

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
QUEBEC ASBESTOS MINING ASSOCIATION
HELD AT THE MANOIR RICHELIEU, LA MALBAIE
ON THURSDAY, JULY 25TH 1963

Present:

Messrs. W.J. Johnson	P.A. Filteau	R.W. Merrill
R.D. Bradford	A.W. Gibb	M.J. Kessel
C.B. Brown	R. Hackney	P.A. Meyer
I.C. Campbell	N.W. Hendry	L.O. Montpetit
M.F. Carson	F.P. Hodgson	W.W. Oughtred
D.T. Colton	G.F. Jenkins	A.L. Penhale
A.B. Cummins	K.V. Lindell	F.P. Smith
J.O. Eby	J.A. Main	G.W. Smith
I. Sabourin	W.H. Soutar	

The President, Mr. W. J. Johnson, occupied the chair.

Minutes of the special meeting of November 1st, 1962, were adopted. Minutes of the special meeting of directors of May 2nd, 1963, were adopted.

The President referred to the directors meeting of May 2nd, 1963, re employment of a permanent secretary general. Moved, seconded and adopted that the title of secretary-general be used at this time and Mr. P. A. Filteau be engaged (effective July 16th, 1963) at a salary of \$20,000 p.a..

The secretary tabled two submissions covering life insurance, major medical and pension plans for the secretary general.

Moved, seconded and adopted that the submission by Marsh & McLennan of \$3,727.00 be accepted. Mr. Filteau will contribute \$240.00 p.a. to life insurance and major medical and 4% of salary (\$800.00) to pension plan.

Moved, seconded and adopted that Mr. Filteau will report to a committee composed of the President and two Vice-Presidents for detailed outline of his duties.

Mr. Filteau presented a summary of office space which he had examined in Quebec City. After review it was moved, seconded

and adopted that he be authorized to rent space in the 'Grande Allee Edifice', 580 Grande Allee East, Room 320, at a rate of \$3.00 per square foot or approximately \$120.00 per month, including housecleaning, maintenance, etc., plus \$10.00 per month parking space, for a period of five (5) years with permission to sub-let. Mr. Filteau will obtain a proposed contract and submit it to the President.

Proposed, seconded and adopted that Mr. Filteau be authorized to hire a bilingual secretary (Miss Toupin) on a monthly basis at the rate of \$400.00. Cost of fringe benefits to be obtained for later decision.

Technical Committee

The committee continues to meet bi-monthly with the last meeting held on June 18th. Minutes of the meeting, which have been issued to members, were reviewed by Mr. G. F. Jenkins.

Mr. Jenkins will issue a report on proposals of the American Society for Testing and Materials re fibre tests.

Bell Asbestos Mines Ltd. has offered to obtain the T.B.A. Comb Sorter for members who wish this equipment. Mr. Jenkins will advise Mr. G. W. Smith which companies want to purchase.

The secretary-general will send a letter of sympathy to the family of the late Mr. E. A. Smith expressing too appreciation for his work on the Uniform Classification and Grading Committee over many years.

Fibre Testing

It is suggested that we watch closely the activities of the A.S.T.M. as it is appointing a fibre committee and fears are expressed that this committee may establish test specifications rather than test methods for asbestos fibres.

Cost of operating the Sherbrooke Laboratory for the past 12 months has been \$46,000.00 which is within the approved estimate.

Fibre Testing - (Cont'd.)

The committee is very pleased with the work of Mr. Pare.

Moved, seconded and carried that Mr. Pare's salary be increased from \$9,600.00 to \$9,500.00 p.a. effective September 1st, 1963.

Report on 'Research on New Standard Test Methods for Evaluation of Asbestos Fibres' tabled for discussion at a later meeting.

Uniform Classification and Grading /

It is reported that 67 samples were sent to the Sherbrooke Laboratory in May and 81 in June. The Inspector is pleased with the cooperation being received from all members in the collection of samples.

Workmen's Compensation

Final rates for 1962 have been established at 35¢ minimum and \$4.50 maximum with 1963 provisional rate of \$2.00.

Counsel reported that he had had conversations with Chairman Marineau who advised of an asbestosis award of \$22,000.00 being made by a council of four without reference to companies, doctors or counsel.

