



**MINUTES
of the
45th EFEE Board Meeting,
held in
Dublin, Ireland
on
2nd May, 2014**

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Albert Armangue (AA), France
Graham Crawshaw,(GC), MPQC,UK –during the Tara presentation.
Alan Dolan (AD), New Boliden Tara Mines Ltd Ireland
Marina Efremovtseva (ME), Russia
Jari Honkanen (JH), Finland –during the Tara presentation.
Paddy McConnell (PM), New Boliden Tara Mines Ltd, Ireland
Nigel Taylor (NT), UK –during the Tara presentation.
James Tyler (JT), TylerEvents

APOLOGIES

1. Opening by the President

The President JR welcomed everyone to the Board Meeting and thanked Nigel Taylor for the nice arrangements with the hotel.

A presentation from New Tara Boliden Mines was held by Paddy McConnell. Over the years, more than 80 million tonnes of ore have been mined. Approximately 2.5 million tonnes of ore for zinc and lead concentrate production is mined and concentrated every year. A description of geology and the deposit was made. 650 people are employed at the lead-zinc mine.

The President thanked for the interesting presentation and was glad that Tara Mine has joined EFEE. The Board expressed the interest to have an Irish society to be represented as an EFEE National Member. AD and PM promised this to be looked into.

2. Agenda

The Agenda was approved.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting

The MoM from Rome, Italy 2014-03-22 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 April 30, 2014.**

The Management Accounts for the period Jan 1- April 30, 2014 were presented and analysed.

Incomes € 91 960.90 and Expenditures € 13 935.20.

€ 66 603.96 was income from the EFEE Moscow conference!

Net current Assets; € 212 662.71.

HB is preparing all documents for being registered in Austria and opening of accounts in an Austrian bank. The constitution is translated to German. A registration number will be achieved in a few weeks' time. HB will send all the information about the registration of EFEE in Austria a.s.a.p. to the secretary of EFEE and he will open the new bank accounts and organize the money transfer immediately after the registration of EFEE in Austria is ready. The whole task should be over until 31st May 2014

b. **Membership Applications report**

EFEE Board has approved two new individual members since last Board meeting; Antonio Losano, Geoengineering Services & Consulting E.I.R.L., Peru and Alexander Kravtsov, Czech Technical University in Prague, Czech Republic.

Totally EFEE now has 23 Company Members and 62 Individual Members.

Paid 2014 Memberships up to March 20 are;

- 21 out of 25 National Members.
- 21 out of 23 Company Members.
- 54 out of 62 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. Ukraine has not paid 2014.

RH sent out a final reminder to Bulgaria but they did not pay before end of April.

Action: Board will suggest the Council to expel Bulgaria. The same with Lichtenstein as we cannot find any person responsible for the National Member.

EFEE received today an application by;

Name: Mr Cornelius Keigher

Company: Irish Industrial Explosives

Title: Technical Sales Manager

Decision: The Board unanimously approved Mr Cornelius Keigher as an Individual member. RH will send him an invoice.

c. EFEE Shotfirer Certificate report

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

d. Board Annual Report 2013

RH Has sent out the report to the Council

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.

AE mentioned that the conference in Moscow draw a lot attention from people in Russia. Many delegates showed up in the last minute but the organiser managed to handle this pretty well although all did not get all the material like proceedings etc. Some 75 presentations were selected from well over 100 abstracts. AE do believe the procedure to have conferences in east every second year will be successful.

Action: AE will come back with a proposal to EFEE Board/Conference Committee of a future organisation and conference.

WW mentioned that the Moscow conference went extremely well with regards to budget and achieved results and all book keeping was done very well.

President has sent out a letter to all exhibitors and sponsors of the Moscow conference to say thank you for their support of the Moscow conference and gave a lot of information of the upcoming Lyon conference. Invitations have also been released to ISEE.

b. 8th EFEE Conference, Lyon - 2015

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

James Tyler from TylerEvents updated the Board and Conference Committee about the preparations of Lyon EFEE Conference;

1) ISEE Update

JT mentioned that the response was very good. 21 Exhibitors said they will come and booked booths. JT presented the conference at the international luncheon in Denver 2014.

