

Ag Awareness Committee Meeting – July 8, 2014 Minutes

1. Representatives from NuStar Energy, Viking Gas, GSOC, MNOPS, Infrastructure Resources, Rhino. (10 participants total).
2. Discussed feedback from meetings/conferences attended, conducted planning for upcoming meetings. (Meeting listing, annotated with comments, is attached)
3. GSOC has purchased a “spinning wheel” for use at events they attend. Check with Estelle as to availability at other events.
4. Prepared list of high priority meetings/conferences to be attended as resources are available. It was agreed this list should be posted on the CGA website. (See attached). GSOC is currently looking for volunteers for the FarmFest booth, and will be actively looking to fill the slots at the Mn State Fair in the immediate future.
5. Group agreed we need to have materials available for distribution focused on rural/agricultural excavators and land owners. If we need to prepare new materials, we should do so. It may be helpful to produce documents under the Mn Regional CGA, but leave space so that individual companies and organizations can include their logo/contact info. To ease apprehensions about calling 811, a laminated rural excavator information guide, with the questions that are asked when you call 811 might be helpful. Other ideas include highlighting relevant Ag related requirements, and an FAQ sheet focused on rural issues.
6. The CGA is a good resource for materials. They have developed materials that are available from their website for student education (brochures, activities, ect) that may be useful at events that students would attend such as Ag Extension County Breakfasts and county fairs.
7. Chris Thome, cthome@RhinoMarkers.com 612.386.8858, is putting together a group to prepare a technical resource document focused on the agricultural community. Volunteers are being solicited for the group:

“We are currently putting together an advisory board comprised of pipeline operators, regulators, and one-call liaisons. The group will identify subjects, content, and potential authors for the 2015 Excavation Safety Guide: Farm

and Ranch Edition. If you could pass along my contact information to those interested in participating I would appreciate it. “

8. Next meeting scheduled for September 16, 2014 at GSOC, Chanhassen @ 10AM. Agenda items: Feedback for FarmFest and MN State Fair, other venues. Discussion of available and needed resources for informational materials for website publishing and distribution at events. Other items as requested.