MINUTES of the General Meeting of the Asbestos Textile Institute held on March 8, 1957 in Philadelphia, Pa.



IN ATTENDANCE:

J. A. Bettes, Jr., President
RAYBESTOS-MANHATTAN, INC.

ASTEN-HILL MANUFACTURING CO.
D. R. Holmes

JOHNS-MANVILLE CORP.
K. Q. Beyard
Edw. Beale
L. R. Hoff
W. S. Hough
E. A. Schuman
F. J. Waken

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

RAYBESTOS-MANHATTAN, INC.
M. W. Oliver
R. B. Smith

SOUTHERN ASBESTOS CO.
J. T. Griffis
J. L. Mitchell

TALLMAN-McCLUSKEY FABRICS CO.
T. C. McCluskey
T. C. McCluskey, Jr.

ASBESTOS CORP., LTD.
Paul LeClerc

CASSIAR ASBESTOS CORP., LTD.
T. T. Tigert

NORTH AMERICAN ASBESTOS CORP.
A. F. Jerome

CADWALADER, WICKERSHAM & TAFT
N. I. Ruddock

ASBESTOS TEXTILE INSTITUTE
M. C. Shaw

Luncheon Guests:
Mr. E. Muehleck,
Keasbey & Mattison Co.

Mr. Charles H. Jackson,
Atlas Asbestos Co., Ltd.,
Montreal, Canada

1. The meeting was called to order by President Bettes and an address of welcome was extended to all of those in attendance. Recognition and welcome was extended to Mr. T. C. McCluskey, Tallman-McCluskey Fabrics Company, on this his first attendance as a regular member of the Institute.

2. The minutes of the last meeting were submitted for reading, however, since all members had received copies of these minutes and were familiar with the actions there taken, it was moved by D. W. Widmayer, seconded by D. R. Holmes and unanimously agreed that the reading of the minutes be omitted at this time.

3. The Treasurer's Report was presented by the Assistant Treasurer and upon the recommendation of the Board of Governors who had previously considered this report, it was moved by F. J. Waken, seconded by D. W. Widmayer and unanimously agreed that the report be approved and attached as a part of the minutes of this meeting.

4. The Secretary's Report was next presented and among the subjects discussed were:

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a) A new publication entitled "Asbestos" by Charles Z. Carroll-Porczynski which was reviewed and particulars related to methods of procurement given.

b) Another magazine publication entitled "Research & Engineering" was cited and a review of an article titled "And Now Plastic Missles" in the January 1957 issue of this magazine was presented.

c) The next General Meeting of the Institute which is scheduled to be held at the Warwick Hotel, Philadelphia on Thursday and Friday, June 6 and 7.

5. President Bettes next called upon legal counsel, Mr. H. I. Ruddock, to address the meeting in regard to any legal developments in which this association and its activities might be interested. Mr. Ruddock addressed the group concerning Senate Bill 11 on which hearings were about to be held by the Senate Judiciary Antitrust and Monopoly Legislation Subcommittee of which Sen. Kefauver is Chariman. Mr. Ruddock explained in detail the manner in which this bill, which is a proposed amendment of the Robinson-Patman Act, would limit the right of a manufacturer to lower his price in good faith to meet a competitors lower price. Mr. Ruddock stated that in his opinion the bill would actually impede the normal functioning of free and open competition. He then distributed to all member companies a "Special Legal Bulletin" analyzing Senate Bill 11 in detail and listing the membership of the Senate and House committees which would deal with the bill.

6. The next segment of the meeting was devoted to reports by the Chairmen of the several active committees of the Institute.

a) Mr. D. R. Holmes, Chairman of the Air Hygiene Committee, presented the first report on behalf of his committee. The formal report as presented is attached as a part of the minutes of this meeting. During the course of this presentation it was revealed that through the suggestion and action by the Board of Governors this committee will from this date forward be known as the "Air Hygiene and Manufacturing Committee". It was felt that in most cases the two functions are closely related and that since this committee has in the past very capably considered and acted upon matters specifically related to manufacturing problems, it should now be formally recognized as a function of this group.

b) The Technical Committee report was presented by Chairman M. W. Oliver who reported regarding the work of this committee during the past quarter and in session during this meeting. This committee has been primarily interested during recent months in the revision of the standard cloth list and in the establishment of lot acceptance test procedures and tolerances for the cloths included on this list. Mr. Oliver's Report covered these subjects in detail and a copy of this formal report as presented is attached as a part of the minutes of this meeting.

c) The final committee report was presented by Mr. J. T. Griffis, Chairman of the Sales Promotion Committee. This committee is presently engaged in a number of activities designed to promote the effictive dissemination of information covering asbestos textiles and to explore new fields of utilization for these materials. The formal report as presented by Mr. Griffis is attached as a part of the minutes of this meeting.

