



MINUTES
of the
53rd COUNCIL MEETING
held in
Dublin, Ireland
on
3rd May 2014

PRESENT

AUSTRIA	Heinz	Berger (<i>Treasurer</i>)	HB	Verband der Sprengbefugten Österreichs (VSÖ)
DENMARK	Johan	Gjørdvad (<i>Vice President</i>)	JFG	Danish Federation of Explosives Engineers (DSF)
ESTONIA	Viive	Tuuna	VT	Eesti Mäetööstuse Ettevõtete Liit (EMTEL)
FINLAND	Jari	Honkanen	JH	Infra Contractors' Association (Infra)
FRANCE I	Ricardo	Chavez	RC	French Group of Explosives Engineers (GFEE)
GERMANY	Jörg	Rennert (<i>President</i>)	JR	Deutscher Sprengverband e.V.(DSV)
NORWAY	Vegard	Olsen	VO	Norsk Forening for Fjellsprengningsteknikk (NFF)
POLAND	Krzysztof	Pietkiewicz	KP	Stowarzyszenie Polskich Inzynierow Stzalowych (SPIS)
PORTUGAL	José Carlos	Gois	JCG	Associação Portuguesa de Estudos e Engenharia de Explosivos (AP3E)
RUSSIA	Alexander	Efremovtsev	AE	National Organisation of Explosives Engineers (NOEE)
SLOVAK REPUBLIC	Igor	Kopál	IK	Slovenská spoločnosť pre trhacie a vrtacie práce (SSTVP)
SWEDEN	Donald	Jonson (<i>Past President</i>)	DJ	Bergsprängningskommittén (BK)
UK	Nigel	Taylor	NT	Institute of Explosives Engineers (IExpE)
Malta	Roger	Holmberg (<i>Secr. General</i>)	RH	EFEE

IN ATTENDANCE

Estonia	Teele	Tuuna	TT	Voglers
Germany	Walter	Werner	WW	Audit Committee
Norway	Karl	Kure	KK	Shotfirer Committee
Russia	Marina	Efremovtseva	ME	National Organisation of Explosives Engineers (NOEE)
Romania	Doru	Anghelache	DA	SSE Explo Romania S.R.L.
UK	James	Tyler	JT	TylerEvents
UK	Mark	Hatt	MH	W J Hatt Ltd

ABSENT

BELGIUM & LUXEMBURG	Edmond	Rousseau	ER	Groupment Belge de l'Energie Explosive (GBEE)
BULGARIA	Valery	Mitkov	VM	Association of Explosives Engineers in Bulgaria (ABEB)
CZECH REPUBLIC	Pavel	Krivanek	PK	Czech Federation for Blasting Technique (STTP)
ESTONIA	Rein	Voog	RV	Eesti Mäetööstuse Ettevõtete Liit (EMTEL)
FRANCE II	Jean-Philippe	Dupeyron	JPD	Syndicat National des Entrepreneurs de Travaux (SYUNDEX)
HUNGARY	Zoltan	Kovacs	ZK	Hungarian Society for Blasting Technology (MARE)
KAZAKHSTAN	Petr	Tambiyev	PT	Association of Blast Engineers of Kazakhstan (AEEK)
LIECHTENSTEIN				Fachgruppe für Spreng- und Pyrotechnik (FSP)
NETHERLANDS	Bernard	Vercouteren van den Berge	BV	Nederlandse Vereniging van Springmeesters (NVvS)
SLOVENIA	Predrag	Šinik	PSi	Društvo Minerjev Vrtalcev in Pirotehnikov Slovenije (DMVP)
SPAIN	Antonio	Lucius	AL	Asociacion Nacional de Ingenieros de Minas de España (ANIM)
SWITZERLAND	Alex	Burlon	AB	Schweizer Sprengverband (SVS)
UKRAINE	Nikolay	Ischenko	NI	The Ukrainian Union of Explosives(USIV)

1. Opening by the President

The President Jörg Rennert opened the meeting, welcomed all to Dublin and expressed his thanks to Nigel Taylor for arranging the meeting.

The President warmly welcomed Mrs Viive Tuuna who will act as representative for Estonia.

2. Apologies for absence

The President gave ER, VM, PK, RV, JPD, ZK, PT, BV, PSi, AL, AB and NI's apologies.

3. Approval of the Agenda

The Agenda was approved.

4. Minutes of the 52nd Council Meeting held September 14, 2013 in Moscow.

It was proposed that the Minutes be accepted as a true record.

