

AMEU HIGHVELD BRANCH

MINUTES OF THE 269TH MEETING OF THE AMEU HIGHVELD BRANCH, HOSTED BY POWERTECH TRANSFORMERS, ON FRIDAY 25 MAY 2012 IN PRETORIA

1. OPENING - WELCOME

The Vice Chairman Mr. Kobus Mynhardt took the chair as Mr. Tshabalala made apologies. Mr. Mynhardt welcomed everyone present and thanked the hosts Powertech Transformers for the use of their venue.

2. VISITORS

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

Lungiswa Cagwe – Eskom
Thabu Tau – Ilanga Lighting
Thomas Bond – Ilanga Lighting
Nita Pillay – Eskom
Eugene Joubert – Lebohang Project Managers

3. ATTENDANCE

See attached copy of the attendance register.

4. APOLOGIES

Tshabi Tshabalala	Ben Roode
Joyce Toth	Dave Jamieson
Refilwe Mogale	Johan Dreyer
Gerrit Theunissen	Cecil Lancaster
Tony Coetzer	Claudia Coetzer
Dolf Brits	

5. MOTIONS

None.

6. APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

The previous minutes was approved.

7. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

The item under par. 9.1 from the previous minutes regarding concerns of the downward attendance of members of the local authorities and municipalities at AMEU meetings was discussed.

Mr. Peter Fowles proposed that we use the AMEU funds to subsidize the transport of smaller municipalities.

Mr. Roos mentioned that this was also discussed at the last executive meeting and that action should be taken.

Mr. Fowles said that we need a representative from Tswane as they have not been attending any of the last couple of meetings.

8 NEW MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

8.1 Election of office bearers

The following Office bearers were selected:

Chairman:	Kobus Mynhardt	- Madibeng Municipality
Vice Chairman:	Robert Mallinson	- Midvaal Municipality
Secretary:	Refilwe Mogale	- Ekurhuleni Municipality
Admin:	Bennie De Lange	- Nortje & Associates

8.2 Election of Executive members

Mr. Roos said the election of executive members will take place during the executive meeting in October.

He mentioned that we can nominate 2 members and 2 engineer members from the Highveld branch.

Mr. Tshabi Thabalala and Refilwe Mogale were nominated as branch representatives and Mr. Evert Van Helden and Frik Erasmus were nominated as the two engineer members.

8.3 Direct Billing and or Pre Paid for Sectional Title complexes

Mr. Robert Spark wanted to know how the municipalities are handling the metering with Body Corporates of Sectional Title complexes.

He mentioned that City Power is currently investigating the option of removing Bulk Meters and then installing Pre Paid meters in the distribution kiosks.

Mr. Delpont replied that Ekurhuleni is staying away from this as they then will have to take over the internal electrical network, the quality of supply, the maintenance thereof, etc.

EMM have taken the demand tariff and are only charging in bulk. The Body Corporate will be charged at a slightly reduced rate and they will then be responsible for the total internal network, the metering, the maintenance, etc.

Frikkie Erasmus mentioned that Mogale City agreed with Ekurhuleni and that they are currently doing the same. He also mentioned that one must be very careful because of all the legalities.

Mr. Delport said that suppliers must make sure they stay within the NERSA guidelines.

9. PROGRESS REPORTS

9.1 AMEU Executive Council

Mr. Peter Fowles gave feedback from the AMEU executive committee.

He mentioned that the 2012 AMEU Convention will be held from 15 to 17 October this year at Emperors Palace.

He also mentioned that the convention will receive good financial support from Ekurhuleni this year.

The detailed presentation can be found on the AMEU website.

10. EXPANSION OF NETWORK / AMEU NEWS LETTER

- Mr. Clarke mentioned that Newsletter 76 was issued in March. Anyone who did not receive their issue of this bulletin should contact Max as he would not know if he gets no feedback.
- It is also available on the AMEU website.
- Issue 77 will be printed in June and articles and stories are still needed.
- There are also space left for advertising and the rates are not excessive
- Max thanked the affiliates for their support and inputs for the news letter.
- Anyone who wants to advertise in the news letter can contact him.
- Mr. Hannes Roos used the opportunity to thank Max on behalf of the branch and said that it is highly appreciated

11. NEWS FROM THE AFFILIATES

- Mr. Louis Steyn mentioned that everything is getting in place for the convention.
- The golf and the bowls will be played at Kempton Park Golf Club.
- Exhibitors will have to start early on Sunday with their stalls and anyone with heavy equipment will have to arrange for assistance in advance.
- Mr. Roos requested everyone to get involved and try to register as much people as possible.
- Jaqui mentioned that the affiliate's golf day in May was very well supported and it was extremely successful.

12. NEWS FROM OTHER AMEU BRANCHES

12.1 Bushveld Branch

- None

12.2 Natal Branch

- Their next meeting will be on 21/22 June at a venue north of Durban.

12.3 Good Hope Branch

- The Good Hope Branch meeting was held last week in Wellington. As usual it was very well attended and there were more than 80 delegates.

12.4 Freestate Branch

- None

12.5 PIESA

- None

13 CORRESPONDENCE

Only correspondence received were apologies sent through by email.

14 PRESENTATIONS

The following presentations were presented:

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| 1) Comparison of tariffs. (Escom vs Munics / Metro's) | - Stephen Delport (EMM) |
| 2) Notified Demands & Critical Loads | - Stefan Vosloo (Eskom) |
| 3) Transformer Monitoring Device (CVM Unit Technologies) | - Siphon Mthembu (Izembe) |
| 4) Surge Arrestors | - Silas Moloko (TIS) |

15 NEXT MEETING

17 August 2012	- SABS NETFA at Olifantsfontein (lucas.monyai@sabs.co.za)
February 2013	- Actom – Germiston (Eliot Moswane)
May 2013	- ABB – Neil Jackson

16 SPONSORS

The chairman again thanked the hosts for the venue and the food.

17 CLOSURE

The business of the meeting closed at 13h05.

18 OFFICE BEARERS & CONTACT DETAILS

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