MINUTES OF THE 78TH MEETING OF THE
QUEBEC ASBESTOS MINING ASSOCIATION
HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 5TH, 1962 AT
THE ST. GEORGE'S CLUB, SHERBROOKE, P.Q.

Present:

Messrs.	K.V. Lindell	I.C. Campbell	R.J. Merrill
	R.S. Coleman	A.B. Cummins	L.O. Montpetit
	W.J. Johnson	J.O. Eby	G. Robinson
	M.J. Messel'	F.P. Hodgson	P.P. Smith
	A.L. Penhale	J.R. Hutcheson	I. Sabourin
	G.W. Smith	A.S. Johnson, Jr.	W.H. Soutar

Minutes of the meeting of January 8th, 1962, were adopted.

Uniform Classification and Grading

Fibre Inspector's reports of January 19th and February 22nd were distributed by mail. The Inspector also visited and tested the Q.S. machines at the Provincial Government's Pilot Plant in Quebec and at the Q.A.M.A. Laboratory in Sherbrooke.

The Laboratory in Sherbrooke is now equipped to handle several tests and as of February 28th samples for testing had been received from four member companies. Members are asked to get samples to the Sherbrooke Laboratory to provide work for the lab.

The committee has ordered additional testing equipment for the lab. which will cost approximately $15,000.00.

It is agreed that payments to the University of Sherbrooke for operation of the lab. will be on the basis of salaries plus 10% plus fringe benefits.

Safety

The recommendations of the Safety Engineers regarding rules governing the awarding of the Lynn MacLeod Safety Trophy as outlined in a letter of January 24th, 1962, are adopted.

Workmen's Compensation

The Chairman reported on a letter sent to the Minister of Labour and President and Commissioners of the Quebec Workmen's Compensation Commission supporting briefs of the C.M.A. and Q.M.M.A.P.A. against many changes in the Act as proposed by the Quebec Federation of Labour.

Industrial Relations

Negotiations toward collective agreements in the industry are progressing slowly.

The existence of a new salaried employee union is reported by one company.

Public Relations

A report is being prepared by Editorial Associates for distribution at the Special Meeting to be held on March 23rd.

Technical and Research

Minutes of a meeting held on January 16th have been issued to members.

Legislation and Taxation

Rumours are circulating regarding possible imposition by the Provincial Government of a special sales tax on sales of asbestos fibres. There are also reports of the possible entry by the Provincial Government into the field of real estate taxation.

The hearing on tariffs on series #410 is to be reopened and it is unlikely that any decisions will be reached before 1963.

Reference is made to Bill C-38, 'An Act to provide for Reporting of Financial and other Statistics', and the fact that there are minor differences in information requested from Companies and Unions. Counsel stresses that information filed by private companies is to remain confidential.

Traffic

Agreements have been reached with the Continental and U.K. Conferences which will result in an increase of $1.00 per ton over 1961.

Rates of the River Plate Conference will probably increase $2.00 per ton rather than $5.00 originally proposed.

Discussions have been held with C.N.R. and C.P.R. re possibility of reducing export rates through Atlantic ports but no decision has been reached.

Association Name

Nothing new. Closed.

Exchange of Information - U.S.S.R.

Mr. A. S. Johnson, Jr. will accompany Mr. Lindell on the next trip to the U.S.S.R.

Grading and Classification - Agreement Providing Sanctions

Nothing new. Closed.

C.I.M.M. - Annual Meeting

A request by the Ottawa Branch for a contribution toward this meeting is approved in the sum of $750.00.

Treasurer's Report

Audited copies of the 1961 report supplied to members.

Accounts Payable

Payment of the following accounts is ratified:

Editorial Associates Ltd.	January 1962 -	$ 6,711.51
Riddell, Stead, Graham and Hutcheson	(audit) -	$ 200.00

Q.S. Test Machine

A request from the magazine 'Asbestos' for permission to publish the Q.S. Test Machine specifications is referred to Mr. F. P. Hodgson for reply.

Car Mileage

Approval is given to allow the Fibre Inspector and Ventilation Engineer a rate of twelve cents (12¢) per mile on use of their personal cars on Association business, effective January 1st, 1962.

Research Program

Dr. A. B. Cummins submitted copies of a report prepared by himself together with one from Dr. G. A. Collins.

In Dr. Cummins report it is indicated that there are three possible sources from which research grants might be available:

(1) Department of Mines and Technical Surveys
(2) Defence Research Board
(3) National Research Council.

Research Program - Cont'd

The grant from the Dept. of Mines would be in the form of research work done following the outline of a program by the Q.A.M.A.

The Defence Research Board has funds available for grants on Defence Industrial Applied Research projects and will consider proposals from industry for such grants.

It is understood that the National Research Council also has funds available from which to make grants for industrial research projects and it is possible a grant might be made to Sherbrooke University.

Mr. Karl V. Lindell and Mr. I. Sabourin visited Mr. J. Flynn, recently appointed Federal Minister of Mines and Technical Surveys, and also met with the Deputy Minister, Dr. Marc Boyer to discuss the possibility of establishing research facilities for which capital costs would be provided from government sources and operating costs by the industry. Mr. Lindell will prepare a draft proposal for review and discussion at the Special Meeting at Montebello.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at the Chateau Frontenac in Quebec City at 10 a.m. Monday, May 7th.

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.