had been accomplished. Mr. Deel asked what would be the best method of accomplishing this task, whether that be a committee or assigning to an individual. Mr. Sherman noted that after the last time the board did this the board made major updates. There was discussion of having a full-day workshop as possibly done at the Amarillo conference. Mr. Deel added an item to the January agenda to discuss adding the full day workshop in conjunction with the June meeting in Galveston.

IX. Announcements

A. Ex-Officio Members

None

B. Review of new Action Items

See Above

C. Roundtable Discussion

Mr. Wade noted that membership in TIESB is a requirement for CIMA, but noted this could be added to the benefit list or brochure. Mr. Wade further shared photos of the new CIMA command vehicle.

Mr. Hanneman noted that Mr. Deel had already created a PowerPoint on TIESB and wondered if it could be shared with the remainder of the board for presentations. Mr. Moore suggested adding it to the website, with further discussion of adding a TIESB benefits page.

Mr. Wade also reminded everyone the speaker selection committee is looking for presenters at the June conference at Moody Gardens in Galveston.

D. Next Meeting

1. January 23rd, 2015 – 8:00 am to Noon – Moody Gardens, Galveston
2. April 2015 (date/time TBA) – Phillips Headquarters, Houston
3. June 12th, 2015 – Moody Gardens, Galveston
4. October 2015 (date/time TBA) – Citgo, Corpus Christi

X. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 12:19am.