

Philadelphia, Pa.
March 23, 1942.

At a regular meeting of the Directors of John T. Lewis & Bros. Co. held this day in their offices in the Widener Building, there were present:

Edward F. Beale, Chairman of the Board
J. W. Gardiner, President
S. French Reeves, Vice President
A. M. Wilson, Vice President
Morris H. Merritt, Secretary
Leonard T. Beale, Director

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Edward F. Beale, who presided, and Mr. Morris H. Merritt reported the minutes of the meeting.

The minutes of our meeting of March 16 were read and approved.

Mr. Gardiner reported that he had attended the meeting of Dry Color Manufacturers in New York last week and that it was decided to continue the same dry color prices as we have had since October 1, 1941 plus an advance which was permitted on January 29, 1942. Our new prices will become effective April 1, 1942.

A committee consisting of Messrs. Stewart, Reichhard and Hallett was appointed to study the Raybestos oil situation, but this has now been changed and Mr. Harold Rowe has been authorized to proceed with the necessary negotiations.

Mr. Reeves reported that the United States Government is going to fingerprint all of the employees at our plant in the next week or so.

It was explained that the National Lead Company have decided to use the Lewis plant as a trial plant to determine whether we are entitled to qualify for special priority ratings as a chemical manufacturing plant under Priority Order P-89. The necessary forms are being prepared and will be submitted in the near future.

The regular weekly report of shipments for the week ending March 20 was submitted and also monthly reports for deliveries to the branches during January and February 1942.

It was decided to forward to the factory for safe keeping at the end of each month a statement showing the amount owing by each customer. Customer will be identified by account number, original statement being retained in this office.

There being no further business, upon motion the meeting adjourned.


Secretary.

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