

MINUTES OF THE 102 MEETING OF THE
QUEBEC ASBESTOS MINING ASSOCIATION
HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 29, 1967, AT
THE CHATEAU FRONTENAC, QUEBEC CITY, QUE.

Present:

Messrs: M.J. Messel	F. Bolduc	J.R.M. Hutchison
R.S. Coleman	I.C. Campbell	D. Poirier
K.V. Lindell	Yvan Couture	P.W. Riordon
R.J. Merrill	R. Dodds-Hebron	Geo. Robinson
P.A. Meyer	J.C. Eby	I. Sabourin
F.P. Smith	W.M. Foster	Paul A. Filteau

Mr. Michael J. Messel presided the meeting. Following a motion, the minutes of the meeting held on April the 10th, 1967, in Quebec City, were adopted.

Technical Committee

The Chairman stated that a meeting of his committee was held on Thursday May 25th, to consider 2 questions: Unitized shipments and the Copart questionnaire.

- 1.-In the case of Unitized shipments, several meetings of the sub-committee have been held to determine the type of unit load best suited to satisfy the demands of the English dockers for dust-proof packaging. Representatives of all member-companies were called in, and in addition, members of traffic and sales attended the last two sessions.

Various designs of one-ton units have been studied and after considering that a move to unitization might be required in a hurry, two have been selected. The two types are palletized units and are available for immediate use at customers' expense:

- a) a palletized one-ton cardboard container at \$10.00 per ton.
- b) a palletized twenty-bags (laminated) unit at an estimated \$8.00 per ton.

It was agreed that no trial shipments of palletized units should be made until situation on the English docks regarding unitization has been clarified, and also that no tonnage should be shipped to England in paper bags, unless these are overwrapped.

- 2.-As to the Copant questionnaire, the QAMA Technical Committee has reviewed and accepted the answers proposed by J.R.M. Hutcheson and checked by W.M. Foster and R. Dodds-Hebron. The Committee now wishes to submit the answers for approval by the Directors.

After perusal of answers by the meeting, it is proposed that the word "fines" be used instead of "dust" to define the particles that pass through the finest screen, and also not to indicate the type of Asbestos "Chrysotile" on bags, as suggested, if Copant agrees. The answers to be submitted to A.S.T.M. on June 28.

Uniform Classification and Grading Committee

In his report the Chairman stated that the Committee had met on May 23rd and that matters on the agenda of interest to the C.A.M.A. Directors, could be summarized as follows:

- 1.- It is proposed to revive random visits of the Fibre Inspector to all companies' plants to check the Q. S. tests of shipments. This is in line with the "Suggested Controls for the Quebec Point Value Classification", paragraph 4 which was submitted to the Q.A.M.A. Directors in Barbados. At this point, the president submitted that members were not ready to vote on the matter, since unanimity had not been reached yet.
- 2.- The new salary schedules for the Sherbrooke-Lab. personnel of which each Director received a copy at the meeting is submitted for approval by the Directors as per recommendations of the committee. Moved and accepted.
- 3.- A McKett classification, based on points developed by Mr. Cossette has impressed the Chairman of the Committee and he feels that the system has merit. Rather than attempting to develop a complete classification covering all grades produced, it is suggested to draw up a list of classifications presently being used by certain producers.
- 4.- The subject of trial grades and the desirability of submission to the Committee after 100 tons of shipments is emphasized. As the Q.S. Classification is the only official one yet, then fibres must be classified under Q.S. This will be done in future for some grades not so classified at present.

5.- In regards to a new classification for 3 Group fibres the general opinion is that some fairly competent people had, and were, working on this end, until they reached better conclusions or methods than available now, a new classification seemed difficult, if not impossible.

The desirability of Ottawa coming up with a true measure of fibre length was stressed and the Chairman will carry this message to Ottawa.

Industrial Relations Committee

The Chairman had nothing special to report except that new wage contracts had been signed by certain companies.

Following a request made at the previous meeting of the Association, representations were made by Counsel and General Manager to the Deputy-minister of Labour, Mr. Donat Quieper, on the proposed amendment to clause 108 of the Workmen's Compensation Act, dealing with pneumoconiosis claims. Subsequently a brief was prepared by Counsel and submitted. A few days later, at a meeting of QMMA representatives and QAMA General Manager, with Honorable R. Bellemere, the matter was again debated and a mutually acceptable phraseology was proposed and tentatively agreed.

