



**MINUTES
of the
44th EFEE Board Meeting,
held in
Rome, Italy
on
22nd March, 2014**

PRESENT:

Jörg Rennert (JR), Germany	President
Johan Finsteen Gjørdvad (JFG), Denmark	Vice President
Donald Jonson (DJ), Sweden	Immediate Past President
Heinz Berger (HB), Austria	Treasurer
Ricardo Chavez (RC), France	
Igor Kopál (IK), Slovak Republic	
Roger Holmberg (RH), Malta	Secretary General

IN ATTENDANCE:

APOLOGIES

Alexander Efremovtsev (AE), Russia

1. Opening by the President

The President JR welcomed everyone to the Board Meeting and thanked Donald Jonson and Roger Holmberg for the nice arrangements with the hotel.

2. Agenda

The Agenda was approved.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting

The MoM from Bratislava, Slovak Republic 2013-11-30 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. Finance and banking report for Y2013

EFEE made a loss of € 1871.60.

Secretary General reviewed the report made by the Audit Committee.

b. Management Accounts 1 January to March 20, 2014.

The Management Accounts for the period Jan 1- March 20, 2014 were presented and analysed.

Incomes € 89 125.90 and Expenditures € 5 507.27.

€ 66 603.96 was income from the EFEE Moscow conference!
Net current Assets; € 218 255.64.

Action: *HB will open an account in Austria and EFEE will transfer the money from UBS to Erste Bank der oesterreichischen Sparkassen AG (Erste Bank Oesterreich) and the Swiss PayPal will also be changed to an Austrian. The constitution must also be changed to comply with the Austrian Law. Furthermore HB will open two other account for the temporary financial investments.*

c. Membership Applications report

EFEE has two new company members accepted by the Board since last Council meeting in Bratislava. This is Impact Technologies GmbH from Germany and MDL from UK.

Two new individual members have been approved; Stefan Orth, Ontaris GmbH & Co. KG, Germany and Günter Kleinrath, Schaffler GmbH & Co KG, Austria

Totally EFEE now has 23 Company Members and 60 Individual Members.

Paid 2014 Memberships up to March 20 are;

- 19 out of 25 National Members.
- 21 out of 23 Company Members.
- 44 out of 60 Individual Members.
- 0 out of 0 Student Members.

We have not been able to identify a contact person for Lichtenstein 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. Poland, Slovak Republic and Ukraine have not paid 2014.

Action: *RH to send out final reminder to Bulgaria and if they do not pay until end of April 2014 the Board will suggest the Council to expel Bulgaria.*

d. EFEE Shotfirer Certificate report

Since the EFEE Board meeting in Moscow EFEE has not received any new Shotfirer Certificate Applications but we have had 4 renewals by blasters from Online Cleaning Germany GmbH.

e. Board Annual Report 2013

Action: *Secretary General will write a proposal and send to the Board before the Council meeting.*

6. EFEE World Conferences

a. 7th EFEE Conference Moscow - 2013

The Board warmly thanked AE and NOEE and expressed its satisfaction with the success of the Moscow conference.

James Tyler has arranged that additional Proceedings have been printed. James Tyler has been kind and offered to store and sell the Proceedings. The Board approved the front page of the Proceedings.

Action: The Board to raise the question to arrange an EFEE conference every second year in Russia, Kazakhstan or Ukraine at the spring Council meeting in Dublin.

Action: RH to update the comparison between the conferences to the Dublin meeting.

Action: President will send a letter to the exhibitors at the Moscow conference to get feedback of the arrangements.

b. 8th EFEE Conference, Lyon - 2015

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

RC has asked people from the French organisations to support, send in papers and participate in Lyon.

RC mentioned that it would be fine to have simultaneous translations. The Board supported this proposal.

Action: RC to discuss with TylerEvents about the translation service and cost.

DJ and RH mentioned that the Lyon Conference was announced by James Tyler at the International luncheon during the 2014 ISEE conference in Denver. EFEE also had a booth at the exhibition. RH, DJ and James Tyler participated at the ISEE conference in Denver.

Action: HB and the conference committee will propose a SOP for future conferences.

Action: RH will ask around and try to find a Technical Committee Chairman.

The Board discussed fees and reductions for the Lyon conference.

Action: The Board will propose that National Members will have a reduction for one person of 20%. All other EFEE members get a 10% discount. A corporate member gets a discount of 10 % for one person.

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.

c. 9th EFEE Conference, Amsterdam – 2017

Nothing to report

7. EFEE communication and marketing

a. Website.

Nothing to report.

b. Newsletter.

JFG mentioned the idea of having some professional to edit articles, design and distribute the Newsletter on Internet. A proposal of ~200 € per issue has been received.

- JR will try to get a demolition article and also write a foreword.
- RH will make advertisement on the recently printed Moscow Proceeding.
- The shotfirer project will be presented.
- JFG will ask Tyler to advertise the Lyon conference.
- RH will present new members and events.
- Presentation of the new board will be made.

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

c. Marketing and Membership.

JFG presented a future scenario about where EFEE should strive to go. This will be presented for the Council in Dublin.

Action: IK to propose how the universities shall be approached. After the Tallinn meeting this should be done.

IK has assisted people in Romania so they hopefully can join as a National member.
JR and HB has also been approaching people from Italy.
Croatia has not answered on the letter sent by IK and JR.

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.

JR has asked for an offer for membership cards.

8. European shotfiring

a. New Project application

Viivi Tuuna is continuing the good work with a project application. A meeting with Norwegian organisation has been held in Oslo. All potential participants will come to Ireland. They are from Norway, Sweden, Czech Republic, Portugal, Germany, France, Estonia and UK.

Action: RH to ask Viivi about who will participate in Dublin.

9. EU Directives

Maik Schmahl changes after 10 years dealing with explosives and pyrotechnic articles in the Chemicals Industry Unit of DG Enterprise and Industry his posts and join the Maritime Safety Unit of DG MOVE (the Commission's Department of Transport) from the 3rd of March 2014. The duties of Maik Schmahl will be taken over by Federico Musso (federico.musso@ec.europa.eu).

10. Constitution and Bylaws

There will be some changes in the Constitution and Bylaws. Vegard Olsen will send out a proposal before the Dublin meeting.

11. **Environmental Committee**

The summary of the National Standards have been published on the EFEE website.

12. **Work Plan**

The Board visited the Work Plan.

Action: The Work Plan will be updated after the decision of the strategy has been taken in Dublin.

13. **Any Other Business**

None

14. **Dates of next meetings**

- a. Spring 2014. May 2. Dublin, Ireland. Board, Council and AGM.
- b. Autumn 2014. September 12-13. Tallinn, Estonia. Board and Council.
- c. Lyon. July 19 2014. Board.

15. **Adjourn**

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

Signed _____
President /Jörg Rennert/

Date _____