

AARDA Health & Safety Committee Meeting

November 17, 2015 – 1:30 P.M.

Attendees:

Randy Montgomery	Chairperson	Harrys Auto Wrecking
Steven Cox	Director	All West Parts
Ron Campbell	Director	Regs Auto Wreckers
John Bray	Director	Big House Converters
Jim Wyllie	Director	PicknPull
Valerie Montgomery	Secretary	Harrys Auto Wrecking

Absentees:

Ian Hope		AARDA Executive Director
Raelene Day	Director	Trappers Auto Parts
Jeff Smith	Director	LKQ Corp.

Old Business

1) Survey Pages – we did not receive any further survey submissions so we will close this item. We will hope that more members will see the benefits of participating in the H&S program once we are able to provide more information to them.

2) WHMIS/First Aid/Safety Meetings – a few of the shops have contacted Randy to let him know that they are participating in one or more of these initiatives. Some have asked for assistance on accessing the training. The members of this committee have trained the majority of their employees on WHMIS. We will close this item as well to focus on our newest initiative – PPE.

3) Provincial Yard Tour recap – Randy and Valerie visited 5 yards in the northern half of the province. The tour was successful in that it was a teaching as well as a learning opportunity for all concerned.

You can find the complete report on the AARDA website: AARDA.com – About AARDA – AARDA Safety Committee – Tour of Yards Report October 2015

Another yard tour is being planned for the spring. We already have a couple of places to visit. If you would like us to tour your yard, please call Randy. We would be pleased to help you in any way possible.

4) Health & Safety Kit update – a draft copy of the Harrys Auto Wrecking Safety Manual was sent to all the H&S committee members. Valerie asked the committee to read thru the manual and send her any comments they might have on the kit and any differences there are between the Harry manual and what occurs at their worksite. The next step in the kit will be to record all the procedures used at Harrys.

Valerie has requested print material from OH&S Alberta to include in the kit but is having difficulty getting the order filled. She will continue to pursue obtaining the booklets/pamphlets.

New Business

1) PPE – the newest initiative that the Health & Safety Committee would like to encourage the members to pursue is Personal Protective Equipment. PPE includes glasses, footwear, gloves, hearing protection and respiration protection. Our committee discussed the required standards as well as alternatives to the standards. For example, cut 3 gloves contain Kevlar and are used to prevent cuts. They can be worn with leather gloves over them. Cut sleeves can also be purchased with cuffs or thumbholes. They pull up right to the armpit, protecting the entire arm from cuts. We also discussed boots versus shoes as well as the newest CSA approved composite toes which protect better against the cold. If anyone would like to discuss PPE requirements, please contact either Randy or Valerie for more information.

The Committee was informed about and discussed an incident that occurred this week:

Explosion kills 19 year old welder at worksite in Saskatchewan

A teenage worker was killed by an explosion that occurred at his worksite about two kilometres south of Kinistino, SK. RCMP stated that the 19 year old male victim had been performing welding work at the scene at the time of the incident. Police arrived at the scene at 2:30 p.m. Upon their arrival, they determined that an explosion had occurred. “He was cutting open a barrel with an oxy-acetylene torch. The barrel contain a type of spray foam and they all believed it was water based and it exploded.” The worker was pronounced dead at the scene. Although the victim’s employer has not been deemed at fault for this incident and the specific cause is yet to be determined, the Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety offers some advice on its website for welding safely. CCOHS says that welding near flammable material is a kind of “hot work”, meaning work with ignition sources near materials that could cause a fire or explosion. The Centre suggests inspecting a work are and removing all combustible materials from it before beginning the task.

Next Meeting: February 16, 2016