



**MINUTES
of the
56th EFEE Board Meeting,
held in
Stockholm, Sweden
on
16th September, 2016**

Secretary General Roger Holmberg

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

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PRESENT:

Igor Kopál (IK), Slovak Republic, President
Nigel Taylor (NT), UK, Vice President
Heinz Berger (HB), Austria, Treasurer
Donald Jonson (DJ), Sweden
Jörg Rennert (JR), Germany,
Viive Tuuna, (VT), Estonia
Roger Holmberg (RH), Sweden, Secretary General

IN ATTENDANCE (During the Conference presentations)

James Tyler (JT), TylerEvents, UK
José Carlos Gois (JCG), Portugal
Alain Blanchier, (AB). France

APOLOGIES:

Johan Finsteen Gjørdvad (JFG), Denmark, Immediate Past President
Doru Anghelache (DA), Romania

1. Opening by the President

The President IK welcomed everyone to the Board Meeting and thanked James Tyler for hotel arrangements.

Igor Kopal has sent condolence letters to Alexander Efremotsev's family and NOEE after the held "Minute of Silence" in Bucharest in July. Obituary dedicated to the memory of Alexander will be published in the September edition of the EFEE Newsletter.

Action: Igor Kopal to get an official answer from Russia who their Contact Person will be in future.

2. Agenda

The Agenda was approved.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting

The MoM from Telford, UK 2016-04-11 was approved as a true record of the meeting.

4. Matters arising (if not on the Agenda)

None

5. Administration

a. Management Accounts 1st Jan to 30th June, 2016

The Management Accounts were visited
Incomes € 34 000,50 and Expenditures € 34 248,55.
Net current Assets; € 243 072,58. Consisting of:
ERSTE BANK € 49 796,84
Reiffeisen € 90 003,02

OBERBANK € 95 039,24
Austrian PayPal € 8 233,48

Decision. It was decided that a transfer to Erste Bank of € 8 000 should be made from the PayPal account.

b. Membership Applications report

Totally EFEE now has 25 National members, 31 Company Members (2 were expelled 2016), 87 Individual Members (17 were expelled 2016), 1 Student member and 2 Honorary Members. SAFEX is an associated member of EFEE.

Paid 2016 Memberships are;

- 24 out of 25 National Members.
- 31 out of 31 Company Members.
- 87 out of 87 Individual Members.
- 1 out of 1 Student and Former Retired EFEE Members.

EFEE is missing payments for Y2015 and Y2016 from Ukraine.

The President has tried to contact the contact person in Ukraine without success. An e-mail was sent to the Federation but so far no response.

6. EFEE World Conferences

a. 9th EFEE Conference in Stockholm 2017

The updated budget that was circulated after the Board Meeting in Bucharest was presented by James Tyler. The Conference fee will be €695.

James Tyler made a presentation of the preparations for the 2017 EFEE Conference. He left a PP presentation that will be presented at the Council Meeting 17th September, 2016.

Decision: It was decided to keep the discounts. 20% for one Corporate Member, 20% for one National Member and 10% for Individual EFEE Members. Student will be able to join the exhibition and listen to papers for €50.

Action: James will check with their accountant regarding how to avoid VAT for new members that signs up for an EFEE Membership in conjunction with the EFEE Conference in Stockholm 2017.

Donald Jonson and Roger Holmberg will promote the conference in the ISEE conference in Orlando in January 2017. EFEE will pay the air ticket and the accommodation.

b. 10th EFEE Conference in Finland 2019

The Board will together with James Tyler visit Helsinki and visit the venue with Jari Honkanen at 9th December, 2016. Board meeting will take place on 10th of December in Helsinki together with Jari Honkanen and James Tyler.

7. EFEE communication and marketing

a. Website.

The bottom logo on EFEE Website has been changed to a correct format.
Under Member pages the policy regarding reimbursement costs has been updated.

Action: RH to upload the 2016 Logo Policy to the website.

b. Newsletter.

Next issues will be published in September and December 2016. The Committee met and decided to issue Newsletters in Feb, May, Aug and Nov 2017.

Decision: The Board decided to allow Gold Sponsors to advertise (half page) for free in the next three issues. Silver Sponsors can do the same but limited to a quarter page.

c. Membership and Marketing.

Nigel Taylor is the Chairman for the Committee.
Some National Members have not been participating in recent meetings.

Action: NT will contact the Council Members that have been missing recent meetings and attach the recent Council Meeting MoM and the September Newsletter.

8. European shotfiring

In September 2016 the Swedish authority came with a decision about the sent-in application. The National Agency under delegation by the European Commission has decided to award a grant for the Project Pan-European Competency Certificate for Shot firer/blast designer by European Federation of Explosive Engineers ("the Project") under the Erasmus+ Programme. Coordinator is BEF (Bergsprängnings Entreprenörernas Förening). The Project runs for 36 months starting on 01/09/2016 and finishing on 31/08/2019. The maximum amount of the grant is € 408 413.

The exceptional costs (for PECCS webpage and online learning program) can only be funded up to 75% by the European Commission. This means that the project is lacking at 25% from all of the exceptional costs equal to € 7 075. Tuuna has been able to save these money in the project due to other solutions. However, € 15 000 is missing for Management and book keeping, kick-off costs and other minor costs.

Decision: The Board will suggest to the Council that an amount of € 15 000 will be allocated from EFEE to support the project. € 5 000 is needed per year 2017, 2018 and 2019.

A kick-off meeting will be held in Oslo 17-18 October, 2016.

9. EU Directives

Joerg Rennert mentioned that a meeting with the Explosives Group in Bruxelles will take place this autumn 17th October, 2016. JR will be present.

JR has formulated a questionnaire that will be sent out to the EFEE members.

Action: All Board Members to comment the link sent out by JR. RH shall then send out the link to all the EFEE Members 20th September together with an explanation formulated by JR.

10. Constitution and Bylaws

The Committee met and a document where Mark Hatt combined the Constitution and By-laws will be used solely for internal work.

11. Environmental Committee

Jar Honkanen and the committee will send out an e-mail to each National Member and ask if the standards are obligations or just guidelines.

12. Any Other Business

Viive Tuuna, Igor Kopal and Joerg Rennert will contact SAFEX and get information of participating at the SAFEX Congress in Helsinki, Finland in May 2017.

13. Dates of next meetings

- a. Helsinki, Finland, 9th – 10th December, 2016.
- b. Lisbon, Portugal 25th March, 2017.
- c. Bucharest, 5th May, 2017.

Action: RH to communicate with PAMSAD that the proposed meeting in Turkey has to be postponed due to necessary meetings regarding EFEE Conference.

14. Adjourn

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

Signed _____
President / Igor Kopal /

Date _____