



MINUTES
of the
54th COUNCIL MEETING
held in
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on
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Secretary General Roger Holmberg

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AUSTRIA	Heinz	Berger (<i>Treasurer</i>)	HB	Verband der Sprengbefugten Österreichs (VSÖ)
CZECH REPUBLIC	Pavel	Krivanek	PK	Czech Federation for Blasting Technique (STTP)
DENMARK	Johan	Gjødvad (<i>President</i>)	JFG	Danish Federation of Explosives Engineers (DSF)
ESTONIA	Rein	Voog	RV	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>Past President</i>)	JR	Deutscher Sprengverband e.V.(DSV)
NETHERLANDS	Bernard	Vercouteren van den Berge	BV	Nederlandse Vereniging van Springmeesters (NVvS)
NORWAY	Vegard	Olsen	VO	Norsk Forening for Fjellsprengningsteknikk (NFF)
POLAND	Krzysztof	Pietkiewicz	KP	Stowarzyszenie Polskich Inżynierów Stalowych (SPIS)
SLOVAK REPUBLIC	Igor	Kopál (<i>Vice President</i>)	IK	Slovenská spoločnosť pre ťhacie a vrtacie práce (SSTVP)
SWEDEN	Donald	Jonson	DJ	Bergsprängningskommittén (BK)
UK	Nigel	Taylor	NT	Institute of Explosives Engineers (IExpE)
England	Mark	Hatt	MH	Repr. For EFEE Company and Individual Members
Romania	Doru	Anghelache	DA	Repr. For EFEE Company and Individual Members
Malta	Roger	Holmberg (<i>Secr. General</i>)	RH	EFEE

IN ATTENDANCE

Estonia	Teele	Viive	VT	Voglers
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France	Alain	Blanchier	AB	EGIDE Environnement
France	Anne	Sauvage	ACS	EGIDE Environnement
	Charline			
Germany	Walter	Werner	WW	Audit Committee
Ireland	Alan	Dolan	ID	Irish Mining and Quarrying Society (IMQS)
Norway	Karl	Kure	KK	Shotfirer Committee
Poland	Michał	Janiak	MJ	Nitroerg S.A.

ABSENT

BELGIUM & LUXEMBURG	Edmond	Rousseau	ER	Groupement Belge de l'Energie Explosive (GBEE)
FRANCE II	Jean-Philippe	Dupeyron	JPD	Syndicat National des Entrepreneurs de Travaux Publics specialises dans l'Utilisation d'Explosifs (SYNDUEX)
HUNGARY	Zoltan	Kovacs	ZK	Hungarian Society for Blasting Technology (MARE)
KAZAKHSTAN	Petr	Tambiyev	PT	Association of Blast Engineers of Kazakhstan (AEEK)
PORTUGAL	José Carlos	Gois	JCG	Associação Portuguesa de Estudos e Engenharia de Explosivos (AP3E)
RUSSIA	Alexander	Efremovtsev	AE	National Organisation of Explosives Engineers (NOEE)
SLOVENIA	Damjan	Kovač	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 Johan Finsteen Gjørdvad opened the meeting, welcomed all to Tallinn and expressed his thanks to Viive Tuuna for arranging the hotel, dinners and the trip for spouses.

The President warmly welcomed Alan Dolan from IMQS, Ireland. IMQS has applied as a National EFEE member.

The President warmly welcomed Michal Janiak who represents the EFEE Company Member Nitroerg S.A., Poland which was approved at the latest EFEE Board Meeting 12th September 2014.

2. Apologies for absence

The President gave ER, JPD, ZK, PT, JCG, AE, PSi, AL, AB and NI's apologies.

3. Approval of the Agenda

The Agenda was approved.

4. Minutes of the 53rd Council Meeting held March 5, 2014 in Dublin.

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

Decision: This was unanimously agreed.

5. Applications for membership

EFEE has one new individual member since last Council meeting in Dublin.

