



**MINUTES
of the
73rd EFEE Board Meeting,
held with Teams over Internet
on
20th October, 2020**

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
Viive Tuuna, (VT), Estonia
Doru Anghelache (DA), Romania, Vice President
Johan Finsteen Gjørdvad (JFG), Denmark,
Mathias Jern, (MJ), Sweden
Jörg Rennert (JR), Germany

IN ATTENDANCE:

Simon Price, TylerEvents, UK
James Tyler, TylerEvents, UK

APOLOGIES:

Igor Kopál (IK), Slovak Republic, Immediate Past President

1. Opening by the President

The President Jari Honkanen welcomed everyone to the Board Meeting.

2. Agenda

The Agenda was approved.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting

The MoM from 4th September 2020 over internet was approved as a true record of the meeting and will be signed by President and sent to the Secretary General by e-mail.

4. Matters arising (if not on the Agenda)

None.

5. Administration

a. Management Accounts 1st Jan to 29th October, 2020

The Management Accounts were visited.
Incomes € 118 211,23 and Expenditures € 38 943,57.
Net current Assets; € 377 186,16 consisting of;
ERSTE BANK € 77 080,36
Raiffeisen € 90 012,00
OBERBANK € 95 201,48
BKS Bank € 70 072,15
Austria Bank €40 000
Austrian PayPal € 4 820,17

b. Membership Applications report

EFEE has not received or approved any new membership applications since last Board Meeting.

Roger Ringgenberg, Sprengverband Schweiz has just informed that he has handed over the Swiss Blasting Association to his successor Thomas Aschwanden who now is the new president of the Swiss Blasting Association and at the same time the new contact person for EFEE.

Paid 2020 Memberships are;

- 23 out of 25 National Members.
- 33 out of 33 Corporate. (2 were excluded)
- 124 out of 124 Individual Members. (16 were excluded)
- 3 out of 3 Student/retired Members.

Turkey, Poland, and France II have now paid their memberships for year 2020.

Igor sent a message regarding Kazakhstan and Ukraine;

Kazakhstan

Igor has forwarded to the president of Kazakhstan association a letter regarding their membership fee 2020/2019 in Russian/English version – no reply was received.

Ukraine

Igor has tried to reach over the phone president of Ukraine association without any success. Therefore, Igor has forwarded him over the email diplomatic reminder regarding the payment of their membership fee 2020 in Russian language – no reply was received.

Decision: It will be brought up to the Council in the Council Meeting to be held 20 November 2020.

c. Website

Simon Price is engaged as an EFEE Marketing Assistant and has access to the EFEE website. It was decided that Simon also should have the possibility to introduce some changes at the website.

Decision: Roger will give Simon Administrator rights so he can edit pages and widgets.

6. EFEE World Conferences

a. 11th EFEE Conference in Bucharest, Romania 2021

It was discussed a “plan B” for COVID.

James Tyler has been looking at Maastricht and Bucharest and he showed some pictures of the comparison. It is difficult in Bucharest to keep distances in the available localities. Therefore James proposed that we 19-21 September 2021 will have it in Maastricht so EFEE can accommodate enough people for exhibition and catering.

James also mentioned that it can be possible to move the conference to April-May 2022 in Maastricht if necessary.

The Board accepted James proposal.

Decision: The 2021 conference will be held in Maastricht, Netherlands if the Council accept the change.

Decision: Roger to insert Bernard Vercoouteren van den Berge in the Conference Committee.

Decision: If Council accepts the change to Maastricht James and Jari will also talk to IMQS Ireland to hear if they want to keep 2023 as their year for the conference. If so then Bucharest will have it 2025.

Decision: James will contact the exhibitors regard Maastricht.

b. 12th EFEE Conference in Dublin, Ireland 2023

See above.

c. 13th EFEE Conference in Maastricht, Netherlands 2025

See above.

