MINUTES

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European Federation of Explosives Engineers
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PRESENT

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BULGARIA	Tania	Angelova	TA	Association of Explosives Engineers in Bulgaria (ABEB)
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	Vlastimil	Netolický	VN	
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	Johan	Gjødvad	JFG	
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SLOVENIA	Pregrad	Sinik	PS	Društvo minerjev Slovenije
SLOVAKIA	Igor	Kopàl	IK	Slovenská spolocnost pre trhacie a vrtacie práce (SSTVP)
	Marian	Benovsky		
SWEDEN	Roger	Holmberg (*Past President, Secretary)*)	RH	Bergsprängningskommittén (BK)
	Donald	Jonson	DJ	
UK	Mark	Hatt	MH	Institute of Explosives Engineers (IExpE)

IN ATTENDANCE

UK	James	Tyler		TylerEvents Ltd.

ABSENT

AUSTRIA	Heinz	Berger	HB	Verband der Sprengbefugten Österreichs (VSÖ)
SPAIN	Antonio	Lucius	AL	Asociacion Nacional de Ingenieres de Minas de España (ANIM)
LIECHTENSTEIN and SWITZERLAND	Rémy	Müller	RM	FSP
RUSSIA	Alexander	Efremovtsev	AE	NOEE
BULGARIA	Valery	Mitkov *(Vice president)*	VM	Association of Explosives Engineers in Bulgaria (ABEB)
GERMANY	Rolf	Schillinger	RS	Audit Committee

1. Opening by the President

The President opened the meeting and thanked the German Society for the spectacular dinner at Stolberg castle and for the nice tour in Aachen.

The President asked the members to introduce themselves.

2. Apologies for absence

The President gave Heinz Berger´s, Antonio Lucius, Rémy Müller´s, Alexander Efremovtsev´s, Valery Mitkov´s and Rolf Schillinger´s apologies.

3. Approval of the Agenda

The Agenda was approved.

4. Minutes of the 41st Council Meeting held on April 19, 2008 in Budapest.

The President announced a minor change to the circulated MoM. It was proposed that the Minutes be accepted as a true record. This was unanimously agreed.

5. Matters arising from the Minutes (if not on the Agenda)

Nothing to report**.**

6. Applications for membership

Ukraine and Hungary have applied for a National membership. The Membership and Marketing Committee has received the applications and the statues of the Societies and have expressed that the societies should be accepted. The Council meeting unanimously agreed.

7. EFEE Board Report

MoM from the Board Meeting in Budapest and Stockholm has been circulated to the Council.

8. Standing Committees

a. Finance & Audit

i. *Presentation of Accounts for period 2008-01-01 to 2008-07-31*

Accounts to 31st September 2008 were approved but the Council wanted to see the deposits for the conference in Budapest in the balance sheets.

The costs for the LdV meeting in Berlin was agreed to be filed as EUExcert costs in the Income/Expenditures at year end.

ii. *Budget proposal 2009*

JCG proposed that the Council meeting should approve the proposed budget, which not yet does contain any incomes or expenditures from the LdV work. This was unanimously agreed.

iii. *Unpaid subscriptions for 2008*

Secretary will send out invoices with reminders.

b. Shotfiring

In a letter of 19.August SiU (the Norwegian LdV agency) confirms that 253,000€ has been granted to the project. The project will run for 2 years and start at the end of 2008.

AR made a resume over the project and the partners. A kick off meeting will take place in November. Two conferences will be held – one in 2009 and one in 2010. These will be held in conjunction to the Council meetings.

The Committee will try to get an update of what explosives manufacturers and products available in Europe.

BV expressed a concern; It happens that some blasters have problems maintaining their National Certificates but they continue to do jobs by using their EFEE Certificates.

It was decided that the National signatories must approve the applicant before any certificate is issued.

Action: The Secretary will send out a list of the people holding EFEE shotfirer certificates and also to update the National Signatories. The Secretary also will send out the procedure for handling certificates to the Council members.

Action: Anyone holding a list of approved countries is welcomed to inform the Council.

Countries not approved are welcome to contact the Shotfirer Committee and KK.

c. EUExcert

The EUExcert project was finished end of September. The President shall send the final invoice to KCEM before mid October.

The funds received 2008 so far is 3343€ against budgeted 5000€.

