



SUNFLOWER SAFETY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
July 22, 2014

Meeting was called to order by Jim Barta, President at 1:03 pm. Fourteen members were present. Individual introductions were made to the group.

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

Treasurer's report was given. No changes.

MSHA unable to attend.

OLD BUSINESS

The Spring Thaw will possibly be held February 11 or 18, 2015.

The Sunflower Banner was found at APAC's office.

Buckley Powder will be doing training in February or March 2015, for blaster. Jim Barta discussed Independent Salt blasting training and documents.

Jim Barta updated us on the citation issued for lack of guarding on a return roller where miners shovel under the conveyor.

NEW BUSINESS

Steve Hoskinson attended the National Holmes meeting.

- He reported there were some struggles with attendance.

- They are lacking major sponsors to fund.
- Only one mine rescue team attended, due to competition dates.
- They were unable to come up with a new meeting date to accommodate more mine rescue teams.
- More MSHA personnel were there.
- MSHA has no precedence on e-cigarettes at mine sites.
- Legal marijuana being challenged in Colorado for drug testing for impairment.
- No date set for next year's National meeting.
- Supervisors have been found to not be trained on MSHA regulations.

Chrystal Dye discussed a citation on grounding plug cited under 25.12025 and one on Mine Rescue teams needing to carry annual training records with them to competitions.

Dave Bass said MSHA recommended to check cords for 25.12025. He also discussed Part 46 training and 5000-23's.

Task training was discussed. When and how often task training should be conducted. You should use specific equipment names.

Choking citations were also discussed.

John Mann discussed some DOT issues: GPS and 26,000 pound guidelines/rules.

October 7, 2014 is the annual Sunflower chapter fundraiser in Hutchinson, KS.

TODAY'S SAFETY TOPIC:

Jim Barta presented Sid Garay's PowerPoint presentation on MNM fatalities.

He discussed PPL-P12-IV-01, revision to safety belts and lines, dated 3-25-2014. OSHA standard may apply.

A heat reminder for summer months was given.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:15 pm.