



IBEF board of directors and general assembly

Bonita springs, Florida Wednesday February 14 and Thursday February 15, 2007

The second session of this meeting was held by teleconference

MINUTES

1/ Members

Attending:

Chairman: Jean-Claude Roffé

Executive Director: Alain Le Coroller

REAL: Chairman Robert Dennison teleconference); Tim Jobling Purser

LATEXFALT Bert Jan Lommerts (teleconference)

AEMA: Chairman Bob Koleas, Gaylon Baumgartner

SFERB: Etienne Le Bouteiller

Excused with proxy:

SITEB (proxy Alain Le Coroller)

JEAA (proxy Alain Le Coroller)

ATEB (proxy Jean-Claude Roffé)

Absent: AEF; PARIBOR; UPEKS; SADEM

A majority of 7 members out of 11 being present or represented, the board of directors and general assembly can valuably be held

2/ Approval of the last Board meeting minutes, October 3, 2006 in Lyon

Bob Koleas, AEMA Chairman, attended that meeting but his name had been omitted in the list of attending members. This being rectified, no other remark was recorded and these minutes were unanimously approved.

3/ Accounts 2006 – budget 2007

Accounts 2006

The accounts (appendix N°1) were presented by Alain Le Coroller, assuming that every invoices related to the “day of emulsion” were registered. Should such invoices reach IBEF after the approval of the present accounts, they would then be allocated to the accounts for the year 2007.

Following a remark by Alain Le Coroller, it is noticed that the item “membership dues” of the income is wrongly recorded; the corresponding amount of 43,860 € is in fact made of 6,860 € of membership dues, plus 37,000 € of sponsor contribution to the “day of emulsions”.

Bob Dennison expresses the concern that the declared profit of 18000 plus€ might be liable to taxes and thus conflict with our status of non profit organization. Alain Le Coroller declares that, IBEF being registered in France, the tax authorities in this country usually allows reserves to be built up to the amount of 2 to 3 yearly budgets, especially with such a small budget as ours. Considering our new fee structure, our reserves will remain within that limit.



Several members nevertheless reiterate their recommendation that building such an amount of reserves is acceptable only if these funds are planned to be allocated to the very purpose of IBEF: Promoting the development of the use of bitumen emulsion worldwide. This being said and clarified, the accounts are unanimously approved.

Budget 2007

Alain declares that the membership dues for 2007 will amount to 11910€ (see detail appendix N°2). The expenses will cover the ancillary expenses (charter accountant, secretariat, accountant and miscellaneous) for an amount equivalent or slightly higher than 2006 i.e. 5000€ plus 2000€ for unexpected expenses such as the maintenance of the web site and the development of our brochure.

We must also take into account the cost of being present on the USIRF/SFERB booth at the "Road World Congress" exhibition in Paris in September and we can then expect to have a balanced budget for 2007. The reserves will again be carried forward to 2008, with the objective of having a booth at the Eurobitume congress in Copenhagen on May 21st 23rd 2008 and of having some visibility at the next ISAET meeting.

The board nevertheless requests that a more detailed 2007 budget be submitted for approval during the next board meeting. Alain will prepare a draft which will be forwarded together with these minutes (appendixN°3).

4/ Membership report

Alain reports that Technix Group Limited in New Zealand and Betunel Asfaltos in Brazil, plus Supraton as a possible associate member, had expressed the wish to join IBEF and received an offer which they never answered. They were mailed a reminder in October 2006, without success either.

FBS (German Association) has been again approached by Jean-Claude Roffé. A meeting is scheduled in March 2007.

Étienne Le Bouteiller is in touch with Sabita (South Africa). A reply from this organization is expected end of March 2007.

Action should be taken to recruit members from Latin America, especially from Brazil and Mexico. Gaylon Baumgardner and Bob Koleas insist that by one mean or another, IBEF should be present in the next meetings planned to be organized in that part of the world, i.e. Quinto Congresso Mexicano del Asfalto August 27th 31st 2007 Cancun (Mexico), and XIV Congreso Ibero – Latinoamericano del Asfalto – CILA Nov. 18th 23rd 2007 in La Habana (Cuba).

Jean-Claude and Gaylon reported the concern expressed by the AEMA following a loss of membership since IBEF had been incorporated.

The board of IBEF reiterates its objective of being a federation of association and therefore of refraining from competing with the associations which make up its membership by attracting their member.



Individual companies are accepted only in these countries where no national association exists yet, with the objective of helping them incorporate such an association. Individual suppliers can also register as associate members.

In order to eliminate all risk of competition with our members, it was suggested that every member should have a possibility of veto for any new application; that idea was however rejected as this may be considered by some country authorities as an obstruction to free competition. Every application which complies with the provisions of our statutes and rules of procedures must therefore be approved.

The board declares then that this denomination "individual company " may create confusion, since, for reasons expressed above, we are not contemplating to recruit individuals who otherwise are encouraged to become members of national associations but instead associations only and companies in some limited cases.

Alain is then requested to prepare a new version of our rules of procedure which will rectify this point.

The members then express their wishes that this clarification will satisfy our members and especially AEMA.

