

MINUTES of the General Meeting of the Asbestos Textile Institute held September 8, 1955 at the Essex House, New York, N. Y.

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

AMERICAN ASBESTOS TEXTILE CORP.
J. W. Weber

ASBESTOS CORPORATION
J. A. Marcotte

ASTEN-HILL MANUFACTURING CO.
D. R. Holmes

CAPE ASBESTOS LTD.
R. E. Geyer

CASSIAR ASBESTOS CORP.
T. Z. Tigert

JOHNS-MANVILLE CORP.
K. Q. Bagyard
E. Beale
L. R. Hoff
W. G. Haffar
H. M. Jackson
E. A. Schuman
Mr. Seeds

JOHNSON'S COMPANY LTD.
Carl Lindman

KEASBEY & MATTISON CO.
C. R. Frederick
A. E. Whitfield
R. L. Lamm

RAYBESTOS-MANHATTAN, INC.
J. A. Bettes
J. A. Brown
M. W. Oliver
R. B. Smith

SOUTHERN ASBESTOS CO.
J. T. Griffis
O. J. Harris
R. S. Hulse
J. D. McCluer

UNION ASBESTOS & RUBBER CO.
W. H. Fahrs
F. J. Kreider

CADWALADER, WICKERSHAM & TAFT
H. I. Ruddock

ASBESTOS TEXTILE INSTITUTE
H. C. Shaw

Guests: Ivan Sabourin
Q.A.M.A. Counsel

1. The meeting was called to order by President Wakem and an address of welcome extended to the members and guests in attendance. In his opening remarks Mr. Wakem read a telegram received from O. W. Marshall, Jr. in which Mr. Marshall extended greetings to the members attending this eleventh annual meeting and expressed his regrets in not being able to meet with the group on this occasion.

2. President Wakem introduced the Minutes of the last meeting of the Institute for reading at this time. However, Mr. J. A. Bettes 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. This motion was seconded by Mr. A. E. Whitfield and unanimously agreed upon.

3. The Treasurer's report was presented by the Assistant Treasurer in the absence

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of Mr. J. O. Schoepf, Treasurer. Following a discussion of this report, it was moved by D. R. Holmes, seconded by A. E. Whitfield and unanimously agreed that the report be approved. (Copy attached)

4. In further consideration of the Treasurer's report, President Wakem called attention to the fact that the next meeting of the Institute will be the final one for this fiscal year and on that occasion the budget for 1956 will be a subject for consideration. In preparation for this action, the following members were appointed to serve on the budget committee and were instructed to prepare recommendations for a budget for 1956:

Chairman — J. G. Schoepf
A. J. Scanlan
G. W. Marshall, Jr. (J. A. Bettes Alternate).

5. The next segment of the meeting was devoted to reports presented by the chairman of each of the several active committees of the Institute.

a) Air Hygiene Committee. The Air Hygiene Committee report was presented by H. H. Jackson, Chairman, and covered a comprehensive review of the important activities of this group. Recognition was extended to the Canadian associates who have cooperated with this committee and who have contributed a great deal to its endeavors. It was suggested that in order to extend and more effectively promote the widespread program of service along the several lines of interest presently under consideration by this committee, that the cooperation of other associations with allied interests in asbestos materials be solicited. The detailed report as presented by Mr. Jackson is appended as a part of the minutes of this meeting.

Also included as a part of these minutes is a report which sets forth the results of a membership survey conducted during 1954 covering the use of fiber treatments as a means of controlling and reducing dust during asbestos textile manufacturing operations. The member companies that have cooperated in this survey are identified in this report by letters and, in the case of company A, two reports were submitted, both of which are included.

b) Technical Committee. The Technical Committee report was presented by J. D. McCluer, Chairman. This report provided detailed information related to the several activities presently under consideration by that committee. It was here reported that the committee has now compiled and submitted to the Sales Promotion Committee for review, a listing of an industry-wide selection of representative tape constructions and braid constructions with an identification code. In addition, significant actions related to certain Federal specifications was also reported. The detailed report as presented by Mr. McCluer is appended as a part of the minutes of this meeting.

c) Sales Promotion Committee. The report for the Sales Promotion Committee was presented by Mr. A. E. Whitfield, Chairman. Many subjects of interest and importance to the membership were discussed in this report which is presented in detail as a part of the minutes of this meeting. One of the subjects which was discussed and in which great interest was evidenced concerned the development of a large, three-section display, the lay-out for which Mr. Whitfield exhibited. The cost of such a display will be about $6000. It was agreed that further consideration be given this matter by the committee in an effort to obtain the cooperation of the producers of asbestos fibers and perhaps others in underwriting such a project.

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October 17, 1955

MINUTES OF THE ASBESTOS TEXTILE INSTITUTE

AIR HYGIENE COMMITTEE MEETING

September 7, 1955

IN ATTENDANCE WERE: D. R. Holmes
J. W. Weber
R. C. Smith
H. H. Jackson

The Air Hygiene Committee was most pleased to have as its guests representatives of the Quebec Mining Association - Dr. Paul Cartier, Mr. Ivan Sabourin and Mr. Maurice La Chance.

Mr. Sabourin, general counsel for the Q.A.M.A. told of the history and function of that association. The Quebec Asbestos Mining Association has been operating for approximately 20 years, and its membership represents approximately 65% of the world supply of asbestos fibre. As an industry association, it functions quite similarly to the Asbestos Textile Institute. Considerable attention is given the health problems of the industry. There are two medical clinics; one at Asbestos, the other at Thetford, both fully staffed and with complete hospital facilities. Pre-employment and periodic health examinations are provided for all workers. Safety engineering services have been provided by the Association to its members for a number of years. More recently, an industrial hygiene engineer has been added to its staff. As a result of the industry emphasis on health, safety and dust control for the past ten years, there are practically no new cases of asbestosis other than those with twenty or more years exposure. Mr. Sabourin stated that the present major health problems of the industry pertained to the relationship of heart difficulties and cancer to asbestos exposure.

Dr. Paul Cartier told of the operation of the Thetford Clinic. Established in 1945, the Clinic provides health services to the Thetford people. Pre-employment and periodic annual examinations include an X-ray and electrocardiagram, as well as the other usual examination features.

Commenting on the occurrence of asbestosis, Dr. Cartier indicated that after ten years exposure, about 50% would have some histological evidence of asbestosis (minimal tissue changes not sufficient to be observed on the X-ray), 10% would have some radiological evidence and 2% might have some clinical evidence of disability from asbestosis.

In reference to the pulmonary cancer experience in the industry, Dr. Cartier stated that in the ten years of the clinic's operation, there have been fifteen cases of cancer observed. Nine of these on autopsy showed some histological evidence of asbestosis. In six, however, there was no evidence of asbestosis. This experience would indicate a very much lower attack rate than that reported from the British experience of 13%.

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