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**MINUTES**

**of the**

**74th EFEE Board Meeting,**

**held over Microsoft Teams Meeting, Internet**

**on**

**11th December, 2020**

**PRESENT:**

Doru Anghelache (DA), Romania, President

Viive Tuuna, (VT), Estonia, Vice President

Jörg Rennert (JR), Germany, Treasurer

Jari Honkanen (JH), Finland, Immediate Past President

Johan Finsteen Gjødvad (JFG), Denmark,

Mathias Jern (MJ), Sweden

Igor Kopál (IK), Slovak Republic

Espen Hugaas (EH), Norway

Roger Holmberg (RH), EFEE Secrretary General

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

James Tyler, TylerEvents, UK

Marilena Cardu, Italian Tunnelling Association

Daniele Martinelli, Italian Tunnelling Association

**APOLOGIES:**

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1. **Opening by the President**

The President Doru Anghelache welcomed everyone to the Board Meeting.

1. **Agenda**

The Agenda was approved.

1. **Minutes of the previous meeting**

The MoM from 30th October 2020 over internet was approved as a true record of the meeting.

1. **Matters arising (if not on the Agenda)**

None.

1. **Administration**
   1. **Management Accounts 1st Jan to 10th December, 2020**

The Management Accounts were visited.

Incomes € 119 208,73 and Expenditures € 39 215,92.

Net current Assets; € 377 911,31 consisting of;

ERSTE BANK € 77 861,86

Raiffeisen € 90 012,00

OBERBANK € 95 201,48

BKS Bank € 70 072,15

Austria Bank €40 000

Austrian PayPal € 4 820,17

***Decision: RH to transfer € 4800 from PayPal to Erste Bank.***

* 1. **Membership Applications report**

EFEE has received and approved one new individual membership applications since last Board Meeting.

Paid 2020 Memberships are;

* 24 out of 25 National Members. (1 was excluded)
* 33 out of 33 Corporate. (2 were excluded)
* 124 out of 124 Individual Members. (16 were excluded)
* 3 out of 3 Student/retired Members.
  1. **Website**

Simon Price is engaged as an EFEE Marketing Assistant and has contacted all National Association to ask them to incorporate the EFEE logo at their websites.

RH has made updated the website with regards to existing National Associations and conference. Kazakhstan was removed. Bucharest was changed to Maastricht.

* 1. **Budget 2021**

The Budget was discussed and was set to the following except for the Maastricht conference income which James will send out;



1. **EFEE World Conferences**
   1. **11th EFEE Conference in Maastricht, Netherlands 2021**

Igor Kopal gave information from the Conference committee meeting 30 Nov 2020 where the Maastricht Agenda was discussed regarding program, time schedules, workshops, Technical Committee, exhibition, sponsors etc. The SOP will be updated by the committee.

James Tyler informed about the 1st Circular which will be sent to the Board and will be officially after the Newsletter #4 is made public as the Newsletter has an article about the conference in Maastricht. The 1st Circular will be at the EFEE2021 website together with a promotional video of Maastricht.

EPC, Sigicom, Lubrizol and ISEE are sponsors so far.

James will send out the contracts on venue and hotels for review next week.

* 1. **12th EFEE Conference in Dublin, Ireland 2023**

Nothing to report.

* 1. **13th EFEE Conference in Bucharest, Romania 2025**

Nothing to report

1. **Newsletter Committee**

The Newsletter will be sent out Saturday 12th December 2020.

Next Newsletter will be published in February 2021.

1. **Finance and Audit Committee**

Nothing to report.

1. **Election Committee Board**

Nothing to report.

1. **Membership and Marketing Committee - EFEE Marketing Assistance**

Jari Honkanen mentioned that Simon Price, our new Marketing Assistant, is working on the strategies and an internet kick off meeting will be held in a week to start and support the work of Simon as EFEE marketing assistant in the best possible way. It will also be discussed decided who is doing what with regards to the upcoming tasks. Doru, Viive, Teele, Igor, Jari, James Tyler and Roger will attend.

Jari Honkanen and Johan Gjødvad presented a proposal for discounts for EFEE and ISEE members.

***Decision: The Board approved that the discount proposal can be discussed with ISEE and later that the Council shall approve it if ISEE are interested in the deal.***

Jari and Johan had also looked into the Reimbursement Policy and had added new information.

***Decision: The Board approved the added information and that Mark Hatt to make a proposal and that it should be mentioned in the By-laws.***

1. **Shotfiring Committee**

Jörg Rennert mentioned that at the next committee meeting will discuss the cooperation between EFEE and Spark & Stone and how the PECCS training can start.

1. **EU Directives Committee**

Jörg Rennert said that early 2021 it was important to understand how Brexit can influence any certificates for explosives to be imported from or exported to UK.

1. **Constitution Committee**

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

1. **Environmental Committee**

Mathias Jern and Johan Gjødvad reported shortly of the vibration study project in Northern Sweden. The next step is to visit the Aitik mine up in Gällivare. They have a very good support from many colleagues in various countries.

Espen Hugaas reported that about 20 answers had been received in the monkey survey.

1. **Conference Committee**

See above under 6a.

1. **Discussion with the Italian Tunnelling Association**

Marilena Cardu & Daniele Martinelli from SIS Societá Italiana Calleria (Italian Tunnelling Association) was invited to the meeting to discuss possible interest from their association to become the national member association for Italy in EFEE.

Jari Honkanen showed a Power Point presentation about EFEE.

Marilena Cardu gave a lot of information about the situation in Italy. Regulations had made it difficult to use explosives in Italy since 2005 when new regulations were set. Today they are not allowed to use bulk explosives but only cartridges. Dynamite is no longer produced in Italy. They import some detonators from Spain and France. Transportations of explosives are tough due to restrictions of quantities. Today they use mainly mechanical excavations with TBMs for tunnelling and only small quantities of explosives.

Daniele Martinelli showed a PP presentation about what the Tunnelling Association does. The Association has today over 800 individual and 80 company members. In May 2019 they arranged the World Tunnel Congress with 2700 participants from 73 countries. 730 papers was sent in and they had 230 exhibitors and sponsors. They also had the yearly St Barbara Congress and performed many technical visits to various construction sites in Italy.

Both Marilena and Daniele said they may join EFEE as individual members.

Daniele mentioned that there were two major associations that could possible join EFEE. That was the “Italian Tunnelling Association” and “Environmental and Mining Geo-Engineering”.

***Actions: Jari will send over his PP presentation and Daniele and Marilena will talk to the two associations and come back to EFEE with their information.***

1. **Any Other Business**

None

1. **Dates of next meetings**

March 2021, 12 and/or 13 March in Maastricht or over internet depending on the corona status.

May 28, 2021 Oslo or over internet

1. **Adjourn**

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

Signed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

President / Doru Anghelache /

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