

Minutes of the Health and Safety Committee

January 21, 2015 - Ottawa Regional Office

Present:

Vickie-Lynn Smith (UTE) (committee chair)

Behiye Cinkilic

Gary Bosloy (UNDE)

Denise Camus

Joanne Robinson (UNDE)

Marc Beland (REP)

Mark Scott

Imre Bene (UTE)

Carol Istvandi (UTE)

Regrets

Dennis Mah (UNDE)

Ron Clark

Roch Laramee

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 17:30 by Vicki-Lynn.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved.

Welcome

Vicki-Lynn welcomed everyone.

Round Table

Those present introduced themselves and identified the key issues in their workplaces.

Food preparation areas

Questions were raised about the employers requirements related to food preparation areas including the provision of soap, sanitation, and waste disposal.

Part 9 of the Canada Occupational Health and Safety Regulations, SOR/86-304 provides the rules related to these issues. The regulation is available on the web at -

http://www.canlii.org/en/ca/laws/regu/sor-86-304/latest/sor-86-304.html#DIVISION_I_BUILDINGS_24501

Automated External Defibrillators (AED)

Some employers do not wish to purchase AED's. The NJC standard on first aid provides guidance on this issue. The standard is available on the web at –

<http://www.njc-cnm.gc.ca/directive/index.php?sid=268&hl=1&lang=eng>

Regional Health and Safety Conference

We are due to have a regional health and safety conference in 2016. Because the planning process is long, the committee should start planning for it.

It was suggested that one topic could be on the duty of union representatives to represent people with mental health issues.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 18:45