



Minutes of the GOSHA Committee Meeting held on Thursday 15th January 2009 at HSE Burnt Lane St Martins

Persons Present

Andrew Mills, Clare McArdell, Paul Craig, Gordon Snell, Jonathan Coyde, Simon Welch, Richard Brown (HSE)

Apologies

Ian Whattam, Tony Hubert, Richard Pinchemain, Mhairi Macgregor, Dave Norman & Steve Roussel

Minutes of the committee meeting held on the 7th October 2008

The minutes were approved.

Matters Arising

- **Membership Packs;** JC has had problems copying the database onto the 50 CDs. CM offered to help as her husband is an 'IT expert'. JC to drop off CDs by hand to CM at her St John Street office. The membership packs will be handed out at the January 2009 open meeting and hand delivered thereafter to GOSHA members.
- **Poster and Design Competition;** AM requested that RB print off 50x A5 and 20 xA4 of the winning design and add poster. These leaflets could be displayed at the Guille-Alles Library for people to pick up. AM has registered GOSHA again for this competition but as a voluntary organisation. This will cost £750.00. GS suggested we considered giving a prize to the winner such as a £25.00 voucher as opposed to just a 'well done'.
- **Managing Health & safety course;** new date to be set by PC and RB for April 2009 (after Easter). AM stated that Herm Island would be interested in attending. Following comments from GS agreed to target specific industries in order to encourage more interest in this training course. AM would like to see a press release on this course once a date has been set. GS also suggested we advertise in GBG.
- **Booklets;** RB stated that the HSE leaflet is now at the proofing stage. JC agreed to add the RIDDOR booklet to the GOSHA members pack.
- **New Contacts – Guernsey Post have joined;** GP have joined as members and the contact is Ricky Bryce (H&S Officer). AM to contact Paul Garlick of Guernsey Gas regarding membership. CM to contact Dan Hubert at Island Waste. Steve Major of Guernsey Press has also expressed an interest in GOSHA. CM to email SW Chamber of Commerce email list so that it can be collated. AM is in discussions with the CIPD in regards to GOSHA.

Treasurer's Update;

The current balance stands at £10,148.51. GS confirmed that he has registered GOSHA as a non-profit making organisation

Officers – we need – newsletter, dinner organisers, publicity, education;

PC volunteered to write the March 2009 newsletter after the January 2009 edition has been sent. GS and JC will jointly organise the dinners in the future. AM volunteered SR

as the education officer. SR needs to agree on this appointment as he was not present at the meeting.

Aims for 2009

The committee agreed the following aims for 2009;

- Launching an independent GOSHA Health & Safety Award for Small and Medium sized businesses. A subcommittee will push this award forward and JC, SW and CM volunteered to sit on this committee. The Awards will be presented at the 5th Anniversary dinner on the 26th November 2009.
- Run another successful Design an Ad competition
- Issue a GOSHA Newsletter on a bimonthly basis
- Investigate increased member benefits including the provision of a internet based health & safety information source type system. JC to investigate and report back to the committee.
- Run some events in conjunction with European Health & Safety Week which is occurring in October 2009.

Website/ next Newsletter

AM keen to see a 'gg' website address for GOSHA. SW stated that '.co.uk' website expires on the 25/11/09. SW has recently switched from C&W to Wave and that this has created a problem accessing the website. GOSHA has options to buy webspace or buy the 'dreamweaver' software in order to update/build the website. AM requested that SW update the committee pages.

Future Open Meetings

It was agreed that the January open meeting will be held at the La Trelade but after this date the meeting will be moved to Les Cotils (Harry Bound Room) on a trial basis. This decision was made following site visits conducted by CM to assess the suitability of venues for disabled access. CM also visited St Pierre Park Hotel which would be ok.

29/1/2009 – THE BENEFITS OF EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAMMES

a talk by Felicity Quevatre of Catalyst, Guernsey

19/3/2009 – HSE Speaker – COSHH (RB to suggest a speaker)

21/5/2009 – CM to organise

17/9/2009 – Noise/Corporate Manslaughter (RB or GS to organise speaker)

26/11/2009 – 5th Anniversary dinner and presentation of GOSHA Awards by President of IOSH?

Future site visits

Guernsey Water/Gas, Guernsey Brewery and Guernsey Post were suggested.

AOB

None

Date of next meeting

The date of committee meeting for 2009 will be;

Wednesday 4th March 2009

Monday 18th May 2009

Wednesday 15th July 2009

Thursday 17th September 2009

Monday 2nd November 2009

(always 12.30 at HSE Burnt Lane, SM).