



GUERNSEY OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ASSOCIATION

## **Minutes of the GOSHA Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2007 at the HSE, Burnt Lane, St Martins**

### **Persons Present**

Andrew Mills, Claire McArdeall, Jon Coyde, Mhairi Macgregor, Mike Earp, Steve Roussel and Joel Lanyon.

### **Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Paul Craig, David Norman and Richard Brown – Chief Health and Safety Officer States of Guernsey

### **Minutes - The committee meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2007**

The minutes of the committee meeting held on the 15<sup>th</sup> May 2007 were approved.

### **Matters Arising**

- Website – 530 hits have been recorded since website became live. It was suggested that a comments box is added; this was agreed and will be introduced by JL. Photographs are still needed for Tony Hubert and Steve Roussel.
- Newsletter – AM suggested that the next newsletter should cover insurance concepts and services offered. ME suggested that DSE assessment info should be covered in the letter. It was agreed by the committee future newsletters may wish to cover slips, trips and falls and vehicle safety, following the recent fatality involving a tractor on the Island.
- Working Safely Courses/Talks – JL approached Phoneix Safety about running the non accredited working safely course on behalf of GOSHA, an interest was expressed by this company. ME will contact a consultant he knows who could run this course and report back to the committee at the next meeting.
- Window Stickers & Posters – Window stickers have been printed and were given out to committee members for distribution by JL. More stickers will be given at the next open meeting in September 2007.

### **Treasurer's up-date**

MM reported that on the 24<sup>th</sup> May 2007 GOSHA held £7431-70 pence in its account. A discussion was held about the most appropriate use of these finances.

### **Les Nicolles Visit 27<sup>th</sup> July 2007**

A flyer has been sent out to the GOSHA distribution list and twelve delegates have so far confirmed for the Schools visit and there are a further nine provisional's.

### **Ian Whattam – to join the Committee**

JC seconded AM nomination that Ian Whattam sit on the Committee as a co-opted member. Ian would be an ideal candidate to represent the Islands construction industry. AM to advise Ian of his nomination onto the committee.

## **Strategic Direction**

It was agreed that GOSHA requires more members in order to give it more credibility and that this should be one priority for the Committee.

CM stated that she will discuss GOSHA and its role with the CGI and in the B48 club.

GOSHA also aims to raise health and safety awareness within industry and it was felt that small businesses may need additional support. MM suggested running a series of workshops, underwritten by GOSHA, aimed at small businesses entitled 'Health & Safety for Small Businesses – what you should know'. AM to approach RB about the provision of a suitable speaker for these workshops and whether the HSE would be willing to sign up to this initiative.

The idea was raised that a questionnaire will be handed out at the next AGM in order to gather information on how members viewed GOSHA and how it could be improved.

## **AOB**

JC advised that the JOSHAs Chairman and vice chairman plan to attend the next open GOSHA meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> September 2007. It would be a worthwhile opportunity to discuss holding a joint open meeting between the two associations in the new year.

AM felt that the sandwich lunch was too expensive at £60-00 per head. CM 'volunteered' to pick up a range of sandwiches before the next meeting avoiding the need to use an outside contractor.

AM distributed a crime prevention leaflet for each committee member.

## **Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will take place at HSE offices, Burnt Lane, St Martins at 12.30pm on the 10<sup>th</sup> September 2007.