




**MINUTES
of the
47th EFEE Board Meeting,
held in
Tallinn, Estonia
on
12th September, 2014**

Secretary General Roger Holmberg

**European Federation of Explosives Engineers
Fédération Européenne des Spécialistes de Minage
Europäischer Sprengverband**



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PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Doru Anghelache (DA), SSE Explo Romania S.R.L.
Walter Werner (WW), Audit Committee
Alain Blanchier (AB), EGIDE Environnement

APOLOGIES

None

1. Opening by the President

The President JFG welcomed everyone to the Board Meeting.

2. Agenda

The Agenda was approved.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting

The MoM from Amsterdam, Netherlands 2014-07-19 was approved as a true record of the meeting and signed by JFG.

4. Matters arising (if not on the Agenda)

None.

5. Administration

a. Management Accounts 1st January to 10th September, 2014.

The Management Accounts for the period Jan 1- Sept 10, 2014 were presented and analysed. The Bank has been changed by HB to Erste Bank.

Incomes € 92980.90 and Expenditures € 31077.07.

Net current Assets; € 196540.84.

b. Membership Applications report

Irish Mining and Quarrying Society (IMQS) has applied as an EFEE National Member. The Board has reviewed the IMQS statutes and found it harmonising with EFEE demands.

Decision: The Board will suggest that the Council approve IMQS, Ireland as a National Member.

Nitroerg S.A. from Poland has applied to be an EFEE Company Member.

Decision: The Board approved Nitroerg S.A. as a Company Member.

Action: RH will send an invoice to Nitroerg.

Totally EFEE now has 23 Company Members and 59 Individual Members.

Paid 2014 Memberships up to July 19 are;

- 22 out of 23 National Members.
- 22 out of 23 Company Members.
- 59 out of 59 Individual Members.
- 0 out of 0 Student Members.

Slovenia has not paid 2012 or 2014.

c. EFEE Shotfirer Certificate report

A total of seven Shotfirer Certificate Renewals have been received and processed during 2014.

6. EFEE World Conferences

a. 8th EFEE Conference in Lyon - 2015

The Board will visit Lyon together with James Tyler October 18 to look at the facilities and to get an update of the exhibition, gala dinner, sponsors etc.

EFEE has received samples of a polo-shirt with EFEE logo from Netherlands. The aim is to make PR for EFEE and include a polo-shirt in the registration fee or sell it at the Lyon conference.

Decision: The Board decided that the shirt shall be included in the registration fee.

Action: RH and JFG will write to the National Members about the discounts.

Action: TylerEvents has signed a contract with Hilton and will send an invoice to RH on 50% of the cost.

Decision: The workshops should be; one from 10.00-13.00 and one from 14.00-17.00. The price shall be €60 for EFEE Members and €120 for non-members. The price is for both workshops.

Action: RH to ask TylerEvents for an update of budget, sponsors, final price for registration (not early bird), etc before the Lyon Board Meeting.

b. 9th EFEE Conference, Amsterdam – 2017

The Board visited Novotel in Amsterdam in July 2014 and James Tyler guided the Board through the facilities in Hotel Novotel Amsterdam City 20 min from central Amsterdam and 20 min from Schiphol. The hotel has 600 rooms and there are several other (cheaper

and more expensive) hotels in the surrounding. The Board found it suitable for the EFEE conference.

c. 10th EFEE Conference 2019

EFEE has received interests for holding the conference from Slovenia, Romania, Estonia, Poland, Finland and Sweden.

Decision: RH will send a budget template and a copy of the contract with TylerEvents to the interested parties so they can prepare a preliminary budget and presentation. At the EFEE meetings in Lyon 2015 their proposals will be presented (10 min per nation) and voted for. Deadline for interests to present their approach at the Lyon Council and AGM is February 15, 2015. Information (max one page) to be sent out with the call to the Lyon meetings shall be sent to the Secretary General before March 15.

7. EFEE communication and marketing

a. Website.

RH has removed Fédération in “Europäischer Sprengverband Fédération” and changed the name of SYNDUEX to Syndicat National des Entrepreneurs de Travaux Publics specialises dans l’Utilisation d’Explosifs (SYNDUEX) There was a problem (due to hackers?) with the website and Member Nations had been deleted. Our website designer fixed the problem and charged EFEE € 456.87.

