

Minutes from TIESB Meeting

8:00 AM – 12:00 NOON

Friday, January 23, 2015

Moody Gardens – Salon F

Galveston, Texas

I. Call to Order

Chairman Deel called the meeting to order at 8:20 a.m.

II. Roll Call

12 Members present: Rick Deel; Gerald Sherman; Terry Boyett; Todd Johnson; Brett Boren; Steve Pepper; James Purcell; David Cave; Kent Delaney; Henry Perry; David Wade

6 Members absent: Keith Russell; Brett Steed; Paul Hanneman; Rodney Kovalcik; Lee Ray Kaderli; Michael Barley; Jeff Hoffstadt; Robert Moore; Steve Pollock

SFFMA Staff present: Kevin Creamer, Industrial Coordinator

III. Committee Members Review YTS Reports

The committees began reviewing the 12 submitted reports prior to the meeting at 8:00 a.m.

IV. Approval of Minutes from October 10, 2015.

On motion by Kent Delaney and seconded by Gerald Sherman, the board approved acceptance of the minutes.

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**

Chairman Deel noted that Mr. Richardson is no longer serving on the TIESB. Mr. Creamer added that he and Executive Director Barron had recently had a conversation with Margo from Mr. Blocker's office and provided a copy of all past discussions to them for review, and they will probably get back to us for review for this session. Executive Director Barron noted that Mr. Blocker had recently taken on some new clients and his time would be more constrained, but that he had recently hired a new lobbyist/lawyer, Margo, who should be working on this and other legislative issues.

Chairman Deel stated he was looking for someone to step forward to chair the EMS committee so that he would not need to volunteer someone. He also suggested possibly working with the Texas Chemical Council on this issue.

B. April '13 Meeting status

1. Review vehicle registration signage & pin-striping requirements (Gerald Sherman) **In Progress**

Mr. Sherman stated that Mr. Creamer had provided an example of the new sticker that was going to be ordered as designed by Gabi Glass from the Austin office. He continued that they were proceeding into the annual renewal of vehicles at \$10 per annum.

Mr. Sherman also clarified that the wording on the application requesting a photo showing the name of the company had been removed from the vehicle registration application.

Mr. Wade added that they had done a spot check on registrations at CIMA and less than 50% had been registered through TIESB even though their by-laws required registration of vehicles. He suggested this was due to turnover of employees in that specific position. Mr. Creamer requested a list of the CIMA members so that he could forward them an information letter. Mr. Wade countered that if Mr. Creamer would provide a letter, he would have their admin send it out. Gordon Lohmeyer stated that a stakeholder list had been compiled regarding fires of state significance, so they could help compile a list also.

Mr. Wade suggested the expiration date of each vehicle be printed on the sticker. Mr. Creamer clarified that the expiration date would be noted on the back side of the sticker as is the current practice.

C. June '14 Meeting status

1. Provide all current TIESB policy documents and establish 3-year review cycle. (Kevin Creamer) **Closed**
2. Determine how many of the facilities submitting a 2013 YTS are meeting NFPA 1081 standards. (Kevin Creamer) **In Progress**

Mr. Creamer reported that he had reviewed the 24 reports and all had stated they were meeting 1081 standards.

F. October '14 Meeting status

1. E-mail new Board appointees to Rusty Kattner (Kevin Creamer) **Closed**
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) **Closed**
3. Confirm with TxDOT their requirements for 2nd party registration stickers regarding content and placement (Kevin Creamer) **In Progress**

Mr. Creamer reported that he had made several calls to TxDOT and could not actually get in touch with anyone there who could make any determinations to this. There was general discussion as to perhaps DPS would be the better department to verify this information.

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) **In Progress**

Mr. Creamer reported there were 2 lists provided in the packets, one of the facilities registered in the last three years, and the other showing all other previously registered facilities. Chairman Deel asked the board members to review the lists and provide Mr. Creamer with any updates.

There was a suggestion of adding a name change form and posting it to the website.

5. Forward copies of all minutes to board members on CD. (Kevin Creamer) **Closed**

Mr. Creamer noted that about 3 years of board minutes were available on the webpage. Chairman Deel asked if it was worth taking the time to make the CDs if it is posted to the website. On motion from Gerald Sherman and second from Kent Delaney, the board approved closure of this item.

