



## **March 20, 2007 Meeting Minutes**

### ***Introduction & Opening:***

The March meeting was held at T-Bar M. Kevin Kelley opened the meeting by welcoming members and guests.

Member companies present were: Alamo Worksource, Ashley Furniture, Cemex, Comal ISD, Detex, Edisto Business Resources, FedEx Services, Hawkins Personnel, McKenna Health Systems, NB Chamber of Commerce, New Braunfels Utilities, Objective Maintenance, Owens Corning, Priority Personnel, Senior Flexonics, Star Manufacturing, T-Bar M and TXI.

Guests present were: Cathy Drolet (Safesite), Brandon Caranovia (Colorado Materials), Arnold Rodriguez (Oshcon) and Mark Hankins (Texstar Bank).

### ***Host:***

Jean Marie Rich from T-Bar M introduced Stephen Kirkpatrick, Challenge Course Programs Director. Stephen explained the challenge course programs for team building and motivation. Programs can be tailor-made to suit the needs of the company or organization. Stephan can be contact at [Stephen@tbarm.com](mailto:Stephen@tbarm.com) or 830.620.4263. More information can be found at [www.tbarmcamps.org](http://www.tbarmcamps.org). T-Bar M can organize company/group picnics, contact Jean Marie at [jeanmarie@tbarm.com](mailto:jeanmarie@tbarm.com) or 800.292.5469 ext. 202. If you are interested in participating in the March of Dimes "Walk America" on April 21, contact April Carley, [april@tbarm.com](mailto:april@tbarm.com) or 830.625.7738.

### ***Officer Reports:***

Paul Webber updated the membership on the current account balances for the organization. Membership dues invoices have been mailed out. Please process them for payment.

### ***Committee Reports:***

- Membership:
  - o The membership committee is taking a hard look at membership balancing (manufacturing and associate) so that we stay focused on manufacturing. The committee is formulating a survey to determine what NBMA needs to change in order to entice more involvement from manufacturers in the area. The survey will help the organization in deciding speakers, topics and programs that are a benefit to local manufacturing companies. A draft of the survey will be finalized before the next membership meeting.
  - o For marketing, the committee is recommending that NBMA have standing ads in the local paper to help promote and raise community awareness of the organization. The committee will be meeting with Doug Toney and have proposals by the next meeting.

- The membership committee is recommending that we poll members for questions and topics that the speakers can address prior to the scheduled meetings. That way, the speaker can come prepared to address the issues and questions that are relevant to the member companies.
- Fundraising:
  - The golf tournament will be on May 19<sup>th</sup>, 8 a.m. at the Bandit. The tournament will be 4 person scramble.
  - Lyndon had some flyers for review. The flyers will be put in the Chamber newsletter. Advertisements will also be placed in the Herald-Zeitung.
  - Contact Lyndon Frame or Tom Brooks to sign up for the tournament.
- Scholarship:
  - The scholarship committee has reviewed and approved 2 applicants:
    - Anna Hovestadt
    - Veronica Hansmann
  - TXI motioned and Star Mfg seconded to approve both applicants to receive scholarships. The motion carried.

***Featured Program:***

Arnold Rodriguez from OSHCON discussed his organizations role in improving worksite safety. OSHCON is a free service offered by the state of Texas. They do not solicit businesses, rather companies must request their assistance. OSHCON will identify hazards and weaknesses in written programs to improve the safety within companies.

There are over 14,000 high risk/high injury companies identified by OSHA in Texas. If these companies request the help of OSHCON, they are less likely to receive an OSHA visit, unless there are catastrophic circumstances. Arnold discussed the need for companies to have documented air and noise monitoring if that is an inherent nature of your business. OSHCON can perform the monitoring.

On an OSHCON visit, the auditor will review all logs, programs and records to make sure they are compliant with the OSHA regulations. The facility will be evaluated for hazards and safety issues. Air and noise can be monitored if needed.

The state of Texas has a large library of safety training videos that can “checked-out” for free. Companies can also register with the state to receive a free monthly safety newsletter. Safety regulations and rules can be found on the OSHA website by SIC code.

***Chamber Report:***

Rusty Brockman touched on a number of events and issues that are on the horizon:

- New Braunfels University has the “Angry People, Irate Clients and Upset Public” seminar on April 3.
- The Texas legislative conference with Gov. Rick Perry will be held on March 22.

- CTTC may be the possible location for manufacturing and aerospace academies. CTTC needs the business community involvement/support to help convince ACCD that these programs should be in New Braunfels.
- The Chamber is working to create an entrepreneur center in New Braunfels. A meeting will be held at TLU to discuss the possibilities.
- The Moll building is still available.
- The textile mill has been purchased and will be redeveloped for mixed use, including allocated space for manufacturing.
- Chase bank has moved part of their operations and has office space available at the bank building on the square.
- The transportation committee meeting will be April 16. Topics for discussion are the loop/bypass and FM306 grade improvements.

***Next Meeting:***

The next meeting will be held on April 17, 2007. The meeting will be at 11:45 am at the Mamacittas. Cemex is hosting the meeting and the program will be County Judge Danny Scheel. Contact Rusty Brockman for reservations.

Respectfully submitted: Paul W. Webber, Secretary/Treasurer