



**MINUTES  
of the  
43<sup>rd</sup> EFEE Board Meeting,  
held in  
Bratislava, Slovak Republic  
on  
30<sup>th</sup> November, 2013**

## **PRESENT:**

Jörg Rennert (JR), Germany	President
Johan Finsteen Gjødvad (JFG), Denmark	Vice President
Donald Jonson (DJ), Sweden	Immediate Past President
Heinz Berger (HB), Austria	Treasurer
Igor Kopál (IK), Slovak Republic	
Alexander Efremovtsev (AE), Russia	
Roger Holmberg (RH), Malta	Secretary General

## **IN ATTENDANCE:**

Konstantin Efremovtsev (KE), Russia  
Walter Werner (WW), Germany  
Marián Beňovský (MB), Slovak Republic  
James Tyler, TylerEvents, UK

## **APOLOGIES**

Ricardo Chavez (RC), France

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### **1. Opening by the President**

The President JR welcomed everyone to the Board Meeting and thanked Igor Kopal for the nice arrangements with the hotel and the meeting. JR also gratefully acknowledged Igor Kopal, Marián Beňovský and the Slovakian Society for Blasting and Drilling Work for the superb dinner.

### **2. Agenda**

The Agenda was approved.

### **3. Minutes of the previous meeting**

The MoM from Moscow, Russia 2013-09-13 was approved as a true record of the meeting and signed by the President.

### **4. Matters arising (if not on the Agenda)**

None.

## 5. Administration

### a. **Management Accounts 1 January to November 30, 2013**

Accounts for Jan to November 30, 2013

The Management Accounts for the period Jan 1- November 30, 2013 were presented and analysed.

Incomes € 31 873.70 and Expenditures € 27 843.87.

Net current Assets November 30, 2013; € 137 487.04.

### b. **Membership Applications report**

EFEE has one new company member accepted by the Board since last Board meeting in Moscow. This is Dresdner Sprengschule GmbH from Germany.

Since January 1, 2013 EFEE have 6 new Company Members and 12 new Individual Members.

Paid 2013 Memberships up to Nov 30 are;

- 23 out of 25 National Members.
- 21 out of 21 Company Members.
- 58 out of 58 Individual Members.
- 0 out of 0 Student Members.

Lichtenstein has not paid 2013 and Bulgaria has not paid 2012 or 2013. Slovenia has not paid 2012.

### c. **EFEE Shotfirer Certificate report**

Since the EFEE Board meeting in Moscow EFEE has not received any new Shotfirer Certificate Applications.

## 6. EFEE World Conferences

### a. **7<sup>th</sup> EFEE Conference – Moscow 2013**

Alexander and Konstantin Efremovtsev reported about the Moscow conference.

The participants list from the Moscow conference will be sent out by NOEE.

**Action: AE to check with Sergei so he sends the list. A detailed list will be sent to the Board and all participants will receive a list with names and affiliations. The feedback document prepared by Heinz Berger should also be sent out.**

**Action: For the future it should be stated that statistics, such as participants residency, early bird and fully paid, workshop participants etc.**

KE mentioned there were many articles about the conference in Russian technical journals. "Ogul" had a large article with nice photos and their journal has many readers.

Walter Werner mentioned the EFEE Newsletter will be translated to German and sent out this week.

JR asked for a participant payment list with dates so Early Bird participants can be detected.

**Action: KE will investigate and send out to the Board.**

Number of participants at the Moscow conference was the following:

Delegates - 334 (190 English-speaking, 144 Russian-speaking).

Sponsors - 31 (10 English-speaking, 21 Russian-speaking).

Exhibitors - 70 (48 English-speaking, 22 Russian-speaking).

Media partners - 16 (16 Russian-speaking).

Total - 451 (248 English-speaking, 203 Russian-speaking).

WW mentioned that 629 € is the average fees paid by the participants. Almost 70 000€ will be dividends to NOEE and EFEE respectively. Expenditures have been following the budget very well. WW has looked through the costs and he found that the books are very well accepted. WW recommended the Board to sign the accounts and close the books.

WW will write a letter of approval and distribute to the Board.

**Decision: The Board thanked WW and expressed its satisfaction with the work done by NOEE.**

James Tyler gave a price for printing additional Proceedings. £585 is the price received from Agora. James Tyler was kind and offered to store and sell the Proceedings.

