



MINUTES of the General Meetin
of the Asbestos Textile Insti
held June 8, 1962 at Seaview
Country Club, Absecon, N. J.

IN ATTENDANCE:

W. S. Hough, President
JOHNS-MANVILLE CORP.

AMERICAN ASBESTOS TEXTILE CORP.
M. J. Scanlan
Hans Walters
A. E. Whitfield

ASBESTOS CORPORATION LTD.
G. F. Jenkins
V. H. Tower

BELL ASBESTOS MINES LTD.
F. P. Smith

H. K. PORTER COMPANY, INC.
J. L. Mitchell
J. D. McClure
Frank Williams

JOHNS-MANVILLE CORP.
W. C. Atkinson
E. A. Schuman
C. L. Sheckler
J. L. Tucker

KEASBEY & MATTISON COMPANY
W. M. Deckman
P. L. Covoli
D. F. Queally

LAKE ASBESTOS OF QUEBEC, LTD.
E. A. Farrell

NATIONAL GYPSUM COMPANY
D. A. Kossuth

RAYBESTOS-MANHATTAN, INC.
J. A. Bettes, Jr.
R. B. Smith

UNITED STATES RUBBER COMPANY
D. S. Nichols
S. J. Peale, Jr.

CADWALADER, WICKERSHAM & TAF
Bradley Walls

ASBESTOS TEXTILE INSTITUTE
Myril C. Shaw

1. The meeting was opened by President Hough with a brief address of welco
Following these opening remarks, each member in attendance was asked to
introduce himself and identify his company affiliation.

2. The Minutes of the last meeting were introduced for reading, however,
since all members had received copies of these minutes and were familia
with the actions there taken, it was moved by Mr. E. A. Schuman, second
by Mr. J. A. Bettes and unanimously agreed that the reading be omitted
this time.

3. The Treasurer's Report was presented by Treasurer A. E. Whitfield. Fol
lowing a brief review and discussion of the contents of this report, it
was unanimously accepted for inclusion as a part of the minutes of this
meeting.

4. President Hough addressed the meeting regarding the concern of the Boar
of Governors with respect to the tendency of many members of the Insti
to attend only one session or only a selected segment of the regular t
day General meetings. It was announced that the Board of Governors in
session on June 7th reviewed this problem thoroughly and, in an effort

make the meetings of the Institute meaningful to all members, have directed that a questionnaire be circulated throughout the membership, seeking guidance. Each member was asked to carefully consider this problem through this questionnaire and to offer suggestions as to how our meetings may be made attractive to everyone to the extent that a higher degree of attendance and participation may be affected.

5. Legal counsel, Bradley Walls, was called upon to address the meeting on recent developments in the antitrust laws. Mr. Walls explained some of the procedures that are followed when an indictment has been handed down by a grand jury for alleged violations of the antitrust laws. Briefly he outlined the procedures of finger-printing, bail bonding, arraigning and pleading subsequent to the presentation of the indictment. He noted that frequently the first information a defendant has that he has been indicted, comes from telephone calls from members of the press. Mr. Walls advised that statements should not be made to the press until an opportunity has been found to examine the indictment and confer with legal counsel. Mr. Walls also suggested that the publicity given individual defendants and companies because of indictments should not be permitted to influence adversely the attitudes and actions of others towards the defendants so named. It should be borne in mind, he stated, that under our laws defendants are innocent until proved beyond reasonable doubt to be guilty.

Mr. Walls also discussed various procedures that can be followed by corporations in setting up a vigorous antitrust law compliance program. He stated that such programs will not succeed unless there is complete sincerity at all levels in a corporation with regard to the carrying forward of the program and unless there is profound belief in the goals which the antitrust laws seek to perpetuate.