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MINUTES OF THE ASBESTOS TEXTILE INSTITUTE

AIR HYGIENE AND MANUFACTURING COMMITTEE

March 7th, 1957

IN ATTENDANCE WERE:

D. R. Holmes - Asten-Hill Mfg. Co.
R. B. Smith - Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc.
B. W. Luttenberger - Raybestos-Manhattan Inc.
J. W. Weber - American Asbestos Textile Corp.
A. E. May - Keasbey & Mattison Co.
W. C. Atkinson - Johns-Manville Corp.
J. L. Mitchell - Southern Asbestos Co.

MORNING SESSION

The first item for discussion was the "Memorandum on Proposed Epidemiological Study of Lung Cancer in Asbestos Workers" for the Asbestos Textile Institute.

This proposal had been under discussion for approximately one year and the cost of it could run from about $17,000.00 to possibly $30,000.00. After a lengthy discussion, the proposal was put to a vote and six of the eight members of the Committee voted against the continuance of the consideration of the proposal. It, therefore, was rejected for the following reasons.

1. It was decided that as the Q.A.M.A. has a similar program, we should not enter into a program of our own as the results of the Q.A.M.A. investigation will be made available to us upon the conclusion of that investigation.

2. There is a feeling among certain members that such an investigation would stir up a hornet's nest and put the whole industry under suspicion.

3. We do not believe there is enough evidence of cancer or asbestosis, or cancer and asbestosis, in this industry to warrant this survey.

The second item to be taken up was a "Memorandum regarding Environmental Dust Survey" for the Asbestos Textile Institute.

This survey would have cost in the vicinity of $7500.00 to $8,000.00, and it would have been part of the type survey made for the industry back in 1947. However, dust counts would only be taken and recommendations made. There would be little or no engineering information or data made available for such a survey due to its low cost.

After much discussion by the committee, a vote was taken on this survey and the entire committee voted against it as it was the opinion of the committee that we did not believe it to be of great enough value to justify the cost. It was our opinion that we can locate our own trouble spots involving high dust counts and correct it

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use the facilities of Travelers Life Insurance Company laboratories to make a comparison of dust counts for little or no expense similar to the survey made by the committee three years ago.

The Chairman was instructed by the committee on both of the above proposals to advise the Industrial Hygiene Foundation that both of the proposals are to be withdrawn.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The entire afternoon was taken up with open discussion concerning methods and means of eliminating dust in plants of member companies.

We discussed the means and methods of eliminating dust from the following type machines: Flyframes, Cards, Twisters, Spinners, Kickers, Blending, Batching, Dust Collectors, etc.

It is understandable that when we have a discussion concerning the elimination of dust by whatever means that we get into many ramifications involving manufacturing methods. This does not mean that we compare or exchange manufacturing ideas or secrets, but it only means that as far as elimination of dust is concerned, we do have open discussion and free exchange of information on each type of machine in order that we may aid each other in eliminating these hazardous dust spots. This discussion took up the entire afternoon.

The committee was very happy to receive in attendance two new members, Mr. W. C. Atkinson from Johns-Manville and Mr. Jerry Mitchell from the Southern Asbestos Company.

Mr. Mitchell indicated at the end of our meeting that he would be the permanent member of our committee.

NEXT MEETING AGENDA

1. Analysis and discussion of the Southern Asbestos Company Report entitled "Analysis of Fibres as Received from Bags", as reported in the Minutes of the Technical Committee for the December Meeting.

2. A continued discussion of Dust Collectors and the best methods of operating such equipment.

3. A continued discussion of the removal of dust from any and all sections of manufacturing by any means.

4. A discussion of dust counts in high count areas and methods of correction.

D. R. Holmes, Chairman
Air Hygiene Committee
Asbestos Textile Institute

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