

BOMBARDIER JHSC

Minutes for February 2010

DATE: Wednesday February 24th, 2010
LOCATION: 123 Judson St Board Room
CHAired BY: Larry Sbrega
RECORDED BY: Larry Sbrega
STARTED: 0900

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Larry Sbrega – Co-Chairman (Management) – Supervisor Train Operations
John Michaluk – Co-Chairman (Worker) - QCTO
Walter Padovan – Rep (Worker) – Crew Coordinator
Nerissa Daponte – Rep (Worker) – CSA
Jodie Prole – Alt (Worker) - CSA

Guests:

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Cathy Rivas – Alt (Management) – Customer Service
Paul Gudnason – Rep (Worker) - QCTO

Safety Briefing:

Body Count: 5

911 call: John Michaluk

CPR: Jodie Prole

Meeting Location: North Parking Lot

BOMBARDIER HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE – TERRITORY

Union Station Rail Corridor

- Cherry St mile 332.6 to Toronto mile 333.8 Kingston Sub
- Toronto mile 0.0 to mile 1 tracks D1 and D2 Oakville Sub
- Toronto mile 0.0 to mile 1.2 tracks A2 and A3 Oakville Sub
- Toronto mile 0.0 Oakville Sub to mile 1.6 Weston Sub

CP Rail

- Jct mile 37.3 Oakville Sub and mile 60.1 Hamilton Sub
- mile 60.1 to mile 57.5 Hamilton Sub

CN Rail

- Durham Jct mi 313.9 to Cherry St mi 332.6 Kingston Sub
- mi 1.0 tracks D1/D2 and mi 1.2 tracks A2/A3 Oakville Sub
to mile 37.3 Hamilton Jct Oakville Sub
- mile 11.1 to mile 23.5 Halton Sub
- mile 2.1 to mile 21.1 Bala Sub
- mile 0.0 to mile 43.7 Grimsby Sub

GO Transit

- Durham Jct mile 0.0 to mile 11.7 GO Sub
- Scarborough mile 61 to mile 38.9 Uxbridge Sub
- mile 2.4 to mile 62.5 Newmarket Sub
- mile 1.6 to mile 17 Weston Sub

Injuries/Incidents for the Month of Jan/Feb 2010:

Notice posted advising employees of immediately reporting minor or severe injuries caused while working as well as how to prevent future injuries on the job.

See attached Log

Nerissa Daponte to send out e-mail to all CSA's to remind them that reporting an injury must be done immediately. A Supervisor to be contacted and the appropriate forms filled out. Another notice will issued reminding all employees. This requirement will also become part of the next GO Manual update.

Update – Notice issued January 6/10 with regards to proper safety practices during the Winter months.

See attached log for reported injuries

Near Miss Reports:

Near Collision Summary Report posted on Health and Safety Board – info sent to all crew members to look at. Encourage employees to report all near misses as they are followed-up on and can make a difference. Process in place through Cathy Rivas for forwarding to Chris Kourtis daily.

Feb 22/10 - Update: I am currently working with Transit Safety to obtain reports for “Near Collisions” incidents to provide additional information to all Operating Crews. Note: all reference for reports and coordination with GO Transit Safety, GO System Safety will be handled through my office.

Cathy to speak with Chris about forwarding a quarterly report on the follow-ups that have taken place relating to the near misses. This will provide further incentive for employees to file the reports knowing that they are followed-up on and that sometimes charges are laid. They will be placed in the “G” drive.

Update – Sent by Steve Harvey Nov 30/09 - The Safety & Security Division has just very recently discussed the Near Collision Reporting Program and more specifically the task assignments between System Safety and Transit Safety in supporting this program. As such we will need some additional time to get the administrative process sorted. Our goal is to support our crews in reporting incidents along the right-of-way and in reporting back to the committees. Your patience is appreciated and we do ask that your crews continue to file reports as they occur.

See attached Log

Encourage your members to report rock throwing incidents. If reports come in from the same locations, enforcement will be set up in advance to possibly apprehend. They are followed up on and if caught, parents can be held liable.