RH has uploaded the revised EFEE By-laws and Articles of Association from the Dublin meetings in May 2014.

b. Newsletter.

JFG mentioned that the future editions of the Newsletter are after the Tallinn meeting (November 2014), before (March 2015) and after (June 2015) the Lyon conference. The new Newsletter committee will be handed over to Igor Kopal who will gather and identify the contributions for Teele Tuuna and the Newsletter. IK will also ensure that the contributions actually are sent as promised.

Next edition will contain:

- President Foreword- JFG
- CO2 emission- RC
- SAFEX- Boet
- Job section for students - IK
- Citybanan – DJ
- Status Erasmus- Viive Tuuna
- Info voting procedures – Jose Carlos Gois
- Track&Trace –Explosives Group info –JR
- New Members and Events – RH
- Second Circular for the 8th EFEE conference in Lyon will be enclosed. RH/JFG

c. Marketing and Membership.

IK has prepared a standard letter to Universities and completed the list of Universities and Distributors. Notified Bodies have been documented. The approach corresponds with the EFEE strategy. Romania is working on their constitution and more, it is expected that they will join in the end of the year.

Action: The letter shall be sent out by Igor Kopal.

DA will try to interest a Bulgarian Society to join as a National Member.

8. European shotfiring

a. **New Project application**

The project was discussed by the Committee on Thursday September 11th, 2014. The answer was no because of two main reasons. One is that there is not enough money in Estonian bureau for the grants, which is only ca 600 000, and EFEE applied for 450 000. The second reason was that the specialists, who made some background research on the subject, found that Germany and France does not recognise any other given certificate but their own, within the country. They could not read out, whether the EFEE certificate is as good as or stronger than Germanys or Frances shot firer certificates. They did not accept that EFEE could harmonise the situation, and then move forward, within this project.

The manager in the Estonian Archimedes bureau, Ramia Allev was invited for a discussion in the meeting, on the 11th, to talk about other possibilities, which would be the "sector skill alliances" project, with bigger impact and more funds. This would be an application for the European Commission, not Estonian bureau, and the Estonian Archimedes bureau, would be glad to help us in EFEE any way needed. It would be one possibility. Unfortunately Ramia Allev could not come and Viive Tuuna informed the members of the Shotfirer Committee.

The Committee has put up a preliminary budget of €6100 incl. travel costs of €1000. The budget takes care of 50 days of work for Viive Tuuna before the new application will be sent in for decision in February 2015.

Decision: The Board decided to suggest for the Council to sponsor the project with €6100.

9. EU Directives

JR has informed the Committee Members about the standards for colours of legwires and detonating cords. A letter will be sent to Frederico Mussuo (FM) with the Committees comments to the proposed standard.

Action: JR will prepare a letter to send to FM, board will approve and the President will sign.

Action: JR will contact FM regarding a meeting in Brussels where the Board will invite FM to talk about our views on the wire, the colours of leg wires and others. The 27th and 28th of February 2015 were suggested.

10. Constitution and Bylaws

Vegard Olsen made necessary changes of the Constitution and Bylaws after the Dublin meeting and this has been posted on the EFEE website. A few comments have been made and the Committee will make some alterations and suggest the changes for the Lyon AGM meeting.

11. **Environmental Committee**

It was decided that a new article shall be published about air blasts. New tables will be published to improve the previous paper about ground vibrations. Accidents among end users will also be looked into. Jari Honkanen will be the responsible person for collecting info.

12. **Work Plan**

The Board reviewed the Work Plan.

Action: The Board decided to use the MoMs from the Board, Council and AGM meetings as a work plan. Item 12 "Work Plan" will therefore not appear in future agendas.

13. **Any Other Business**

International Affiliates –Relationship ISEE and EFEE. A letter from ISEE was up for discussion.

Decision: JFG and RH will outline a letter and send over to the Board members before communicating to ISEE.

IATG was discussed. (<http://www.un.org/disarmament/un-safeguard/>)

Decision: It was decided that EFEE leave to EU to decide any harmonisation with IATG.

14. **Dates of next meetings**

- a. Lyon. October 18, 2014.
- b. Brussels, Preliminary February 27 or 28, 2015. TBD in Lyon.
- c. Lyon, April 25, 2015.
- d. Bukarest, June 13, 2015.

15. **Adjourn**

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

Signed _____
President / Johan Finsteen Gjørdvad /

Date _____