SUNFLOWER SAFETY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
November 17, 2014

Meeting was called to order by Jim Barta, President at 1:08 pm. Sixteen members were present. Individual introductions were made to the group.

Jim thanked the group for their participation in the fundraiser. We doubled the money in our bank account.

Treasurer’s report was given. Started with $1,295.24 + $1,555.50 (fundraising dollars) = $2851.50.

Kansas Small Mines was thanked for the development of the Simulation Lab for Mine Rescue exercises.

Brad Gover distributed the Certificates of Appreciation awards to all who donated.

OLD BUSINESS

The Spring Thaw will be held February 18, 2015 at HCC in the Shears Technology Center, from 9-4. Topics will be: Fall Protection, Guarding, Torch and Welder Safety, Fire Safety, MSHA Electrical Trailer (hopefully), Effective Training and First Aid presentation by Rob Miller (if time allows). Information for the Spring Thaw will be posted on the MSHA and Sunflower Council’s website. Please share the information on your company websites too. Flyers will be made up and sent out for posting at your sites. Dustan Crelly will be asked to attend the Spring Thaw.
NEW BUSINESS

Steve Hoskinson presented information for the October Holmes meeting. The 2015 national meeting will be the week of June 8th, in Virginia Beach, VA. Check website to keep current on details. Bob Glatter said there were no nominations on the National level for safety awards. Chrystal will send ours for national nominations for 2015. They recognized Kansas for keeping their website current. 2016 will be the 100th year of the Joseph A. Holmes Association and they want to make it one to remember. Hoskinson volunteered Kansas City, MO as the location. We need to get commitments from companies for $50,000 by June 8, 2015.

MSHA has a new training page on the website.

A discussion was held on the Topeka MSHA Inspectors not being professional during inspections.

Discussed whether or not first aid trainers for annual refresher training need to be certified. KSM held a 4 hour first aid class.

Task training was discussed. What records are you using and how is your task training being conducted.

PRESENTATIONS

Dan Barclay discussed recent fatal grams on water pump impellers blowing up, employees crushed between a loader bucket and a truck. Some areas of concern were new guys, non-routine tasks, family distractions. Steve Hatfield discussed a language barrier with employees.

Jim Barta also disc used some fatal grams. Lids on tanker trucks should be opened off site, a utility worker died from falling material at an underground mine, a contractor truck driver drove off a 240’ highwall.
2015 NOMINATIONS

President – Jim Barta
Vice President – Brad Gover
Secretary – Chrystal Dye
Treasurer – Nathan Steele

2015 MEETING DATES AND LOCATIONS

January 27th – Wichita (Cornejo)
March 24th – Kansas City or Hutchinson (APAC), I don’t remember which one volunteered!
May 12th – Topeka (MSHA)
July 21st – Manhattan (Bayer)
September 15th or 29th – Fundraiser location will be announced later by Buckley Powder.
November 17th – Blue Rapids (Georgia Pacific)

Meeting was adjourned at 3:15 pm.