Date: May 7, 2015
To: Facilities Management Safety Committee
From: Suzanne Miller, Recorder
Re: Facilities Management Safety Committee Meeting – May 7, 2015

Members Present: Beret Amundson, Dave Broska, Molly Cherro, Tony DeRosier, Laura Lott, Robin MacGregor, Joy Michalicek, Suzanne Miller, John Sobolik, Chris Stevens, and Steve Strand.

Members Absent: Chris Breister, Jeff Carlson, Joshua Carr, Keith Johnson, Kerrie Northagen, Shane Peterson, Doug Pihlaja, Derek Viebahn and Student Representative.

The minutes from the March Meeting were approved as written.

Injury Summary Review: There were four reported injuries.

A. An employee was bending over a large trashcan, reaching in, when the lip of the can went under the left ribs. The custodian heard a pop and felt pain. Medical care was received and loss of work is expected.

B. An employee cut their right index finger when closing a conference room door. No medical attention sought and no work loss expected.

C. An employee bruised face below left eye when looking into a bin, and a piece of metal unistrut that was stepped on struck him in the face. No medical treatment sought.

D. An employee was removing the heavy rubber bathroom mats out of the ice rink bathroom, when he strained the muscles between his thumb and pointer finger on both hands. No medical treatment sought.

Safety Work Order Reports: There was one open safety work order. KSC Ballroom has a transition strip that needs repair. This has been an ongoing problem that will be repaired.

Near Miss Report: None to report.

New Business:

A. Chris Stevens talked about the safety issues that should be thought about with the construction season upon us. Mainly, University Drive will be difficult with the Darland parking lot and the Darland dock being redone. This will start on May 18. Ordean Court will have emergency access only because of the steam line project and University Drive will be blocked off from the Darland lot to the tennis courts until approximately the end of July because of this project. Watch for a crane by the chemistry bldg. and scaffolding going up around the library.
B. Chris Stevens reminded everyone of the summer weather safety concerns. He emphasized being smart with sun, heat, etc.
C. There was discussion about the Safety Meeting having more impact on the department.

Safety Issues Addressed by Groups and Concerns for the Committee:
A. The concern was raised about the need for additional training using tripod equipment in confined space. The training needs to be more often so it becomes automatic. It was brought up while working on the new campground at Bagley by John Sobolik.
B. Manhole cover at Lund Building is dangerous. It flips up when driven over just right. It is located to the left of the overhead garage door in back of Chiller Plant on the Darland side. Eric Larson has requested barricades. A permanent solution will be looked at when the steam line project is completed.

Environmental Health and Safety Report:
A. There have been many injuries reported by B & G workers while taking care of trash. Laura Lott is compiling a list of issues that affect safety in this area.
B. Laura Lott felt like we had a near miss regarding the cardboard compactor. The compactor on Kirby Dock was full and an inexperienced worker tried to bail the cardboard. The compactor needs to have posted instructions. It needs to be labeled where the cable feeds through the cardboard. Laura is continuing to work on this.
C. University Health & Safety on the Twin Cities campus has 3 employees working with our 3 EHS employees regarding confined space / right to know / and lock out/tag out; which is a safety lock used with powered equipment. They will work on putting together a system wide safety program.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Next Safety Committee Meeting is Thursday, July 9, 2015