5/ Report on CME and proposal for ISAET

CME

Alain reports that the 4th World Congress on emulsions was again a success with more than 1000 delegates, over 60 countries represented and 300 plus papers selected, as usual. The exhibition welcomed about 50% more companies than last time, with some emphasis on production and measurement equipments. The persistent lack of exhibitors representing industries other than bitumen emulsion did not reflect an increased involvement of these industries into the papers submitted, although we are still frustrated by a limited interest expressed by some industries such as paints and pharmacy. Like in 2002, a symposium dedicated to one aspect of our industry, this time cold recycling, was organized and an innovation occurred: a symposium in the field of food industry.

More statistics are available in the attached document (appendix N°4) which was due to be presented by Jean Eric Poirier, the convenor of the scientific committee.

Alain also comments that the scientific level of the papers and of the lectures was judged higher than in the previous editions, although the management of some workshops did not meet the expectations of some authors, with too many oral presentations and not enough time for discussion.

Considering that success, Package is willing to organize the 5th CME, provided the sponsors confirm their involvement once more; Colas agrees to allow Jean Eric Poirier to be again the convenor of the scientific committee.



A meeting of the sponsors will be organized in France in June, in order to determine the sponsors commitment, the most appropriate frequency (3 or 4 years) the location (Lyon again?) the congress format (3 or 4 days, balance between plenary sessions, workshops, poster sessions and symposiums) and other practical topics, before the decision is confirmed. The wish expressed by several IBEF board members that this congress justifies its "world" denomination by moving outside France will also be considered but the final decision will rest with Package who takes the financial risk.

Bert-Jan objects that in his opinion, the scientific and technical level of papers issued from our industry was poor and recommends that next time a more stringent selection be enforced. He also wishes that the workshops dedicated to bitumen emulsion be grouped in one single day. Alain agrees for these wishes to be taken into consideration but explains that a balance must be kept between users of emulsion who are only interested in their own industry and lab specialists who are looking for learning from other industries, which is of the essence for this congress.

Gaylon Baumgardner and Bert Jan Lommerts, supported by Jean-Claude Roffé, request that IBEF be involved in the decision process, in order that the international aspect of our industry be taken into account.

Alain confirms that IBEF will be invited to participate in the next Sponsors meeting and in the scientific committee. He expects that this presence will help attracting more papers from the countries member of IBEF and suggest that this might also help attracting other emulsion using industries from these countries. He recommends in particular that Gaylon Baumgardner should get in touch with such major American chemical companies as Proctor and Gamble or Dupont-de-Nemours. A first contact with these industries might be made on the occasion of the next ISAET where they could be invited to deliver lectures.

The Day of Emulsions

Bert-Jan and Bob Dennison described this day as excellent, which was confirmed by the other board members.

Jean-Claude Roffé suggests that a fourth News Letter could be issued in order to capitalize on the success of this event. In this respect, a proposal will be issued to the board members.

ISAET

Many delegates complain that the previous ISAET was limited to some papers already presented to the World congress of emulsions 2 years before thus with no added value other than presenting these papers to a limited audience of American specialists who could not travel to France in due time.

Jean-Claude reports that this was already debated by the board of AEMA and that it was recognized that the main difficulties resulted from Gaylon to have been left alone for organizing this Symposium. Although a second presentation of a few selected papers from the previous CME should not be systematically rejected, it is unanimously felt necessary that original papers are presented and that, for this purpose, a scientific committee be established, joining together American and international members. Although the ISAET is



devoted to the bitumen emulsion, only, Alain suggests that a few lectures from scientists from other industries might be of interest for the audience.

Jean-Claude confirms that this is the view of the AEMA board that agrees to sanction the next ISAET but insists that it must not merely be an AEMA function but instead a true international symposium. This is fully approved by the IBEF board which will endeavor to appoint a scientific committee in conjunction with AEMA as soon as possible. To this end, the proposal is to appoint representatives from AEMA, ISSA, ARA and IBEF (two delegates from each organization). Roger Dennison and Étienne le Bouteiller are appointed as IBEF representatives. ASHTO – Preservation Committee and NACE will also be approached for joining the scientific committee.

6/ activities of the associations – Country specials

SFERB

Involvement in the REACH directive

Contribution to the new European Standards

Production 2006: 1 million MT (stable)

Note: French road network value = 2/3 of annual GDP; there is a need to re-educate the Authorities towards pavement preservation.

REAL

Good success coming from regional education meetings that lead to a 100,000 MT increase within 1 year (300 to 400,000 MT).

AEMA

Good success of the “Asphalt Emulsion Technologies Workshop” held in Dallas: the message “1 \$ spent in preservation = 10\$ saved” was clearly passed and understood.

Goal achieved regarding the education of government staff, thanks to the partnership with NCCP and FP².

7/ Expert task group of the international technical cooperation

Étienne Le Bouteiller will take over Jean-Claude Roffé to chair the expert task group. The missions will result from the conclusions of the think tank held in Lyon (2006, Oct. 3rd). Minutes attached.

Main subjects: marketing and education issues and problems raised by REACH and other new directives (e.g. TOSCA in the USA).

8/ Next Meetings

Half day to be found within the following periods:

and **Paris World Road Congress (PIARC) 2007 Sept. 17th 21st,**

and **Copenhagen Euraspalt - Eurobitume 2008 May 21st 23rd**

and

ISAET 2008 Sept.