



SUNFLOWER SAFETY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
January 28, 2014

Meeting was called to order by Jim Barta, President at 1:07 pm. Twenty two members were present. Individual introductions were made to the group.

The Secretary's report was reviewed, accepted and seconded.

Treasurer's report was given. \$30.28 was spent on frames, leaving a balance of \$1,295.24. It was accepted and seconded.

OLD BUSINESS

The Sunflower Safety Council banner was not located. Jim will call Kansas Small Mines to see if they have it.

The Spring Thaw date has been set. It is February 12, 2014 at the Hutchinson Community College (on campus). Ken Dobrinski will be sending out an agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

Safety topics were set for future meetings.

- March 25th –Oliver Insurance on Work compensation update
- May 20th – Cornejo Materials (Austin)
- July 29th – To be announced
- October 7th – N/A (fundraiser)
- November 18th – Alsop (Dane) and KAPA (Amanda)

KAPA offered to host anytime we need them at 800 Jackson, Topeka, KS.

It was offered up to SKYPE our meetings to those mine operators who cannot get away to come in person. Also, we discussed recording them and putting on computer.

The 32nd Annual South Central Joint MSHA Conference is being held March 25-27, 2014 in Oklahoma City, OK.

The Safety Awards were handed out and photos were taken to be published in the Holmes magazine.

TODAY'S SAFETY TOPIC:

Jim Barta spoke about equipment inspections (pre-shifts), task training and workplace exams. He handed out examples of their inspection sheets. The MSHA records for 2013 shows most accidents are due to lack of task training.

Sid Garay spoke of MSHA based items. He said his inspectors will be professional, thorough, get to the root cause of citation. The operator should offer mitigating circumstances. They should do this at the time the violation is found, citation is issued and at close-out. If visiting inspectors do not act professionally, Sid wants to know.

He encourages mine operators to attend the Holmes meetings.

In 2013, M/NM had 22 fatalities.

Task training, workplace exams and pre-shift exams can help to prevent injury/accidents.

The top 3 citations that the Topeka Field Office cites are, housekeeping, electrical and guarding.

There will be a tour of the Federal Building at 2:30 pm.

Arlington is starting committees to evaluate MSHA business.

Sid talked about the Small Mines Division and EFS Division.

MSHA will help you with Part 48 blue card applications.

Unofficially, MSHA may fund the State Grants programs again.

It was suggested that we meet at MSHA location every January to get the MSHA update for the past year and the upcoming events.

Mick Dennehey, ADM retired January 4, 2014. Dustin Crelly is acting ADM.

274 mines are inspected by the TFO each year.

Jim offered that if there were any ideas between meetings, to let him know. He will share with the membership.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:25 pm and tour began.