



ISEE Western Canada



Chapter

International Society of Explosive Engineers

Board of Directors Meeting

June 2, 2005

Held at the Boardroom of Natural Resources Canada, Explosives Regulatory Division, Vancouver, BC

Present:

Gary Anderson
Ron Elliott
Corry Goumans
Gary Kreller
Terry Matts
Dave McConnach
Grant McGinnes
Dick Shaw
Blaine Wright

Regrets:

Lewis Clarke
Finn Conradsen
John Fairley
Daryl Fieber
Alastair Grogan
Len Henke
Garry Heringer
Stan Holtby
Dave Hudak
Paul Jeannotte
Doug Kittle
Dale McLean
Mike Osoko
Scott Parker
Naresh Prasad
Jerry Silva
Troy Walker
Ron Woolf

1.0 Minutes of the Last Meeting

Ron Elliott reviewed the minutes of the last Board of Directors Meeting held on April 14, 2005. Moved by Terry Matts, seconded by Dick Shaw that the minutes be accepted as read. Passed unanimous.

2.0 Annual General Meeting

- Our next Annual General Meeting is to be held in Edmonton, the weekend of October 22, 23, 2005. Ron Woolf has made preliminary arrangements with:

Ramada Hotel and Conference Centre

11830 Kingsway

Edmonton, Alberta

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Toll Free: 1-888-747-4114

Fax: (780) 488-8610

Web: www.ramadaedmonton.com

- Ron Elliott presented Ron Woolf's preliminary budget. Following review of the budget by those present, it was felt that to be conservative, we should base costs on 100 delegates. Dave McConnach recommended we accept the budget and set the following fees for the conference.

Early Bird Conference Registration (before Oct. 1st, 2005) \$195.00

After October 1st \$225.00

Trade show participants would have to purchase a separate conference registration; this will not be included in the trade show booth fee.

Moved by Terry Matts, seconded by Blaine Wright, that we accept Ron's budget with the above conference rates. Passed, unanimous.

- Ron Elliott reported that Ron Woolf and Len Henke have put together a listing of the old Canadian Rockies Chapter members on Excel. This could be used as a target recruitment list for delegates to the conference. **Action Chapter AGM Organization Committee.**

- Chapter AGM Organizing Committee:

Committee Chairman – Dave Hudak

- Troy Walker

- Mike Latimer

- Pat McLaughlin

- Update on proposed technical papers for the conference:

- "Overpressure Monitoring in the Canadian Arctic" – Alastair Grogan

- "Improvised Explosives Threats – Blast Studies at Defence R&D Canada – Suffield" - Dr. John Anderson, Defence Research Canada. Ron Elliott has contacted him, and he has accepted to do the presentation, but needs a letter from our Chapter. **Action Ron Elliott.**

- Paper on underground blasting in the diamond mines – Bill Forsythe (Alastair Grogan to contact Bill, **Action A. Grogan**)

- Look for a paper on oil well perforating. **Action all.**

- Pat McLaughlin will present a paper on "Blasting in the Tar Sands".

- "Use of Explosive Compaction Technology for Foundation Improvement on the Seymour Falls Dam" – Ron Elliott & Lewis Clarke.

- Pat McLaughlin volunteered to contact Don Parsons from Tercon regarding presentation of a paper on “Challenges of Drilling in Tar Sands”.
Action Pat McLaughlin
- Other interesting topics are needed. **Action All.**

- Technical Review Committee:

The Technical Review Committee for the AGM will consist of Terry Matts & Alastair Grogan

- Trade Show Booths:

The Trade Show Chairman is to be selected by the Organizing Committee

The fee for Trade Show Booths is \$200 per booth.

Possible potential participants:

ETI Explosives – **Action Blaine Wright**

Dyno Nobel Canada – **Action Dave McConnach**

Explosives Limited – **Action Stan Holtby**

Austin Powder – **Action Garry Heringer**

Petroleum Industries Training Service – Dave Berte – **Action Dick Shaw**

Instantel – **Action Ron Elliott** (they have confirmed)

Thomas Engineering Ltd. – **Action Ron Elliott**

Explosives Regulatory Division/Transport Canada – **Action Terry Matts**

Traxxon Rock Drills – **Action Corry Goumans**

Dywidag/Thiessen – **Action Gary Anderson**

Micon – Ray – **Action Gary Anderson**

Target Blasting Mats – **Action Corry Goumans**

Sphere Drilling Supplies – **Action Corry Goumans**

Wip Ware Inc. – Tom Palangio – **Action Blaine Wright**

MREL – Bill Bauer – **Action Terry Matts**

ISEE – **Action Ron Elliott**

Alberta Health & Welfare – Allan Yam – **Action Dick Shaw**

If anyone can think of any other potential participants, be proactive and approach them for their interest.