6. Add committee duties to roster (Rick Deel)

G. January '15 Meeting status

1. Add a facility name change document to the website to ease updating of information (Kevin Creamer)
2. Provide vehicle registration information letter to David Wade for distribution to CIMA members. (Kevin Creamer)
3. Speak to Trey Blocker about getting an Attorney General opinion on limits of liability. (Chris Barron/Kevin Creamer)
4. Update website to link to Mutual Aid organizations (Kevin Creamer)
5. Update website to add links to legislation/state codes (Kevin Creamer)

VI. Communications

A. Committee Reports

1-4. Area Committees

- a. Area 1 – Area Chair Brett Steed: 1 YTS for Area 1 was approved
 - i. Motiva – Advanced Exterior/Interior, Rescue, EMS, HazMat
- b. Area 2 – Area Chair Kent Delaney: 8 YTS for Area 2 were approved
 - i. INEOS La Porte – Advanced Exterior/Interior, Rescue, EMS, HazMat
 - ii. LyondellBasell Deer Park – Advanced Exterior/Interior, Rescue, EMS, HazMat
 - iii. Chevron Baytown – Advanced Exterior/Interior, Rescue, EMS, HazMat
 - iv. Dow Deer Park – Advanced Exterior/Interior, Rescue, EMS, HazMat
 - v. Dow LaPorte – Advanced Exterior/Interior, Rescue, EMS, HazMat
 - vi. Bayer Baytown– Advanced Exterior/Interior, Rescue, EMS, HazMat
 - vii. Flint Hills Houston– Advanced Exterior/Interior, Rescue, HazMat
 - viii. Houston Fuel Oil Sheldon Road – Advanced Exterior/Interior, Marine, Rescue, HazMat
- c. Area 3 – Area Chair David Cave: 0 YTS pending for Area 3
- d. Area 4 – Area Chair Keith Russell: 3 YTS for Area 4 were approved
 - i. U.S. Steel Tubular Operations – Advanced Exterior/Interior, Rescue, EMS

- ii. Eastman Chemical Longview – Advanced Exterior/Interior, Rescue, EMS, HazMat
- iii. Luminant Big Brown – YTS was incomplete and will be contacted for additional information

5. Codes, Standards & Legislation Committee – Robert Moore

Gordon Lohmeyer provided a report in Mr. Moore's absence. The week prior to this meeting TEEX hosted their 2015 Leadership Symposium in San Marcos with 1,107 students registered. The last day they had a panel discussion with leaders from many bodies including SFFMA, TCFP, TEEX, Texas Forest Service and Texas Chiefs Association. He further noted that TCFP has a 'legislation tab' on their website that provides a list of bills introduced into the House or Senate that would have an impact on the fire service statewide which is a good resource. A&M now has a new legislative representative, Norman Garza, who will be working with Trey Blocker in looking at issues this session.

Mr. Lohmeyer reminded the board that he'd forwarded information through Mr. Creamer regarding HB237 by Representative Springer with a companion bill filed by Senator Estes that no state agency will have regulatory oversight over volunteer firefighters or industrial fire brigades. He further discussed the discussions of TCFP during the previous session including whether it would be attached to a different agency. Mr. Lohmeyer suggested this would be a quiet session with most agencies, etc. trying to maintain their current funding.

Mr. Lohmeyer suggested the topic with the most attention regarding NFPA 472 for HazMat. There is a Professional Qualifications standard (1072), and chapters 1-7 (awareness and technician) are going to move there. Next month in Florida there is a meeting to discuss what 1072 is going to do. It was his opinion that there was some proposed language in 1072 that individuals should certify to a certain level before moving to the next level and they were really not in favor of that. There are also some members of the 1072 committee who are leaning away from standardized Professional Qualifications for certifying people.

There was discussion on OSHA developing standards on comprehensive emergency response standards spurred on by the West incident and Prescott fire. They are looking at getting something out in the second quarter and a report would be forwarded to Mr. Creamer for distribution to the full board.

Chairman Deel raised the question of whether they were to a point of searching everything regarding limits of liability. He requested whether SFFMA could get a reading from Trey about whether the Attorney General could provide an opinion.

