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MINUTES OF THE 81-st MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON UNIFORM CLASSIFICATION AND GRADING OF ASBESTOS MINES PRODUCTS, AND THE 55th MEETING OF THE QUEBEC ASBESTOS PRODUCERS' ASSOCIATION, HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 22nd, 1939, AT THE NEW SHERBROOKE HOUSE, SHERBROOKE, P.Q. AT 10:00 O'CLOCK, A.M.

Present: Capt.J.G. Ross - Asbestos Corporation Ltd.
Messrs.J.G.McCallum - " " "
H.A.Smith - Bell Asbestos Mines Ltd.
O.C.Smith - " " " "
L.C.Pharo - Johnson's Company
G.M.Boyd - Nicolet Asbestos Mines
D.Wolochow - National Research Council
H.K.Sherry - Canadian Johns-Manville Co.Ltd.
G.K.Foster - " " " " "
N.A.Nelson - " " " " "
R.A.Donovan - " " " " "

The President, Capt.J.G.Ross, was in the chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting were presented by the Secretary and adopted as circulated.

GRANT TO THE NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL:

The Secretary presented and read a letter from the National Research Council acknowledging receipt of the Secretary's letter of April 6th reporting action taken at the Q.A.P.A. Meeting of March 27th by which a grant to the National Research Council of $ 2750.00 was authorized for the year 1939. The letter was noted and passed for filing.

FIBRE INSPECTION COMMITTEE'S REPORT:

The Chairman, Mr.H.A.Smith, presented report by Fibre Inspector for April. (The report for March had been circulated by mail). Overgrading was in evidence and was discussed. Overweight of bags was discussed but no action was decided on.

In connection with the two items, namely, overgrading and overweights referred to the Montreal Executive Meeting, a memorandum was submitted requesting that copies of the Fibre Inspector's Reports and of the Minutes of the Q.A.P.A. be sent to the chief executives of all member companies. This was agreed to and arrangements made to have the necessary copies sent.

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION AND SAFETY SERVICE COMMITTEE'S REPORT:

The Chairman, Mr.O.C.Smith, presented the monthly reports. These were duly accepted.

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION AND SAFETY SERVICE COMMITTEE'S REPORT: (Continued)

It was duly moved, seconded and carried that the Chairman, Mr. O. C. Smith, and the Thetford members of the Committee be authorized to act in preparing and presenting a brief or such other action as they decide on to further the interests of the Association with respect to Asbestosis.

NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL'S REPORTS:

Mr. Wolochow presented reports No. C432-38S and No. C434-38S. These were discussed briefly and taken for study.

It was duly moved, seconded and carried that the reports on Sampling & Technique of Testing Fibre be referred to the Technical and Fibre Committee.

It was duly moved, seconded and carried that the "Value of Crudy and Open Fibre" be referred to The Technical Committee for study and report with reference to N.R.C. report No. C344-38S.

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE:

No report.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE:

No report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Wolochow presented a request from the Eternit Co. for information re testing asbestos fibre for Portland Cement products. It was agreed that Mr. Wolochow reply stating that the Q.S. Machine test is the only recognized test for asbestos fibre.

The Secretary presented and read a letter from "Asbestos" asking for news items - no action was taken.

Asbestos Mill products in groups 8 and 9 were discussed. Method of determining weight per cu. ft. was shown to be given in the minutes of the Meeting of April 4th, 1932. It was duly agreed that companies shipping these products would report shipments as separated into the above two groups.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business the meeting adjourned to meet May 22nd, 1939 at the same time and place.

Secretary

President

NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL'S REPORT:

It was duly agreed that the subject "All Metal Testing Machine" should be closed. The thanks of the Q.A.P.A. was tendered the National Research Council for their assistance in the development of this machine.

Report No. C39-398 (an appendix to report No. C408-388) was presented and read.

A report was presented and read on the Z process for treatment of sewage water. This report was a translation from German of a letter from Mr. Paul Zigerli, who developed this process. Copies were given to each Company and Mr. Wolochow advised that he would supply by mail a list of references relative to the Z process.

A letter from the Union of South Africa, Geological Dept., was presented and read, requesting copies of reports on Asbestos Fibre from the National Research Council. It was agreed that no reports should be submitted until they had been released and published first in this country. The subject was referred to the Technical Committee with power to select reports for publication, and magazines in which they should be published and to authorize publication. These publications could then be referred to the Union of South Africa Geological Dept.

Mr. Wolochow exhibited samples in both wet and dry states of 7R fibre which had been split by a wet process into two fractions, one of which contained a large amount of the granular material and crudy pencils of the original fibre. The other fraction contained the more fibrous material. Mr. Wolochow advised that he would make up a report and samples of the material and would submit these to member companies. Each member company to supply Mr. Wolochow with two bags (100 lbs. each) of 7R fibre.

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

No report.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

No report.

NEWS ITEMS FOR "ASBESTOS" Magazine:

The Secretary presented and read a letter from the editor of "Asbestos" drawing attention to the fact that no news items had as yet been submitted. After some discussion it was agreed that each company would submit any news items direct. The Secretary was instructed to write "Asbestos" to this effect.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bill No. 89 as passed by the Legislative Assembly of Quebec, March 30th 1939 was discussed briefly as to some ambiguity of statements, and possibility of amendment.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned to meet at the same time and place July 24th,1939.

Secretary

President.