



ISEE Western Canada



Chapter

International Society of Explosives Engineers

Board of Directors Meeting

April 30, 2009

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

<u>Present:</u>	<u>Regrets:</u>	
Rod Boulay	Gary Anderson	Gary Kreller
Ron Elliott	Lewis Clarke	Jim Launay
Chris Fahr	Finn Conradsen	Lori Lovelin
Terry Matts	John Fairley	Dave McConnach
Rob Slivinski	Daryl Fieber	Dale McLean
Mike Stern	Warren Fulton	Daryl Mellquist
Ron Woolf	Marek Gomolka	Shaun Norman
	Corry Goumans	Mike Osoko
	Alastair Grogan	Scott Parker
	Len Henke	Naresh Prasad
	Garry Heringer	Jerry Silva
	Stan Holtby	Ed Taje
	Dave Hudak	Troy Walker
	Paul Jeannotte	Andy Wells
	Doug Kittle	Blaine Wright
		Allan Zdunich

1.0 Review of Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Terry Matts opened the meeting and asked for a review of the minutes of the last Board of Directors meeting. He asked if there were any errors or omissions. Moved by Ron Woolf, seconded by Chris Fahr, that the minutes of the meeting be adopted as reviewed. Passed, unanimous.

2.0 Old Business

Scholarship Plan.

Dave McConnach, Terry Matts, and Dave Hudak comprise the Scholarship Committee.

At the last Board of Directors meeting, Corry Goumans made a motion that we name one of our annual scholarships in honour of Dick Shaw, to be called the “Dick Shaw Memorial Scholarship”. This scholarship would be the one going to a student of an educational institute in Western Canada offering mining or blasting related courses. This motion was passed. As a follow-up to this, Corry has obtained the contact information for the Executive Director at WorkSafe BC. Terry Matts offered to write a letter to the Executive Director on behalf of our Chapter. **Action Terry Matts.** It was also felt that we need to contact Dick Shaw’s wife to OK this with her. Ron Elliott offered to obtain her contact information. **Action Ron Elliott.**

Terry mentioned that he has found a contact for posting of our scholarship on line, www.scholarshipscanada.com. We can also contact BCIT, UBC, SAIT, NAIT, U of A, and any other universities or colleges in Western Canada that have training in blasting or mining related fields.

Ron Woolf moved that we allow students who are currently attending an accredited university or college in Western Canada who wish to transfer to a US college or university to be eligible as well. Seconded by Terry Matts. Passed unanimous.

Students applying for the scholarship must be Canadian citizens or landed immigrant status. The successful candidate will write a paper on “Explosives in the Service of Man”. Rod Boulay recommended that the winner of the scholarship be invited to present their paper at our Annual Conference. We will cover their out of pocket expenses to attend, plus cover their conference fee. Receipts must be turned in for reimbursement of expenses.

Terry Matts requested that Mike Stern and Andy Wells replace Dave McConnach and Dave Hudak on the Scholarship Committee. Motion was passed.

3.0 Blaster Training Update

- Terry Matts has been contacted by the Northern Lights College in Chetwynd, BC, who have asked him to put on a blasting course for training mine employees. Terry proposed doing 2 days on the ISEE Level 1 Certificate Program, followed by a third day on open pit explosives handling, and a fourth day covering regulations. Ron Woolf recommended that if Terry wanted to use any of the Chapter resources, he should make a donation to the Western Canada Chapter to help cover our training costs.
- Terry proposed that we hold a Level 1 Certificate Training Course on the Thursday and Friday AM before the AGM in Vernon this fall. That way, attendees could still go on the field trip scheduled for the Friday afternoon.
- Terry has contacted Steve Rothman with the Ministry of Energy and Mines regarding allowing attendees at the AGM to write for their Mines Blasting Ticket on the Friday afternoon at the conference. This has been agreed to.

- Terry will also contact Scott Parker at WorkSafe BC to see if they would be willing to allow candidates to write their WCB blasting exam at this time as well.
Action Terry Matts.

4.0 Next Annual General Meeting

- The next Annual General Meeting is scheduled for October 23, 24, 25th, 2009 at the Best Western Vernon Lodge Hotel & Conference Centre in Vernon, BC.
- Dave Hudak had suggested we should have a “theme” for the next AGM. Terry volunteered “Surviving in a Regulatory Environment” as a possible theme.
- Information on the next AGM – Vernon 09 will be posted on our web site www.iseewest.org. Our official mailing address for mail-in applications is:
ISEE Western Canada Chapter
3183 Norland Avenue
Burnaby, BC
V5B 3A9
Attention: Lewis Clarke
The mail-in registration form will be able to be printed from the web site.
Conference fees will be the same as last year.

Lewis is looking for any photos that could be posted on our web site, depicting typical blasting operations from our area. Please email photos to Lewis at lewis@pacificblasting.com.

Speakers / Conference Papers

Terry Matts is Chairman of this committee. He gave an update on progress to date:

- Terry has contacted Bernie Protsch at Whistler re. doing a paper on avalanche control blasting, however, Mike Boissonneau at MOT Avalanche Control has offered to do a presentation on avalanche control blasting for the AGM.
- Doug Kittle and Rod Boulay will do a joint presentation on “Precautions to be followed in the Transportation and Storage of Explosives Related to the Upcoming Winter Olympics”.
- Alastair Grogan has volunteered to do a Sunday AM workshop on “Seismograph Standards and Proper Installation of Seismographs”.
- Terry Matts, Pete Abrahams, and Dale McLean will present a paper on “Hazards Removal at Clayton Falls”, a control blasting project using electronic detonators.
- Ron Woolf and Corry Goumans will present a paper on “Highwall Slot Blasting for Recovery of High Grade Gold at the Dome Mine”.
- Corry Goumans has contacted Kevin Hachmeister from the Crazy Horse Memorial to see if he would be willing to act as a keynote speaker with a presentation on the ongoing work on the Crazy Horse monument. We are awaiting confirmation.

- Casino Night:

Terry has contacted Teresa McLean who has agreed to look after organizing the Casino Night again this year. This was a big hit at the AGM last year thanks to Teresa's hard work.

5.0 Treasurer's Report

Lewis Clarke gave the following report on the financial status of our Chapter.

March 31, 2009 Balance	\$26,838.62
<u>Outstanding Bills:</u>	
Level 1 Training Course (T. Matts expenses)	(\$5238.62)
Level 1 Course – Hotel Charges	(\$2201.44)
Outstanding payments for Blaster Training Course (3@\$295)	<u>\$885.00</u>
Current Balance	\$20,283.41

Rod Boulay asked if he could get an itemized invoice from the Chapter for the Level 1 Training Course for Megan Barry and Brian Hyland. He needs an invoice before they can cut a cheque. **Action Lewis Clarke.**

6.0 New Business

Terry Matts requested that we change the make up of the Governmental Affairs Committee. As this committee must speak on behalf of the Chapter, he has proposed that the President be the Chairman of the committee and the remaining members are made up from the Chapter Executive. This was agreed to by the members in attendance.

7.0 Adjournment

Moved by Terry Matts, seconded by Rod Boulay that the meeting be adjourned.
Passed unanimous.

Next meeting of the Board of Directors will be held **June 18, 2009** at 5:15PM at the Pacific Blasting board room, 3183 Norland Avenue, Burnaby, BC – **Mark your calendars!**