

AMEU HIGHVELD BRANCH

MINUTES OF THE 268TH MEETING OF THE AMEU HIGHVELD BRANCH, HOSTED BY THE COUNCIL CHAMBER OF SAIEE, ON FRIDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2012 IN OBSERVATORY

1. OPENING - WELCOME

The Chairman Mr. Tshabalala welcomed everyone present. He thanked Mr. Stan Bridges from SAIEE for their hospitality and the usage of the venue. He asked Mr. Bridges to say a few words.

Mr. Bridges welcomed everyone present and thanked them for attending the meeting. He thanked Mr. Max Clarke for arranging the meeting and assured the AMEU that they are welcome to make use of the facilities of SAIEE in future.

2. VISITORS

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

Andre Grobler – Powertech IST
Mpho Lesoloe – Rustenburg Municipality
Tshepo Seiphetho – NWU
Jonas Maenetji – George Scott & Co.
Stephen Koopman - Eskom

3. ATTENDANCE

See attached copy of the attendance register.

4. APOLOGIES

Tony Coetzer	Robert Spark
Sicelo Xulu	Robert Mallinson
Leon Schultz	Peter Fowles
Siphon Mthembu	Cecil Henkel

5. MOTIONS

None.

6. APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

The previous minutes was approved.

Proposed by – Mr. Max Clarke
Seconded by – Mr. Gerrit Teunissen

7. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

None.

8 NEW MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

It was mentioned that the election of office bearers and Executive members have to be done and that these elections will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting on 25 May 2012.

9. PROGRESS REPORTS

9.1 AMEU Executive Council

Mr. Hannes Roos gave feedback from the AMEU executive committee.

He congratulated Refilwe Mogale for being selected in the Chair for the training Department.

He also mentioned that constant progress is taking place and that the AMEU Highveld Branch is growing.

However concerns were raised of the downward attendance of members of the local authorities and municipalities at AMEU meetings.

Mr. Van Helden proposed that we take action from Branch level.

Mr. Roos agreed and he asked that the secretariat get a list of all the existing members and then identify all possible new members of municipalities.

The executive committee will also look into the matter and discuss the issue at their next meeting.

This year's convention will be at Emperors Palace and EMM will have to assist with financial support.

All convention papers should be in before the end of March.

10. EXPANSION OF NETWORK / AMEU NEWS LETTER

- Mr. Clarke mentioned that everyone should have received their copy of the 75th news letter by now. If anyone did not receive their copy please contact Max.
- It is also available on the AMEU website.
- Max thanked the affiliates for their support and inputs for the news letter.
- The next issue of the news letter is due soon and anyone who has any news or interesting articles that can be placed in the newsletter must send it to Max.
- He mentioned that the news letter does not make any profit and that the costing of ad's therefore are very reasonable.
- Anyone who wants to advertise in the news letter can also contact him.
- Jacqui Burn proposed that a list of all the new names of municipalities is placed in the news letter with all the old names next to it.

11. NEWS FROM THE AFFILIATES

- Jacqui mentioned that the cost of last year's convention came close to R1million.
- The affiliates Golf day will be held on 17 May at Roodepoort Country Club.
- No more than 120 players will be allowed to play and bookings must be made as soon as possible.
- Registrations and bookings can be made on the Website.
- This year's convention will be held at Emperors Palace.

12. NEWS FROM OTHER AMEU BRANCHES

12.1 Bushveld Branch

- None

12.2 Natal Branch

- None

12.3 Good Hope Branch

- The Good Hope Branch meeting is also taking place today.

12.4 Freestate Branch

- None

12.5 PIESA

- None

13 CORRESPONDENCE

None

14 PRESENTATIONS

The following presentations were presented:

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| 1) Power Quality in Municipalities | - Prof. Johan Rens (NWU / CT Labs) |
| 2) Demand Side Management (DSM) | - Stephen Koopman (Eskom) |
| 3) Automated Meter Reading (AMR) | - Andre Grobler (Powertech IST) |
| 4) ECB (Registration of Electrical Contractors and provision of COC's) | - James Baker |

Note: Copies of presentations will be attached to minutes if not too big.

15 NEXT MEETING

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| 25 May 2012 | - Powertech Transformers (Pta) |
| 10 August 2012 | - SABS NETFA at Olifantsfontein (lucas.monyai@sabs.co.za) |
| February 2013 | - Actom – Germiston (Eliot Moswane) |

16 SPONSORS

The chairman again thanked all the sponsors and presenters for doing so.

17 CLOSURE

Mr. Evert Van Helden closed the meeting with prayer.

The business of the meeting closed at 13h15.

18 OFFICE BEARERS & CONTACT DETAILS

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