



Minutes of the GOSHA Committee Meeting held on Thursday 23rd April 2009 at HSE, Burnt Lane St Martins

Persons Present

Andrew Mills, Richard Brown (HSE), Paul Craig, Gordon Snell, Jonathan Coyde, Simon Welch and Mhairi Macgregor

Apologies

Steve Roussel, Clare McArdell, Ian Whattam, Richard Pinchemain

Minutes of the committee meeting held on Wednesday 4th March 2009

The minutes were approved.

Matters Arising

- **Poster and Design Competition;** Blanchard Junior have been contacted about the competition. Two award afternoons on the 11th and 18th June 2009 have been arranged. AM asked if anyone would attend to represent GOSHA.
- **Croner Feedback;** JC stated that there had been four responses from GOSHA members. Two respondents representing large companies already had access to this facility and the other two expressed an interest. AM suggested this idea put on hold until next year as there maybe more interest in this service then.
- **Booklets;** RB stated that the booklets have been delayed due to other pressures.
- **Laptop and Projector;** CM arranged for the purchase of the laptop and projector and invoices given to GS. SW will take control of the laptop together with the dream weaver package to update the website. JC will house the projector at Normandie Health & Safety.
- **New Contacts – Treasurer's report;** Brewery visit went well and paid for. Les Cotils open meeting was charged at £11.00 per head which was good value according to GS.

Education – Managing Health & Safety Course Feedback;

18 candidates attended the course run by RB & PC, feedback was good but nothing official as of yet from the GTA. The cost was £25.00 per delegate which went back to the GTA and GOSHA covered the cost of the buffet. GS stated that there would appear to be enough numbers to run another couple of courses. MM suggested that the training is targeting at specific industries. AM suggested the next course is run in September and MM volunteered to run this course with RB.

Website/ next Newsletter

PC to write the next newsletter for May 2009.

SW was given the new GOSHA laptop and software. SW will now update the GOSHA website.

Future Open Meetings

The committee agreed that the Cotils is currently the best venue when the food costs are considered but a more 'upmarket' venue will be considered for the AGM/Awards event in November 2009.

21/5/2009 – CM to organise, AM to chase CM regarding the presentation and to publish the flyer.

17/9/2009 – COSHH/Behavioural Safety. Possibility of a local HSE speaker such as Barry Abel, who could run a presentation on LEV. RB to confirm. MM suggested that another option was to run a demo on COSHH essentials which can be found on the UK HSE website.

26/11/2009 – 5th Anniversary dinner and presentation.

Future site visits

JC agreed to organise a tour to Guernsey Post for June/July.

AM suggested a September visit to Guernsey Gas. RB will investigate a possible visit to Intersurgical.

European SME Week – 6 to 14 May 2009

Committee agreed that it was too short notice to run a campaign.

European Safety & Health Week 2009 – w/c October – risk assessment

MM tabled her thoughts on the Health & Safety Award;

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European Health and Safety Award

(Submitted to committee meeting on 24.3.09)

Already sent various web links via the committee with dates: mid Oct 09

Advantages

In line with European Safety Week

1. Enables the award team to vary the criteria each year and change the topic which would prevent the awards becoming very predictable and enabled GOSHA to promote their own campaigns
2. On line support very simple and user friendly and appeals to every one !
3. Marketing material is already available and looks professional and may gain national press coverage.
4. More likely to engage the press because it's national
5. More appealing to Non GOSHA members because web links makes it obvious that any one can apply
6. Promotes the use of the HSE web site and other useful web sites
7. Ideas to copy, which makes getting started easier

Disadvantages: Can't think of any !!

Criteria of small medium and large business

1. Difficult to recruit new entries
2. Deciding what the criteria: the HSE criteria much more objective.
3. Not necessarily flexible could become stale
4. Hard to promote
5. Getting new people on board

Mhairi Macgregor

AM also suggested we consider a Disability Award in conjunction with the GDA.

Annual Dinner & Awards – up-date

AM stated that the Subcommittee press ahead with two awards for 'Health & Safety Achievement' as time is now running short;

- Small/Med Business (<40 employees) similar criteria to 'silver standard' ROSPA award
- Large Business (>40 employees) similar criteria to 'silver standard' ROSPA award

JC to organise sub-committee (JC/CM/SW) meeting to move the Awards evening idea forward.

AM stated that other ideas about the Awards evening will be considered in the following year.

AOB

GS asked AM if the Education Corporate Membership would include anyone from a States School. AM agreed that it would.

Date of next meeting

The date of committee meeting for 2009 will be;

Thursday 21st May 2009 (after open meeting)

Wednesday 15th July 2009

Thursday 17th September 2009

Monday 2nd November 2009

(always 12.30 at HSE Burnt Lane, SM apart from May meeting).