



**MINUTES
of the
65th EFEE Board Meeting,
held in
Bucharest, Romania
on
17th November, 2018**

Secretary General Roger Holmberg

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

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PRESENT:

Jari Honkanen (JH), Finland, President
Igor Kopál (IK), Slovak Republic, Immediate Past President
Donald Jonson (DJ), Sweden, Guest
Jörg Rennert (JR), Germany,
Viive Tuuna, (VT), Estonia
Doru Anghelache (DA), Romania
Johan Finsteen Gjødvard (JFG), Denmark,
Mathias Jern, (MJ), Sweden
Roger Holmberg (RH), Sweden, Secretary General

IN ATTENDANCE:

James Tyler, TylerEvents

APOLOGIES:

Heinz Berger (HB), Austria, Treasurer

1. Opening by the President

The President Jari Honkanen welcomed everyone to the Board Meeting and thanked Doru Anghelache for his assistance with the meetings, hotel arrangements and the superb dinner.

2. Agenda

The Agenda was approved.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting

The MoM from Dresden was approved as a true record of the meeting and signed by President.

4. Matters arising (if not on the Agenda)

None

5. Administration

a. Management Accounts 1st Jan to 13th November, 2018

The Management Accounts were visited.
Incomes € 36 875,83 and Expenditures € 51 701,08.
Net current Assets; € 312 325,58 consisting of;
ERSTE BANK € 57 001,55
Reiffeisen € 90 017,64
OBERBANK € 95 133,62
BKS Bank € 70 001,00
Austrian PayPal € 171,77

b. Membership Applications report

EFEE has two new Individual Members since September meetings in Dresden.

Bjarki Laxdal, IAV / Marti, Iceland

Gints Rutkis, BalRock Latvia, Latvia

Paid 2018 Memberships are;

- 24 out of 24 National Members.
- 36 out of 36 Corporate.
- 98 out of 98 Individual Members.
- 2 out of 2 Student Members.

c. Website

Our Website at efee.eu is upgraded to PHP 7.2 (Personal Home Page code) as the older PHP-versions 5.6 and 7.0 reaches End of Life in December 2018. Björn Göransson has been contacted and he sees no problem for EFEE when the switch over takes place.

Action: Contact Secretary General if anyone in the Board sees any problems.

Jari Honkanen gave a report from the interested IT companies that were interested to make a new website.

Decision: The Board decided to go for the Rumanian IT company and Jari will contact them. A team of Jari Honkanen, Roger Holmberg, Doru Anghelache and Teele Tuuna will work out the design of what to be showed at the website.

Decision: 3000€ was budgeted for the new website and this cost should not be exceeded.

d. General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) – Privacy Police

Secretary General has sent a suggested GDPR to the Board for comments 24th May 2018. Positive comments were received and it is suggested to post the Privacy Policy at the Member Section in www.efee.eu.

Decision: Send the Policy out to all members and post it also at the Member Section. Inform all new members of the policy.

e. Budget 2019

The Budget for Y2019 was established and will be brought up for decision at the 2019 Spring Council and AGM meetings.

6. EFEE World Conferences

a. 10th EFEE Conference in Finland 2019

The following schedule was sent out earlier by TylerEvents to the Board;

2 November 2018 Distribution of 1st Circular with Call for Papers

15 February 2019 Deadline for submission of abstracts

15 March 2019 Notification of acceptance of abstracts

5 April 2019 Distribution of 2nd Circular with Preliminary Programme

18 May 2019 Submission of final papers

15 June 2019 Final notification of acceptance of paper

Registration

January – July 2019 Early Bird Registration

August – September 2019 Standard Registration

The First Circular has been sent out by TylerEvents.

At the Sunday workshop a tour is planned to many underground facilities like a library and energy storages in Helsinki.

Decision: There will be a post tour to Hangö on Wednesday. Also the trip will include a museum and possibly also an active underground limestone mine.

The Second Circular will be printed in early January 2019 and TylerEvents will send some to be handed out at the ISEE meeting in Nashville.

The Gold and Silver sponsors will get three ads for free in some of the Newsletters as well as logos on the website and printed material. Newsletters with their ads are issued in May, September and November. The September Newsletter will be given printed to all delegates in Helsinki.

Gold sponsors will get 5 minutes presentations. 6-7 Gold sponsors will get times for presentations during the opening session.

Honorary Members will be announced during the Gala dinner.