6. Board Membership – Robert Moore

Gordon Lohmeyer provided a report in Mr. Moore's absence that one application had come in for David Atkinson from Eastman Chemical. Mr. Deel noted he had received a call from Keith Russell recommending Mr. Atkinson. On motion by ___ and second by ___, the board approved adding him to Slot 6.

Two Slots remain open at this time. Mr. Bud Melder, a former member of TIESB, may be at a position to rejoin the board.

Chairman Deel appointed Brett Steed to Area 3 to replace Chuck Richardson. The Finance Committee line item was struck from the list to be added at a later date if necessary. Chairman Deel accepted ___ volunteering to the Code, Standards & Regulations Committee. Mr. Richardson's replacement to the EMS Committee would be filled at a later date.

There was discussion of the need to move forward on establishing industrial certification.

7. TEEX Advisory Board – Keith Russell

In Mr. Russell's absence Gordon Lohmeyer discussed development of the 10,000 sf rescue classroom. #64 would be converted to a rail prop.

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 – Chairman TBA
No report.
10. HazMat – Lee Ray Kaderli
NFPA 472 / 1072 previously discussed under Codes & Standards.
11. Marine Fire Fighting – Rodney Kovalcik
Mr. Lohmeyer again 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 1002.
12. Industrial Fire Fighting – Keith Russell
No report.
13. Organizational Membership – David Cave
Mr. Cave stated he was reaching out to a few facilities due to their changes in oversight. He asked if there was an information packet on the advantages of joining TIESB. Mr. Creamer noted that David Wade was on the TIESB Marketing committee and better able to answer that question.

Mr. Wade noted the information is available in a brochure format, but main problem is how to engage the facilities. There was discussion institutional knowledge loss with changes in personnel, addition of mutual aid organizations to the website, providing information to facilities/companies working in the Eagleford, etc.
14. Texas A&M Forest Service and State Incident Management Team – Paul Hanneman
Chairman Deel noted that there had been a steering committee meeting of the State Incident Management Team in Austin the previous week. There is another meeting scheduled for March in Galveston.

There will be a free 305 All Hazards Incident Management course in the Houston ship channel area funded by the Houston ship channel security district and supported by CIMA and East Harris County Manufacturers Association April 27 – May 1. It will mix emergency responders and CIMA members and individuals can sign up for the class at preparingtexas.org.
15. Certification Committee – Lee Ray Kaderli
Previously discussed.
16. Industrial Fire School – Lee Ray Kaderli
Chairman Deel noted registrations were a few less than the 700 last year, but all of the schools are down. There were only 6 incidents and all were minor mainly due to the oversight of the trainers out on the projects.

There was discussion of teaching the use of multiple master streams with limited personnel. Gordon Lohmeyer discussed their EMBR course.
17. Vehicle Registration – Gerald Sherman
Mr. Creamer reported that the order for the new stickers had been placed and should be in within about a month. In the meantime, he is sending out a notice to facilities that they can keep in the vehicles for reference.

Chairman Deel referred to the vehicle registration policy document noting that it said that the Industrial Coordinator would send an e-mail out to the facility to remind them of the vehicle registration renewal. Mr. Creamer noted that the vehicles would be included on the membership renewal invoice with a request to provide updated license plate or facility designation information. The board accepted the suggested changes to the policy document.

18. TIESB Marketing – David Wade

Mr. Wade noted that the only feedback regarding the brochure he'd remembered was that the text was hard to read due to the background. Mr. Creamer confirmed that the brochure would be fully redesigned with an eye toward readability. Gerald Sherman suggested keeping with the design of the current letterhead to make the information consistently themed.

B. Executive Director's Report – Chris Barron

Mr. Barron reported the staff had been in the new building for a year and aside from a few warranty issues they were very much enjoying the facility. He extended an invitation to any of the board members to stop by for the full tour if they are in the Austin area.

SFFMA had just completed their International Conference in McAllen last week in cooperation with TEEX and the McAllen FD. Forty-nine firefighters attended with classes on Incident Safety Officer, Ladders and Hose Streams and a rescue class. Next year the pre-conference and main conference will be in McAllen with plans to combine the pre-conference meeting with the international conference.