Again, in the field of Workmen's Compensation, meetings were held with Dr. B. Bellemere to review the matter of aggravation of an incapacity and to determine W.C. Policy - Case of R. Gourd, Flintkote Company. The rule is that where an injured employee, already incapacitated with the loss of one eye (16% or 18%) is rehired and later loses the other eye, he becomes 100% disabled.

However, in the case of the second eye, the Company is charged with the equivalent for the lost of one eye (16% or 18%), and the balance (100% - 32% or 36% - 68% or 64%) is charged to the workmen's Compensation General Fund, to which all employers contribute.

The Mine Rescue Safety Competition was held in Thetford Mines on Saturday, May 27; 8 teams participated and the competition was won by the team from Bell Asbestos Mines. Congratulations extended to the company for their successful performance.

Traffic Committee

The Chairman was pleased to advise that the C.T.A.M.A. Traffic Committee met on May 16th and agreed to re-submit to the Canadian Railroads the proposal for the establishment of 120,000 lbs. rates to Official Territory.

It was reported that two of the major lines in the River Plate & Brazil Conference had resigned from the Conference and were offering non-conference service to that area. The Traffic Committee agreed that in the light of probable retaliatory action on the part of the other lines in the Conference that we would have to stay with the Conference at least until the situation was clarified.

The Russians are offering a non-conference service to the Mediterranean this year, which members will probably use.

The Chairman of the Committee reported on the current situation in the U.K. with respect to the handling of asbestos at various ports, and in particular London, where it was advised that the dock workers have stipulated that:

"From Monday 31st, July 1967, unless Asbestos previously transported in bags, is packed in Dustproof Containers, or where Asbestos has been taken out at another Port, but loose remains on other cargo, not to handle that cargo, or this commodity."

The asbestos-importers group in the U.K. is going to continue to try and persuade the dock workers that asbestos in laminated jute bags is safe to handle and that dustproof containers are not required.

It seems likely, however, that if members are to ship to the U.K. (at least to London) that shipments will have to be either in containers or in palletized cardboard covered unit loads, as developed by the Unitization Sub-Committee of the Technical Committee, and that regardless of the type of the "container" that jute laminated bags will have to be used.

Legislation and Taxation Committee

The presentation of the joint brief to the Prime Minister on the Belanger Commission has again been delayed.

The Quebec Metal Mining Association has suggested that this brief might be revised in the light of the Carter Commission.

Report, but it is the opinion of our Committee that this is not necessary or advisable.

Similarly the Q.M.A. are considering the preparation of a brief to the Provincial Government on the effects of the Carter Commission, but again our Committee feels that this is a useless exercise and that the Quebec Government is well aware of the implications of the report on the resources industry of the Province.

Attention was drawn to the amendments to be made to the Quebec Corporations Tax Act (Bill 57) and the Provincial Income Tax Act (Bill 56).

Public Relations Committee

The new centennial asbestos booklet is going to press this week.

The Expo asbestos pamphlet has been distributed at the Quebec Pavilion as well as the Esso Expo Information Centres. Arrangements are being made to have a plaque placed at the Asbestos Plaza at Expo, and to change the location of the sign.

It was agreed that the Public Relations Committee should study the possibility of preparing some programmes designed to inform our employees of the serious effects of the Carter Commission recommendations on the mining industry and their jobs.

Occupational and Environmental Health Committee

Revisions to by-laws to be forwarded to Counsel for his review and finalized text to be submitted for approval at next meeting. Meanwhile, the Scientific Committee has asked three doctors to attempt to define what is the problem concerning occupational and environmental health in the asbestos industry. In such

a question, an orderly approach is needed. The doctors have held two meetings so far and it is believed that an other one is necessary before an answer could be finalized.

Antique Conference - Twelve doctors out of twenty-three invited have replied so far. It might be deemed advisable to send a few additional invitations in order to have at the meeting the experts called for by the program. This might involve an additional expenditure. An agenda divided into three phases and assigned to three moderators is being prepared.