- Workshops:

Committee co-chair Terry Matts and Alastair Grogan

Workshops will be held on the Sunday morning for 2 hours before the AGM,

Possible Workshop topics:

- Use of New Computer Seismic Software, Instantel, Robert Lee from Instantel has offered to present this workshop.
- Use of Electronic Detonators, Orica Canada – ask Doug Mitchell - **Action Stan Holtby.**
- Avalanche Control Workshop – Terry Matts has contacted David Sly and he has expressed some interest. Need to follow-up **Action Terry Matts**
- Avalanche Guard System – Doug Wilson – MOT, Victoria **Action Dick Shaw**
- Loading & Blasting of Deep Cut Blast Holes – BXL – **Action Terry Matts**
- Use of Radio Remote Control Blasting System – **Blaine Wright**

- Sponsorships

Terry Matts has contacted Guy Marston to be in charge of sponsorships. We need to follow up with Guy – **Action Terry Matts**

Possible Conference Sponsors:

Graehold – Grant McGinnes has volunteered to be a sponsor,

Trowlex – **Action Corry Goumans**

Micon – **Action Gary Anderson**

Dywidag/Thiessen – **Action Gary Anderson**

Kal Tire – **Action Ron Woolf**

Walker Holdings – **Action Troy Walker**

Macaferri – Barth Peirone – **Action Corry Goumans**

Lafarge Exshaw Operations – **Action Blaine Wright**

Finning – **Action Ron Elliott**

Graymont – **Action Ron Woolf**

City of Edmonton – Tunnelling Group – **Action Gary Kreller**

Alberta Health & Welfare – Allan Yam – **Action Dick Shaw**

McCaws Drilling & Blasting – **Action Stan Holtby**

Pacific Blasting – **Action Ron Elliott**

Metro Blasting – **Action Gary Anderson**

NWT Rock – **Action Blaine Wright**

Rock Inc. – **Action Stan Holtby**

Paramount - **Action Blaine Wright**

Consbec – **Action Stan Holtby**

Seismic Blasting Companies – **Action Len McBeth, Seismic Manager, ACE Explosives**

3.0 Certificate Program – Module #8

Terry Matts gave an update on the progress with revisions to Module #8 of the ISEE Certificate Training Program.

4.0 WEB Page

Ron Elliott reported that John Fairley would be out of town until October, so he has passed responsibility for our Chapter WEB Page to Lewis Clarke. Lewis has updated the web site with the latest chapter information. If anyone wants to have their WEB site linked to our chapter page, please contact Lewis at lewis@pacificblasting.com. We need to set up a publicity flyer for the conference and set up the WEB site for on-line registration. **Action Lewis Clarke & Dave Hudak.**

5.0 AGM – Election of new Board Members

As the Past President normally fulfills the duty of Chairman of the Nominating Committee, this duty should fall to Ron Woolf. Alternatively, Ron may wish to

have Scott Parker fulfill this duty, as Scott has done an excellent job with this in the past. We need to follow up on this. **Action Alastair Grogan.**

A discussion ensued as to what to do if neither Ron Woolf nor Scott Parker has the time to follow through with this. In the event that this happens, moved by Ron Elliott, seconded by Dave McConnach, that we approach Blaine Wright to serve as Chairman of the Nominating Committee.

6.0 New Business

- Terry Matts reported that fees for magazine licenses are being reviewed by the Explosives Regulatory Division. This will have an impact on companies that have zone licenses. For zone licenses, the proposed fee is \$150.00 per year for each explosive magazine in active use. For companies with a large number of magazines in active use, this could impose undue hardship. Terry reported that there would be a comment period to obtain feedback from industry.
- Blaine Wright recommended that we post a membership application form on our WEB site. **Action Lewis Clarke.**

7.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on July 14, 2005 at 5:15 PM at the Pacific Blasting Board Room, 3183 Norland Avenue, Burnaby, BC.

Moved by Gary Kreller, seconded by Terry Matts, that the meeting be adjourned.
Passed unanimous.