7. Newsletter Committee

Doru mentioned that there were some articles to be published in the Newsletter. These were;

-Repackaging of explosives: A task not anticipated in the Danish regulations, C.A. Andersen, K.C. Jørgensen & B.S. Mortensen

-The development of pressure to Young's modulus models for precision presplit blasting, A.J. Konya & C.J. Konya

-A new tool for hole deviation control - a statistical analysis, P. Brito, G. Frank, T. Kouvonen, F. Leite, V. Miranda & R. Sobral

There is also an article by Johan/Mathias to be published.

Johan mentioned that Doru will get material from ISEE -Winston Forde and Alastair Torrance why they cancelled the 2021 ISEE conference.

Action: Doru will write the Newsletter content plan including advertisements and send it out 1st November 2020.

8. Finance and Audit Committee

Action: Jörg will contact Walter Werner to listen if he like to stay in the committee and Roger will ask Donald Jonson if he can take over the Chairman if Walter decide to step down.

9. Election Committee Board

Action: Roger to contact José and ask about any nominations.

Action: Jari to check with José how many representing corporate members we can have.

10. Membership and Marketing Committee - EFEE Marketing Assistance

A discussion was held regarding possible honorary membership of Heinz Berger.

Action: Jari will talk to Herman Richter before the decision.

Action: Johan and Jari will look at discounted membership. I.e. if a member in EFEE join ISEE and vice versa he/she should get a discount.

Decision: Jari will send to Roger the signed contract for Simon Price as Marketing Assistant.

11. Shotfiring Committee

Discussion was held regarding PECCS expert specialist and administration teams and next chairman for Shotfiring Committee.

It was decided that the following two decisions should be proposed to Karl who then can propose it to Council:

Decision: PECCS expert specialist team should consist of Juoko Salonen, Jörg Rennert, Viking and Pavel Krivanek. Jörg is Chairman.

Decision: Administration team should consist of Robert Laszlo, José Gois and Jörg Rennert. Jörg is Chairman.

Regarding Chairman for the Committee to take over after Karl it was said that the Chairman should be a member of the Council and Board will come up with a final proposal before the spring 2021 Council meeting.

Action: Robert Lazlo was suggested as a nominee to chair Shotfiring committee and will be contacted.

12. EU Directives Committee

Nothing to report. Explosives working group meetings have been postponed twice in a row.

13. Constitution Committee

Comments regarding the internet meetings made by Jari were looked through and decided to forward to Mark Hatt for finalizing of the proposal to Council and AGM.

Official address of EFEE in the future was discussed and it was decided that Doru will investigate possibility to have an e-office for EFEE in Vienna.

14. Environmental Committee

Mathias reported shortly of the vibration study project in Northern Sweden. He also mentioned the HSE project (incident reporting) questionnaire which will be sent out by Survey Monkey and which has an expected cost of approximately 500€. Board approved expenditure of max 1.000€ for the annual license of Survey Monkey.

Johan mentioned shortly an idea from the committee to study the environmental effects of blasting works for example in relation to CO₂, carbon footprint, etc. which might be of help to our members in the future

15. Conference Committee

Committee Igor Kopal has been appointed chairman of the committee. First task for IK will be to update the SOP of the committee.

Decision: Roger to insert Bernard Vercouteren van den Berge in the Conference Committee.

16. Any Other Business

None

17. Dates of next meetings

Next board meeting will be held over internet either on 4th of December starting 14 CET or 11th of December starting 11 CET
Jari will ask absent members which fits best.

Marilena Cardu & Co from Italian Tunnelling Association will be invited to join the meeting to discuss possible interest from their association to become the national member association for Italy in EFEE.

Council 20th November. 09.00-11.00.

AGM 20th November. 11.30-12.30.

Simon demonstrated how Council and AGM can check in to the internet meetings 15-20 minutes beforehand.

Action: James will send out a link that Roger will distribute to Council/AGM so they can connect to the internet session.

Decision: Jari will act as Chairman, Simon will show Powerpoints and Roger is secretary.

Action: Jari will contact Espen regarding a potential AGM/Council meeting in Oslo May 28 2021.

18. Adjourn

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

Signed _____
President / Jari Honkanen /

Date _____