The committee will cease end of year 2008.

d. Membership & Marketing

i. Membership

The Membership Committee has been asked to set up membership criteria for being approved as a member in EFEE.

The Council members were asked to find new potential members.

ii. *Website*

Slovenia (PS), Norway (AR) and Bulgaria (VM) has no functioning passwords.

Action: Secretary to send out passwords.

The Nation Member information has been updated. Some Member Nations logos and home pages are missing.

Some Nation member homepages has wrong EFEE logo on their home page. They are asked to change to the new logo.

The website has been updated with protocols from the recent meetings. Members are to be updated. Board members have been updated.

Webmaster has uploaded the website and added German and Hungarian versions of the Conference Call for Papers. TylerEvents was given access to the Conference Website October 3.

e. Newsletter

JFG has not received any input to a Newsletter.

JFG will ask Walter Werner to write some of the EFEE start up. The Newsletter will also give some information of the coming conference. The Newsletter will be issued end of October and one in February.

Action: The Committee chairmen were asked to write what is going on in the Committees and send to JFG. They were also asked to update the names of the committee members.

It was decided that the Newsletter shall be published at the open part of the Homepage and another MemberNews information containing the same content as the Newsletter plus information from the Committee work and other member related news shall be placed in the Members portal.

f. EU-Directives

The new Chairman is Predrag Sinik from Slovenia. Two members from EFEE will represent EFEE in the European work regarding Security/Transport/Traceability. President will approve any costs to be taken by EFEE.

Action. The committee (PS) was asked to develop a work programme and identify where the focus should be.

g. By-Laws

The By-Laws Committee had met and discussed a new proposal. The revised Constitution and By-Laws sent out by AR to some of the members.

Action: The Committee was asked to send the proposal with highlighted changes to all members. The document should be discussed and decision taken at the Budapest meeting. The National Members must come back with their comments before December 31. The final proposal will be sent to the members 6 weeks before the Budapest AGM meeting.

h. Election

The committee asked for detailed information of the election procedure.
It was agreed that we must follow the existing Constitution and By-Laws. Each National Member may propose up to six members of the board (Past President is given) and their position. The Election committee summarizes and send to Secretary who distributes the list to Council together with the Call for Meeting latest March 14 2009.

i. *Conference*

See item 11 below.

9. Secretariat /Accounts Management

No questions were raised.

10. EFEE work plan

The work plan was reviewed.

11. Conference

a. Report on preparations for the 5th EFEE World Conference, Budapest 2009

JT mentioned that we just have some 43 abstracts yet and the deadline has been postponed to October 31. A Poster session is suggested.

The Board has decided that it should have a Board Member in the Technical Committee. JCG was nominated.

Exhibition: 25 out of 50 are booked and an additional 15 have shown an interest. Before the end of the year most will be sold.

The 2nd circular shall be sent out in November. It will contain the titles received and be available in English, German and Hungarian languages.

Budget is kept so far. EFFE shall pay an additional 11000€ above the 2451€ already paid to TylerEvents. These funds will be reimbursed when we start to receive incomes from the conference.

The Hungarian VAT is 20%. In November JT will finalise the VAT position. We will charge VAT to the delegates for all costs. This is mentioned in the 1st circular. JT to meet with an Hungarian adviser so all laws are followed.

A proposal from JK was raised: Past Presidents should join the conference for free and also the representatives for the Member Nations. -The Meeting decided that the Past Presidents should be invited to the Gala Dinner for free but they must pay the registration fee.

b. News from 6th EFEE World Conference, Portugal 2011.

JCG and JT have visited the hotel three weeks ago and met with the hotel management and an exhibition provider. The conference is scheduled to September 18- 20, 2011.

There are 44 possible booths we can have inside the hotel.

Negotiations are ongoing with Corintha hotel.

c. *News from 7th EFEE World Conference, Russia, 2012 or 2013.*

Nohting to report.

12. Any Other Business

JG proposed a new agenda. Friday 8.00-14.00 Committee Meetings. Friday 14.00-16.00 Board Meeting. Saturday 9.00-12.00 Council Meeting.

The Meeting accepted the proposed schedule.

13. Future Meetings, dates and places

a. Spring 2009. Budapest April 24-25, 2009

b. Autumn 2009 October 9-10, 2009. St Petersburg is proposed but this needs to be confirmed by Alexander Efremevtsev.

14. Adjourn

The President thanked all participants and closed the meeting.

Signed

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President

Date