

MINUTES of the General Meeting of the Asbestos Textile Institute held June 20, 1952 at the Hotel Warwick, Philadelphia, Pa.

IN ATTENDANCE:

R. E. Cryor, President
UNION ASBESTOS & RUBBER CO.

AMERICAN ASBESTOS TEXTILE CORP.
A. J. Scanlan

ASBESTOS CORPORATION, LTD.
J. A. D. Marcotte

ASTEN-HILL MANUFACTURING CO.
J. G. Schoepf

JOHNS-MANVILLE CORP.
W. G. Haffer
J. L. Tucker
Brown
R. Jackson
J. L. Jackson

JOHNSON'S COMPANY
Carl Bindman

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

RAYBESTOS-MANHATTAN, INC.
J. M. Weaver
A. W. Byxbee

SOUTHERN ASBESTOS CO.
G. S. Fabel
C. C. Fehrens
C. J. Harris
J. D. McCluer

UNION ASBESTOS & RUBBER CO.
A. W. Summers
A. R. Byrnes

CADWALADER, WICKERSHAM & TAFT
H. I. Ruddock

RUTGERS UNIVERSITY
H. C. Shaw

1. The meeting was called to order by President Cryor and an address of welcome extended to all members present. Two representatives of new Associate members were introduced--Mr. Carl Bindman, Johnson's Company and Mr. J. A. D. Marcotte, Asbestos Corporation, Ltd.

2. The Treasurer's report (copy attached) was presented by Treasurer D. W. Widmayer. Following a discussion of this report, it was moved by G. S. Fabel, seconded by A. J. Scanlan and unanimously agreed that the report be accepted and entered as a part of the

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Minutes of this meeting.

3. Legal Counsel, H. I. Ruddock, addressed the meeting regarding two new OPS price regulations, the Product Standard Regulation and General Over-riding Regulation No. 29. He dealt with the latter in some detail because it offered a special form of price relief to manufacturers of products essential to national defense and pointed out that members of this Industry might well be able to qualify in view of the large quantities of their products which were used by the Navy.

4. The report for the Air Hygiene Committee was presented by G. S. Febel, a member of this committee, in the absence of Mr. Luttenberger who could not attend the General meeting. Members were advised that a meeting of this committee was held on June 19, under the Chairmanship of Mr. B. W. Luttenberger and at that time a revised program of work for the group was outlined. The Chairman will, in the near future, submit to each member company a questionnaire which will serve to provide the committee with pertinent information that may be used to implement the current program of work being undertaken by this group. Several new hygienic problems now confront the asbestos textile industry and, in recognition of these conditions, this committee earnestly seeks the full cooperation of all members so that full consideration can be given these matters.

5. The report of the Sales Promotion Committee was given by G. J. Harris, Chairman of that Committee, and this report is herewith attached. In the discussion of this report the following actions were taken.

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a) Fellowship Report--Temperature Limits for Asbestos Textiles. It was unanimously agreed that all publicity in connection with the information set forth in this report should be withheld until further test work has been completed. Upon completion of this report to the satisfaction of the Technical Committee and the Sales Promotion Committee, the latter committee will establish the procedure to be followed in publicizing this work.

b) Tucker-Dodge Reports.--The information included in the two subject reports is to be used in the preparation of a handbook. As a first step in this preparation, the Chairman of the Sales Promotion Committee was authorized to set up this information so that it may be mimeographed and initially distributed for general use. This material in this form is then to be revised and further edited prior to its incorporation in a handbook.

c) Visual Aid Displays. During the discussion concerning the placement of our visual aid displays it was recommended that, since we now have members in Canada, attention should be directed toward the placement of displays in that country. McGill University and the University of Toronto have been contacted in this regard and it was suggested that Laval University and the University of Montreal also be approached.

Following the full discussion of this report it was moved by G. S. Fabel, seconded by A. J. Scanlan and unanimously agreed that the report be approved.

6. The report of the Technical Committee was presented by Chairman J. L. Tucker. (Report attached). In the consideration of the Technical Committee report the following matters were discussed.

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a) The recommendations of the Technical Committee with regard to the program of work for the Fellowship were approved with the following revisions. First, the work covering studies of temperature limits for asbestos textiles shall be given priority over all other work and should be completed as quickly as possible. Also to be included as a part of this work to be completed as quickly as possible is the heat aging test as related to Westinghouse and certain Federal Specifications. Secondly, further consideration by the Fellow related to aluminum clad asbestos textiles shall cease until the Sales Promotion Committee and other members have had an opportunity to investigate and evaluate the importance of this development.