Old Business:

1. Oct 28th - Hamilton Outpost facilities –Outpost building not equipped for 12 crew members –

Geri to inquire about providing a location in the main building supplied with lockers and change facilities. Also issue regarding PPE on CP property discussed. Possibility of having portion at end of platform designated as a platform to alleviate the issue of wearing PPE – **Update: Feb 22/10 Researched the original project which coordinated all crew requirements at this facility, and the project was signed – off by Bombardier & GO Transit. Will now have to take this forward on both sides for a review - Pending**

2. Defibrillators – CSA concerns about labeling – The shop is in the process of providing decals and labeling the doors. Nerissa to provide update from shop as to when the labeling should be complete. **Pending: Update - Nerissa to follow-up with shop and Geri to provide update as well Feb 22/10 - The decals are planned to be put on as part of the overall coach re-decating program sit it will be sometime before they are applied. This is part of the program, and not a Health & Safety issue. Correspondence will be issued to all when program is complete. - Closed**

3. USRC Issues – Issue with sightlines on signal 566A – correspondence between Paul Gudnason and Remi Landry. The issue is being looked into but may take some time. The plans for Bathurst yard have already been implemented – All USRC issues should be forwarded to GO Transit, Geri Wice, Terry Cattani.

Feb 22/10 – Update: This issue has been looked at. There is a sight line issue. Once the A1 retaining wall is completed, TTR will tend to the issue. For safety reason TTR has ensured that the signal that precedes the 566A is restricting. This has been in place since this issue was first initiated with TTR, and remains. There have been no safety issues forwarded to TTR with respect to this signal. Could you please close this off for the interim, until the work in TTR has been completed. – Closed

4. Another injury occurred while releasing a hand brake. Caused by excess chain. Discussion has been back and forth between Bombardier Transport and Willowbrook Shop. Response from the shop on Oct 27th, 2009.

Doug Smith so he was aware of the problem. Additionally he contacted Walter Speare to discuss with T/bay. The crew member did state it was on a consist at Hamilton, however I suggested that it may be happening at other locations. The idea of putting a guard on to cover all or part of the chain was discussed. I am not sure where this is going but at least the customer has been informed. We will keep pushing to get a solution. –

Feb 22/10 – Update: There was discussion at the lunch & learn session that the newer cars have longer chains on them. It has been confirmed that the hand brakes and chain lengths are designed the same on all cars so we don't have any plans for any modifications. It is possible some handbrakes may have something wrong that causes the chain to have excess length when applied and I think the best approach would be for crews to report a concern on an EDR. However, even when everything is set correctly crews do need to remember to exercise caution when releasing a brake a they are releasing the tension from a chain. – Closed.

5. Glare in the cab cars when leading. John to discuss with shop/GO Transit/Transport Canada.

This is an ongoing issue account the work environment has changed and with the amount of training going on, it poses a problem – **Update: discussion about blinds/tinted windows – Jan 29th from Peter Lloyd – Chief Rail Equipment Asset - Crews continue to report that in the full width cab cars conductor's side at night they can not see out the front windshield or side windows because of the reflection glare from the interior coach lights even with the blue tubes on. As per our conversation please investigate a tint shield that would be effective in eliminating the reflection glare on the windshield and upon a successful trial, arrange for all the cab cars to have the tint applied to the rear window of the cab.**

If the tinted window concept does not work or is so dark that there is a security issue (not able to see into the cab from the coach) then we will have no choice but to modify the cab door to close

only against the separation wall and designate this full area as a crew operating area in lead or trail position. GO Transit to work with the Equipment group and provide update.
Feb 22/10 – Update: This has been an ongoing issue for quite some time; however GO Transit is currently working on a complete resolution (Possibly application of film). Keep as pending and I'll try to provide a time-line. - Pending

6. Gates west end of Henry St. not installed yet. Required as an emergency exit.

Feb 22/10 – Update: . This project was initiated quite some time ago, however was not completed. Emails to GO Transit Engineering have been addressed. I requested an update as to when this would be complete, but have not received a response. Hopefully may have something for tomorrow - Also inquire about gate at east end - Pending

7. Flagging Kits in new cab cars – issue with rubber gasket that holds kits in place. Difficult to remove. Paul Gudnason to work with the shop on this issue –

Feb 22/10 – Update: Keep in mind that Bombardier shop staff are not authorized to make any modifications to the equipment without GO Transit approval or involvement. GO Transit Rail Equipment have looked at this issue and agree there is a problem, and require a little time to determine the resolution - Pending

8. Jan 1/10 – protocol to deal with expectation of huge/unruly crowds after known events. We have CSA's at home being compensated. We need plan to utilize extra CSA's if available to assist the regular CSA on those specific nights. Use CSA's on stand-by if available.

Update: Town Hall meeting Feb 4th/10 with Transit Enforcement – Nerissa to handle with with crew office/GO Transit/Bombardier as to setting up a protocol. - Pending

9. Rule 17 Discussion and the associated risks involved. Notices by Bombardier and Bulletins issued by CN Rail – Closed

10. Handbrake uniformity discussed – Consistent policy with regards to application on GO Transit Property – Update Feb 23/10 – Risk Assessment not yet completed – Pending.

