

GOSHA

GUERNSEY OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held at Normandie House, Rue a Chiens, St Sampsons
on 10th January, 2007 at 12.30am

Present: *Andrew Mills, Clare McArdell, Mhairi Macgregor, Steve Roussel, Paul Craig, Joel Lanyon, Tony Hubert, Terry Nash*

Guest Attendee *Richard Brown*

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from David Norman and Richard Pinchemain

2. Minutes of the committee meeting

The minutes for the committee meeting held on the 5th December, 2006 were approved.

3. Matters arising

3.1. Website

Joel Lanyon reported on the problems which he had been experiencing with Mark Guilbert who kept putting off meetings to handover the site. The committee sympathised with Joel and it was agreed that if Mark continued to be unavailable then he should go ahead with setting up a new site on Guernsey.net and when this was up and running we would close down the old site.

3.2. Newsletter

Andrew tabled various points which he would like to consider for inclusion in the Newsletter and asked all committee members to let him have any information which was relevant. Richard Brown kindly produced the latest HSE accident statistics and Andrew is to incorporate these into the next edition which is presently being written and he hopes to distribute it within the next 4 weeks

3.3 HSE

Andrew welcomed Richard Brown to the meeting and thanked him for supporting the Association. It was emphasised that the Association considered that it was very important for the membership and outside world to understand that GOSHA and HSE were in harmony and that HSE supported the objectives of the Association. Richard also kindly volunteered the use of the HSE meeting room at Burnt Lane for use for committee meetings providing it did not have prior bookings.

3.4 Window Stickers

This item was referred to the Communication working group

3.5 Training

There was general discussion concerning the type and content of training courses which GOSHA might try and provide for members. Andrew favoured trying to provide full follow up courses under the GOSHA banner for subjects of topical interest. e.g. Simon Welch was willing to run a GOSHA "Environmental" course. There followed comments from Mhairi that the follow up courses after "Open Meeting" initiatives should best be carried out on an independent commercial basis. Tony Hubert also favoured accredited training organisations carrying out this type of work. The liability issues were mentioned and Andrew commented that with Simon Welch's course the States would be the "provider" and GOSHA would merely front it.

3.6 Circulation of information to Committee Members

Terry reported that all the information requested at the last meeting had now been circulated and the committee were all happy that they had received copies.

4. Open Meeting – 22nd February, 2007

Clare has lined up the speakers, the arrangements are in place and the flyer has been circulated.

Andrew and Clare are the co-ordinators for the meeting and will be in touch with other designated personnel as necessary in order to chase attendances.

5. Open Meeting – March/April

Andrew made the comment that in view of the delay in the January meeting to 22nd February it would be sensible to delay the March meeting to late April early May. Terry agreed to be the speaker at this meeting and will let Andrew have some suitable dates

6. Reports from Working Groups

Communications

Joel had already covered the current situation regarding the web site. Other issues will be reviewed with David before the next meeting

Membership

Steve and Mhairi had been working on membership ideas and produced a very useful paper on their findings (see attachment). This was discussed in detail and several ancillary areas pinpointed for follow up. Terry agreed to sort out information on various States Departments safety co-ordinators for Steve

Education

Andrew said that he and Clare had not yet met up for discussions but that they would report back at the next meeting

Andrew asked the working groups if they would be kind enough to follow Steve and Mhairi's example and produce a summary sheet for the next meeting

7 Conference in 2008

This item was deferred until the next meeting

8 JOSHA

Andrew reported on a recent meeting which he had with Tony Allchurch, President of JOSHA. Tony indicated that JOSHA was going through somewhat of a sea change and that he was standing down to provide an opportunity for the Association to redefine its aims and activities. The possibility of greater co-operation and sharing of resources was discussed.

9 AOB

Paul informed the meeting that Guernsey Electricity were hosting the Annual Energy Network Association Safety, Health and Environmental conference at the end of April. This is a prestigious meeting and full details can be viewed on the ENA web site

Tony asked what the intention was to use the accumulated Association funds for. It was explained that there needed to be a reserve to cover potential losses in the event of low attendances at open meetings, to have funds for general use on ad-hoc expenditure and to build up a reserve in the event of mounting the international conference which was still under consideration for 2008.

There was some discussion on possibly reducing individual membership fees to £10 in order to encourage more members. It was agreed to keep the membership fee issue under review and possibly amend the situation at the next AGM

8. Date of Next Meeting

19th February, 2007 at 12.30am, HSE, Burnt Lane.

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