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ASBESTOS TEXTILE INSTITUTE

Minutes - GENERAL MEETING - June 12, 1970
Balmoral Hotel, Thetford Mines, Canada

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In attendance:

AMERICAN ASBESTOS TEXTILE CORP.

J.W. Christenbury
Geo.S. Fabel
C.O. Hodges
J.L. Rainey
H.E. Walter

ASBESTOS TEXTILE COMPANY, INC.

F.T. Gatke, Jr.

ASBESTOS TEXTIL, S.A.

D. Barois

ASBESTOS CORPORATION LIMITED

C.G. Bourne
G.T.A. Brink
M.P. Carson
F.A. Cunningham
H.C. Pharo
P.E. Leclerc
W.W. Oughtred

BELL ASBESTOS MINES LIMITED

R. Dodds-Webster
C.H. Schoch
F.P. Smith
G.W. Smith
W.H. Smith
Wm.J.W. Smith

CADALADE, NICKERSEAM & CO.

H.C. Roosevelt

CANADIAN JOHNS-MANVILLE CO., LTD.

J.O. Eby
H.W. Hendry
J.R.H. Hutcheson
K.V. Lindell
L. Monroe

CASSIAR ASBESTOS CORPORATION LTD.

A.C. Seguin
J.G. Berry
S.K. Brigham
J.D. Christian
C.R. Elliott
M.G. Mazurkewich
T.T. Tigert

GARLOCK Inc.

S.G. Dixit
G.E. Houghton
G.P. Wiess

GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY

P.O. Nicodemus

HILADOS y TEJIDOS de ASBESTO, S.A.

O. Horcasitas
O. Horcasitas, Jr.

JOHNS-MANVILLE CORPORATION

I. Barnett
A.A. Roberts
E.A. Schuman
C.L. Sheckler
W.C. Streib
W.C. Atkinson (Retired)

LAFIT ASBESTOS OF QUEBEC, LIMITED

E.A. Farrell
R.P. Gagnon
A. Gauthier
R.W. Godfrey
M.J. Messel
K.W. Nelson
L.C. Piuze
C.E. Stiefken

NICOLET INDUSTRIES, INC.

Geo. Griswold, Jr.
J. McDermott
J.K. Whittaker

H.K. PORTER COMPANY, INC.

E.C. Bratt
D.T. Childers
J.W. Echerd
L.E. Moody
K.W. Sulser

RAMBESTOS-MANVILLE, INC.

M.Q. Scowcroft
I.H. Weaver

TURNER BROTHERS ASBESTOS CO., LTD.

W.H. Deckman

TURNER & NEWALL LTD.

B. Lincoln



Attendance - continued:

UNIROYAL, INC.

D.T. Austin, Jr.

E.A. Morris

Dr. J.H. Wolfsie

AMERICAN SOCIETY for TESTING & MAT'LS

P.J. Smith

ASBESTOS TEXTILE INSTITUTE

H.E. Sunbury (Secretary)

Note: Not listed are the 47 ladies who accompanied their husbands to the June 10-12th meeting at Thetford Mines, and graced the several social affairs! We were most proud and happy to have them present!

***** Minutes *****

1. President Schuman called the meeting to order at 8:40 A.M.
2. The minutes of the last meeting were presented for reading. On motion of Mr. T.A. Farrell, seconded by Mr. C.L. Sheckler, it was voted to omit the reading of same.
3. The Financial Report was presented by Mr. M.Q. Scowcroft, Treasurer. Mr. L.E. Moody moved that the report be accepted, seconded by Mr. J.W. Christenbury, so voted unanimously. The report is attached.
4. The Fibre Producer's Report was presented by Mr. N.W. Hendry, Vice President & General Sales Manager, Canadian Johns-Manville Asbestos Ltd. The highlights of his interesting report is attached.
5. Committee Reports were given by the respective chairmen; and their reports are attached to these minutes:
 - Air Hygiene & Mfg. - H.E. Walter (For H.M. Willingham)
 - Asbestos Advisory - M.Q. Scowcroft
 - Technical - S.G. Dixit
 - Fiber Testing - D.E. Childers
6. At this point in the meeting President Schuman asked each person present to stand and identify himself and his company. Mr. Schuman said it was very gratifying that we had such a large attendance, and that we were particularly pleased and honoured by the large number of company officials and executives who were present. He mentioned, also, our great pleasure that our two Member Companies in Mexico were represented at this meeting by, respectively: Mr. O. Horcasitas, President, Hilados y Tejidos de Asbesto, S.A., Mexico; and by Mr. Denis Barois, Manager, Asbestos Textil, S.A., Mexico.
7. President Schuman introduced Mr. J.D. Christian, President, Cassiar Asbestos Corp., Ltd., as the Guest Speaker. Mr. Christian devoted his talk to a description of their new Clinton Mine which is currently the most northerly open-pit mining operation in Canada. It is situated about 48 air miles northwest of Dawson City, Yukon Territory. The Clinton Mine commenced production in April 1968, and is now exceeding an annual rate of 90,000 tons of asbestos fibre. Mr. Christian showed some charts of the geology of the main ore body, which is estimated to contain 26 million tons of available ore with 85% asbestos fibre recoverable. Concluding his intensely interesting talk was a 32 minute color film showing operations at the Clinton Mine, also transportation of fiber from this remote area to Vancouver, B.C., from where the product goes to 25 countries on five continents!

