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MINUTES OF MEETING

PLASTICS COMMITTEE
Oyster Harbors Club
Osterville, Massachusetts
September 7, 1967

PRESENT:

Messrs. G. L. Pitzer (Chairman), Union Carbide Corporation
G. A. Fowles (for Vice Chairman Nantz), B. F. Goodrich Chemical Co
C. E. Brown, Sinclair-Koppers Company
W. J. Dugan, General Electric Company
W. D. Holland, American Cyanamid Company
J. F. Kroeger, Shell Chemical Company
H. W. Mason, Jr., Reichhold Chemicals, Inc.
C. M. Neher, Ethyl Corporation
W. C. Roher, Gulf Oil Corporation
G. N. Bruxelles (for J. R. Ryan), Hercules Incorporated
R. L. Schuyler, E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Company
E. J. Sullivan, Borden Chemical Company
D. C. Williams, Eastman Chemical Products, Inc.
R. E. Workman, Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company
F. H. Carman (Secretary), MCA

and

W. F. Bartoe (Guest), Rohm and Haas Company (part-time only)
R. D. Lambert (Guest), MCA

Plastics Financial Package

The report of income and expenditures included with the agenda was substantially correct for the first quarter. Additional income since that time reduced the unpaid assessments to \$4,742.

The budget for the Weatherability Project includes \$13,000 for NBS overhead charges, and it is expected a statement of charges for the first quarter or first half year will be received in the near future.

Future Group Fall Meetings

During the summer months, the Washington office was advised by Oyster Harbors Club management that they could make no future

bookings for group meetings such as MCA has been holding at this club for the past 20 years. No further information had been available on plans of the club management or the corporation until the week of August 27. Nothing has been available in writing although it was generally understood the clubhouse would be torn down and replaced by a small club with very few, if any, sleeping rooms and would be operated strictly as a private club in the future. Copy of a letter sent to the corporation stockholders can be made available to any interested member of the Plastics Committee.

Many contacts have been made in an effort to find another suitable location on the Cape or in New England. Briefly, of those locations considered, only (1) Wianno Club, (2) Wentworth-by-the-Sea, and (3) Equinox House were capable of taking care of the Group; and even the Wianno Club was uncertain as to capacity and future policy. A visit was made to the New Seabury Country Club on Cape Cod, but there is no housing available; there is no other potential spot on the Cape for the Plastics Group. Several suggestions were received from member representatives (but not investigated) on possible use of facilities at Hilton Head Island (South Carolina), Pinehurst (North Carolina), and Bermuda. Several recommended the Seaview Country Club, Absecon, New Jersey; on contact, it was learned that our Group could be handled during Labor Day Week 1968 with much the same program arrangements except accommodations would not be available for Friday evening.

In discussion, it was the general opinion that this meeting should be kept at about the same size and for men only; however, it would be desirable to increase the minimum allocation of participating members from one to two persons in the clubhouse.

Following discussion of pros and cons on available meeting places, on motion, duly seconded, and voted unanimously,

The Secretary was authorized to make a reservation for the Plastics Group to meet at Seaview Country Club, Absecon, New Jersey, the first week of September 1968 for the nights of September 3, 4, and 5 (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday) and to make a tentative reservation for the same period in 1969.

Note: The Secretary promptly made a firm reservation with the Seaview Country Club and later confirmed this in writing.

Epidemiologic Study

The report on the Plastics Financial Package included a statement of total income and expenses for this investigation of vinyl chloride polymer manufacture. It is expected the funds available will take care of this project.

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It was the general opinion that this epidemiologic problem exists in plants of at least three companies other than those of the organization making the original disclosure. The Institute's program for completing this work has been slowed because of the inability to survey certain plants disrupted by strikes.

The Secretary stated that industrial hygiene representatives of three states, some representatives of labor unions, and a representative of the U.S. Public Health Service in Cincinnati had consulted one or more companies on this problem. It is believed that frank disclosure of findings to date by management has contributed greatly to the problem being handled on a rational basis without undue emotion or alarm. A report on 31 cases under the title "Occupational Acroosteolysis" just available in the Journal of the American Medical Association relates to this study within The B. F. Goodrich Company. Copies of this report have been sent to all interested member representatives participating in this study.

Plastics Institute - Plastics Education Programs

The MCA has been invited to participate in an inter-association committee on this subject. Following discussion, it was concluded that additional information should be obtained on this program, and no representatives should be designated to represent the Association at this time. In the past, the Plastics Group and the MCA have not supported the Plastics Institute of America, and it may not be appropriate for MCA to give semblance of recognition and support to the Institute.

Flammability Research Project - NBS

For the Steering Committee, Dr. W. F. Bartoe commented briefly on work under way and changes in organization made by the Bureau.

A special report on "Controlled-Atmosphere Tests of Plastics Films" has just been made available to member representatives. Additional special reports as well as quarterly reports will be available November 15. A full-day meeting of the Steering Committee with member technical representatives is now scheduled for December 7 at which time the program can be reviewed in depth.

Dr. Bartoe stated that Eugene Gray of NBS was now spending 75 per cent of his time on the project and had succeeded in improving general operations and particularly communication with the Research Associates. This has proven to be a worthwhile contribution to the NBS with no direct charge to MCA. With Mr. Gray directing the

program, there are currently two Research Associates and a technician being supported by MCA. It is now the plan to contact Steering Committee members on an individual basis regarding organization that would be appropriate and in line with recommendations of the Bureau earlier this year that one Research Associate and two technicians be supported by the MCA in this project.

"Plastics: A Management Dilemma" Conference

This conference, held May 18, 1967, was sponsored by the National Industrial Conference Board. The Chairman stated that several industry representatives had raised the question on whether MCA had supported or sponsored this program. It was made clear that the Plastics Committee or the MCA in no way participated in this NCB conference.

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The Committee authorized the Secretary to advise the members during the general business meeting on the future plans of the Oyster Harbors Club and the decision to meet at Seaview Country Club in 1968. Member representative attendance in this conference totaled 143. The business meeting as detailed in the printed program adjourned at noon.

Respectfully submitted,

F. H. Carman

F. H. Carman, Secretary
Plastics Committee

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All present
Plastics Committee

September 15, 1967

PLASTICS FINANCIAL PACKAGE
First Quarter 1967-1968

Balance - June 1, 1967	\$	20,920
Receipts through 8/25/67		<u>59,477</u>
Total	\$	80,375

(Unpaid assessments still due - \$12,000)

	<u>Expenditures</u> <u>June-July-August</u>	<u>12-Month</u> <u>Budget</u>
Administrative	\$ 38.	\$ 300.
Travel and Meetings	40.	400.
Memberships	20.	25.
Research		
(a) M.I.T.	----	7,500.
(b) Case Institute	7,500.	15,000.
Internat'l Standards		
Organization	----	<u>2,000.</u>
(Sub-total)	(\$7,598)	(\$23,225)
Weatherability Project		
(a) Salaries	10,677.	39,800.
(b) NBS Overhead Charge	----	13,000.
(c) Travel	223.	2,000.
(d) Taxes and Insurance	181.	800.
(e) Building and/or		
Purchasing Equipment	<u>1,640.</u>	<u>12,950.</u>
(Sub-total)	<u>(\$12,721)</u>	<u>(\$71,500)</u>
TOTAL	\$20,319	\$94,725

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN'S
Epidemiologic Study

Total Collections through August 31, 1967 - \$ 78,600
 Disbursements through August 31, 1967 - \$ 38,095
 Contract with University of Michigan - \$ 75,000

Prepared by F. H. Carman
 August 30, 1967