In reply to the question raised by Counsel as to possible collaboration from industry concerning doctor Selikoff's search to make asbestos impermeable to health hazards, it was pointed out that this would be in effect admitting that asbestos is actually noxious to which counsel stated that no such admission (it had been agreed between Dr. Selikoff and Counsel) would be assumed.

Dust Abatement Committee

The Chairman stated that first reading had been given in the Federal House to Bill C-25, which calls for the establishment of a National Pollution Abatement Code and National Standards for analytical techniques.

The Committee will soon be in a position to experiment with the three practical dust abatement methods now available;

A dry filtration unit is being designed

A wet filtration unit is being installed

A firm proposal to set up an electric precipitation unit has been submitted by the Precipitation Company of Canada Limited.

New Business

Provincial Mines Ministers Conference - This conference will be held in Regina, September 17-20, 1967, and members are asked to propose subjects which might be included in the agenda of the meeting.

Ontario Mining Association, Annual Meeting - This meeting is scheduled for June 19-21, 1967 at Muskoka Lake and the Directors of the Association are cordially invited.

Mexican Visit - The mission is made up of 5 persons from industry and government in Mexico and is scheduled to visit the asbestos operations in the latter half of September 1967. The General Manager has been delegated to coordinate the trip with Mr. Mulvihill of the Federal Department of Trade & Commerce.

Treasurer

1. It was reported that the Bank of Montreal had recently opened a branch on the campus of the University of Sherbrooke and therefore it was felt that it would be more convenient to have the Association's Sherbrooke account at that Branch rather than at the King and Bryan Streets Branch of the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce where it is presently located.

On motion duly seconded, it was therefore unanimously resolved that:

WHEREAS the Bank of Montreal has opened a branch at the University of Sherbrooke, Sherbrooke, Que.;

AND WHEREAS it was deemed expedient for the transaction of its business that the Association's Sherbrooke Bank Account be located at the said Branch of the Bank of Montreal;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED:

THAT the Treasurer of the Association be and he is hereby authorized to open a current account at the University of Sherbrooke Branch of the Bank of Montreal;

THAT any one of the following officers of the Association be and they are hereby authorized to sign cheques drawn on the said account, namely:

- 1) The President;
- 2) The General Manager and Secretary;
- 3) The Treasurer;
- 4) The Director of the Association's Testing Research Laboratory at the University of Sherbrooke;

THAT the Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to complete and sign on behalf of the Association the usual forms required by the Bank for the opening and conducting of the said account;

AND THAT consequently, the present Bank account located at the King and Bryant streets Branch of the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce be closed.

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2. In view of the changes in the Executive of the Asbestos Corporation Limited, it was deemed expedient to amend the list of Officers who are authorized to sign cheques, etc. drawn on the Association's Bank account with the Royal Bank of Canada, Thetford Mines Branch.

On motion duly seconded, it was therefore unanimously resolved:

THAT, effective immediately, the name of Mr. H.W. Foster be added to the list of Officers who are authorized to sign cheques, etc. on behalf of the Association and drawn on the Association's Bank account with the Royal Bank of Canada, Thetford Mines Branch, and that the name of Mr. Peter M. Riordon be deleted therefrom.

3. The Meeting was advised that the Association appeared as beneficiary under the insurance policies taken out on the life of Paul-A. Filteau, and, wishing to have this changed, on motion duly seconded, it was unanimously resolved that:

WHEREAS under date of September 10th, 1963, The Manufacturers Life Insurance Company issued Policy no. 1,747,546 for \$24,000.00 and Policy No. 1,747,547 for \$6,000.00 on the life of Paul-A. Filteau, General Manager and Secretary of the Association;

WHEREAS the Quebec Asbestos Mining Association was named the beneficiary of the said two policies;

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AND WHEREAS it is deemed expedient to change the beneficiary of the said policies;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED:

THAT The Manufacturers Life Insurance Company be hereby requested and authorized to change the name of the beneficiary of their Policy No. 1,747,546 and of their Policy No. 1,747,547, (which policies were issued on the life of Paul-A. Filteau, General Manager and Secretary of this Association, under date of September 10th, 1963) by deleting the name of the " QUEBEC ASBESTOS MINING ASSOCIATION" and substitute in its place "LEGAL HEIRS" of the Insured;

AND THAT the Treasurer be, and he is hereby authorized to take the necessary steps with the Insurance Company to give effect to this Resolution and to sign on behalf of the Association all documents pertaining thereto.