It was recommended that EFEE pens and pins should be distributed. A T-shirt should also be given out.

Action: *It was decided that as it is the 10th EFEE conference, EFEE should arrange a firework. Jari Honkanen will find out the costs and EFEE will later decide what to do. Donald Jonson will also contact Orica.*

Decision: *It was decided that INFRA will arrange the workshop as well as the post tour and receive the incomes from it.*

Decision: *TylerEvents will look into a new networking software and find out the cost for using that tool at the conference.*

Decision: *Board approved and budgeted 2 x 1500€ to cover for JH and RH travelling costs to ISEE 2019 for campaigning and marketing of the 10th conference.*

b. 11th EFEE Conference in Romania 2021

The Board visited the suggested venues 16 November, 2018. Willbrook Platinum Conference Centre and Ramada Plaza Bucharest Convention Centre. The Board also looked at the possibility to have the Gala dinner outside Ramada in the Crown Plaza garden and this will be considered.

Decision: *The Board decided to use Willbrook and Ramada Plaza.*

c. 12th EFEE Conference 2023

The National Association who is interested to arrange the conference must be selected at the 2019 Autumn Council Meeting in Helsinki. Secretary General has sent out the Conference Benefits document to all National Associations.

The Netherlands are interested to arrange it in Maastricht and Secretary General has been in contact with Kirsten Weijs working for the city of Maastricht (The Netherlands) as Business Development Manager for international conferences.

Ireland is also interested and Alan Dolan has come back with questions which have been answered.

James Tyler has been in contact with Netherlands and will look at some possible places in Maastricht with Bernard Vercouteren van den Berge.

Spain was discussed.

Action: *Jörg Rennert will contact Maxam and be back. If they interested our Board Meeting in February will take place in Madrid.*

7. Newsletter Committee

4 issues 2019. Doru to update the plan and send it out to the Committee.

8. **Finance and Audit Committee**

Nothing to report.

9. **Election Committee**

Nothing to report.

10. **Membership and Marketing Committee**

Same membership fees for 2019.

Action: Send e-mail to Council and ask for nominations of Honorary Members. Doru Anghelache to send a proposal to Secretary General who will distribute it to Council. Nominations for honorary members should be presented to the Board before Budapest meeting. Board will make a nomination proposal for the AGM/Council in Budapest.

11. **Shotfiring Committee**

A PECCS Meeting will be held in Berlin, 11th of January 2019.

27 March 2019 in Berlin a multiplier event is organised for authorities.

Dissemination costs of PECCS; Viive Tuuna mention that there could be future costs for promoting PECCS.

Decision: The Board approved to add €5000 in the 2019 budget for dissemination.

The Board made a request to have a “Way forward”. I.e what to do with the PECCS outcome.

Action: Viive Tuuna will bring up the question at the multiplier event and be back with a proposal on a “Way forward”.

12. **EU Directives Committee**

Jörg Rennert gave a report for the *Meeting of The Group of Experts on Explosives* 2018.

The annual meeting of the group of experts concerning explosives from the member states of the European Union occurred in Brussels the 22nd October 2018.

Mrs. Lina Karbauskaite is the new leader of the department for explosives of the European Union.

The agenda of the meeting included without limitation following points:

- Which consequences is the approaching Brexit, the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European union going to have the 30th March 2019?
- Report about the work of the standardization committee for explosives under taking account of the following topics:
 - Electronic Detonator systems
 - Mobile Explosives Manufacturing Unit (MEMU)
- Report of AdCo-Group for explosives
- Report about the work of the Notified Bodies for Explosives (ENB)

Especially the topic Brexit and the associated consequences have to be observed for the further planning/organization and their business activities by the affected firms (manufacturer, merchants, end-users).

13. **Constitution Committee**

Nothing to report.

14. **Environmental Committee**

The Incident reporting will be focused upon and reports will come later. Igor mentioned that Pavel Krivanek can assist with the system for Incident reporting.

The Survey Monkey gave 53 answers that will be summarized by the Committee in December 2018 and an abstract will sent in for the Helsinki conference.

15. Any Other Business

SAFEX is looking for articles.

Action: Doru Anghelache will send in a proposal.

16. Dates of next meetings

- a. Spain, Madrid, 8-9 February or 1-2 March. TBD after Jörg Rennert has contacted Maxam,
- b. 3rd May 2019. Place Budapest, Hungary.

17. Adjourn

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

Signed _____
President / Jari Honkanen /

Date _____