- ✓ Cornelius Keigher, Irish Industrial Explosives, Ireland

EFEE has one new company member since last Council meeting in Dublin.

- ✓ Nitroerg S.A. from Poland has been approved by the Board Sept. 12, 2014.

Irish Mining and Quarrying Society (IMQS) has applied as an EFEE National Member. The Board has reviewed the IMQS statutes and found it harmonising with EFEE demands. The Board suggests that the Council approve IMQS as a National Member.

Decision: The Council had no objections regarding the new National Member IMQS and welcomed them to EFEE! The Council had no objections regarding the new Individual and the new Company Member.

Paid 2014 Memberships up to September 10 are;

- 22 out of 24 National Members
- 22 out of 23 Company Members
- 59 out of 59 Individual Members and
- 0 out of 0 Student Member

The Secretary General has reminded the Company and Individual Members who not had paid their fees three times. The final reminder was sent out May 6. One Company Member and four Individual members were expelled after these reminders.

Slovenia has not paid 2012 or 2014.

Bulgaria has been expelled and informed so by the President.

6. Secretariat

a. Accounts Management

The Management Accounts for the period Jan 1- Sept 10, 2014 were presented and analysed. The Bank has been changed by HB to Erste Bank.

Incomes € 92980.90 and Expenditures € 31077.07.

Net current Assets; € 196540.84.

b. Website

The revised Constitution and By-Laws has been uploaded to the website.

c. EFEE Shotfirer Certificate report

Seven renewals have been approved. No new applications have been filed.

7. EFEE Board Report

a. Report from recent Board Meetings

JFG reported from the Board Meeting in Amsterdam, 2014-07-19 and in Tallinn 2014-09-12.

8. Standing Committees

a. Finance & Audit. Budget 2013.

WW-Nothing to report

b. Shotfiring

The project application was discussed by the Committee on Thursday September 11th, 2014. Unfortunately the answer was no because of two main reasons. One is that there is not enough money in Estonian bureau for the grants, which is only ca 600 000, and EFEE applied for 450 000. The second reason was that the specialists, who made some background research on the subject, found that Germany and France does not recognise any other given certificate but their own, within the country. They could not read out, whether the EFEE certificate is as good as or stronger than Germanys or Frances shot firer certificates. They did not accept that EFEE could harmonise the situation, and then move forward, within this project.

The manager in the Estonian Archimedes bureau, Ramia Allev was invited for a discussion in the meeting, on the 11th, to talk about other possibilities, which would be the "sector skill alliances" project, with bigger impact and more funds. This would be an application for the European Commission, not Estonian bureau, and they, in the Archimedes bureau, would be glad to help EFEE any way needed. Unfortunately Ramia Allev could not come and Viive Tuuna informed the members of the Shotfirer Committee.

The Committee has put up a preliminary budget of €6100 incl. travel costs of €1000. The budget takes care of 50 days of work for Viive Tuuna before the new application will be sent in for decision in February 2015. A meeting is scheduled in Tallinn, Estonia January 17, 2015.

The Board suggested that the Council approves to sponsor the project with € 6100.

Decision: The Council unanimously approved that the means for the project should be allocated to the project.

Decision: For the planned board meeting in February in Brussels, TV would try to find a relevant EU-official in regards to the ESSEM II project which the EFEE board can meet with.

Decision: The Council decided that the issue of the EFEE Shotfirer certificates should be discontinued.

c. Membership & Marketing

The Committee has established an aggressive Marketing Strategy which was presented for the Council in Dublin. IK mentioned that the committee has made a list of 400 potential members. A letter has been written that will be sent out to all the potential members.

Action: IK will send out the letter to the potential new members.

BV has brought samples of a polo-shirt with EFEE logo from Netherlands. The aim is to make PR for EFEE and include a polo-shirt in the registration fee or sell it at the Lyon conference.

