

**Minutes of the GOSHA Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 10th September
2008
at HSE Burnt Lane St Martins**

Persons Present

Andrew Mills, Clare McArdell, Ian Whattam, Richard Pinchemain, Jonathan Coyde, Mhairi Macgregor, Gordon Snell, Richard Brown (HSE), Tony Hubert and Joe Lanyon

Apologies

Steve Roussel, Paul Craig & Dave Norman

Minutes of the committee meeting held on the 1st July 2008

The minutes were approved.

Matters Arising

- *Membership Packs;* 50 packs have been produced by JC. JC requested 50 GOSHA window stickers from AM. JL to email JC pack introductory pages. JL and JC to meet and discuss CD Rom database for pack. JC to present 50 packs at next meeting and each committee member will be given a pack of folders for membership distribution.
- *Poster & Design Competition;* JC to email Designer of the Year Poster to committee members. JL to add posters to website. IW will blow up the winning poster and add to the front gate of the new RGF Esplanade site. AM to write to the schools to thank them for their participation. RP suggested the winning poster can be displayed at Frossard House.
- *Managing Health & safety course;* Only four people have booked on the course so it was agreed to reschedule the course to November. JC to advise candidates. RB to suggest a new date.
- *Booklets;* RB advised that new booklets are with the printers and should be available in 6 or 7 weeks.
- *New Contacts;* AM confirmed that Rossboroughs have joined GOSHA for a year and their membership year has been extended. MM was advised by AM that this extended membership year offer will also apply to Specsavers should they wish to join. JC to email Paul Garlick of IEG details of GOSHA.
- *PR agency/officer;* AM advised that there was nothing further to report on Redbridge.
- *H&S Award;* SR tabled a 'GOSHA and Guernsey Awards for Achievement' specification.

GOSHA and Guernsey Awards for Achievement

Any organisation that strives for excellence in business must have a commitment to health and safety as an integral part of its culture. In addition good health & safety systems will have other benefits to an organisation.

Guernsey Occupational Safety & Health Association (GOSHA) wishes to sponsor a new award at Guernsey Awards for Achievement for Excellence in Health & Safety at Work.

Businesses would be invited to submit entries demonstrating excellence in health and safety at work. A panel of judges selected by GOSHA would select a winner by assessing entries against the following criteria:

- *Evidence of management commitment to health & safety*
- *Evidence of occupational health & safety management systems*
- *A culture that encourages good health & safety practice throughout the workforce*
- *Evidence that the organisation promotes the development of Managers and staff through relevant health and safety training*
- *Evidence of a rigorous approach to occupational health among its workforce*
- *Evidence of good compliance with safety systems*
- *A low accident/ incident rate*
- *Good relationship with the HSE*

AM thanked SR and MM for their input into this matter. The consensus of the committee was that this specification could only be met by a small number of larger companies on the Island. JC suggested the award should be aimed at a Business that has made the most improvement. MM stated that businesses applying for this award want to gain as much publicity as possible. AM advised that the award will be deferred to 2009 because the deadline for 2008 was too close and a specification has not been agreed yet. AM asked for someone on the committee to take this forward.

Treasurer's Update

The current balance stands at £8,078.57. GS stated that GOSHA needed to start spending this money as Income tax don't like seeing cash standing in accounts of associations. The idea of sponsorship was raised and AM suggested GOSHA supply high visibility vests to a School. GS to meet Head Mistress of the new St Sampsons High and will raise this idea. CM will also raise this idea at the PTA of her school.

Getting Prepared for the AGM

AM asked each committee member to consider whether they wish to stand at the next AGM.

Website/Next Newsletter

JL will add design the add posters to the GOSHA website. AM has an agreement with the Press to submit an article every 2 months. Any ideas for topics are welcome.

Future Open Meetings

The following subjects and speakers were agreed by the committee

2nd October 2008 – RB has sourced a HSE speaker for a presentation on;
'CONSTRUCTION SITE SAFETY, THE IMPORTANCE OF COMMUNICATION BETWEEN ALL PARTIES - AN ENGINEER'S VIEW'

15th October 2008 - site visit to Channel Island Air Search. Maximum of 20 and £5.00 charge per person which will be given to Air Search.

20th November 2008 – Hannah Beacon from Island Coachways has agreed to speak on Bus Safety issues.

AOB

AM advised committee that Mike Earp thanked everyone for his gift and wished everyone well.

Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting is **Tuesday 7th October 2008** – 12.30 at HSE Burnt Lane St Martin.