**Decision: The Board decided to order 50 proceedings. Price will be 50€ plus delivery. TylerEvents will keep 50% of the price for each copy sold.**

It was discussed whether NOEE could arrange an EFEE conference every second year in Russia, Kazakhstan or Ukraine. AE mentioned it could be possible. 2015 will be Lyon but AE said it could be possible to have EFEE conferences 2016, 2018 etc.

**Action: The Board to raise this question at the spring Council meeting in Dublin.**

#### **b. 8<sup>th</sup> EFEE Conference, France – 2015**

Lyon will be hosting the conference. Dates will be April 26-28, 2015.

James Tyler reviewed the ongoing work for preparing the conference.

A deposit of 2150 € must be paid December 2014. In January 2015 10950 €, February 2015 13140 € and a last one in March 2015 17521 €. Totally 43767 €.

Rooms are held at the Hilton and the Concorde.

The agreement between EFEE and TylerEvents was signed. The contract with the Convention Centre was signed by JR.

**Action: The Lyon Conference will be announced during the 2014 ISEE conference in Denver. TylerEvents will have an EFEE booth at the exhibition. JR and James Tyler will participate in the International lunch and present the EFEE Lyon conference.**

**Action: KE to send the database from Moscow to TylerEvents.**

**Action: The Technical Committee Chairman will be appointed latest May 2014.**

#### **c. 9<sup>th</sup> EFEE Conference, Amsterdam – 2017**

James Tyler gave an update of the preparations. The venue will be decided upon early 2014.

## 7. EFEE communication and marketing

### a. **Website. Advertisement fees.**

Moscow proceedings have been uploaded to the website.

### b. **Newsletter. Advertisement fees**

JFG mentioned the idea of having some professional to edit articles, design and distribute the Newsletter on Internet. A proposal of 50-100 € per issue has been received.

Advertisements can increase the incomes. The plan is to have someone to act as a sales person against ~10% revenue.

**Action: JFG and JR to propose a contract and aim for this solution in late 2014.**

JFG will release the new Newsletter no.3 early December 2013.

JFG went through the articles to be published.

The 2014:1 issue will be published after the spring meeting in May, 2014.

### c. **Marketing and Membership. Membership fees.**

The Board will keep the Membership fees frozen.

From Liechtenstein we have not heard anything regarding their Membership.

**Action: HB will continue to try to find a contact person.**

Strategy plan presented in Zandvoort; JFG will meet with Jari Honkanen and Nigel Taylor and discuss the presentation to the Council in Dublin..

IK send a letter to Slovenia and Croatia regarding their memberships. An answer is expected in early 2014 from Croatia. Slovenia has not reacted over the request. Romania has indicated an interest and will start a national organisation 2014. It was suggested that we send a EFEE Board member to attend the new society.

**Action: IK to continue with the contacts.**

**Action: HB will change the address of EFEE at UBS Bank after the Moscow Conference audit and after receiving the dividends. Change of bank will be carried out before X-mas 2013.**

### d. **Proposal regarding EFEE Membership Cards**

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

**Action: The Board will consider and JR will check the prices for a card. Decision will be taken in Dublin.**

## 8. European shotfiring

### a. **New Project application**

Viiivi Tuuna is continuing the good work with a project application.

9. **EU Directives**

JR was attending a meeting in Brussels in October. The traceability directive is manifested and the application of the directive is ongoing. The end-user must be able to follow the directive in end of 2015.

10. **Constitution and Bylaws**

Nothing to report.

11. **Environmental Committee**

The summary of the National Standards will be published in the Newsletter no.3 and also published on the EFEE website.

12. **Work Plan**

The Board visited the Work Plan,

*Action: RH to update the Work Plan before the next Board meeting.*

13. **Any Other Business**

JFG has been teaching in Greenland. Greenland is establishing a plan for mining the minerals. A number of people are interested in EFEE and they like to meet with EFEE. JFG suggested that we meet around 2015.

*Action: JFG to continue the discussions.*

KE suggested that each Member Nation will have one member for free at the EFEE conferences.

*Action: The Board will consider and bring it up at next Council meeting.*

14. **Dates of next meetings**

- a. March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Roma, Italy.
- b. Spring 2014. May 2. Dublin, Ireland.
- c. Autumn 2014. September 12-13. Tallinn, Estonia.

15. **Adjourn**

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

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

President /Jörg Rennert/

Date \_\_\_\_\_