2) Lyon Update

JT visited the hotel and the conference centre in April.

3) Technical & Conference Committee

JFG had a proposal that Erik K. Lauritzen should be a Chairman for the Technical Committee.

Decision: JFG to contact Erik and receive an answer before May 10.

JR, RH and two members from France will attend in the Committee.

Decision: Jerry Wallace should be asked to participate by RH.

Council will be informed.

4) Accommodation

160 bedroom for 160 € has been negotiated. Breakfast included.

5) Exhibition

JT was convinced that we will sell out all booths. Catering will be present in the exhibition hall.

6) *Sponsorship*

JT will come back with the figures.

7) *Sunday Workshop*

Modern technology applied to blasting: RC will propose two companies. JR will propose one company. JR will chair this workshop.

Environment: JFG proposed Sigicom and will ask them. JFG will chair this workshop.

8) *Sunday Welcome Drinks Reception*

Will take place at Hilton.

9) *AV*

Welcome opening session can take place in one specific room.

10) *Interpreters*

English-French and vice versa. JT has requested prices.

11) *Gala Dinner*

Paul Bocuse will be the place.

12) *Partner Programme*

JT will announce later.

13) *Delegate Types*

Non-members pay a non-refundable fee for enrolment. Actual membership is informed later if approved.

National members. One person 20%.

Individual, Company Members, Associate and students 10% off.

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.

14) *Budget*

JT will come back with the proposed budget.

15) *Schedule, call for papers & 2nd circular*

July 31 2014. 1st Circular

Sept 30 2014. Deadline for submission of abstract.

Oct 31 2014. Notification of acceptance.

Oct 1 2014. 2nd Circular with preliminary program.

Oct 31 2014. Submission final paper.

Jan 31 2015. Final notification of accepted paper.

Feb 28 2015. Early bird registration is closed.

Mar-Apr 2015. Standard registration.

Sunday April 26 2015. Workshops.

April 27-28 2015. Conference.

16) *Marketing*

JT will send an advertisement of the conference to JFG end of May.

4 ads will be sent to ISEE.

Action: RH to send addresses of Council members to JT.

c. 9th EFEE Conference, Amsterdam – 2017

JT gave an update of the Amsterdam conference.

TylerEvents has looked at Novotel Amsterdam City 20 min from central Amsterdam and 20 min from Schiphol.

7. EFEE communication and marketing

a. Website.

Nothing to report.

b. Newsletter.

JFG presented a budget for an external editor of the articles, for design and distribution the Newsletter on Internet.

A proposal from Voglers Eesti OU of 150 € for the first issue and 200 € for the next issue plus € 20/extra page if an advanced translator is needed was received.

Decision: The Board will propose for Council that we accept the proposal.

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

c. Marketing and Membership.

IK has written a proposal how the universities shall be approached. Universities will be identified in each country. Explosives manufacturers and Notified Bodies should also be approached by EFEE to interest them for the EFEE work and memberships.

d. Proposal regarding EFEE Membership Cards

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

JR has asked for an offer for 200 membership cards with logo and photo. About € 2 000 will the initial cost be and in future each new card will cost about € 5.

Decision: The Board decided that the proposal will be presented at the Council Meeting. The board however does not recommend it at the moment.

8. European shotfiring

a. New Project application

Viivi Tuuna will report her findings at the Council meeting.

9. EU Directives

JR will report after next meeting.

10. Constitution and Bylaws

There will be some changes in the Constitution and Bylaws. Vegard Olsen will present it for the Council and AGM.

11. Environmental Committee

Vegard Olsen will report at the Council meeting.

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

JFG mentioned conditions in Greenland. JFG is teaching one week per year. JFG asked if EFEE could have a council meeting in Greenland and meet governmental people. It is possible to get financial support for a visit. It would be for one week in 2016.

The Board supported the idea.

Action: JFG will come back with a proposal.

14. Dates of next meetings

a. Amsterdam. July 19 2014. Board.

b. Autumn 2014. September 12-13. Tallinn, Estonia. Board and Council.

c. Lyon. October 18 2014.

15. Adjourn

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

Signed _____

President /Jörg Rennert/

Date _____