

HMSC Safety Committee

Minutes January 15, 2003

Present: Faith Cole, Sean Matson, Melody Pfister, Randy Walker, Rick Brown, Dave Johnson, Bill Hanshumaker and Pam Rogers

Old Business

- The building numbers are made and will be put up soon.
- The \$5,000 request for strobe lights and horns in the NAL courtyard is still pending.
- The current repair on the seawater line will necessitate leaving the hole open for a little while longer. They are pressuring the lines today to test, so it should be soon.
- Rick Brown has set up a freezer log for the NOAA facilities and Randy will be doing the same for the OSU ones.
- An engineering firm has examined the sagging roof in the West Wing and states that the problem is cosmetic and is safe. Randy will continue to measure the sag regularly.
- By spring Rick Brown is hoping to resolve funding for replacing the NAL roof. Matson asked about the possibility of skylights in the Grad Loft.
- The door to the greenhouse is being replaced and the walls have been completed.

New Business

- Bill Hanshumaker brought up the serious back injury that occurred in the Visitor Center when a work-study student slipped on the water leaking from the roof. He stressed how dangerous the situation with the water is. Randy Walker said that McDonald Engineering had come to examine the roof and found 2000 broken tiles in the leaking area. Bill pointed out that when he went up on the roof in 1997, the tiles were not broken and the roof still leaked. A discussion followed about what could be done about the problem since there is no money for the needed repairs. Non-slippery floor coverings and continuing to flag and block off the area were mentioned.
- Randy mentioned that they have repaired the erosion on the nature trail and will be planting native beach grass on one-foot centers.
- Rick Brown brought up the possibility of his buying the needed GFCI outlets for the NMFS AK facilities, if the OSU Physical Plant could install them whenever they had time. Because the federal budget has not yet been passed, he has very little money to work with. Dave Johnson said he would try to fit them in, but some circuits are harder than others to modify.
- Sean Matson brought up some needed repairs on the pump house dock (ramp is off its track and bolts are pulling out from the rubber between the sections).

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 5, at 9:00 in the Barry Fisher Room.