Platform Issues: CSA's will be advised by Nerissa to report all platform lighting, shelter and ramp issues first to the ROCC. An e-mail should then be sent to Nerissa and the Supervisors for furtherance to GO Transit.

East Gwillimberry - platform - Oct 13/09 – reported again Nov 26th by Supv Sbrega
Guildwood – same issue as above – Oct 30/09

Update Feb 17/09 - "Safety Awareness" Notice to all crews/csa's regarding locations such as this. Information issued required. The CSA to ensure their foot was placed on the mini-ramp to hold in place if required. I know we are still waiting an update on Guildwood Station which you have indicated on your minutes, however, System safety has also checked this mini-ramp/platform and found no exceptions - Closed

Milliken – same as above – Oct 23/09

Georgetown – Dec 3/09 reported by CSA that concrete curbs crumbling where 5A car stops and passengers detrain. Supv Sbrega inspected all platforms Dec 7/09 and reports some work has been done but repairs are still needed in many locations. Dec 9/09 e-mail sent by Station Ops indicating that a contractor will be sent out to take pictures of locations requiring repairs and repairs will be arranged. Reported again Jan 7/09 – Track 2 South side

Update: response from Don Nunns Dec 9th. Station Ops advised and will arrange repairs. Do not expect repairs done until the spring. Many platforms are crumbling. They will all be inspected and repaired on a corridor by corridor basis.

Oakville Track 1 - Jan 13/10 – needs to be lifted – ramp will not stay in place

Oakville Track 3 – Jan 26/10 – lifted by CN crews and measured by GO – Closed

King City – Feb 2/10 – Chunk of concrete missing on ramp. Please note, a caution message was added to the DON for this morning,
KING CITY MINI PLATFORM & RAMP DEPLOYMENT
Please exercise caution when stepping to/from the consist and deploying the mini-ramp at the King City GO Station. Repairs to the curbs on the mini platform will be made later this week. GO Transit engineering staff attended this site on Friday Feb 5/10 - and will be making temporary repairs. - Closed

New Business:

1. Oshawa/Henry St. – Outpost Inspection done – – No issues to report after inspection. Both yards well maintained – Henry St office passed first aid inspection.
2. Reported to me Feb 5/10 that some employees have bumped their heads while walking to back of engine to apply handbrake – A beam/support arm stretches across in the vicinity of the site glass for the engine water. I spoke with Chris Johnston Feb 8th and the shop will arrange for red or yellow caution tape to be applied. – Pending
3. Feb 23/10. - Two person throttle training crew model. Susanne will have the risk assessment completed this weekend and will be meeting with GO and BT on Tuesday March 3/10. Once we have worked out the bugs, a copy will be sent to the Committee for review.
4. Feb 23/10 – IR submitted indicating that there was no cold compresses available to the the CSA. Neither First Aid or Trauma Kits have cold compresses or ice packs, and they never have. GO will not be installing them. – Closed.
5. Feb 16/10 – Water bottles being placed in hand rail to keep cold. Managers are speaking with crews about this issue and a notice has been issued - **Closed**
6. HSE Symposium – best practices

CLASS OF SAFETY AND HEALTH HAZARD:

Class "A" Hazard: A condition or practice likely to cause permanent disability, loss of life or body part and/or loss (Major) of equipment, or material.

Class "B" Hazard: A **condition** or practice likely to cause serious injury or illness, resulting temporary disability or (Serious) property damage that is disruptive but not excessive.

Class "C" Hazard: A **condition** or practice likely to cause minor, non-disabling injury or illness, or non-disruptive (Minor) property damage.

SAFETY AND HEALTH SUGGESTION/HAZARD NOTICES - OLD/PENDING
(previous months)

Notice # 000520 - Sept 10/09 Eng 624 – Lateral Sway
Update – Sept 30/10 – under study with GO and MPI

