

M91-01 Safety Committee Meeting

Date: Dec. 4, 2007

Location: Parktown Hotel - Saskatoon

Present: Marty Cobb – AMC - Safety

Greg Wells- Del-Air Systems	Brian Kreutzer – Prairie Steel Mfg
Bruce Murray – Doepker Ind.	Ken Kostyniuk - Rite Way Man.
Jamie Pegg – Honeybee	Bruce Frank – Trailtech Inc.
Art Covey – Leons Mfg.	Lance Elliott – Wheatheart

Note: This report is not verbatim but is complete and inclusive of all significant discussion to the best of the writer's ability. This is a Meeting Report rather than official Minutes and should be read in conjunction with the attached materials.

Pre-meeting Agenda

1. - AMC update – Marty Cobb
 - WCB rates – Marty Cobb
 2. Dealing with staff that have pre-existing health conditions– Darrell Bower
 3. Lunch (supplied by AMC)
 4. Prevention Presentation – Curtis Weber
 5. Round Table Talks
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1. Meeting was opened with greetings by Marty Cobb
 2. Introductions were made around the table
 3. AMC update – WCB rates – Marty Cobb

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AMC Update – Training Offered

1. There were 3 courses mentioned by Marty that are going to be offered in the New Year. They are:

- i. Internal Auditing – No set date
- ii. Safety Management – No set date
- iii. Ergonomics -- No set date

Ken Kostyniuk suggested that there be pre-requisite reading sent out prior to the courses. Marty agreed that may be a good idea and will discuss with AMC staff.

2. Discussion of respirator fit testing – discussed the pros and cons of quantitative and qualitative fit testing. Marty mentioned that Levitt safety will replace old respirators with new respirators at no cost, but the companies must purchase their replacement cartridges with Levitt's cartridges. Email: clint.pinder@levitt-safety.com

- a. AMC considering either buying/renting/leasing a Porta-count to perform fit test testing.

Cons - many different respirators in the M91-01 Group – AMC would have to purchase a wide variety of adapters for the different respirators.

- expensive and the testing would be hard to manage due to the geographics of the different companies

Pros - easier record keeping for companies

- testing is objective, not subjective-does not require interpretation

Jamie Pegg wondered if the seal check is good enough for the respirator - fit testing. – Can we get an answer on this?

Answer to Jamie Pegg's question

According to the amended regulations for fit testing (section 88, 4(1)a(iv), a worker who requires a tight fitting respirator must be fit-tested in an approved manner. Neither ANSI Z88.10 nor CSA Z94.4-02 recognizes the seal check as an approved manner for fit-testing. In fact CSA states in section 7.1.1 that a "user seal check shall not be used as a substitute for a qualitative or quantitative fit test." With that being said, the answer to the question is user seal checks will not meet the intent of the regulations.

3. Audit Tools – they are all available on the website.
4. Forklift Training –
 - a. You need to be trained in the theory and then supervised by a competent forklift operator – needs to be at least 16 hours.
 - b. **Marty will let people know when the Forklift Train the Trainer will take place. He will name the time and place. (2 suggestions were early in April or late in February) -- Anybody who wants to take the Forklift please send an email to Marty. Email: marty@a-m-c.ca**
5. Crane Train the Trainer
 - a. **Send an email to Ken Ricketts (ken@a-m-c.ca) if you are interested in the Train the Trainer for Overhead Crane.**

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Premium Composition for WCB Rates

1. Have seen a \$1.06 reduction in the rate over the last 5 years. We now pay \$2.17/\$100.00, down from \$2.54/\$100 last year.
2. . The provincial standard is \$1.69/\$100.
3. The focus will move to the CASH program along with the additional training and try to drive those rates down even more.

Dealing with Staff with Pre-existing conditions -- Darrell Bower (Director Case Management North - WCB)

1. All policies and procedures are on their internet site
2. The board cannot reject a claim because of a pre-existing condition.
3. Questions that can be asked, but interviewees can refuse to answer:
 - a. Do you have a pre-existing condition?
 - b. Is there something that we need to be aware of?
 - c. Have you had compensation claims?
 - d. Is there anything that I should be aware of in terms of pre-existing conditions?
4. If there is an injury that is questionable – people should be phoning WCB to find out about prior injuries. WCB cannot discuss this information however it may prompt the case workers to look further into the claim. (the claim could possibly be administered to the reserve fund)
5. Psychological claims – they are exceptionally hard to research, justify or determine.
6. **Marty will get the legislation from the Dr.'s College from Darrell and will email it to the representatives about the Dr. needing to determine what a person cannot do verses being a judge of what people can do.**

Refer to information received from Darrell Bower Director, Case Management North Saskatchewan Workers' Compensation Board

Reference: The web address is; <http://www.quadrant.net/cpps/resource/certify.html>

The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan

Physician Resource Page, Certifying Illness and/or Assessing Capacity for Work

Prevention Presentation – Curtis Weber – WCB (Spokesperson – Trainer)

1. A personal story about a preventable injury that still happened. Very well received by attendees, bringing home the human factor of accidents rather than the financial. Curtis is available to speak on site for those interested.

Email: cweber@websask.com

Round table talk

1. Dates were set for the upcoming meetings in 2008, they are as follows:

Feb.5/08 – Regina

May 6/08-Saskatoon

August 5/08-Regina

November 4/08-Saskatoon

These dates are posted on the AMC website www.a-m-c.ca

Refer to Safety Programs Committees information - [Meeting Dates Set for 2008.](#)

As usual reminders will be sent out prior to the meeting with all information and agendas regarding the meetings.