The Board has decided that the shirt shall be included in the registration fee.

NT has produced a tie and a cap to be sold at the Lyon conference.

Decision: The Council decided that a pin with the EFEE logo should be made for sale at the conference. Proposals/samples should be sent to the President before December 31, 2014.

Decision: Only the Tie should be sold. The tie should be with an embroider logo, NT will find a price of 200 pieces.

d. Newsletter

IK reviewed the items to be incorporated in the new Newsletter. Teele Tuuna will be the responsible person to issue the Newsletter on the website. A link at the website will make the Newsletter interactive for the reader.

Prior to the Lyon conference a Newsletter will be produced. Articles are welcomed and should be sent to IK.

e. EU-Directives

JR has informed about the Track and Trace directive for the Committee. The proposal was discussed and a letter will be sent to the EU commissioner Frederico Mussuo with comments to the proposed directive.

f. Constitution and By-Laws

VO reported that two suggestions to the Dublin adopted constitution were discussed at the Committee meeting. The Committee will come up with possible changes in the document at the Council and AGM meeting in Lyon 2015.

g. Election

Nothing to report.

h. Conference

See paragraph 10 below.

i. Environmental

VO reported from the Environmental Committee. It was decided that a new article shall be published about air blasts. New tables will be published to improve the previous paper about ground vibrations. Accidents among end users will also be looked into. JH will be the responsible person for planning and setting up the collection system.

9. EFEE work plan

The Board has decided to use the MoMs from the Board, Council and AGM meetings as a work plan. Item 9 “Work Plan” will therefore not appear on future agendas.

10. Conference

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

James Tyler was prevented to participate as his son was ill. HB reviewed the information.

No abstracts have been received so far and the members of the Council were asked to help to send out info of the conference.

Action: The National members were kindly asked to send out information about the conference to all of their members and push for abstracts.

James Tyler had sent as update to the conference. 2nd Circular will be sent out October 31, 2014.

JFG and RH will write to TylerEvents and comment the venue. The Board will also visit Lyon together with James Tyler October 2014.

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

Nothing to report.

c. 10th EFEE World Conference 2019

EFEE has received interests for holding the conference from Slovenia, Romania, Estonia, Poland, Finland and Sweden.

Action: RH will send a budget template and a copy of the contract between EFEE and TylerEvents to interested parties so they can prepare a preliminary budget and presentation. At the EFEE meetings in Lyon 2015 their proposals will be presented (10 min per nation) and voted for. Deadline for interests to present their approach at the Lyon Council and AGM is February 15, 2015. Information (max one page) to be sent out with the call to the Lyon meetings shall be sent to the Secretary General before March 15.

At the presentation for the Council and AGM the prospective national event organisers will have 10 min time allocated for their presentation. It is suggested that the presentation outlines the following;

1. Place where the venue will be held
2. Event organiser(s)
3. Hotel accommodations
4. Conference rooms and Exhibition area
5. Place for the Gala dinner
6. Airport access
7. Partner Programme
8. Pre/post tours to nearby ongoing projects - if any
9. Preliminary budgets for 200, 300, 400 participants
10. Opening ceremony –Any Governmental/Industrial “High shots”.

TylerEvents has announced they are willing to assist any nation as event organiser and can be contacted at james@tylerevents.co.uk

11. Any Other Business

The ISEE letter regarding IExpE Affiliation was discussed.

Action: RH to send a copy to NT and MH. JFG and RH will send and answer to ISEE saying that EFEE has no objection to IExpE becoming an Affiliate to ISEE.

12. Future Meetings, dates and places

- a. Spring 2015. April 25. Lyon, France.
- b. Autumn 2015. Preliminary Spain. TBD in Lyon.
- c. Spring. April 2016. UK. (IExpE is having a conference at same time.)

13. Adjourn

The President thanked all participants and closed the meeting.

Signed

President /Johan Gjørdvad /

Date
