




**MINUTES
of the
54th EFEE Board Meeting,
held in
Telford, UK
on
11th April, 2016**

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
Donald Jonson (DJ), Sweden
Igor Kopál (IK), Slovak Republic, Vice President
Jörg Rennert (JR), Germany, Immediate Past President
Nigel Taylor (NT), UK
Roger Holmberg (RH), Malta, Secretary General

IN ATTENDANCE:

James Tyler (JT), UK
Walter Werner, Germany,

APOLOGIES

Heinz Berger (HB), Austria, Treasurer
Ricardo Chavez (RC), France

1. Opening by the President

The President JFG welcomed everyone to the Board Meeting and thanked Nigel Taylor for arrangements.

2. Agenda

The Agenda was approved.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting

The MoM from Stockholm, Sweden 2016-01-09 was approved as a true record of the meeting.

4. Matters arising (if not on the Agenda)

Action: RH shall check with HB if the Treasurer needs to be an Austrian citizen.

Regarding the assets WW raised the question that EFEE should consider not to accumulate too much money.

Action: RH to check with HB about any limits.

Action: IK to check "Double approval system" for > € 10000.

5. Administration

a. Management Accounts 1st Jan to 10th April, 2016

The Management Accounts were visited
Incomes € 29 417.24 and Expenditures € 13 896.73.
Net current Assets; € 258 841.47.
consisting of:
ERSTE BANK € 66 670,66
Reiffeisen € 90 003,02
OBERBANK € 95 039,24
Austrian PayPal € 7 128.55

b. Membership Applications report

Totally EFEE now has 25 National members, 32 Company Members, 100 Individual Members and 1 Student member. Furthermore SAFEX is an associated member of EFEE and 2 honorary memberships to Walter Werner and Raimo Vuolio were given in Lyon 2015.

Paid 2016 Memberships up to April 10, 2016 are;

- 22 out of 25 National Members.
- 28 out of 32 Company Members.
- 78 out of 100 Individual Members.
- 1 out of 1 Student and Former Retired EFEE Members.

EFEE is missing payments for Y2015 and Y2016 from Ukraine. Hungary and Poland has not yet paid for Y2016

c. Board Annual Report

Secretary General has sent out the report to all EFEE Members.

6. EFEE World Conferences

a. 9th EFEE Conference in Stockholm 2017

James Tyler made a review of the preparations.

The contract with Hilton is signed.

The Brewery contract was signed by James Tyler and Johan Gjødvad at this meeting.

In February DJ, RH and JT visited ISEE in Las Vegas. At the international luncheon JT presented the conference in Stockholm. A booth was set up showing EFEE.

The technical committee has been communicated to James Tyler. It consists of the following members;

- Chairman Roger Holmberg, Sweden
- Robert Farnfield, UK
- Finn Ouchterlony, Sweden
- Joerg Rennert, Germany
- Jerry Wallace, USA

Drinks reception: The City Hall administration will answer before Midsummer regarding the possibility they have the reception there. Plan B is to have it at the Brewery.

Decision: The Board decided to issue four Newsletters in 2017. One in February, one in May, one in August and one in November.

Action: JT will promote the Newsletter by incorporating some ads in four Newsletters within the sponsorship and exhibition fee.

Action: IK to find a solution for taking conference papers or technical papers from other sources, shorten them and publish them in coming Newsletters.

JT reviewed the budget for the conference.

The Gala dinner at Winterviken will have a Swedish renowned chef. There will be a bus shuttle to Winterviken from the Hilton hotel.

Action: *The Board will look into the Workshop and come up with a proposal before the autumn meeting in Stockholm. DJ is responsible for suggesting one workshop broad enough to attract the delegates.*

b. 10th EFEE Conference in Finland 2019

It is planned to have a Board meeting in Levi in April 2017. A choice of Levi or Helsinki will then be made. However, Jari Honkanen has suggested the following in order to speed up the decision Levi or Helsinki.

If the board wishes to come to see Finnish venues in Helsinki and Levi on 14-15/9 the following program is suggested;

14/9

Arrival to Helsinki in the morning or previous night

12:00 Lunch at the airport or Tour to Helsinki and its venues starts from the airport, coffee and sandwiches in the bus.

16:00 Return to Airport

17:00 Flight to Kittilä

19:30 Arrival in Kittilä

20:00 Arrival in Levi

21:00 Dinner

15/9

08:00 Breakfast

09:00 Tour to Levi and its venues and nature

11:30 Lunch

12:30 Departure to Kittilä airport

12:45 Arrival to Kittilä airport (small and superquick airport)

13:30 Flight to Helsinki

15:00 Arrival to Helsinki

16:00 Flight to Stockholm / 15/9 at 16:00 Arrival to Stockholm or

17:00 Boat to Stockholm / 16/9 at 09:30 Arrival to Stockholm

Decision: *It was decided that the Board will visit Levi the same week as the Council meeting in Stockholm, i.e. 14-15 September 2016.*

7. EFEE communication and marketing

a. Website.

It was suggested in Stockholm to insure that the EFEE website is mobile capable.

DJ has found a person Björn Göransson who will undertake the task for making the site mobile. He has asked for suggestion of design. His price estimate is 40 hours a' 450 SEK, around € 2000.

ISEE.org, Sprengverband.de and amazon.com were suggested by the Board to be well designed.

Action: *RH to initiate the work.*

Company Logos

IK has sent letters to the company asking for their logos. These will be uploaded to the website later as EFEE has for their National members. Some programming is needed.

Action: RH to initiate and have it done.

b. Newsletter.

Next issues will be published in May, September and December 2016. The December issue will include the first circular of the Stockholm Conference. In order to increase the quality new software was approved. I.e. € 50 per year to Teele for software..

c. Membership and Marketing.

It was discussed in Vienna how to make the Newsletter more visible. One possibility was to have the possibility to sign up at our website for receiving the Newsletter. EDA visitors have this possibility. See for example on signing <http://www.europeandemolition.org/>,

Action: RH to ask Björn Göransson to incorporate this in the mobile version of our website. The e-mail addresses received when people sign up shall be sent to newsletter@efee.eu.

At the Committee meeting the Chairman Igor Kopal mentioned new members and there was a discussion of how to increase the member volume. The year our conference is held has proven to be very good and the numbers of members increases considerably. It was discussed what the National Members can help with for approaching new members.

8. European shotfiring

Nothing to report.

9. EU Directives

Nothing to report.

10. Constitution and Bylaws

Nothing to report.

11. Environmental Committee

Nothing to report.

12. Any Other Business

None.

13. Dates of next meetings

- a. Bucharest, Romania, 2nd July 2016
- b. Levi, 14th -15th September.
- c. Stockholm, Sweden 16th September, 2016

d. Ankara, Turkey 17th December 2016.

Action: RH to communicate with PAMSAD.

14. Adjourn

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

Signed _____
President / Johan Finsteen Gjødvad /

Date _____