The February 11, 2014 General Meeting for the Central Missouri CPCU Society Chapter was called to order at 11:55 a.m. with Chapter President Jon Erickson presiding.

President Erickson thanked Past President Monica Salmons, shared her accomplishments and presented her with a Certificate of Appreciation and gift.

Monica Salmons introduced and shared the biography of Jim Owen, President & CEO, Missouri Employers Mutual who was in our CEO Spotlight. Mr. Owen shared that “Safety Fanatics” is the company’s current marketing campaign. He started by recognizing those in attendance from MEM. Mr. Owen shared MEM’s history, current Company statistics and recent growth. MEM’s primary goal is to improve Workers Compensation in Missouri. He also introduced MEM executives in attendance, Michael Karvchick and Joyce Underwood.

President Erickson brought up David Hubbard who introduced “living legend” Hamp Ford. Together they presented an entertaining program regarding *How to Prepare for Your Deposition*. Prior to the presentation, Mr. Ford gave a brief, comedic background of his extensive career. Mr. Ford had these points 1)be prepared regarding the subject matter and issue, 2)be respectful of the process and the opponent and 3)be objective. Hamp emphasized the importance of the instructions to the jury. He then outlined a case and proceeded to question some uncooperative, unprepared, arrogant, overzealous and angry witnesses, Misters Weasel, Tillingsworth, Friendly and Angry. Finally, he reiterated being a strong witness for your company.

An honorarium will be presented to Cedar Creek Therapeutic Riding Center in Hamp Ford’s name. In addition, some reference points for giving a deposition will be added to our Chapter website.

President Erickson introduced the 2014 Chapter committee members and asked them to stand and be recognized.

Don Lang presented information about our 9th Young Driver Program which will be held Thursday, March 20, from 7 – 8 pm at Hickman High School. It’s free and open to everyone, parents and kids. Don asked everyone to share information about the event to those they know and encourage people to attend.

Stacye Smith won the attendance prize of a gift card. A CPCU Society notebook was awarded to Kayde Holton. We’ll be making an effort to get more CPCU branded items

Lisa Gordon asked everyone to pick up their name tag if they hadn’t already and to bring them back to the next meeting if they wish.

The meeting adjourned at 12:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Monica Richey Pfeiffer

Chapter Secretary