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MINUTES of the General Meeting of the Asbestos Textile Institute held June 9, 1955 in Philadelphia, Pa.

IN ATTENDANCE:

F. J. Waken, President
JOHNS-MANVILLE CORP.

AMERICAN ASBESTOS TEXTILE CORP.
J. W. Weber
A. J. Scanlan

ASBESTOS CORPORATION, LTD.
Paul LeClerc
George Jenkins

ASTEN-HILL MANUFACTURING CO.
D. R. Holmes

BELL ASBESTOS MINES
J. A. Smith

CAPE ASBESTOS COMPANY, LTD.
R. E. Cryor

JOHNS-MANVILLE CORP.
W. G. Hoffer
E. A. Schuman

JOHNSON'S COMPANY
A. W. G. Gibb

KEASBEY & MATTISON CO.
C. R. Frederick
R. L. Lanz
D. W. Widmayer
A. E. Whitfield

RAYBESTOS-MANHATTAN, INC.
J. A. Bettes
J. A. Brown
H. W. Oliver

SOUTHERN ASBESTOS COMPANY
O. C. Fehrers
J. T. Griffis
G. J. Harris
J. D. McCluer

UNION ASBESTOS & RUBBER CO.
J. F. Corcoran
F. B. Kreider

SOCIETE FRANCAISE DE L'AMIANTE
Pierre Savary

CADWALADER, WICKERSHAM & TAFT
H. I. Ruddock

ASBESTOS TEXTILE INSTITUTE
H. C. Shaw

1. The meeting was called to order by President Waken and an address of welcome extended to all those in attendance, especially recognizing the good representation of Associate members present. During the course of the introductory remarks the members were advised regarding the absence of George Marshall, Raybestos-Manhattan, one of the founders of the Institute and a member who rarely misses the Institute meetings. Mr. Marshall's absence on this occasion is due to the fact that he is presently under medical attention and treatment at the Kempner Clinic, Duke University. Hope was here expressed that Mr. Marshall's recovery would be speedy and that he would be able to attend the next meeting of this association.

Following these remarks each member was asked to introduce himself and identify his company affiliation.

2. The President introduced the Minutes of the last meeting of the Institute for reading at this time, however, Mr. D. W. Midmayer moved that the reading be dispensed with at this time since all members had received copies of these minutes and were familiar with the actions there taken. Mr. D. E. Holmes seconded this motion and it was unanimously agreed upon.

3. The Treasurer's Report was presented by the Assistant Treasurer in the absence of Treasurer J. G. Schoepf. Following a discussion of this report, it was moved by J. A. Bettes, seconded by J. F. Corcoran, and unanimously agreed that the report be accepted. (Copy attached).

4. The Secretary's report was read by the Secretary and is attached as a part of the Minutes of this meeting.

6. The first committee report was presented by Mr. D. E. Holmes on behalf of the Air Hygiene Committee. This report and the discussion pertaining thereto was mainly concerned with a proposal for research recently submitted to the Institute by the Air Hygiene Committee, said research covering the two projects: 1) a cardio-Pulmonary study and 2) an autopsy study. It was generally agreed that the first project noted would be desireable and would undoubtedly provide some information of significance, however, the inability of member companies to obtain candidates for participation in this project, which would require hospitalization and observation, would seem to provide great difficulties in effectively carrying out such a program at this time. The second program listed was considered ill-advised at this time due to its implication that a relationship existed between asbestosis and carcinogenic development, a condition which, to date, has not been established although it has been given rather wide-spread publicity in the press.

7. The Technical Committee report was presented by Mr. J. D. McCluer, Chairman of that Committee. (Report attached). In pursuance of the several projects under consideration by this group the following results were reported: 1) the industry-wide tabulation of braided tubing constructions have been drafted and are being submitted to the Sales Promotion Committee for consideration, 2) the tape list, covering an industry-wide selection of these materials, has been completed and is likewise being submitted to the Sales Promotion Committee for review, 3) the standard cloth list has been brought up to date, with changes being made with regard to the tensile strengths of certain grades of the HOPLO constructions. Many other activities of this committee were reported upon and the attached report covers the remarks in full.

8. The Fellowship Report was presented by the Fellow and covered, in the main, the results of recent work with respect to the determination of the elevated temperature characteristics of those asbestos textiles included in several federal and industrial specifications which contain provisions for a heat aging test. The Fellowship report is attached as a part of the Minutes of this meeting.

problems confronting our industry. It was further recommended that the Secretary prepare a letter of appreciation to be sent to each of the Doctors who have participated in these discussions and have contributed so much to the constructive thinking and action now in effect.

7. The report of the Sales Promotion Committee was presented by Mr. A. E. Whitfield. Under the direction of this committee a subcommittee has been activated to provide a contact group between the various Federal agencies and the asbestos textile producers as represented by members of the Institute, for the purpose of clarifying asbestos textile fiber availabilities. This subcommittee is composed of Mr. C. S. Faoel, Chairman, J. A. Bettes and A. E. Whitfield. Mr. C. S. Faoel reviewed the activities of the group during the preceeding quarter and the essence of his remarks are included as a part of the full committee report submitted by Mr. Whitfield and attached as a part of the Minutes of this meeting. The activities of this committee continue to be constructively productive and in recognition of the efforts exerted in promoting the best interests of the asbestos textile industry, President Widmayer extended the appreciation of the Institute membership.

8. The Fellowship report was presented by H. C. Shaw and copies of the full report were distributed at the time of the presentation. A resume of the full report was presented and the results of investigations covering two of the Fellowship Projects were reviewed. Copies of this report are attached as a part of the Minutes of this meeting.

9. The Technical Committee report was presented by J. D. McCluer, Chairman of the Technical Committee. This committee met on October 6 and considered a full agenda of subjects and, as part of the afternoon session, met with the Sales Promotion Committee for discussions of mutual interest to both committees. Copies of the Minutes of the meeting of this committee and the report for committee, presented at this General meeting are attached as a part of the Minutes of this meeting.

10. There being no further committee reports for presentation, President Widmayer acknowledged the activity extended by all of those participating on the several committees and expressed the thanks of the Institute for the tireless efforts directed toward the proper functioning of these committees as they carry out the important assignments with which they have been charged.

11. The next order of business presented for consideration concerned matters of old business.

a) Presented at the last meeting of the Asbestos Textile Institute was a letter written by Mr. A. L. Penhale, on behalf of the Quebec Asbestos Miners Association, wherein the present and the anticipated asbestos fiber availabilities for the Canadian producers was outlined. This letter was subsequently circulated in the press and among the several agencies in Washington concerned with this matter. As a result of this dissemination the fiber availability picture has been clarified and certain inconsistancies and inequities which have existed for some time are now being rectified. In view of the assistance offorded by Mr. Penhale, through his letter, the President wrote an appreciative acknowledgement on behalf of the Asbestos Textile Institute and a copy of this correspondence is attached as a part of the Minutes of this meeting.