6. President Hough at this time announced that a Sports Program Chairman had been appointed prior to this meeting in order that the facilities at the meeting place on this occasion might best be utilized by our membership. Mr. E. A. Farrell was selected to serve in this capacity and he was called upon at this time to offer his report on the program and the results of the golf tournament. The number of participants was not as high as had been hoped for but those who did take part in these activities thoroughly enjoyed the challenges posed by the golf course and the tennis court as well as the competition encountered in the pool. It is felt that if such activities are made available at future meetings the participation will be much higher. The results of the golf match were as follows:

Low Gross ..... W. C. Atkinson
Second Low Gross ..... Frank Williams
Low Net ..... D. F. Queely

7. The next segment of the meeting was devoted to the presentation of committee reports by the chairmen of the several active committees of the Institute.

a) Air Hygiene & Manufacturing Committee. The report for this committee was presented by Chairman J. L. Mitchell. This committee in sessi

on June 7th had on the agenda for consideration a variety of subjects of interest to the group including:-

1. A paper entitled "Asbestos Dust and Its Measurement" by Dr. C. G. Addingly, Asbestosis Research Council, England. A new membrane filtering device used in making dust count measurements was here described.

2. Dust control in the area of the spinning operation.

3. The influence of environmental appearance upon employee attitude.

4. Workman's Compensation considerations.

5. Status of the U. S. Public Health Survey.

The formal report as present, covering all of the activities and considerations of this committee, is attached as a part of the minutes of this meeting.

b) Technical Committee. The report for the Technical Committee was presented by Chairman J. L. Tucker. This committee has been concerned with the revisions currently being considered for Federal Specifications SS-C-00366b and MIL-I-3053c and discussions relavent to these matters were discussed by this committee in meeting on June 7. Also included on the agenda for this meeting was a review of the "Method for Measuring Thickness" as set forth by A.S.T.M. and The Federal Test Method, CCC-T-191b. The advisability of accepting one method for all weights and widths of asbestos textiles is questioned.

The formal report as presented is attached as a part of the minutes of this meeting.

c) Sales Promotion Committee. The report for the Sales Promotion Committee was presented by Chairman S. J. Peele. This committee in meeting on June 7th considered an agenda which included the following subjects:

1. The new exhibit now on display in California.
2. Specification for fire-proof air craft seat covers.
3. Ontario Research Foundation Survey to study the unevenness of asbestos yarns.
4. Asbestos fiber stockpiling program.
5. Public relations program for the Institute.

In connection with the fifth item, Mr. Eugene Dockary, public relations department of the United States Rubber Company, met with the Sales Promotion Committee to reivew the subject of public relations as a program for the Institute.

The complete formal report as presented is attached as a part of the minutes of this meeting.

d) Fiber Testing Committee. The Fiber Testing Committee report was presented by Mr. George F. Jenkins. In the absence of Mr. C. R. Hutchcroft who has served as chairman of this committee for the past few years, Mr. L. C. Williams served as temporary chairman of the committee meeting held on June 7. However, Mr. Williams was unable to attend the General meeting and Mr. George Jenkins was asked to present the report for that committee. Mr. Hutchcroft is no longer associated with Keasbey & Mattison Company, effective June 1, 1962, and it will therefore be necessary for the President of the Institute to appoint a new chairman for this committee.

This committee in session on June 7th considered the following subjects on the agenda for that meeting:-

1. Financial report covering the publication of the manual of Testing Procedures.

2. New Test Procedures to be considered for inclusion in the first revision of the Manual
   a) Compressibility and Recovery Test.
   b) Air Permeability Test
   c) Soluble Salts Test
   d) Moisture Content Test
   e) Frictional Properties
   f) Sample Conditioner

3. Joint Fibre Testing Committee membership composed of A.T.I., Q.A.M.A. and A.C.P.A. representation, one member each, for future activities related to Manual revisions.

4. Q.A.M.A. Technical Committee meeting at Sherbrooke University on July 24, 1962.

The formal report as presented is attached as a part of the minutes of this meeting.

e) The Fellowship Report was presented by Dr. Shaw. Prefacing remarks related specifically to the Fellowship activities, reference was made to two matters of general interest, namely, 1) the characteristics of high-growth companies versus low-growth companies as presented in a review taken from a copyrighted article in the April, 1962, Defense Report, Armed Forces Management, and 2) Automation, as covered in the Department of Commerce publication covering this subject. Reference to these articles are attached as a part of the Fellowship report.

