



April 12, 2017
Western NS Chapter Meeting Minutes
“Temporary and Foreign Workers: Safety Challenges”

TIME: 5:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Ennis Safety Services, 8-11 Calkin Drive, Kentville, NS
HOSTS: Heather Wright, Scotia Recycling; Wanda Balsor, Ennis Safety Services

In attendance: (NOTE: The Quorum of 8 members was not met)

Arminta Kennedy – Program Committee	Janice Rahme – Electrolab Training Systems
Wanda Balsor – Ennis Safety and Security	Stewart Franck - FSANS
David Welsh – DOL	David Powers – Oxford Frozen Foods
Gary Slauenwhite	Laurie Alders

1. Call to Order 5:18 pm
2. Welcome and Introductions
3. Program: “Temporary and Foreign Workers: Safety Challenges” Arminta introduced David Powers with his extensive and impressive resume. NS has 8.6% unemployment. Canadians may be unable, unwilling, or unqualified to do the required work. Workers’ rights not well known. Treat foreign workers like all other employees. Translate key information. Extensive benefits to all involved. Some challenges but outweighed by good news stories.
4. Approval of Agenda. Moved by Arminta, seconded by Janice, carried.
5. Review and Approval of previous Minutes – noted misspelling of Shelley Gray, listed twice. Moved by Wanda, seconded by Arminta, carried.
6. Business Arising from previous meetings/minutes
 - a. HSC matrix for membership – deferred
 - b. Office of Regulatory Affairs and Service Effectiveness – referred to Program (Red Tape Reduction)
 - c. September meeting: Building Safety Partnerships. Members agreed to change the date to Thursday September 14 so RVP Barry can attend and invite the National Board members.
ACTION: Stewart will update and redistribute the work plan.
ACTION: Arminta to check Old Orchard as a possible venue as the Waterville firehall is unavailable. Also; the Root, and Annapolis Valley Health are potential venues. Arminta will check with area Chamber of Commerce.
Funds are available from DOL for education. David W. advised the next deadline is April 24.
ACTION: Wanda will send sample ETF application.
 - d. 2017 NAOSH Week – Kickoff Monday May 5, 2017 at NSGEU. Dierdre and Stewart will bring greetings. Both NS chapters to share a booth. **ACTION:** Stewart will ask Deidre
ACTION: All. Volunteers to staff booth – Janice volunteered if no others come forward

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- e. Steps for Life. April 29th, Point Pleasant Park – Kathy is the lead on this. Our team has been registered. **ACTION:** Members are reminded to participate by walking, collecting donations, or sponsoring a walker.
- f. Halifax PDC 2017 –
WNS/NS Chapters are sponsoring a networking opportunity on Sunday for first-time attendees.
WNS/NS Chapters are sponsoring NS Blue Nose Pins for delegates
WNS/NS Chapters members will be 'ambassadors' identified by NS tartan ribbons on badges
Tuesday is conference night out at the Old Triangle (proposed)
Titanic exhibit recommended as a delegate destination **ACTION:** Stewart will advise PDC planning committee
- g. Event planning; MHFA#2 date and arrangements – It was decided that another such event will be planned for 2018 in the Valley. **ACTION:** to be discussed by the Executive Committee.

7. Reports

- a. Finance Conrad) – Stewart gave a brief report as Conrad is on vacation. The financial situation and bank balance are essentially unchanged from the last meeting. Stewart is now added as a signing authority.
- b. Membership (Stewart/Wanda) 40 members
Chapter information and meeting schedules were handed out at the SSNS Conference, WNS/NS CSSE Chapters booth.
- c. Program (Arminta/Janice) Janice provided an update on the May 10 BSP event and the next few meetings. All is available on the website.
Funding for the May 10 Building Safety Partnerships event and NAOSH Note Books are being provided by National and the RVP
ACTION: Janice and Arminta organize registration – name tags, advertise books and food
ACTION: All. Volunteers required; room setup, teardown, food, registration desk, etc.
- d. By-laws Committee (Bob) no report. The By-Laws are in good order at this time.
- e. Executive Committee
Approved speaker appreciation, as follows
 - thank you card for all speakers
 - 1st Aid kit for most
 - \$25 gas card where appropriate (as deemed by Program committee with consultation with executive if necessary)

8. New Business

- a. Correspondence – Dierdre and Stewart regarding SSNS shared booth at no cost

9. Members comments and questions: Round table

The Chair thanked Wanda Balsor and Heather Wright (in her absence) for their hospitality and for providing a wonderful food and refreshments!

10. Date of next meeting – May 10, 11:30 a.m. DesBrisay Museum, Bridgewater
Following 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. "Building Safety Partnerships" event

11. Adjournment 8:28 pm

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