Notice # 000537 – Sept 10/09 Eng 605 - Lateral Sway
 Update – Sept 30/10 – under study with GO and MPI
 Notice # 000615 – Sept 10/09 Eng 602– Lateral Sway
 Update – Sept 30/10 – under study with GO and MPI
 Notice #000529 – Oct 6/09 Eng 603 – Lateral Sway
 Update – Oct 27/10 – under study with GO and MPI
 Notice #000530 – Oct 6/09 Eng 620 – Lateral Sway
 Oct 6/09 Wheel diameters being looked at/Dampers being changed out
 Forensics from MPI on site to assist with problem. Sensors being placed
 on engines to obtain technical data – further testing still ongoing
 Update – Oct 27/10 – under study with GO and MPI
 Notice # 000533 – Nov 25/09 Eng 614 – Lateral Sway
 Update – Dec 21/10 – under study with GO and MPI
 Notice # 000534 – Nov 27/09 Eng 558 – Lateral Sway
 Update – Dec 11/10 – under study with GO and MPI
 Notice # 000541 – Dec 29/09 Eng 555 – Heater not working
 Update – Jan 25/10 – heater checked with no faults – Dath Logger applied
 to monitor temperature
 Notice # 000542 – Dec 29/09 Eng 617 – Lateral Sway
 Update – Jan 25/10 – under study with GO and MPI
 Notice # 000545 – Jan 13/10 Eng 612 – Leaking Toilet
 Update – Jan 25/10 - toilet pump assembly replaced. Toilet chemical is NOT a hazardous
 material unless ingested in large quantities
 Notice # 000547 – Jan 19/10 Cab Car 208 – Scratched Windshield
 Update – replaced Jan 25/10
 Notice # 000551 – Jan 20/10 Glare in cab car window
 Update – fluorescent tubes installed in all full width cab cars. Account this area
 is recognized as a passenger area, GO will not allow other measures.
 E-mail sent by Peter Lloyd on Jan 29/10. GO has approved a tint to
 be put on the windows as a test and if successful, full implementation
 on all full width cab cars to lessen the glare. GO has acknowledged
 the glare problem while operating at night.

Above notices submitted to Chris Johnston for handling - Pending

NEW - SAFETY AND HEALTH SUGGESTION/HAZARD NOTICES - NEW

Notice # 000554 – Jan 26/10 – proper weather stripping for side window Unit 600
 Update – Feb 16/10 – Windows sealed by MPI - Closed
 Notice # 000548 – Feb 10/10 Eng 614 – Lateral Sway – previously booked
 Notice # 000555 – Feb 23/10 Eng 606 – Lateral Sway
 Notice # 000556 – Feb 23/10 – need more specifics

Above notice submitted to Chris Johnston for handling

General Discussion

-Mattresses in the crew center replaced November 15th, 2009 – keep on the minutes
-Furniture in crew center (including trailers) shampooed and cleaned September 25th, 2009 Agreement to clean semi-annually.

-Duct cleaning in crew center done October 10th, 2009 – No agreement yet in place with GO Transit for regular cleaning – Spoke with Geri Nov 30/09 – She will forward to Maintenance.
Feb 22/10 – Update: Please send a notification of any type of housekeeping/ductcleaning/ etc to my attention only when required. There will not be a standard time-line in place, but will accommodate upon request. This can also be removed from the minutes next month.

-Oct 28/09 Stouffville (M. Erwood) /Barrie (G. Plumridge) /Hamilton (M. Jeramie) will be given the task to maintain the above outpost stations. Supplies to be ordered through Walter Padovan. Walter confirmed that all locations are current. Walter to monitor and supply when needed .

Fatigue Management Plan: Glen MacDonald to handle with Susanne Manaignre and distribute when finalized. Susanne Manaignre waiting for the RAC to come out with a specific plan providing criteria. Once criteria established new rest rules will be implemented based on those criteria. – Susanne to provide an update – Spoke with Susanne Sept 22/09. Susanne will meet with Geri from GO Transit as well as a Union Rep to begin discussions. Criteria from TC is expected in the new year. Some housekeeping issues will be dealt with prior to the criteria such as black out curtains, possible carpet or other noise reducing devices GO will address –
Feb 22/10 – Update: The RAC has not yet published changes and/or revisions to the work rest rules or fatigue management program - Pending

SMS discussion and summary sheets provided to members as per Susanne. SMS classes to begin soon for all employees. CSA have been done – SMS for CTO's began Feb 16/10. Supervisors to discuss with CTO's and supply with overview. E-mails to be sent to Susanne for tracking purposes.

We should all remind ourselves that no employee should start work under unsafe conditions, no supervisor should tolerate unsafe behavior, and all employees should speak up if they have doubts regarding safe working conditions. Under no circumstances will any deviation from essential safety rules be tolerated.

Encourage members to report any safety issues that affect themselves and others

Outpost inspection for next months meeting – none

Meeting Adjourned at: 1330

Next Meeting will be Wednesday March 31st - 2010

(Management Co-Chairman)
(Signed original on file)

(Labour Co-Chairman)
(Signed original on file)