Decision: This was unanimously agreed.

5. Applications for membership

Since January 1, 2014 EEE has 1 new Company Members and 2 new Individual Members.

EFEE has seven new individual members since last Council meeting.

1. Maxim Dukutovich, Moscow State Mining University, Russia
2. Michal Amarsaana, Explo Sp. z.o.o., Poland
3. Erdenebileg Amarsanaa, Special Mining Service, Mongolia
4. Stefan Orth, Ontaris, Germany
5. Günter Kleinrath, Schaffler GmbH & Co KG, Austria
6. Antonio Lozano, Geoengineering Services & Consulting E.I.R.L., Peru
7. Alexander Kravtsov, Czech Technical University in Prague, Czech Republic

Mr Cornelius Keigher at Irish Industrial Explosives was approved by the Board as an Individual Member at the Board meeting 2014-05-02 and will receive an invoice this week.

EFEE has three new company members accepted by the Board since last Council meeting in Moscow.

1. Dresdner Sprengschule GmbH, Germany
2. MDL, UK
3. Impact Technologies GmbH, Germany.

Decision: The Council had no objections regarding the new members!

Paid 2014 Memberships up to April 30 are;

- 21 out of 25 National Members
- 21 out of 23 Company Members
- 54 out of 62 Individual Members and
- 0 out of 0 Student Member

The Secretary General has reminded the Company and Individual Members two times. A final reminder will be sent out May 6 and if not paid before end of May they will be expelled.

No new contact person for Lichtenstein has been identified and no invoices could be sent out 2013 or 2014. Bulgaria has not paid 2012, 2013 or 2014. Slovenia has not paid 2012 or 2014. Slovak Republic and Ukraine have not paid 2014.

The Board suggested the Council to expel Bulgaria and that Lichtenstein no longer is a National Member.

Action: It was decided to follow the recommendation from the Board. A letter will be sent to Bulgaria by the President and RH. JH will also look for another society in Bulgaria.

6. Secretariat

a. Accounts Management

The Management Accounts for the period Y2013 were presented and analysed.

The Income 2013 was € 33 923.15 and the expenditures was € 35 794.75.

Net Income: € -1 871.60.

Net current Assets end of Y2013; € 134 636.86

The books have been audited by the Audit Committee and found in relevant shape.

The Auditor WW reported that the books were in good order and proposed that Council approves the accounts.

Decision: The Council unanimously approved the Accounts and the Audit report.

Accounts for Jan to April 30, 2014

The Management Accounts for the period Jan 1- April 30, 2014 were presented and analysed.

Incomes € 91 960.90 and Expenditures € 13 935.20.

Net current Assets April 30, 2013; € 212 662.71.

b. Website

All Proceedings from 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th EFEE Conferences are available on the website. Proceedings from 1st and 2nd EFEE Conferences cannot be uploaded as Balkema has the copyright.

c. EFEE Shotfirer Certificate report

No new applications for EFEE certificates have been received 2014. Four certificates have been renewed.

7. EFEE Board Report

a. Report from recent Board Meetings

JR reported from the Board Meeting in Bratislava, 2013-11-30 and in Rome 2014-03-22.

b. EFEE Annual Report 2013

The EFEE Annual Report was sent out to the Council 2014-04-01.

Decision: The Council unanimously approved the Report

8. Standing Committees

a. Finance & Audit. Budget 2013.

Budget 2014

The Budget for 2014 was presented and will be approved by the AGM.

b. Shottfiring

Karl Kure mentioned from the meeting. The Norwegian committee has finalised their work and sent out the final report to the Council.

Action: The President will send an answer on the letter from the Norwegian work group.

Viive Tuuna reported from the Committee meeting;

The partners have met during the Dublin meeting. They come from Germany, UK, France, Sweden, Czech Republic, Portugal, Norway and Estonia.

The application was sent in to Estonia National office for LdV 2014-04-29. The answer to the application will be announced in August 2014. Project starts 2014-10-01 if accepted.

The Council expressed their thanks to Teele and Viive Tuuna.

It was suggested that each Nation send in relevant information to be published on the website,

Action: JR will prepare a sheet for the various countries to fill in and send back.

c. Membership & Marketing

The Committee has established an aggressive Marketing Strategy which was presented for the Council. The strategy aims at improving the attractiveness of EFEE so more members will join.

Action: The Membership Committee will prepare a proposal to the next Council meeting of how to handle non-members at the Lyon Conference.

A proposal from a member has been received that EFEE should issue a membership card.