The activities of the Fellow during the past quarter have for the most part been directly related to Federal Specification considerations. However, in these endeavors a study has been undertaken designed to investigate the possibilities of adapting a light weight asbestos textile for sub stitution where Brattice cloth now finds an application as a lagging cloth. The relationship of the tensile strength properties of several lagging cloths in the "as received" condition compared with the "as applied" condition was studied as a basis for these considerations.

The formal Fellowship Report as issued is attached as a part of the minutes of this meeting.

8. Upon conclusion of the Committee Reports, President Hough addressed the meeting, covering subjects of general interest to those in attendance.

Mr. Hough supplemented his previous comments on the European Common Market and its possible effect on the Asbestos Textile business in the U.S.A. by stating that the six European countries have progressed so rapidly that they have taken their second important step of tariff adjustments by lowering the tariff between the six countries by 10% on industrial products, and 5% on agricultural products.

This step taken two and one half years ahead of their previously established schedule now brings the tariffs between the European Common Market countries at about 50% of the 1957 rates.

It would appear that the U. S. must arrive at some firm decisions as to our position certainly during 1962. The first important step that we have taken recently of raising the U.S.A. tariff barriers on carpeting and window glass has antagonized the European countries to the point where they wonder if our desire to cooperate is sincere.

Mr. Hough made further comments to the effect that it would appear that we will have to be less selfish and formulate tariffs favorable to European countries if we expect to profit in their markets, even though this could have some serious effects on our own Asbestos Textile industry.

As a yardstick it was stated that sixty four hundred thousand lbs. of asbestos textiles were imported into the U.S.A. in 1960 from four principal countries, Great Britain, Italy, Japan, and Israel, all of which indicates that even larger imports are possible under more favorable tariff conditions.

9. The final actions considered were matters of Old Business and New Business There were no subjects to be considered under Old Business, however, and under New Business the following matters were acted upon.

a) It was reported that the Board of Governors, in session on June 7, discussed the advisability of changing the position title of Dr. Shaw from Secretary to Executive Director. It was felt that the prestige of the office and the individual would be enhanced by such a change. Following a discussion in this regard, it was moved by S. J. Peale, seconded by W. H. Deckman and unanimously agreed that the By-Laws, Section 7, should be revised and amended to change the word Secretary to Executive Director.

b) In anticipation of the election of a new Board of Governors at the Annual meeting in September, 1962, President Hough nominated a group of three individuals to serve on the nominating committee to select the members who will serve on the Board of Governors for the year 1963 and to offer the names of those selected when the elections are held at that meeting. The following men were selected to serve on the nominating

committee.

J. A. Brown, Chairman
J. D. McClure
D. S. Nichols

e) When the arrangements for this meeting were formulated, it was planned to have Prof. James O'Connor address the group on "Marketing Plans and Policies". However, during the evening of June 7, Mr. O'Connor called Dr. Shaw to advise that an emergency had arisen concerning his wife and that he would not be able to fulfill this engagement. It was directed that Dr. Shaw express the concern and understanding of our members in this situation and suggested that a future fulfillment be arranged, if possible.

10. There being no further business to come before this session it was moved by Mr. Poole, seconded by Mr. Whitfield and unanimously agreed that the meeting be adjourned.

11. Upon adjournment, it was learned that the subcommittee of the Air Hygiene and Manufacturing Committee, concerned with the development of an universally acceptable dust counting technique and method, had been in session concurrently with the general meeting during the morning session. This subcommittee, composed of John Hankins, Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc., Denny Childers, H. K. Porter Co., Inc., and Tom Bodnarchuk, Johns-Manville Corporation was invited to have luncheon with the general meeting group at which time their presence was recognized and their industrious endeavors acknowledged.

Myril C. Shaw,
Executive Director