On behalf of those present Mr. Schuman expressed appreciation to Mr. Christian for his fine talk, and opportunity to see the film.

9. President Schuman asked Mr. C.L. Sheckler, Chairman of the ATI Environmental Study Committee to comment on matters of current interest to the asbestos industry. Following are brief highlights of his remarks: Government Hygienists (ACGIH) have changed the Threshold Limit Value (TLV) for asbestos dust from 12 fibers per ML, 5 microns or greater in length, (2 MPPCF) to 5 fibers per ML, 5 microns or greater in length, on a time weighted average with a ceiling of 10 fibers per ML, 5 microns or greater in length. Has discussed

this new ceiling value (TLV) with Dr. L.J. Cralley and other U.S.P. H.S. personnel and they believe that it will remain in force for a considerable time to come. In future the Industrial Hygienist will make a complete study of an operation, take readings at time intervals, peak and minimum periods, etc. So it becomes more complex!

All materials sold to U.S. Navy and Coast Guard, effective on July 1, 1970, under the "Harbor Worker's Act", must have a "Material Safety" questionnaire filled out indicating what potential hazard, if any, exists in the use or handling of the product. Purchases are already being cancelled where this questionnaire is not filled out.

Mentioned that Mr. Selikoff was sponsoring a symposium on "Asbestos & Health" about June 17-18, 1970 but did not have the agenda.

Referred to an article in the British Journal of Hygiene on Hazards of Asbestos (Safety) Clothing by dust and fibers released from protective clothing made from asbestos fabrics. The writer of the article said that cotton backed fabrics with aluminized asbestos face had been suggested as a possible solution for this hazard.

The Asbestosis Research Council (England) has published new booklets concerning safe usage of asbestos products.

Referred to a U.S. Government Agency report (Litton Report) entitled "Preliminary Air Survey of Asbestos". Said this report is full of half-truths as well as inaccuracies, and is most damaging.

Mentioned the "Coal Miners Health & Safety Act" that became effective at end of December 1969. Repeated his prediction at prior meetings of the Institute, that the next push would be by Textile Workers for a similar Act for so-called "Brown Lung" (Bysinosis) alleged to afflict cotton-mill workers.

Referred to the well publicized New York City controversy over the spraying of asbestos fiber to fireproof steel framework of buildings under construction. Said the Sprayed Mineral Fiber Mfrs. Association should have anticipated the difficulty and tried to avoid it by taking precautions such as enclosing the work area to contain the dust. It may now be too late to save their industry, as other methods of fireproofing are being researched.

His committee will cooperate on new booklets being prepared by AFI Asbestos Advisory Comm., and AFI Air Hygiene & Mfg. Comm.

10. Mr. Schuman asked the members to stand for a minute of silence in memory of Robert E. Cryor, a former president of the Institute (1951-1952) who passed away April 21, 1970. A letter of sympathy has been sent to Mrs. Cryor on behalf of the members and Board of Governors.

11. Mr. Schuman announced that the next General Meeting of the Institute would be held October 7-9, 1970 at the Hilton Inn, located in Williamsburg, Virginia. This will be our Annual Meeting and members are asked to urge their company officials to attend, also to bring their wives (or any other members of their family who are interested in this historic location).

12. President Schuman thanked the five mining companies, joint hosts for this meeting, for their wonderful hospitality, namely:-

the ASBESTOS CORPORATION LIMITED
BELL ASBESTOS MINES LIMITED
CANADIAN JONAS-MANVILLE CO., LTD.
CASSIAR ASBESTOS CORPORATION LIMITED
LANE ASBESTOS OF QUEBEC, LTD.

Mr. Schuman asked Mr. Wm. J. W. Smith, Chairman of the Miner's Committee, to address the meeting. Mr. Smith said it was the intent of the above mentioned companies that the AMI members, and other guests, should enjoy their visit to Thetford Mines, and to have an opportunity to learn something of the problems of the asbestos producer. That it had been a pleasure for he and his able committee members to make the many arrangements for the meeting, and hoped that everyone had a good time! In conclusion he remarked that the Miner's had a specially-made souvenir for all those present at the meeting!

13. The meeting adjourned at 11:00 A.M. and was followed by a Reception & Buffet Luncheon. A Charter Bus left for Montreal Airport at 12:00 Noon.

Respectfully submitted,

H. E. Sunbury
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Secretary