



**MINUTES
of the
29th EFEE Board Meeting,
held in
London, UK
on
8th October, 2010**

PRESENT:

Donald Jonson (DJ), Sweden	President
Jörg Rennert (JR), Germany	Vice President
José Carlos Gois (JCG), Portugal	Immediate Past President
Johan Finsteen Gjodvad (JFG), Denmark	
Predrag Šinik (PSi), Slovenia	
Roger Holmberg (RH), Malta	Secretary

IN ATTENDANCE:

Heinz Berger (HB), Austria
Damjan Kovac (DK), Slovenia

APOLOGIES

Alexander Efremovtsev (AE), Russia
Remy Müller (RM), Switzerland Treasurer

1. Opening of meeting

The President DJ warmly welcomed everyone to the Board Meeting and gave RM's and AE's apologies.

2. Agenda

The Agenda was approved.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting

The MoM from Tallinn was approved as a true record of the meeting and signed by the President DJ.

4. Matters arising (if not on the Agenda)

None

5. Administration

a. Finance and banking report

The Income/Expenditures statements and Balance Sheet up to Sept 30 were presented and analysed.

EFEE has made an income of €3208.29 for Q1-Q3.

b. Membership Applications report

No new members have applied since the Board meeting in Tallinn. At the moment there are 25 (24) National Members, 9 (12) Company Members and 39 (49) Individual Members. There are 24 voting members in the Council (France has 2 National Members).

The following numbers of members have paid subscription fees;

	2009	Sept 30 2010
National members	24	23*
Company members	12	9
Individual members	49	39
Membership fees	22003€	20248€

*Poland has paid for the years of 2008 and 2009 but not for 2010. Spain has paid for 2010 but not for 2009. Netherlands have not paid for 2010.

c. EFEE Shoftfire certificate report

No shoftfirer licences have been issued after the Tallinn Board Meeting.

Three additional applications have been received from Russia and are awaiting approvals.

6. EFEE World Conferences

a. 6th EFEE Conference – Lisbon 2011

HB and JGC visited Lisbon together with James Tyler. They went through to the budget and the arrangements. There are 40-50 booths available. The Gala dinner will be 15 min away from the hotel. For transportation buses will be used.

So far there are six Gold sponsors a 6500€ and three Silver sponsors a 3000€. Delegate fee is 550€ plus VAT. A social program will be offered.

James has been asked to send the database to Russia.

1st Circular should be sent out asap.

The Technical Committee will be;

Chairman Robert Farnfield, UK.

Finn Ouchterlony, Sweden

José A. Sanchidrian, Spain

Peter Moser, Austria

Jerry Wallace, USA

José Gois, Portugal

Roger Holmberg, Malta

Action: RH to ask Tylerevent about the ISBN number for the Proceedings printed. JCG will ask Balkema for a quotation of Proceedings in paperback and hard cover. (Leon Bijnsdorp, Commissioning Editor Conference Proceedings, leon.bijnsdorp@tandf.co.uk)

Workshop: EU Directives (Maik Schmahl) and Blasting in Urban Areas (City-track TBA).

Student awards

JFG sent out a tabloid to the Secretariat who distributed it to the National Members and had it announced in the EFEE website. The National Members will send out information to relevant Universities.

b. 7th EFEE Conference – Moscow 2013

Nothing to report. The Committee is awaiting Comments and Budget from Russia. Preferable this can be discussed and signed at the Lisbon Board meeting in March 2011.

c. 8th EFEE Conference – 2015

The National Members has been asked to come up with proposals at the council meeting in London October 9. The Netherlands, France and Slovenia were suggested.

7. EFEE communication and marketing

a. Website

The information about the Student Competition is posted. Information of how to purchase Proceedings is posted.

b. Newsletter

Possible topics in the autumn Newsletter are;

- Presidents voice
- Detailed Student Award
- Presentation of a French success blast
- 1st circular of Lisbon Conference
- Traceability directive
- ESSEEM Dresden conference
- Presentation of Vegard Olsen
- Upcoming events
- New member BEF

c. Marketing and Membership

The Committee decided that if an application comes in from the Company Nobel Technics AS they should be approved as a member.

The Committee suggested that it should be possible for Company Members to become more visible if they pay for the work. One suggestion was to get a link to their website. Another was a dynamic frame/picture showing their logo, name etc.