Mr. Sabourin will review the present procedure being followed and prepare a memorandum covering a desired procedure for review of such cases.

One company reported having had an award reduction in an asbestosis case several months after it had been granted.

Safety

Nothing to report at this time.

Public Relations

As we now have an experienced P.R. man as secretary general it is recommended that the committee chairmanship be transferred to Mr. Filteau and suggestions from Editorial Associates be referred to him.

Public Relations - (Cont'd.)

Copies of P.R. report #1942-2 were distributed as well as a proposal from Crawley Films Ltd. regarding production of an asbestos industry film.

Traffic

Difficulty is still being experienced with River Plate Conference. Due to lack of berthing, surcharges are being increased continually. Mention was made of a possible railroad strike in U.S.A.

Industrial Relations

Copies of the minutes of the last committee meeting have been distributed to members. Copies of Bill #54 have also been distributed.

Legislation and Taxation

It is reported that the new Quebec Mining Act will not be presented until the next session of the Legislative Assembly and will contain many revisions from that proposed by the original Commission.

There will be substantial increases in the rates of duties on mines. Reference is made to proposed new Labor Code, Federal and Provincial plans for pensions on which numerous bulletins have been issued by Trade Associations.

It is agreed that we will support the Canadian Metal Mining Association in its brief to the Royal Commission on Taxation but will not submit a separate brief.

Certain revisions have been made to the application of sales tax as proposed in the original Federal Budget of June 13th. It is suggested that companies review materials previously purchased under 'materials for production' to determine if any can still be granted exemption. Certain items previously purchased as 'production machinery' might be more properly considered 'materials consumed in production'.

Proposed changes in income tax budget resolutions include a reduction from 6 to 4 months for final settlement after the end of a fiscal year.

Q.A.M.A. Liaison

Nothing to report.

It is recommended and agreed that the secretary-general maintain liaison with the secretary-general of the Q.A.M.A. in Quebec and report to the chairman of this committee, Mr. G. W. Smith.

New Business

Stock Pile - U.S.A.

Messrs. Carson and F. P. Smith attended a meeting in Ottawa held by the Department of Trade and Commerce.

It is reported that the only fibre put up for sale from the stock pile has been 70 tons of spinning fibre.

The following stock pile statistics have been obtained:

	<u>Inventory</u>	<u>Maximum Established</u>
Chrysotile	14,104 tons	11,000 tons
Amosite	32,952	45,000
Crocidolite	24,397	0

It is recommended that copies of Mr. Carson's report be issued to member companies.

Further recommended that the Association make representation to Washington to have more Canadian fibres in the stock pile.

Mr. K. Inayoshi

Mr. A. W. Gibb reported on a recent trip to Japan and made special reference to the support given to the Canadian Asbestos Industry by Mr. K. Inayoshi. The Japanese Asbestos Industry would like to see the Q.A.M.A. recognize the efforts of Mr. Inayoshi.

It is proposed, seconded and carried that an illuminated address be prepared, suitably framed and sent to the Canadian Embassy in Tokyo from which point arrangements would be made for presentation.

Mines Ministers Conference

The President tabled a letter from the Hon. Marc Lévesque requesting the names of delegates to this conference to be held at Halifax September 15th - 18th. Mr. G. W. Smith will attend and a representative from Asbestos Corporation Ltd.

Tariff Board Reference No. 132.

A letter from the Canadian Importers Association referring to the above which deals with 'Wire and Wire Products' was tabled. The letter suggested that the C.A.M.A. might want to join with the C.I.A. in preparation of a brief protesting possible tariff increases.

It is agreed that we have a special representative in Ottawa watching our interests and no action is needed at this time.

Cooperation between Member Companies

Mr. K. V. Lindell announced that Johns-Manville will be happy to collaborate with any and all companies, on an 'open door' policy, which are prepared to cooperate on a similar basis.

A.T.I. Display Case

A letter from the Asbestos Textile Institute was read in which the above display is offered for placement in Canada. The display consists of 4 cases each 10" long.

The secretary-general will investigate possible locations.

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting adjourned to reconvene at 9:30 p.m. in the Murray Room.