
Minutes

MEETING DATE: Aug. 21, 2018

TIME: 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

LOCATIONS:

- NV Energy, 1 Ohm Place, Reno, NV
- NV Energy, 7155 Lindell Road, Las Vegas, NV

ATTENDANCE:

- **North:** Jack Byrom, TMWA | Mike Fitzgibbons, Comstock Inspection | Jay Mendiola, NV Energy
- **South:** Billy Relph, CenturyLink | Cesar Castillo, RP Weddell | Dave Roy, City of Henderson | Dave Dahl, Retired | Dennis Bott, Southwest Gas | Greg Noel, USIC | Jerry Poage, USIC | Nick Nishihama, City of Las Vegas | Robert Ward, NV Energy | Tom Georgi, LVVWD | Ryan White, USA North | Paul Odekirk, Stake Center Locate | Harold Lefler, Western States | Nathan Snider, Cox Communication
- **Phone:** Craig Rogers, PUCN | Brad Paulson, Kern River

STANDING ITEMS:

1. **Introductions (Bob Ward)**

Introductions took place.

2. **Adoption of the Agenda (Bob Ward)**

Cesar Castillo made a motion to adopt the agenda; Dennis Bott seconded the motion.

3. **Financial Status Report (Dawn Rivard)**

Dawn discussed the NRCGA's current financial status.

4. **Enforcement Actions (Craig Rogers)**

The PUCN issued one civil penalty and one warning over the last month. To date, civil penalties issued have been higher than normal for this time of reason. The reason for the penalties include: 1) working with no ticket multiple times; and 2) hitting a line with no ticket.

5. **CGA Best Practices & CGA Update (Cesar Castillo, Bob Ward)**

No update yet. See the Best Practices committee agenda for info on what the CGA is working on. If you have any questions, ask Mike Marrero. He's on the committee.

6. **Positive Response Program (Ryan White)**

Fifty-seven Nevada member utilities are using the system. The NRCGA training committee will add info on this program into the excavator training to raise awareness that the excavators should check that there's been a positive response from all utilities before digging.

NEW ITEMS:

7. **811 Ticket Standardization (James Wingate, Ryan White)**

USA North Executive Director James Wingate sent out a letter (below) on Aug. 10 to USA North members. The letter outlines changes USA North plans to implement to dig tickets. To help vet these changes, the NRCGA's Best Practices committee will evaluate ticket types. Members have until the end of the year to look at the proposed changes outlined in the Aug. 10 letter and propose further changes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

8. Education/Training (Jay Mendiola, Cesar Castillo, Dennis Bott)

There was no training in the north. There are two trainings on Aug. 24 in the south, one in English, one in Spanish. This committee needs more business cards. Dawn will order them. The training committee also needs bags to stuff. Dawn will send out an email vote to the Board to see if the Board will authorize this unbudgeted purchase. But the committee will also take bag donations from NRCGA members.

9. Locate Rodeo Committee (Dennis Bott, Mike Marrero)

No update.

10. 811 Day Block Party (Dennis Bott for Mike Marrero)

USA North produced a video from the event: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5_ve4uc5svY. The 51s said this was one of their top 5 first pitch events. If we do a similar event next year, we will have better signage directing people to the touch-a-truck event and the first pitch staging area.

11. Excavator Appreciation Events (Dennis Bott, Jay Mendiola)

The north has not set a date yet for their event. It will likely be in late November or early December. The south's event will take place on Nov. 8 at a TBD location. The south's event committee met this morning prior to the regularly scheduled NRCGA meeting. Dawn will schedule a date in October for all board member stakeholder groups to participate in candidate interviews. Four companies will be interviewed for the Silver Shovel award.

12. USA North 811 NV Committee Update (Boyd Duchene, Bob Ward, Dennis Bott)

The last meeting focused on USA North's proposed ticket changes. USA North is also looking to relocate to a more reasonably priced location. They're currently in the San Francisco Bay Area.

13. Best Practices Committee (Craig Rogers)

Craig will send out a meeting notice for the first week of September. All are welcome to attend. The first item of discussion will be USA North's proposed ticket changes.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS

14. Increasing NRCGA Revenue (Bob Ward)

Increasing our revenue for outreach is needed. Bob is going to create a committee to investigate the possibility of hosting an NRCGA golf tournament. If you want to be part of this committee, let Dawn know.

Next Meeting: September 18, 2018