Great Lakes Gold Shovel Standard Meeting

May 23, 2017

MISS DIG 811 Headquarters

Auburn Hills, MI

**Call to Order**

*Introductions*

In attendance was John Crumb, Lisa Douglas, Catherine Stafford, Jim Moskal, Bruce Campbell, Laura Arnold and Dave Mauerman. Those joining via conference call were Chris Jensen, Kyle, Kremer, Tim Davidek, Robert E. Stewart, Steve Makowski, Bob and Rhonda from Gold Shovel Standard.

*Approval of Agenda*

* Reviewed agenda.
* Ice breaker questions were completed
* Dave Chislea joined the meeting.

*Approval of the January 24, 2017 Meeting Minutes*

**Review (Attached)**

*Vision, Mission*

*Goals Strategy and Principles*

* Change score to metric on the goals.
* The community is defined as a municipality, all facility owners in the right of way agree that contractors will be gold shovel standard. Bruce suggested that a college campus is also considered a community.

**Roundtable**

*Progress of each committee member*

Identify next steps for each member and timing

* Chris Jensen. Operations meeting for all co-ops in May; Dave gave a GSS presentation. MECA is also involved and is making progress.
	+ Next steps is to reach out to contractors on their bid list to educate on GSS and see what their interest level is.
	+ His contractors are meeting the GSS criteria
	+ They will be looking at becoming certified.
* Kyle Kremer meet internally three weeks ago went well except one supervisor. They do follow the criteria except they do not track. They are meeting with the supervisor on a bi-weekly basis. Due to weather hard to get momentum.
	+ Next Steps does not need any assistance believes they will work it out within the next two weeks.
* John Crumb will be hosting a meeting with GSS tomorrow with supervisors, safety inspectors upwards of two dozen people.
	+ Holland BPW is not only a community but also a facility owner and contractor. Does not expect any push back.
	+ Hope College in the area which could create two GSS communities.
* Lisa Douglas company meet with GSS last month and received buy in from management.
	+ Next step is to meet with union
* Tim Davidek meet internally a while back not much progress since last meeting. Will work at meeting with local communities and internally. Catherine offered assistance from the committee, Dave offered assistance from GSS.
* Steve Makowski stats that SEMCO meets all criteria. Still working on contractors, has had conceptual conversations with contractors. Recent organizational changes makes it difficult to get buy in.
* Bob Stewart is not getting support at frontier or within the industry; believes it is a result of telecom laws. Contracts and funding with each municipality required by Local Stabilization Community Authority.
	+ Also had a conversation with MPSC regarding a letter that was sent last year requiring participation in DIRT. Telecoms did not receive the letter, MPSC was going to re-issue.
* Jim Moskal, Corby is already complying with the exception of sub-contractors. Once we are rolling with education they will be able to be certified.
	+ Waiting to see how score system plays out. Needs to upload the documents.
* Catherine Stafford getting support, has begun the form and has discovered that DTE does not have as prescriptive and thorough as they thought.
	+ Damage Prevention Team has been hosting onsite trainings that better fit with GSS; Rhonda will be assisting
	+ Has located the appropriate electric employee.
* Dave Chislea no update
* Laura and Bruce enhanced positive response and webTMS training would allow MISS DIG to introduce GSS.

**Progress of Getting Municipal Buy-In**

Bruce informed group that Terri will no longer participate in the committee there is still support in Waterford for GSS. Has received questions from municipalities regarding the GSS looking for information.

*City of Detroit* Interested in MISS DIG 811 process and GSS they are doing a excavation summit June 20 and what role MISS DIG 811 can play. Encouraged by managements interest in the MISS DIG 811 and GSS.

Catherine met with City of Canton today. Their safety focus is higher than similar municipalities.

**Working Documents**

List of requirements for Contractors, Facility Owners, and Municipalities (Attached)

*Demo*

Dave walked through the demo on how to register.

Bruce asked where we can add that where do we add MISS DIG certification as a requirement to be GSS in the State of Michigan. GSS can go through MISS DIG modules to review that they meet GSS requirements of training. Discussion on requirements to be MISS DIG certified and what adverse impact it has. Catherine suggested if you want to qualify for subsidies, you have to be MISS DIG certified. Discussion on the formation of and intent for the certification. Bruce wants mention of MISS DIG certification in the training. Jim Moskal suggested a Gold Shovel Standard refresher module. Catherine suggested adding MD certification as a training option, required for those who request funding from GLGSS, or when damage rate exceeds x. Discussion on ways to track parallel training.

* GSS needs to look at MISS DIG 811 module.
* Laura needs to register for GSS and upload documents

Jim pointed out that the cell phone requirement might be a turn off for some applicants.

John Crumb asked is GSS damage reporting duplicates MPSC reporting. GSS reporting is damages you do, MPSC is damages done to my facility. It needs to be clear that GSS reporting does not meet MI law requirement for damage reporting.

*What documents should be created*

Bruce asked if GSS team could help but some infographics together.

*Six Months what do we need to do in the next six weeks*

**Other Business**

*Damage Prevention Article (Attached)*

* Lisa asked if GSS could put together a list of responses to these common concerns

Question from Robert, should we try to get our companies enrolled before we push to contractors. Jim and Catherine believe that the facility owners that are requesting/requiring contractors to participate should be at least working on joining the GSS.

Catherine asked what time frame for re-occurring meetings: John Crumb suggested six weeks. June 29 1PM review action items from this meeting and establish work groups.

Trade Association roll in education on Gold Shovel Standard

Unions impact on Gold Shovel Standard