

IBEW Local 77 Safety Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2021

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Members in attendance Steve Cant, Damian Hernandez, Aaron Robison, Chris Henning, Chuck Campy, Jake Carter, Larry Becht

Officer Report

- None

Old Business

- Damian Hernandez stated he was hoping for an update from Jake Morgan with the Accident Investigation team; Rick Luiten on the George Brooks Safety conference; however, no report could be made due to scheduling conflicts. This remains an action item.
- Damian Hernandez and Steve Cant opened the topic of the Washington State Working Guidelines for wildfire smoke working conditions. Discussion followed
- Chris Henning and Jake Carter informed the group of the progress made involving the near-miss/close-call website in the works which is designed to assist in communication and reporting accidents to members at utility companies - The Union Utility Construction Safety Alliance (UUCSA).
- Damian Hernandez opened discussion concerning the three vacancies that need to be filled on the IBEW 77 Safety Committee; one from District 1; one from District 2; one from District 5. He also commented on the need to replace Bill Meyer's position on the Safety Summit Committee

New Business

- The committee was informed that we have a new high voltage eastside inspector Rick Luiten.
- The committee took time to remember a past member and Rex Habner's Father, Rudy Habner, who passed away earlier this month.

Accidents

- Damian Hernandez informed the group to be aware for safety practices relative to cutting or drilling conduit and the potential for energized conductors being present.
- Larry Becht discussed a boom failure incident that occurred with a pre-cast company attempting to pick 19,000 lbs. with a 11,000 lbs. boom.
- Chris Henning discussed a bucket truck turret failure incident occurrence. This is a good reminder to perform better with our per flight inspections.

Announcements

- Dates for 2021 EUSAC meetings
 - May 11, 2021
 - Aug 10, 2021
 - Nov 16, 2021
 - Governors Safety Conference – Tentatively Sept
 - Montana Lineman Rodeo - Tentatively July17
 - PNW Lineman Rodeo - Tentatively July24

Meeting adjourned at 12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Aaron Robison, Recorder

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