Montana Tech Safety Committee (SC) Meeting Minutes
March 25, 2015  10:00-11:00

Present (14): Amanda Badovinac, Rob Smith, Tom Barsanti, Marilyn Cameron, Alan Christensen, Matt Egloff, Angela Johnston, Jeanne Larson, Rich Schrader, Maggie Peterson, Tammy Todd, Brian Vieke, Karen Wesenberg-Ward, Staci Werner

Absent: Doug Abbott, Michael Allen, Sally Bardsley (Sabbatical), Paul Beatty, Jim Girard, Bill Gleason, Beverly Hartline, Roger Jensen, Mike Kukay, Marlin Maynard, Todd Myse, Dennis Noel, Dan Owens, Scott Rosenthal, Rich Schrader, ASMT

Call to order
Chair Alan Christensen called meeting to order at 10:00 am in the Kelly/Steward Room
Tammy Todd was appointed to take notes.

Minutes from the Feb 5, 2015 meeting were not available. The committee decided to appoint a scribe at the beginning of each meeting.

Review of accidents since Feb 5, 2015 meeting
Two slips on ice, one recordable because of medical attention; the other required one week off with ability to work from home, hence not recordable. Also noted were two trips over objects resulting in scrapes and back strain though not recordable. A finger sprain secondary to being caught on a door knob was non-recordable. Today a slip on the ice resulted in ambulance transport due to wrist and back injuries; this was a non-Montana Tech employee so it does not go on our OSHA log. A student accident occurred in March resulting in a laceration with a scalpel and required sutures.

Old/Unfinished Business/Updates:

A general discussion of Safety Charlie activities was held. The posters have been distributed around campus and are found to be attractive and beneficial. “Good job” Lisa Sullivan! The video relative to drinking and driving was deemed not applicable to the scope of the grant as stated by the Workmen’s Compensation Director. The focus is to be related to on campus, faculty, and employees. The April video on texting and driving was officially approved. Marilyn announced a plan to develop and implement a campus event involving the “red thumb reminder” about texting and driving, a wheel game about safety concerns, videos on safety, and hopefully the presence of Safety Charlie. The date is to be announced with tentative plan for some time in April. No other suggestions were initiated.

AED Replacement Update
Marilyn announced the replacement and updating of AEDs. Seventeen new AEDs with a training model and new cabinets are expected to arrive in approximately three weeks.

GHS Relabeling
Marilyn reminded the members of the GHS relabeling deadline of June 1st, 2015. She recommended adding pictograms for all chemicals found in the labs as well as the SDS labels. The process requires diligence and effort by lab personnel. Marilyn plans to call and meet with all lab directors.

New Business:
One-Time Money
Marilyn called for One-Time money requests and discussion. Ideas presented included the ventilation system in the machine shop; Park Street pedestrian safety and push button flashing lights; lighting for crosswalks and back stairs (Maggie to check into this); and safety showers in the ELC building. Requests for One-Time money are to be sent to Marilyn by April 3rd. Maggie gave an update on the Verizon tower and lighting on the old baseball area which will become a parking lot.

Evacuation of people needing assistance
Concerns about the evacuation of people needing assistance became apparent during the last evacuation drill. Marilyn presented a flyer on evacuation chairs (cost $1395 or $1795 with 2 additional handles). Further investigation will be done regarding this issue.

March 25, 2015 minutes respectfully submitted by Tammy Todd
Active Shooter Exercise
Marilyn attended an Active shooter exercise in Missoula and also a conference presentation on active shooter exercises and claimed the importance of such training. She plans to schedule one-hour training sessions in each building. Various scenarios would be presented dealing with active shooters, aggressive behaviors, etc. The plan is to complete them before the end of the semester, and she will send an email with the request to set them up.

Tuberculosis
A case of tuberculosis has been recognized on campus. The individual is currently under the management of the County and State Health Departments and remains in quarantine. It was also reported that all close contacts tested negative.

Other Business:
Powered Alcohol
A committee member asked about “powdered alcohol.” Little awareness was apparent among the group.