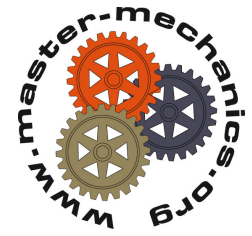


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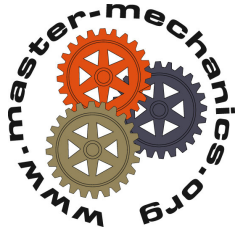
November 15, 2006
Association Meeting Minutes

Introductions: Introductions were made; the following were present during this meeting. Terry Haygood, Open Loop, Craig Turner, American Equipment, Brian Borjas, Northern Nevada Equipment, Gil Sargent, CPS, Warren Whitten, Rocky Mountain Brake Supply, Scott Paulson, B&G Machine, Ben Wilkinson, Industrial Fabrication.

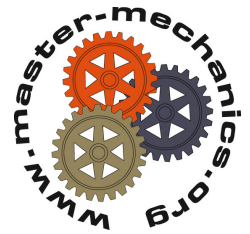
Chairman's Report: Terry Haygood of Open Loop brought the meeting to order. Terry discussed that we are starting to see a decline in the membership for all three groups. He discussed that the future of the Master Mechanics solely rests on the ability to keep strong agendas and member participation going strong. Terry stated that we always see a flocculation of member participation from the beginning of the year until the end, with our strongest participation being during the summer months. Everyone agreed that if we were going to keep this organization alive we need to make sure that there is no flocculation in participation from any of the groups. Terry stated that in order for this to work we needed to partner with both the Surface Group as well as the Underground. Terry agreed to work with the officers of the surface group to help increase their involvement. Brian agreed to work with officers of the underground group to increase their involvement. Craig will work with the mines in Utah to increase their involvement to the organization.

Old Business: Brian discussed the importance of the website to the group and how it can be used as a sales tool to promote the members and the products that they offer. Brian stated that he had great success with the newsletter but had to stop as he was unable to continue supplying material because he was not receiving information from the members. Brian stated that he constantly receives phone calls and emails from members wanting to be included in the newsletter and on the website for the Featured Supplier and New Product categories. However, when it comes time to put them in, he is not getting the information needed to complete the process. Brian stated that starting in January he will start at the top of the list of paid members and work his way through the list. He will contact the members and ask for the information needed to fill the slots for Featured Supplier and New Product, if he does not receive the material needed he will go to their company websites and pull information needed to fill the slots, this will ensure that everyone gets a fair chance at having their information published. Brian also stated that he will re-start the newsletter beginning the first of the year; the newsletter will be published monthly on the website and will include the information for the Featured Supplier and the New Product. Brian will also be contacting the officers from the Surface and the Underground groups as well as the local mines for their input into the newsletter. Brian encouraged everyone to use this tool as it is there to benefit them.

New Business: Brian discussed with the group about the new "1 Nevada" program that has been implemented by Newmont Mining Corporation. The goal of the new program is to help Newmont as well as its vendors perform their jobs more efficiently. Brian stated that the new program was started with the Underground Division of Newmont with the goal of standardizing the way they do business with their vendors. Terry discussed with the group that he, Craig and Brian had secured the opportunity for the members to be able to conduct 30 minute presentations for the Surface and Underground groups. As many of you know this has been a very long struggle for our organization. There are certain criteria that need to be met in order for this to continue. The most important is that this is not for a sales pitch, if you have a product that you want to present to the groups you will need to do just that, present it! Presentations will need to be a minimum and maximum of 30 minutes and must be submitted to the Officers of the Suppliers group 30 days in advance of the next meeting. We have heard so many times how we as vendors are not afforded the opportunity to go before the two groups to promote our products. Well, now we have the opportunity, however with that being said if we don't use this opportunity then we will have no one to blame but ourselves when we lose it. We are also working on a new program with the two groups to



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New Business Cont.: present specific problems with equipment, products, etc... That vendor and mine have partnered together to find a solution to a specific problem. We also discussed the importance of reaching out to the mining community to get their involvement in the Master Mechanics. Brian will work on a piece for the Mining Quarterly to discuss the nature and goals of all three groups; we are also going to run a piece in the local newspapers. We also agreed to run ads on the community calendars in Winnemucca and Elko thirty days out from each of our meetings.

Website: Brian stated that beginning in January we are going to see some changes to the front of the website. We are currently working on a discussion board that can be utilized by the Surface and Underground groups. The discussion boards will apply to maintenance related issues and best practices, these boards will ONLY be open to paid members and maintenance personnel from mine sites. The boards will be password sensitive and all requests for a password will be verified. The boards will be monitored by Brian on a daily basis to insure that they are being used properly. For those who wish to obtain a password please contact Brian via email at brianborjas@yahoo.com.

Hospitality Attendees:

Suppliers: American Equipment, B&G Machine, Cashman Equipment, CPS, Crown Parts, D&D Tire, Elko Wire and Rope, Industrial Fabrication, Northern Nevada Equipment, Open Loop, P&H MinePro, Rocky Mountain Brake Supply, Rocky Mountain Machine Shop, Sly Drivelines, Sandvik

Mining Companies: Coeur Rochester, Bingham Canyon, Barrick Goldstrike, Cortez Gold, Newmont Gold Quarry, Newmont Deep Post, Newmont Leeville, Queenstake, Robinson

Mining Companies not in attendance: Apollo Gold, Borax, Newmont Lone Tree, Newmont Midas, Newmont Phoenix, Round Mountain, Thompson Creek, Newmont Twin Creeks

Suppliers not in attendance: Applied, Arnold, Atlas Copco, Brake Supply, Cate, DEA, Komatsu, Liebherr, Mentaberry, Norco, Power Service, Ross, S&G, TMI, Tricon