JR has asked for an offer for 200 membership cards with logo and photo. About € 2 000 will be the initial cost and in future each new card will cost about € 5.

The Board decided yesterday not to recommend it at the moment.

Decision: Council agreed with the decision of the Board.

d. Newsletter

JFG reported about the Newsletter and the decision to have an external editor. A proposal from Teele Tuuna at Voglers Eesti OU of € 150 for the first issue and then 200 € per following issues plus € 20/extra page if an advanced translator is needed was received.

Decision: The Council agreed to have Teele Tuuna to edit the Newsletter.

Decision: RH to add € 350 for Newsletter expenditures in 2014 budget and present to AGM.

e. EU-Directives

Maik Schmahl has changed position and the new responsible person is Frederico Musso.

April 5, 2015 the end-users need to adapt to the Track and Trace directive.

f. Constitution and By-Laws

VO proposed a few changes to the Council. The constitution must be harmonised with the National Law where EFEE is registered.

Decision: The proposal from the Constitution and By-Laws Committee were unanimously accepted by the Council.

Action: VO will revise the documents and send to the Secretary General for publishing on the website.

g. Election

JCG reported that the information to individual and company members was sent out 2013. We received one candidate from Romania.

h. Conference

See paragraph 10 below.

i. Environmental

VO reported from the Environmental Committee.

9. EFEE work plan

Action: The work plan will be updated by the Board and communicated to the Council before the meeting in Tallinn.

10. Conference

a. Report on results and impressions of the 7th EFEE World Conference 2013 in Moscow

AE reported from the conference.

EFEE auditor WW gave a report from the audit of the Moscow conference and said all books were in order and the result was successful.

The President thanked Alexander Efremovtsev for the fantastic job arranging the Moscow Conference and handed over a laser grooved glass item.

b. Report on preparations for the 8th EFEE World Conference in Lyon, France 2015

James Tyler informed about the progress with the Lyon conference.

JT is investigating costs for interpreters English-French and vice versa.

The gala dinner will take place at Paul Bocuse.

Exhibition

JT mentioned that the response was very good. 21 Exhibitors said they will come and booked booths.

JT was convinced that we will sell out all exhibition booths. Catering will be present in the exhibition hall.

Hotel

160 bedroom for 160 € has been negotiated at the Hilton hotel. Breakfast included. Low cost alternatives are situated nearby.

Workshop

Two workshops are planned.

Modern technology applied to blasting: JR will chair this workshop.

Environment: JFG will chair this workshop.

Delegate Types

Non-members fees will be announced at next Council meeting.

National members. One person 20% off.

Individual, Company Members, Associate and students 10% off.

Technical Committee Chairman should get 1000 €, a free fee and gala dinner All other members of the Technical Committee (4 to 6) get a reduction of 50% of the conference fee and a free gala dinner.

Budget

JT will come back with the proposed budget.

Schedule, call for papers & 2nd circular

July 31 2014. 1st Circular

Sept 30 2014. Deadline for submission of abstract.

Oct 31 2014. Notification of acceptance.

Oct 1 2014. 2nd Circular with preliminary program.

Oct 31 2014. Submission final paper.

Jan 31 2015. Final notification of accepted paper.

Feb 28 2015. Early bird registration is closed.

Mar-Apr 2015. Standard registration.

Sunday April 26 2015. Workshops.

April 27-28 2015. Conference.

Technical Committee

RC had contacted Robert Farnfield who has accepted to be a Chairman for the Technical Committee.

JR, RH and two members from France will attend in the Committee and Jerry Wallace from ISEE should be asked to participate by RH.

c. News regarding the 9th EFEE World Conference in Amsterdam 2017

The Board will visit Amsterdam July 19, 2014 to look at the place where the venue will be.

11. Any Other Business

NT invited EFEE to a meeting with IExpE 2016 in April.

An invitation to Guinness brewery and to a dinner after the AGM was made by NT.

JFG mentioned conditions in Greenland. JFG is teaching one week per year. JFG asked if EFEE could have a council meeting in Greenland and meet governmental people. It is possible to get financial support for a visit. It would be for one week in 2016.

Action: JFG will come back with a proposal.

12. Future Meetings, dates and places

- a. Autumn 2014. September 12-13. Tallinn, Estonia. Board and Council. Sokos Hotel Viru has been booked by Viive Tuuna.

13. Adjourn

The President thanked all participants and closed the meeting.

Signed

President /Jörg Rennert/

Date