Following this discussion the Fellowship program as presented with the above revisions was accepted upon the motion by D. W. Widmayer, seconded by G. S. Fabel and unanimously agreed upon.

The next subject for discussion under the Technical Committee report concerned asbestos-glass combination cloths. It was noted that the terminology used when reference is made to such materials tends to emphasize the word "glass". In an effort to correct this situation the legal counsel prepared and submitted the following resolutions for consideration at this meeting:

"Whereas, it has been observed that a tendency is emerging to emphasize the word "glass" in the designation of asbestos textile products which contain a minor proportion of glass fiber and,

Whereas, it is felt that this nomenclature may be misleading to the public and constitute an implied misrepresentation of actual proportionate importance of the components of the particular asbestos textile products, it is,

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Resolved that it is the sense of this meeting that the name of no minor component of an asbestos textile product should be given prime or equal emphasis with the word "asbestos" in the designation of any asbestos textile product in which asbestos is the principal component."

Following the presentation of the resolution, it was moved by D. W. Widmayer, seconded by H. M. Jackson and unanimously agreed that this resolution be entered in the Minutes of this meeting and thereafter brought to the attention of all those concerned with such materials.

Following the full discussion of the Technical Committee report it was moved by G. S. Fabel, seconded by A. W. Byxbee and unanimously agreed that the report be approved.

7. The Fellowship report was presented by the Fellow. (Copy attached) Subjects included in this report were 1) Temperature Limits for Asbestos Textiles, 2) Heat Aging Tests, 3) Aluminum Clad Asbestos textiles, 4) Asbestos Tape as a Pipe Lagging Material and 5) Glass Asbestos Combination Textiles. Following a discussion of the subjects presented it was moved by G. S. Fabel, seconded by A. J. Scanlan and unanimously agreed that the report be approved.

8. Subjects of old business were next presented for consideration.

a) President Cryor reported that the following five Associate Members have met all requirements for membership during recent months: Asbestos Corporation Ltd., Thetford Mines, Quebec, Canada; British Belting & Asbestos Co. Ltd., Cleckheaton, Yorkshire, England; English Asbestos Co. Ltd., Brislington, Bristol, England; Johnson's Co. Ltd., Thetford Mines, Quebec, Canada, and Small & Parkes Ltd., Manchester, England.

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b) A copy of the first report prepared by the Secretary covering abstracts of literature pertinent to the asbestos textile industry was discussed by the President. This work was carried out in accordance with instructions received at the last meeting and it was felt that this first presentation was of sufficient interest to warrant its continuation. The Secretary was instructed to endeavor to continue this service and present additional reports during the ensuing quarter.

9. Subjects of new business were next presented for consideration.

a) The fall meeting of the Institute is tentatively scheduled to be held in New York City on October 2nd & 3rd. Alternate dates of September 25th and 26th or October 9th and 10th were approved for meeting dates if the dates first selected do not meet with full approval. This meeting is to be scheduled for two days with all committees and the Board of Governors meeting on the first day and the General meeting being held on October 3rd. It was agreed that the General meeting should be keyed to the Associate members and the program so designed to give this group a special recognition. For this occasion, the President will endeavor to have Mr. A. L. Penhale, President of Asbestos Corporation, present the main address for the meeting.

b) Since the next meeting will be the occasion for the election of officers and Board of Governors for the ensuing year, President Cryor appointed the following members to serve on the nominating committee for these elections:

Mr. G. S. Fabel
Mr. G. [illegible]. Marshall
Mr. A. J. Scanlan

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10. In attendance at this meeting were representatives of two Associate member companies and these men were called upon at this time to speak before this meeting.

Mr. Carl Bindman, Johnson's Co., Ltd., addressed the group regarding his recent visit to Japan where he had an opportunity to observe the asbestos textile industry as it is progressing in that country. In addition, he briefly reviewed the spinnable fiber situation which prevails today in Canada. He indicated that in spite of the great increase in total tonnage of asbestos produced in Canada, the immediate prospects of increases in spinning fiber are not very bright. Mr. Bindman, in closing his remarks, expressed his company's pleasure upon now being associated with the Institute and offered full cooperation in the continuation and extension of the many projects in which the Institute is now engaged.

Mr. J. A. B. Marcotte addressed the meeting with complimentary remarks regarding the service the Institute is providing the asbestos textile industry and expressed appreciation for the opportunity the Institute has afforded his company, through the Associate membership, to assist and cooperate in carrying out this work.

11. There being no further business to come before this meeting it was moved by G. C. Fabel, seconded by D. W. Widmayer and unanimously agreed that the meeting be adjourned.

Myril C. Shaw,
Secretary

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