

**Meeting Minutes for:**



**Location:** 4141 Rosslyn Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45209

**Meeting Sponsor:** Woolpert

**Date:** January 5, 2010

**Officers:**

**Susan Browning – Chairperson**

**Tom Bausch- Vice Chair**

**Frank Ward – Secretary**

**Walt Pegram – Treasurer**

**Introduction**

- Susan Browning opened the meeting with introductions around the table.

**i. Education Topic**

Jack Kuttrus P.S. of Woolpert from the Columbus office conducted a presentation of “Subsurface Utility Excavation (SUE) in Cities” Some of the points he made were:

- Utilities have been in ground for over 130 years
- Utility locating problems
- Projects not being planned properly have resulted in tragic accidents and now courts are going after the Design Engineer and the Utilities
- Do not assume that facilities are being installed in the planned manner
- Construction Techniques offer little room for forgiveness
- SUE gives the opportunity to resolve conflicts before project starts.
- ASCE/CT (38-02) Standard Guideline for the collection of SUE data

**ii. Old Business**

- Minutes from December were reviewed; Motion to accept from Susan Browning, seconded by Mike Tomblin. Voted and accepted

**New Business**

- Proposals for a Dig Safely month project are still needed. The project needs to involve Dig Safely month.

- Susan Browning suggested some work at the Ronald MacDonald House with looking at adding a water fountain, visitor's area and playground updating. Susan will get with RMH sometime in early January
- Dan Watkins' and Thom Bauer's suggestion on the street light in the bad curve did not have any updates on it. Thom had spoken with someone and there were a lot of issues still to be worked out, to include who was going to pay the light bill or maintain the light.
- Committee Formations: Golf Outing Committee Carl Shepard, Tom Gilman, and Frank Ward. Carl reported that there was \$250.00 at Walden Ponds as a deposit to reserve for the 2010 outing. And that we are tentatively looking at holding it on May 21

Dinner Committee: Dave Berens, Susan Browning, Walt Pegram, Nicole Watkins and Frank Ward. There was a consensus that the time of year, format, and venue were acceptable and the 2009 dinner had good feedback. The committee is going to discuss using the same place and time of year again for the 2010 dinner

- Safety Innovations Sheri Ledbetter presented that ACI Safety Day was coming up on February 16, 2010
- Local OCA update was given by Forrest Cash and Bob Campbell. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 27 at Golden Corral in Middletown. The OCA president Mark Potnick spoke at the December meeting held at DeShays. It was reported that it was a good turnout.
- Woolpert will be moving their offices in 2010. We need to look for another facility – we have through April 2010 at Woolpert. Woolpert is moving to Blue Ash and that facility was extended to us as well.
- Last month damages: Frank Ward discussed a damage where a homeowner was using the creek bed across the street from his property for a target range, shooting across the hanging utility lines causing a fiber outage.
- Upcoming projects: Mehring Way
- Kentucky811 had call volume increase 5% in December and a 1% increase compared to 08. If anyone would like to tour the Call Center, please contact Mark Kern at [mkern@kentucky811.org](mailto:mkern@kentucky811.org).
- Indiana811 Aaron did not have the numbers at the time of the meeting. He did report that the newly founded Indianapolis DPC was going to have a By Laws Committee Meeting for February and hoped to have elections in March. There DPC is loosely based on the SWOUSC. If you have questions please contact Aaron Holeman @ [aholeman@indiana811.com](mailto:aholeman@indiana811.com)
- OUPS – the CGA Best Practices committee met to look at update. The locating service lateral proposal went to the board and was sent back to the committee for a change in the language. This has been in committee for 8 years.
- The Cincinnati Home and Garden Show is in March and Dayton's is the week prior. Volunteers are needed. Walt will bring a sign -up sheet to the next meeting
- The price of a Notification (dig ticket) has risen from \$1.08 to \$1.15. This will take effect this month

- If you want an OUPS presentation, please call Walt immediately, his schedule is booking up. You may also call Thom Bauer from Duke Energy if Walt is not available.

**Next Meeting – TUESDAY, February2, at Woolpert.**

### **INTERNET SITES OF INTEREST**

[www.oups.org](http://www.oups.org)– OUPS

[www.safegasohio.org](http://www.safegasohio.org) – OGA sponsored natural gas safety site

[www.duke-energy.com/safety/contractors-and-first-responders.asp](http://www.duke-energy.com/safety/contractors-and-first-responders.asp) - Duke Energy Contractor Site

[www.kentucky811.org](http://www.kentucky811.org) – Kentucky 811

[www.indiana811.org](http://www.indiana811.org) – Indiana 811

[www.diggingsafely.com/mea/](http://www.diggingsafely.com/mea/) - Midwest Energy Association (excavation safety training available online)

### **Available Safety Classes**

[www.aci-construction.org](http://www.aci-construction.org)