It was suggested that any member who find a new individual member joining EFEE will get a 25€ deduction on 2011 membership fee. This offer should be announced in the Newsletter.

The question regarding increased Membership fees was relegated to the Board.

JFG suggested a X-mas card together with a CD of the outcome from the Project.

A discussion was held regarding raise of membership fees.

Decision: The Board will suggest for the Council that the National and Company Member fee should be raised. The Board suggests that Member Company name should be at the website and included in the normal fee. For a link and to be placed in the dynamic frame/picture+ link they will be offered a higher price. It was suggested that Individuals fee would be unchanged 75€.

The Board decided that a discount of 25€ was acceptable for finding a new member.

Action: JFG to put this into the Newsletter.

8. European shotfiring

a. National shotfiring training programme recognised

Nothing new to report.

b. ESSEEM project

A meeting was held in Dresden 24-25 September 2010 to report the final findings. This was an open conference. EFEE had three subcontractors who participated; Alan Blanchier, France, Anne Sauvage, France and Damjan Kovač from Slovenia.

The project has resulted in training means for shotfirers in Rock Blasting and Demolition.

KK had a few questions up for discussion;

- It has been suggested to contact EU and investigate their interest for the ESSEEM work.
- Is there made any EU plan for the harmonization of laws and regulations on the civil explosive sector in Europe?
- If no harmonization is planned, but interest for the planned EFEE technical vocational training exists, how could the examination (the national laws, regulations and technical knowhow) be arranged?
- How to continue the issuing of EFEE shotfirer certificates in the period until ” the New (EFEE or EU) certificate” can be issued in 2011 or later?

There is a body for H&S; European Agency for Safety and Health at Work, Director Dr Jukka Takala. The Board is made up of representatives of governments, employers and workers from EU Member States, representatives of the European Commission and other observers.

It was said to be important to precisely define the training to be for Level 4 and for the person who executes the blast by “pushing the button”.

The requirements in the ESSEEM project are made for a Shotfirer with Blast Design capability.

Two actions were discussed;

Action 1: Find the right EU-contact and understand EU’s interest

Walter Werner volunteered to send a letter Mr Schulz in the European Parliament for guidance of whom to contact for lobbying for an EU-directive. Jörg volunteered to contact Mike Schmahl. Rein Voog, Estonia has been working with the EU-commissioners and he can be consulted by Heinz.

Action 2: It was said EFEE should write a dissemination plan and present it for the right EU-contact.

- EFEE would like to see an EU-directive for a EU Shotfirer certificate.
- EFEE likes to make a translation of the documents for the EU Shotfirer training.
- EFEE would like to be a notified body for certification of educational training of Shotfirers.

It is accepted that EFEE must approve an application from a blaster coming from a country which has not an education approved by EFEE but who have achieved his education in a country which EFEE has approved.

JCG presented parts of the PP-presentations developed by the project.

Regarding the issuing of EFEE Certificates it was agreed that the business shall proceed as before.

9. New EUExcert Project EUExNet

Action: The logo of the EUExcert should be visualised on the EFEE front-page. RH will contact the Webmaster.

10. EU Directives

PSi reported there was a meeting in Cologne in July 16 with Maik Schmahl, Euromines, FEEM, European Salt and others. An official letter from EFEE will be sent to the EU commissions and National Members in October to try to delay the implementation of the traceability directive with three years.

11. Constitution and Bylaws

Aslak sent out a proposal 2010-09-09 which was discussed in the Committee. The proposal was redirected to Aslak to send out a full document. Vegard Olsson will be part of the Committee and assist. The proposal should be sent out to all Council Members end of November. Council members must reply January 15. The Committee should improve and deliver a proposal end of February which must be commented upon before the final document is sent out to all six weeks before the Kiev meeting.

12. Work Plan

The work plan was reviewed.

13. Any Other Business

Action: The Board shall look into national vibration standards and come to Kiev well prepared.

14. Dates of next meetings

- a. Winter 2011: March 5, 2011 – Lisbon, Portugal (Board)
- b. Spring 2011: Kiev, 6-7 May (Committees, Board, Council and AGM)
- c. Summer 2011: June 18 – Trieste, Portoroz, (Board)
- d. Autumn 2011: September 16-17, Lisbon (Committees, Board and Council)

15. Adjourn

The President thanked everyone for attending and contributing to the meeting. The Meeting was adjourned.

Signed _____
President

Date _____