

**MINUTES OF A JOINT SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT 1:00 P.M. ON TUESDAY, April 25, 2006
IN BOARDROOM 3 OF THE MARITIME LABOUR CENTER
AT 111 VICTORIA DRIVE, VANCOUVER**

Attendees:

BCMEA

R. Meyer (Co-Chair) – Vancouver Wharves
G. Sims – Pacific Coast Terminals
J. Webber – Squamish Terminals
A. Schwingenschloegl - TSI
T. Gutenberg – Fraser Surrey Docks
S. Dixon – Terminal Systems Inc.
M. Knowles - BCMEA
D. Cattermole – P&O Canadian
R. McFarlane – Star Shipping
P. Fry – P & O Ports

ILWU

A. LeMonnier (Co-Chair) – ILWU, Canada
S. Bushell – ILWU, Local 500
D. Mceachern – ILWU, Local 508
R. Dickens – ILWU, Local 505
M. Turmel – ILWU, Local 502
D. Dosen – ILWU, Local 500

AGENDA

- I) **Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting – January 31, 2006**
- II) **Approval of the Agenda – April 25, 2006**
- III) **Business Arising from the Minutes**
 - .01) Industry Supplied High Visibility Coveralls
 - .02) Notification of Injured Workers
 - .03) Request to issue Defibrillators to First Aid Attendants
 - .04) Working at Heights on a Vessel
 - .05) International Safety Panel 2006 Conference
 - .06) Lighting Levels at Docks
 - .07) WOHSS
- IV) **New Business**
 - .01) Provide accidents report to the ISP
 - .02) Caulk boots replacement
 - .03) Ro-Ro air quality
 - .04) Container becoming detached from top-pick
 - .05) Contingency plan for a potential outbreak of Avian Flu
- V) **Open Discussion**

VI) Next Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 13:10 p.m.

I) Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting – January 31, 2006

The minutes of the previous meeting of January 31, 2006 were adopted as circulated.

II) Approval of the Agenda – April 25, 2006

The agenda was approved.

III) Business Arising from the Minutes

.01) Industry Supplied High Visibility Coveralls

A three month pilot project is planned to supply high visibility coveralls to three container terminals. Coveralls will be distributed at the Despatch halls to workers allocated to container lashing operations. The BCMEA, Terminal Systems Inc, Fraser Surrey Docks and P & O Ports are meeting on April 27, 2006 to go over some of the logistics etc. The implementation of this project is targeted for end of June, 2006.

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Responsible: Association/Direct Employers (G. Mebs)

.02) Notification of Injured Workers

An information form will be distributed by member companies to first aid attendants and injured workers.

OPEN

Responsible: Direct Employers

.03) Request to Issue Defibrillators to First Aid Attendants

The request to have defibrillators provided to First Aid Attendants was not approved at this time due to lack of information. The Employer group requested that a comprehensive review of costs, training and liability issues, etc. would have to be provided before a decision could be made. A sub committee has been formed to meet with a doctor and make recommendations on this issue. R. Meyer, D. Campbell, A. LeMonnier, G. Sims and D. McEachern have all volunteered their time and will meet on May 29, 2006 at the BCMEA.

OPEN

Responsible: Association/Direct Employers (Rick Meyer & M. Knowles)

.04) Working at Heights on a Vessel

A Fall Protection policy has already been established for dockside. The group decided to use a guideline from P & O Ports to establish a Fall Protection policy for ships. A sub-committee has been established to draft a general Fall Protection policy for ships. P. Fry, T. Gutenberg, G. Jurkowski, A. Schwingenschloegl and A. Le Monnier have all volunteered their time.

OPEN

Responsible: Direct Employers & Union

.05) International Safety Panel 2006 Conference

Twenty people from Europe will be attending the International Safety Panel 2006 Conference.

CLOSED

Responsible: Association & Union

.06) Lighting Levels at Docks

The Union requested that all sites conduct a review of their lighting levels. The Union further advised that it would be appealing a direction by HRSDC to TSI stating the lighting levels should be at 20 lux. The Union opined that the officer chose the wrong schedule of lighting levels under the COSH Regulations and should have used the Industrial Areas Schedule. The Employers agreed to conduct a site inspection during the evening with a site safety committee member. The Employers feel they are meeting current regulations with regards to lighting levels; however, they will make improvements identified by the site safety committee.

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Responsible: Direct Employers

.03) WOHSS

Representatives from the JISC were provided with a demonstration of the WOHSS computerized accident reporting system on January 30, 2006 at the BCMEA. The Union raised concerns with privacy issues and the quality of data transfer to the WCB. The Employer group assured the union that every user maintains a high level of professionalism and has signed confidentiality agreements. The fact that each employer only has accident information about their own site was also conveyed to the group. A consultant has been retained by the Association to assist with any revisions to the system to ensure that it is functional and operates consistently with the requirements of the users.

CLOSED

Responsible: Association (M. Knowles)

IV) New Business

.01) Provide accident report to the ISP

The group discussed accident/incident information being made available through Transport Canada & HRSDC. The group decided to send the details of serious incidents to Mark Knowles. Mark will then send out a notification to interested parties. There was general agreement on participating in the Cargo Handling Accident Reporting Scheme (CHARS); however, the committee will wait for the development of the final format by the ISP before committing to participation.

CLOSED

Responsible: Association (M. Knowles)

.02) Caulk boots replacement

The BCMEA is looking into a system to replace caulk boots or the soles. A system to replace certain PPE could be set up much like the coverall implementation. P. Fry will discuss this with G. Mebs at the April 27th meeting.

OPEN

Responsible: Association/Employers

.03) Ro-Ro Air Quality

The union expressed a concern of the air quality aboard the Ro Ro vessels. A suggestion was made to have carbon monoxide detectors on board vessels to provide a warning to Foremen and workers on board.

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Responsible: Employers

.04) Container Detaching from Top-pick

An investigation is underway to determine what caused a container to become detached from the Top-pick. An investigation report will be completed and if required, recommendations will be made to the group once the investigation is completed.

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Responsible: Employers

.05) Contingency Plan for a Potential Outbreak of the Avian Flu

The union raised the issue that the industry should establish a plan in case of an Avian Flu pandemic is declared in a foreign state or continent. A member of the association representing a shipping line said the problem is less of an issue for the marine side because of the time length of a vessel's voyage would permit enough time to detect if the vessel has a case. The problem is much more acute at the aviation mode because of the much shorter time involved. Therefore the problem would be more likely be initiated

from the dispatch halls in case some workers just visited a plagued nation. The Union accepted that potential event but is still not reassured about an incident coming from a vessel. The concern is will Transport Canada and Health Canada have the necessary manpower to deal with the issue. The BCMEA & Despatch are working on a plan for a potential outbreak of Avian Flu. There are numerous sources on the web that provide detailed information. One site that can be viewed is the Provincial Emergency Program website.

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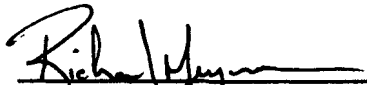
Responsible: Association

VI) Next Meetings:

.01) JISC Tentative meeting date – September 25, 2006 at the office of the BCMEA

The meeting adjourned at 15:40 p.m.


Signed,



For the BCMEA
R. Meyer – Co-Chair

06/05/24

Date signed



For the ILWU - Canada
A. Le Monnier – Co-Chair

06/05/29

Date signed