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Minutes of the 25th AMEU Bushveld Branch Meeting held on Friday the 20th of March 2015, at Traffic Auditorium, Polokwane, Limpopo Province.

1. Opening and Welcome: The Chairperson Mr S Lelope opened the meeting and welcomed everybody present.
2. The agenda was adopted as it is noting the unavailability of the previous minutes.
3. Local Authorities, Affiliates, and Visitors: Eight municipalities, Eskom, Doe, Five Non Affiliates and Eleven affiliates' members attended the meeting. A total of 39 people were in the meeting. The following municipalities were represented:

- Tzaneen Municipality
- Polokwane municipality
- Mogalakwena municipality
- Ephraim Mogale municipality
- Blouberg Municipality
- Lephhalale Municipality
- Bela-Bela Municipality
- Ellias Motswaledi Municipality.

Eleven affiliates companies present where

- Beka-Schreder
- Aberdare Cables
- Master lock
- Wpl Power Solutions
- Poly Box
- Actom Electrical Products
- Schneider Electric
- Powertech System Integrators
- Edgeline Engineering
- Woodbeam Pty Ltd
- General Cables

Eskom was represented as well

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting: Minutes of the previous minutes were not available.
5. The term of office bearers has lapsed and this matter has been referred back in the last meeting due to the unavailability of Chair and deputy, the matter cannot be referred back again with this meeting since the chair and deputy are unavailable again hence the new members has been elected in their absence.
6. Matters arising from the Minutes: Matters arising from the previous meeting where not discussed as minutes were not available.
7. Standing Items:
 - 8.1 Feedback from exco meetings
 - 8.2 Feedback from Affiliates.

The chairperson gave a summary of the Exco meeting specifically looking at following items.

▪ Load Shedding

The impact of load shedding over the municipality and communities at large.it was reported that load shedding affect negatively on the maintenance of breakers.

It was proposed that Eskom be requested to defray costs on breakers maintenance during load shedding operations.

Municipalities felt that this should be looked at since their system does not allow critical loads and load arcs.

- Introduction of the new affiliate chairperson: Kim has being appointed as the chairperson for the affiliates
- Tariff committee: Nersa has approved Eskom application to increase the tariff to 12.69% as from 1 March 2015

8.3 Feedback from SARPA by Rens Bindeman

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He reported briefly about the oncoming Sarpa convention that will Be held in Mbombela in July. He also spoke about changing the name of copper theft to infrastructure theft.

Remember: All the Sarpa members will attend the Sarpa convention for free. He also urged everybody to attend the convention as it is going to be one of its kind and informative as well.

8.4 DOE related Matters.

Current year subsidy by Phillemon

He has spoken about following items:

Subsidy for electrification

- He explained different charges on urban and rural connections on an a 20A connection:
- Rural Connection is charged at R 12 000
- Urban Connection is charged at R 11 000

Bulk Infrastructure.

The grand is responsible for Substations and Medium voltage lines.

Planning Circle: the circle starts on the 1st of April and July is for applications and August for midyear review.

Application Process

He has explained the application process which municipalities needs to followed in terms of lodging an application for electrification.

- Allocation Criteria
How the department allocate in terms of priorities.
- Project Prioritization
He has explained the different processes of prioritizing models.
- Programme Challenges
In closing, he has undertook to report back to the forum some of the issues raised which he couldn't answer.

8.5 Eskom Related Matters.

Henry Netshakhuma: He has given names of Eskom personnel who are accountable to different municipalities.
He has also undertook to report back to the municipalities pertaining to challenges raised by different municipalities.

8.5 Feedbacks from municipalities:

Polokwane Municipality shared an incident where a ring main unit exploded and injure the electrician mainly because the rmu's does not have the remote switching mechanisms. He also urged the companies to manufacture the equipments (rmu) with remote switching mechanisms. He has highlighted that the maintenance on t switches be biffed up by the municipalities.

8. Presentations.

8.1 Presentation no.1: Dewald from WPI

He gave a brief presentation on Circuit breakers.How to maintain them and to operate them safely and he also talk about the remote switching on the RMU switches.

8.2 Presentation no.2: Dave from Edgeline Engineering.

He gave a presentation on Locks. How their locks are built and their quality including the maintenance part thereof. He also talked about the electronic locks that they are manufacturing.

- 8.3. Presentation no 3: Blaize Magee from Woodbeam.
He gave a brief presentation on the relays. He explained the
Different types of relays and their functions. He also talked about
The impotency of using relays in the circuits.
Marcel from Woodbeam talked about the rms.
10. Date of the next meeting: Next meeting will be held on the
31 July 2015 and will be hosted by Bela -Bela Municipality.
11. The chairperson closed the meeting @ 13H05.

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