

AMEU HIGHVELD BRANCH

MINUTES OF THE 266TH MEETING OF THE AMEU HIGHVELD BRANCH, HOSTED BY POWERTECH TRANSFORMERS, ON FRIDAY 27 MAY 2011 IN PRETORIA

1. OPENING - WELCOME

Mr. Van Helden opened the meeting with prayer.

The Chairman Mr. Tshabalala welcomed everyone present. He thanked Powertech Transformers for sponsoring the venue and introduced the President of the AMEU Mr. Michael Rhode to the meeting.

Mr. Leon Schultz welcomed everyone to Powertech, thanked them for using their facilities and wished that they have a good meeting.

2. VISITORS

All the visitors were welcomed and the following names were mentioned:

Thinus Du Plessis - ESKOM
Rhulani Matshidza - ESKOM
Rita Westcott - Racec (Pty)Ltd
Hendrik Coetzer - SSI
Johan Jordaan – Powertech Transformers

3. ATTENDANCE

See attached copy of the attendance register.

4. APOLOGIES

Tony Coetzer	Claudia Coetzer
Lukas Bezuidenhout	Hannes Roos
Kim Ulyett	Gordon Arons
Louis Steyn	

5. MOTIONS

Mr. Clarke mentioned that two previous members, Mr. Jules Von Alften and Hugo Louw, passed away since the last meeting.

6. APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

The previous minutes was approved.
Proposed by – Mr. Max Clarke
Seconded by – Mr. Gerrit Theunissen

7. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

None.

8 NEW MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

Mr. Robert Spark mentioned that the Inspectors will change their name to the Highveld Inspectors in future.

Mr. Robert Mallinson from Midvaal asked if any other municipality is installing smart meters as at Midvaal they do not have the funds to do so at this moment.

9. PROGRESS REPORTS

9.1 AMEU Executive Council

Mr. Peter Fowles gave feedback from the AMEU executive.

It was specially mentioned that we have reached a very serious situation with the non payment of affiliation fees. Outstanding fees amounts to approximately R 200 000-00.

10. EXPANSION OF NETWORK / AMEU NEWS LETTER

- Mr. Clarke mentioned that the March newsletter has been posted. If anyone did not receive their copy please contact Max or send your postal address to Max or Jean Venter.
- It is also available on the AMEU website
- Max also asked if anyone who has any news or interesting articles that can be placed in the newsletter to put it on paper and send it to him.
- Anyone who would like to advertise in the newspaper must please also contact him.

11. NEWS FROM THE AFFILIATES

- The golf day that was held on 12 May at Roodepoort Country Club was a big success. This year the weather was great and 33 four balls took part.
- The election of the new committee will be at the next affiliates meeting. Nomination forms were sent out. Members please to complete and forward the forms before the next meeting which will be held in Kempton on 9 June at 09h30.
- The convention this year will be in Cape Town on 26 to 28 September.

12. NEWS FROM OTHER AMEU BRANCHES

12.1 Bushveld Branch

- Their branch meeting was held 3 weeks ago and approximately 22 people attended.

12.2 Natal Branch

- Their meeting was held at the end of March in Kokstad and it was very well attended.
- The next meeting will be either on the 30th of June or on the 1st of July in Richards Bay.

12.3 Good Hope Branch

- The Good Hope Branch meeting was held last week in Lamberts Bay.
- Was very well attended.

12.4 Freestate Branch

- Mr. Fowles attended their meeting on the 15th of April in Bloemfontein.
- Their attendance was good and good papers were presented.
- Approximately 7 municipalities were represented.

12.5 PIESA

- None.

13 CORRESPONDENCE

Only correspondence received was the apologies made by email that was mentioned earlier.

14 PRESENTATIONS

The following presentations took place:

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| 1) Specifications and Value of EDR | - Johan Jordaan (Powertech Transformers) |
| 2) Pole testing in the 21 st Century | - Chris Joubert (Elex Khanyisa) |
| 3) EEDSM (Supply & Demand situation) | - Rhulani Matshidza (ESKOM) |
| 4) HV Cables (ESKOM) | - Thinus Du Plessis (ESKOM) |

15 NEXT MEETING

12 August 2011 - CBI Electric

The Chairman advised everyone present that the next meeting will be held over two days and will be combined with SARPA. A survey document was circulated and must be completed and returned to the secretary before 6 June. This will allow enough time to make arrangements.

16 SPONSORS

The chairman again thanked the sponsors Powertech Transformers for their hospitality.

17 CLOSURE

The business of the meeting closed at 13h40.