

Halifax FEHA Board of Directors Meeting January 11, 2005—DeLand, FL

Chairperson, Ron Freeman called the first meeting of the New Year to order at 5:16pm. The roll call was then taken, with 100% of board members present! Ron read the previous minutes from the meeting in October, which were approved as read. Ron moved on to his report, where he has become a NEHA member for the upcoming conference in Providence, RI. The Coastal Clean-up was a success, at least for the membership getting involved (in numbers) and we're ready to move forward to the next challenge.

Chairperson Elect, Scott Chambers passed out what he hopes will be the most effective tool in recruiting non-FEHA members of the department: personalized invitations. They will be in color and sent to home addresses and targeting our largest group of non-members, clerical and Engineering. The idea was kicked around of having an 'associates membership' for staff that do not make as great an income as others, to increase membership and that idea will be presented at a state meeting.

Vice-Chairperson, Ginger Hancock brought to the table a myriad of different training opportunities that should come to fruition at sometime during the year. The local 'hot topic' of Rabies was pushed to the forefront, and geared towards Animal Control workers, Epi Nurses and Health Department personnel alike. (Ron liked the idea of the Rabies course so much, he exclaimed 'I Like Rabies'.) A soils course, cross connection and waterwise course were also discussed.

Social Chair, Glenn Cardenas gave us the results of the 'Top 10' Social Events for 2005. The Bowling event is already planned for February 4, 2005. Other possible events include: Auto Racing, Mini-Golf, Canoeing, Daytona Cubs Game, and Mystery Dinner Theater. Great work, Glenn!

Our **Community Service Chair, Greig Sayre** was not in attendance to give a report. The **Awards Committee** which is co-headed by **Heather Will** and yours truly **Kurt Jennings** didn't have much to say other than to start thinking about who would be a good nominee for the State Awards. The banquet will be another good time, and some possible locations include the Conch House or a Riverboat on the St. John's or Halifax.

Brian Volkman's Treasury report was outstanding, and proves that we are in the black.

The few things that ended up being **Old Business** were that the website is up and running. Come visit us at www.halifaxfeha.com ! Chuck has t-shirts and cozies for those members who have not picked up theirs yet. Congrats again to the 4 members who passed their R.S. exams, and will be reimbursed for the cost of the test. Those passing were: **Eric Maday, Jeff Sulzbach, Greig Sayre and Robert Webster**. A previous e-mail motion that failed (free memberships to try to recruit non-members) is being added to the minutes at this time. Another pair of e-mail motions that passed are to provide \$5 FEHA

bucks for any member that comes to a Community Service event and participates, as well as the chance for the 'Grand Prize' of \$45 FEHA bucks (1 year membership).

There wasn't any **New Business** that anybody wanted to bring up at the time (other than the pizza was good). FEHA members continue to keep ahead of the running pack. Member **Paul Hextell** competed in the 2004 Dallas White Rock Marathon, completing the 26.2 course in 3:10:19, while **Kurt Jennings** finished the 2005 Walt Disney World Marathon in 3:16:07.

The meeting was brought to a close at 6:35pm.