

ESA Executive Committee Meeting

Minutes 3rd August 2020 Online Meeting

Those attending:

John Morton
Wolfgang Bommers
Mark Horton
Alberto Rocca
Chiara Sozzi

1. Apologies for absence: Simone Wilson, Ozan Devlen

2. Review the minutes of the last Ex Comm meeting 17th June 2020

The minutes were accepted from the 17th June meeting.

3. Cash Situation and forecast 2020

We had two outstanding membership fees which were Cetim and Technetics. Cetim had confirmed that they were in the process of paying the fees (2019 & 2020) but Technetics had said that they could no longer afford to pay the fees because of C-19 and wished to cancel membership for 2020 and rejoin in 2021. They had been made aware (in June 2020) that 6 months cancellation notice is required and therefore the 2020 fees were still required. Rejoining at a later date would not be possible without any arrears being paid and there would also be a requirement to pay the joining fee again.

We discussed whether we could adopt a softer approach under the current circumstances but it was agreed that in order to maintain a consistent approach to all members we would confirm that there could be no further delay and payment was to be sought for the full year. MN to write to Technetics.

Forecast

The balance at both banks as of July end was:

Nat West	£158,410	€175,835
Comm Bank		€18,937
Total		€194,772

Forecast

Additional Revenue:	
Cetim	€11,800
VAT	€10,000
Flourseals (new member)	€4000
Costs:	
MN/RV	€50,000

Misc Exp €20,000
Total Year End Forecast: €150,000

Nat West Bank – Euro Account

MN confirmed that we had now opened the Natwest Euro Account and awaiting the paperwork. We agreed to maintain a healthy balance in the Comm account and WB would check with our accountants in Germany that there were no other legal requirements required to maintain our E.V. status.

4. 2020 AGM

WB had provided MN with all the necessary information in order to hold an online AGM in October. MN had notified RV of the dates in October (wk comm 19th October) in order that divisional meeting attendees were informed.

MN would circulate a proposed schedule for 2020 AGM to Exec first.

The Savoyen hotel was now booked for 2021 5/6/7th May. Klinger had confirmed that these dates were good with them.

5. Indian Sealing Association Request.

The ISA had requested support to introduce new technical standards in India which would utilize previous publications from the ESA and FSA. Whilst wishing to be supportive it was felt that it would not be appropriate to provide a written ESA endorsement to the ISA as this was beyond our geographical scope. However, the ISA could utilize any freely available document produced and available to the general public. The ISA had also asked how they could become members of the ESA. As the FSA were not officially members of the ESA then the same courtesy would be extended to the ISA and there would be no need to join or pay any fees. MN to provide a draft letter of support to the ISA to be circulated in the Exec before sending.

6. A.O.B.

JM raised two additional items to be discussed which were both focused on increasing membership and generating wider appeal. This followed a general discussion he had had with some of the other Mechanical Seals divisional members.

- a) JM felt that there was scope to widen the appeal of the ESA through a “Rotary Joints Division’. This could entice organisations from the Packings, Elastomers/Polymeric as well as Mechanical Seals producers.
- b) The current Mechanical Seals Division could be extended to a “Turbo Division” and draw in additional members.

MN to discuss with JM and arrange a separate meeting.

7. Date and venue of the next meeting.

Exec Meeting OnLine 14th Sept 9.00am CEST

Exec 22/23rd September Dusseldorf - Sheraton Hotel

AGM 2020 wk comm 19th October

9th/10th December 2020 – Prague

AGM 2021 27/28/29th April TBC

MN - Cancelled

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M. Neal