



ISEE Western Canada



Chapter

International Society of Explosives Engineers

Board of Directors Meeting

December 12, 2007

Held at the Pacific Blasting & Demolition Ltd. Boardroom, Burnaby, BC

Present:

Gary Anderson
Rod Boulay
Lewis Clarke
Ron Elliott
Chris Fahr
Stan Holtby
Dave Hudak
Lori Lovelin
Shaun Norman
Rob Slivinski
Andy Wells
Allan Zdunich

Regrets:

Finn Conradsen
John Fairley
Daryl Fieber
Warren Fulton
Corry Goumans
Alastair Grogan
Len Henke
Garry Heringer
Paul Jeannotte
Doug Kittle
Gary Kreller
Terry Matts
Dave McConnach
Dale McLean

Daryl Mellquist
Mike Osoko
Scott Parker
Naresh Prasad
Jerry Silva
Ed Taje
Troy Walker
Ron Woolf
Blaine Wright

1.0 Review of Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Stan Holtby opened the meeting and asked for a review of the minutes of the Annual General Meeting. He asked if there were any errors or omissions. Moved by Lori Lovelin, seconded by Lewis Clarke, that the minutes of the meeting be adopted as read. Passed, unanimous.

2.0 AGM Conference Wrap Up

- Stan Holtby asked Dave Hudak to review the status of billings received from the Sheraton Hotel in Calgary. Dave says that we have received two post conference bills:

- \$1084.08 – charge for balance of rental of hall, Blaster’s Forum, food, etc. Dave says that he has checked and approved this bill for payment.
- \$14,825.00 – charge for unused hotel rooms during the weekend

We were shocked and confused by the extra unused room charge. Lewis Clarke says that we had 47 attendees at the conference. Dave says that the hotel writes a contract assuming 80% sale of rooms that we estimate we will use. We had attendees that said they could not get a room reservation, so something does not make sense.

Dave H. asked for a list of delegates that we had attending the conference. Lewis agreed to send the list to Dave. **Action Lewis Clarke.**

Gary Anderson said that he tried to book rooms for the conference and they told him the hotel was booked. He was finally able to get some rooms. His rooms do not show up on the list. Lori said that she was also staying at the hotel and her name does not show up on the list. There seems to be some confusion with the hotel not knowing who were actually with the ISEE group.

- Stan Holtby says we need to make sure the hotel is aware that we are a non-profit organization that cannot afford these types of charges. We also have members from across the blasting industry that do a lot of travelling and represent some major companies with a lot of clout.

- Dave Hudak said we have also got to pay \$2436.00 for the entertainment at the AGM Banquet.

3.0 Treasurer’s Report

- Lewis Clarke mentioned that we took in \$18, 200 at the AGM in Calgary.
- Dave Hudak mentioned that we had already paid \$10,000 to the hotel and still owe \$1084.08 for catering and \$2436 for the entertainment.
- Lewis mentioned that he is not on the signing authority at the bank yet. He has had a meeting with Dave McConnach to take over the Treasurer’s files, but still needs to visit the bank with Alastair Grogan to arrange for new signing authority.

Action L. Clarke & Alastair Grogan.

4.0 Scholarship Fund

Following a discussion, it was decided to table any action on the Scholarship Plan to the next meeting. We need to wait until the issue with the Sheraton Hotel is resolved.

5.0 New Business

- Rod Boulay presented information on new initiatives from NR Canada – Explosives Regulatory Division:
 - Directive Letter 58 – Oct. 1, 2008 deadline for the replacement of all Type 6 explosives magazines. The only exception would apply to magazines installed inside a secured building with steel doors and substantial construction. The compound would need to have a security intrusion alarm with motion detector and police would

need to be capable of responding within 30 minutes of an alarm. The compound must be fenced and controlled access is required.