4. Approval is being requested for an amount of \$699.56 as an addition to Dr. McDonald's budget; this amount covers office facilities provided for the Doctor McDonald's personnel at the Thetford Clinic. To be granted, if present funds are insufficient.

5. The books of the Association have been audited and copies of report will be sent to Directors.

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Next Meeting

It was agreed that no regular meeting will be held prior to the Special Summer Meeting at Le Manoir Richelieu from August 9 to 12, next. With respect to the latter meeting it was decided to invite the President and the Secretary of the Quebec Metal Mining Association, as special guests.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was formally terminated.

The Deputy-minister of Labour, Mr. Donat Quimper was guest of the Association for luncheon following the meeting.

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Secretary

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General Manager.

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S. REPORT OF TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

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QUEBEC ASBESTOS MINING ASSOCIATION

SPECIAL SUMMER MEETING - MANOIR RICHELIEU, MURRAY BAY, P.Q.

AUGUST 8 - 11, 1967

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE REPORT

The Technical Committee held its fifty-third meeting on June 6th with all member companies represented. On this occasion all subjects in progress were on the agenda and the work of the respective sub-committees was reviewed.

Unitized Load Sub-Committee

This sub-committee met last on July 13th to review the opinions of the member companies in applying the recommended unit load to particular cases. The review of this type of packaging indicated the need of changes in the recommendation.

The variety of units was also apparent with a range of costs to build such units. This is brought about by the size of each bag, whether the fibres are loose or densely packed, and the number of tons in each unit.

The problem of loading units, with pallets into a standard freight car was raised but no ready solution was found.

Oil Absorption Sub-Committee

This committee now is studying the effect of temperature on the test results and the experience of using this procedure in laboratories that are not familiar with the details of this test. It is hoped that in a short time a suitable method of testing a grade for the ability to adsorb oil will be finalized.

Fibre Strength Unit Test

This sub-committee has drawn up a procedure for a round robin series of tests to see if the tolerances they have considered for certain portions of this test can improve the reproducibility of this test method. It is hoped that this round robin will be concluded before the next Technical Committee meeting.

A.S.T.M. Committee D-30

The Task Forces that have prepared procedures for A.S.T.M. consideration to date have had two procedures accepted, namely the Sampling Procedure and the Bauer McNett Procedure and it is hoped that the Air Permeability Procedure for testing the openness of asbestos fibre grades will be accepted in the near future.

Sampling Sub-Committee

This sub-committee has been reactivated because the present procedure is not suitable for the sampling of the large tonnages of fibre without handling individual bags, hence they are to consider a random method of sampling for such a case.

The Editorial Sub-Committee

This committee has reviewed all the procedures submitted to A.S.T.M. and have prepared a drawing file which is now in the hands of Mr. Filteau to fill requests for detailed information on Q.A.M.A. accepted tests.

The Magnetic Rating Sub-Committee

This sub-committee is following the work of the American Textile Institute and A.S.T.M. D-13 Committee is revising their tentative test procedure.

R. Dodds-Mcbronn

Chairman

6. REPORT OF UNIFORM CLASSIFICATION AND GRADING COMMITTEE

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REPORT OF UNIFORM CLASSIFICATION & GRADING COMMITTEE

The Chairman is pleased to report as follows:-

1. Sherbrooke Laboratory

- 1.0 The regular work of the laboratory is proceeding normally. Group 4, 5 & 6 fibres of the 1966 Exchange Samples have been retested for P.V. value in view of the changes in procedure which came out of the S.U. Sub Committee Study. The 1967 results are significantly higher than the 1966 results.
- 1.1 Mr. Mull - lab. technician and former C.J.M. employee, was retired on June 30. In view of 1967 salary increases (approved by Q.A.M.A. Directors on May 28), an attempt will be made to get the work done with four technicians instead of the former five.
- 1.2 Two of the staff of the Venezuela Department of Mines are spending 10 days in the Sherbrooke Laboratory learning about asbestos fibre testing. They will not see any test results of member company's fibres.

