

Oregon OSHA
Construction Advisory Committee
Tuesday December 2, 2014

Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Alta Dixon	Demetra Star	Mark Tobiasson
Andy Collins	Dick Classen	Melissa Diede
Barry Moreland	Doug Rodgers	Michelle Potter
Bret Taylor	Eliot Lapidus	Nathan Taylor
Bryan Davis	Gary Beck	Peggy Munsell
Chris Ottoson	Ian Chase	Roger Dale-Moore
Cindy Regier	Jeff Wilson	Scott Peabody
Clark Vermillion	Kevin Jensen	Tony Howard
David Davidson	Kevin Wheatcroft	
David Parsons	Marilyn Schuster	

The meeting was called to order by Mark Tobiasson, chair.
Self introductions were made.

Minutes of the November meeting were approved by the group.

Lessons Learned:

A person was having a hard time eating and drinking without spilling out of his mouth, and then he was walking and having a hard time. He was talking to a coworker and was having a hard time articulating his words, when another coworker suggested that he go to the doctors. It turned out he had some blockage in the back of his head and he had had a stroke. He said that the alert coworkers saved his life.

A question around this also, is since it happened while he was at work and there was a hospitalization, is this recordable or reportable? Gary Beck is looking into the answer.

A company was installing a new man hole over an existing sewer line and when the employees cut into the pipe their gas alarm went off. There was a large amount of Carbon Monoxide coming out of the pipe. They immediately left the area as the ventilators they were wearing were overloaded. They returned with a device to clear the air in the pipe so they could return to complete the job safely. He thought the team had a great procedure in place, and everyone followed the procedure so no one was injured.

There were two instances with concrete pumps from two separate areas. One of them there was a bind at the end of the hose, the employee was standing facing away from the pump when the 6 inch 90 blew concrete out of it spraying the employees back. The second, there was a plug in the reducer

and it blew concrete out of the 6 inch 90. They are working with the companies and the manufacturer to determine if the parts were bad, or why this happened. No one was seriously injured. There is a company that makes a cover to put over the pumps as a secondary safety measure.

Working for a general contractor, they were assisting the crew with the use of their water truck. They had the truck backed up to the house and the hose was fed up the side of the house to the second story where the G.C. crew was cleaning things off the deck with the hose. The crew kept asking for more pressure. It was turned up and then the crew lost control of the hose. The safety manager was on site and came over to investigate the situation. The crew had apparently been shutting a valve on the end of the hose and opening it to create more pressure to clean things off the deck. The safety manger told the crew they were not to do that any longer and then came down and talk to the other company assisting and told them that if his crew asked for more pressure they were not to comply, and to leave it at a safe set pressure.

Rules:

Two other hearings for [Electric Power Generation, Transmission, and Distribution rules](#) will be held December 3 in Medford, and December 8, in Bend. The first was held on November 25 and it had a great turnout.

There is a tentative date set for the first stakeholder meeting for Record Keeping and Reporting for December 23, 2014 at the L&I Building in Salem in room 260.

Continuing Business:

None.

Monthly Overnight Hospitalizations and Fatalities Report:

Accidents

1. November 11th, Bend

An employee was attempting to attach himself to the anchor point when he slipped, tripping over the toe board and landing on the ground 12 feet below. He had just ascended the ladder and was wearing his harness and spiked shoes. He was attempting to tie in when he slipped resulting in a broken scapula.

2. November 24th, Elgin

Four employees were setting trusses (60' span) when the trusses that had been placed fell over. Approximately 32 trusses had been erected at the time of the collapse. Fall to the ground was approximately 20 feet. No apparent FP being implemented. Accessing the trusses by ladder and working around /climbing the trusses. One employee has a broken back. Another has a broken pelvis.

3. November 24th, Newport

An employee was accessing a roof. While transitioning from the ladder to the roof, the ladder shifted underneath him. The employee fell approximately 10 feet to the ground below resulting in a fractured skull.

Fatalities

1. November 4th, Coos Bay
An employee was driving through an active falling operation and was struck by a tree, killing the employee.
2. November 18th Hood River
An employee committed suicide.
3. November 25th
A custodian suffered from a heart attack.
4. November 26th Powers
Workers were moving a Yarder. One employee was struck and suffered a severe laceration in the thigh/leg resulting in blood loss that resulted in the employee's death.

Round table:

Oregon OSHA is doing 12 days of Hazards for their Facebook page. If you have any picture you would like to submit that have not been used by us before, please send them to [Alta](#), and it may get featured.

Take safety home with you especially since it is the holiday season and a lot of people will be putting up lights on the house, and you will up on ladders, or the roof.
The Iron Workers sub-committee will be meeting after this meeting in the AGC building.

Next Meeting: January 6, 2015 at 9:00 am,
PGE Building
4245 Kale St.
Salem, OR 97305