The Capitol Memorial Expansion Project is ongoing and he discussed the significant increase in the necessary funds required by the State Preservation Board. The project had been planned to be half built, but with reallocation of funds the SFFMA Executive Board has fully funded the expansion with the remaining donations to go back into the Wildfire Relief Fund. Mr. Barron invited the board to attend the First Responder Appreciation day on March 25th at the Capitol with a breakfast sponsored by VFIS beforehand. There will be a lunch afterwards on the grounds of the Capitol and SFFMA is looking for sponsors.

Mr. Barron announced that SFFMA would begin sale of Haix boots toward individuals starting the following day at Moody Gardens. Mr. Barron further announced that annual individual membership had 22,552 which has somewhat levelled off. Additionally the SFFMA website will be rolling out a major update to the online certification training tracking program and are just waiting for technical updates to move forward on the project.

Mr. Barron provided further information on the bills from Representative Springer and Senator Estes. He further clarified there would be bills regarding opening up approved inspectors to include SFFMA and not just TCFP, and to remove the minimum cap on the county population to adopt fire codes.

C. Industrial Coordinator Update – Kevin Creamer

Mr. Creamer reported that initial invoicing had been done at the beginning of December with 34 renewals already received. 2nd notices would probably take place the middle of February. There are currently 300 vehicles registered with another 24 in process pending fees, photos, etc.

VII. Old Business

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

Mr. Deel stated that he had spoken to several people but there were no plans to have a meeting this year as there were no major issues. He suggested a webinar might be more helpful due to travel time and expense.

Mr. Deel said he would be discussing with Mr. Barron and Mr. Creamer about how to expand the website to include the mutual aid groups. Mr. Creamer noted that with the recent update to the database program creation/editing of web pages was considerably simplified and this could be handled quickly.

B. Industry involvement with TIFMAS – Paul Hanneman

Mr. Deel announced that Shell Deer Park had provided a pumper to TIFMAS. William 'Tucker' Andoe from Shell Deer Park added that they were trying to provide the pumper but are currently dealing with legal/HR issues to move forward. There was general discussion of taking pointers from facilities have been able to work out public/private partnerships to help those who are trying to do so.

Mr. Wade discussed the pending limits of liability bill and offered to send information back out for review.

C. Workshop Prior to June Meeting – Rick Deel

Mr. Deel noted that there is another meeting scheduled in April, but the plan is to have a full-day workshop the day prior to the June meeting. There have been a couple of items identified during this meeting for discussion including certification/credentialing and marketing, but if board members thought of other items to please let him know.

VIII. New Business

A. Crude by Rail Class

Steve Pepper noted the group he had been working with had had developed a crude by rail for first responders class that should be available in April through TransCaer and wondered about adding it to the conference schedule. Mr. Barron noted the committee would be meeting tomorrow and would need information given to Gabi Glass as soon as possible.

IX. Announcements

A. Ex-Officio Members

None

B. Review of new Action Items

See Above

C. Roundtable Discussion

Henry Perry clarified his industrial background as he had worked 29 years with the Lower Colorado River Authority in operations.

David Wade announced the State Fire Marshal's LODD Conference will be taking place October 13-15 in Hurst. He further added that individual industrial members do receive AD&D/LODD coverage with basic SFFMA membership. Mr. Barron confirmed that individuals who volunteer as industrial ERT members would be eligible to have their names on the monument in case of LODD.

D. Next Meeting

1. April 10th, 2015 – Phillips Headquarters, Houston
2. June 11th, 2015 (full-day workshop) – Moody Gardens, Galveston
3. June 12th, 2015 8am to Noon – Moody Gardens, Galveston
4. October 23rd, 2015 – Citgo, Corpus Christi

X. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 11:45am.

GUESTS:

SFFMA President Rusty Kattner

SFFMA 3rd Vice President Harvey Cheshire

SFFMA 4th Vice President Mike Richardson

SFFMA Mascot Kelby Jasinsky

Amy Jasinsky

Billy Jasinsky

Tucker Andoe – Shell Deer Park

Gary Sera – TEEX

Gordon Lohmeyer – Texas A&M Forest Service