



**SUNFLOWER SAFETY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
May 9, 2017**

Meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm. Robert Small welcomed everyone.

Individual introductions were made to the group. Twenty persons were present.

Robert gave us a MSHA update:

- Richard Laufenberg retired as district manager
- Acosta is the head of DOL
- Work place exam issue pushed back to July

The minutes from the last meeting were accepted.

The treasurer's report was accepted. (Nathan was absent, so Chrystal presented it)

Leon Mueller, EFS/MSHA, talked about working alone at the mine sites.

- Use frequent checks to ensure employees are okay.
- Use of Life Alert devices.
- Install internet, if possible.
- Use wearable devices for tracking location.

Old Business:

We discussed having a Skeet/Trap shoot as our next fundraiser. We have three members looking into different locations to hold the fundraiser. Stan Hambright gave us information on the Tuttle Creek Trap Park. Chrystal will look into Powder Creek to compare prices.

New Business:

- Holmes meeting is the first week in June. It is being held in Michigan.
- A mine rescue competition was held at Independent Salt. All went well.

Some new suggestions for the upcoming fundraiser were:

- Mining games obstacle course
- 5K run
- Fund raising dinner
- Frisbee golf.

We discussed safe access for normal procedures for older pieces of equipment. Try using:

- Tire steps
- Portable stairs
- Pole with cross bar for tie offs
- Add site glasses and/or gauges
- Positioning lanyards

Meeting was adjourned at 1:40 pm.