2. Fibre Inspector

At this Chairman's request the Fibre Inspector has developed a method of random Q.S. testing of production rather than shipments. Testing of shipments does not appear too practical. This is in line with the "Suggested Controls for P.V. Classification" submitted to the Q.A.M.A. Directors in Barbados, and mentioned in Quebec on May 29th of shipment sampling for Q.S. The method can be adapted to any classification that might be adopted in future. It has been submitted to the members of the U.C. & G. Committee - unfortunately, the scheduled August 1st meeting was not possible.

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3. McNett Classification

3.0 The McNett Points Classification of Asbestos Fibres" submitted to the U.C. & G Committee on May 15th is still being studied by the members.

3.1 A request went out to all companies requesting the number of grades (by fibre group only) that they might wish to classify under a McNett, Colour or P.V. Classification. This was an attempt to assess the real need of a McNett or Colour Classification.

Replies are incomplete at this date but there is some interest in a McNett Classification.

4. Department of Energy, Mines and Resources - Ottawa

I am informed by Mr. Winer that progress is as follows:-

4.0 Methods to measure length and diameter.

The method of dispersing fibres into solution, photographing these dispersed fibres directly on to a negative, enlarging and photographing is now in use. Mr. Winer feels that this phase could be done in 15 or 20 minutes.

At the moment enlargements of Cassiar fibres are being photographed, their length is being measured by the Zeiss Particle Size Analyser, their diameter is being measured by the Watson Image Shearing and the results will be compared with tests by Cassiar such as Suter-Webb, etc.

4.1 Measure Texture

Very little to report, any tests carried out have been negative.

4.2 Measure "Openness"

The small nitrogen absorption unit is now operative. This unit measures total surface area. Fibres, and other materials, are now being tested on the small machine to correlate it with the larger unit. Comparisons will then be carried out with existing Q.A.M.A. tests - Mr. Winer is hopeful.

H.W. Foster
Chairman

7. REPORT OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

- BILL 79

QUEBEC ASBESTOS MINING ASSOCIATION

SPECIAL SUMMER MEETING - MANOIR RICHELIEU, MURRAY BAY, P.Q.

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INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

The C.A.M.A. engineer's reports have been circulated - the last issued July 17th. Mr. Lechance has made sound surveys at the mines, and states the problem is similar at all locations. He also advises that his surveys show that considerable work must be done in dust control. The automatic dust counter delivery is scheduled for September - October. Efforts to shorten this delivery have been unsuccessful.

An interesting report by the C.M.A. Industrial Relations section has been issued July 6th. A copy is available at this meeting. It outlines the Workmen's Compensation Commission's ideas and also the additional costs that may occur. These are the same problems which the C.A.M.A. is facing and is trying to offset. (See Bill 79)

Another interesting item is the proposed Unemployment Insurance benefits rising from \$36 to \$65. This is proposed for the September session of Parliament. Although they state no rise in contributions may be necessary, the fund has had problems in operating at today's benefits.

The trend of the cost-of-living index may change future negotiations. This is indicated by union officials. From January 1966 to January 1967 the index rose from 141.2 to 146.0. At the 0.6 factor this is equivalent to 8 cents per hour. From June 1966 to July 1967 the index rose from 143.8 to 148.8, or an equivalent of 8.25 cents per hour. The unions are questioning the .6 factor and there is some question of its validity today.

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It is noticeable that accident rates and costs are rising. This is partially due to the attitude of the W.C.C. to accept more doubtful claims and make more generous awards. Also men now are more willing, in fact prefer, to be on compensation rather than accept rehabilitation work.

New contracts in the paper industry in the Eastern Townships are rather startling, both in scope and wages. In 1968 our base will be \$2.45 vs. \$3.00 for paper; 18 weeks' severance pay for one to five years seniority; two days paid holidays at Christmas and New Years; four weeks holidays after 15 years service; guaranteed wage clause, with no time clocks.

J.O. Eby
Chairman.