- Rod covered the new Surveillance Program Requirement. Explosives magazines will require **daily physical checks**. As an alternative, an approved electronic security system offering continuous monitoring can be used.
- Rod was asked what is the status of the Explosives Security Identity Card? Rod says that this is not a priority at the moment.
- There was concern expressed with the increases in magazine security, this could lead to a greater risk of hijacking of explosives trucks, putting our drivers at risk.
- Rod mentioned that there have been more thefts of explosives from magazines in BC than the rest of the country. He has not seen specific data on time of day when thefts occur, or if thefts are more prevalent on the weekends.
- Gary Anderson says that the punishment for thieves who break into magazines is too lax. We need to push for stronger sentences for thieves who steal explosives so that there is a real deterrent. The police seem more concerned with whether or not the theft is worth more than \$5000 than the seriousness of the crime.
- Rod mentioned that the nation wide requirement for magazine surveillance will come into effect across Canada on June 1, 2010. Because of the 2010 Olympics in BC, the requirement will come into effect Oct. 1, 2008 in BC.
- There was a discussion surrounding concerns with the costs to industry for implementation of the new security measures. Lori stated that we seem to have a consensus with this. Ron Elliott asked if the government had considered tax relief for companies who are faced with high explosives security implementation costs? What can be done for relief from costs?
- Rod says that these measures come as a directive from Chris Watson.
- Rod was asked about the Tour Guard System. He also mentioned that there is a company in Kingston, ON called Magasec that has an electronic security system that is acceptable to the ERD.
- Rob Slivinski asked Rod why the ERD and BC Mines Dept. are still issuing Type 6 magazine licences when they have already said that no new licences will be issued? Rod said that some exceptions have been allowed for avalanche control on ski hills where the permission has been granted for this ski season only, and for the Victoria Police Department.
- Rod discussed changes to **Zone Licensing** that are being implemented. A Zone Licence is to apply to one site/project only, where magazines may be moved within the project site. A Zone Licence will not be allowed for magazines that are fixed in one location only.
- Gary Anderson asked that NR Canada look into allowing the use of safes for storage of small quantities of explosives. These are cheaper than the small Type 4 magazines and offer greater security. Rod said that the whole issue of fragmentation from detonation of the magazine would have to be studied, as these offer greater confinement than a Type 4 magazine. Storage of small

quantities of detonators in safes could be considered, as detonation of the contents would not be a great risk.

6.0 Certificate Training Program

- Stan Holtby mentioned that Terry Matts, Lori Lovelin, Ron Elliott, and Steve Rothman are members of our Training Committee. Stan recommends that we hold the ISEE Certificate Training Program at our Annual General Meeting as we did this year. Andy Wells feels that it would be difficult to get blasters out on a week day to attend the course. We should look at holding the course on a weekend. Stan suggests we hold a “Train the Trainer” session prior to holding the next courses. Lori said that Terry Matts told her he did not want to be the only trainer; the course works best when a few industry specialists are involved in the training.
- A one day “Train the Trainer” session will organized for February 29th, 2008 at a Richmond hotel location close to the airport. Lori, Dave H., Stan, Andy, Rob, and Ron all expressed interest in attending. **Action Stan Holtby.**

7.0 Next Annual General Meeting

The dates for the next Annual General Meeting will be October 17, 18, & 19, 2008 in Vernon, BC. The hotel venue has yet to be selected; it will be either the Best Western Vernon Lodge, or the Prestige. Stan Holtby will get rates for the next meeting. **Action Stan Holtby.** The ISEE Certificate Training Program will be held on October 16, 17, proceeding the AGM. A tour to see Orica’s Detonating Cord Manufacturing Plant in Tappin, BC will also be organized. Mark your calendars!

8.0 Adjournment

Moved by Dave Hudak, seconded by Lori Lovelin that the meeting be adjourned. Passed unanimous.

Next meeting of the Board of Directors will be held February 28th, 2008 at the Pacific Blasting board room, 3183 Norland Avenue, Burnaby, BC – Mark your calendars!