

Safety Committee Minutes
September 29 , 2016
Harlan, Iowa

The FSC safety committee met on Thursday, September 29th, 2016 at the Therkildsen Center in Harlan. In attendance was Tom Grote, Ron Stitz, Jodi Gubbels, Steve Bruck, Pam Borkowski, Aaron Bauer, Gary Jahn, Paul Hocamp, Scott Schiltz, Lance Axland, Chuck Leinen, Jolene Davis, Sharon Kroger, Brian Travis (CWG), TJ Keane, Lois Wilson, Krista Sporrer, Melissa Raymond, Nick Riessen, Scott Berndt, and Audrey Smith.

Tom Grote opened the meeting by thanking everyone for taking the time to attend the meeting. Tom then asked the group if anyone had any additions or changes to the meeting minutes from the February safety meeting. There were no additions or changes.

Bob Bruck's work comp/auto insurance claims were distributed to the group. There were several new injuries reported to Bob since the last February safety meeting. The majority of incidents reported were minor slips, trips, and falls resulting in bruises and sprains.

Tom then delivered a presentation to the group on a new cloud-based and web enabled safety training program called "Good Day's Work" Good Day's Work is agriculture specific training with both English and Spanish versions of each safety video. This training also complies with OSHA requirements regarding safety training. Tom informed the group that technology is changing as it relates to safety training and Good Day's Work is up to date with the latest web based safety training.

Tom then introduced our guest speaker Brian Travis from Continental Western Insurance. Brian was accompanied by Cory Hopkins. Cory is a new ag focused loss control representative for Continental Western Insurance assigned to cover FSC's territory. Cory will be working with Tom Grote to visit FSC's locations and familiarize himself with FSC operations.

Brian then delivered a presentation on grain dust explosions which, according to Brian, happen frequently. Brian explained the primary elements of dust explosions are some type of fuel and grain dust with an ignition source. The ignition source can be a spark or flame. There can be secondary explosions that follow the primary explosion which can be worse than the primary. Brian compared the explosive power of a pound of grain dust to be equivalent to one stick of dynamite. Brian emphasized to the group that the best way to minimize and prevent grain dust explosions is good housekeeping. To ensure good housekeeping is being done, Brian explained housekeeping schedules should be maintained and tasks checked off as cleaning is being performed.