

AMEU HIGHVELD BRANCH

MINUTES OF THE 261ST MEETING OF THE AMEU HIGHVELD BRANCH, HOSTED BY EKURHULENI, BOKSBURG ON FRIDAY 28 AUGUST 2009

1. OPENING - WELCOME

The chairman Mr. Erasmus welcomed everyone present. He thanked Mr. Delpport and Ekurhuleni for the venue and facilities.

The Chairman asked Mr. Danie Potgieter to open the meeting with prayer.

2. VISITORS

As per par 3.3 of attendance register

3. ATTENDANCE

An attendance register was circulated and the names were recorded as shown below:

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4. APOLOGIES

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Tshabi Tshabalala
Ronnie Bekker

Chris Spies
Christo Nortje
Johan Dreyer
Adam Viljoen
Danie Venter
Peter Fowles
Evert Van Helden
Pieter Blignaut
Eugene Pretorius

5. MOTIONS

None.

6. APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting was approved.

Proposed by – Mr. M. Clarke
Seconded by – Mr. S. Delport

7. MATTERS ARISING

None

8 NEW MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

8.1 NRS Matters

- NRS048-9 - Mr. Delport explained that this regulation document is basically about the quality of supply. Load shedding practices, system restoration practices and critical and essential load requirements under emergency conditions. Therefore it is not just normal load shedding but to determine the essential loads in emergencies as well as to restore the load under these conditions.
- NRS069 - Mr. Erasmus told the meeting that this document is about the Code of practice for recovery of capital costs for distribution network assets. He also stated that, although the document was never placed in the Gazette, it was very well researched and implemented in 2005.
- After a long discussion Mr. Delport asked that the issue be referred to Mr. Peter Fowles for further investigation.
- Mr. Erasmus proposed that the AMEU secretariat contact ESKOM to maybe give a presentation on how they handle this and how they determine their costing.

- Mr. Roos mentioned that currently EMM is challenging Eskom on their costing structure. NERSA approved it and the letter regarding the issue is still with NERSA.
- Mr. Delpont said that although Eskom announced a 31.3% increase on the latest increase the real impact was much closer to 34 or 35%. He also mentioned that another possible increase is in the pipeline.
- He said that the councils should make sure that they carefully check their customers / clients readings. Especially the maximum demand meters. He said this because Ekurhuleni increased their accounts / bills on the increase figures that were stated and they now have to pay more than what the implemented increase was, which is totally unfair.
- Mr. Erasmus mentioned that they (Eskom & NERSA) documented the following increases for next year (25% - February, 34% March and 31% in June) and that if this is approved and implemented it would put the total economy of the country under severe pressure.
- Mr. Clarke reiterated that this is a serious national problem and proposed that someone like Mr. Roos and Mr. Potgieter together with experts do a further investigation.
- Mr. Delpont agreed and stated that we can not just leave it as is.
- Mr. Wallis mentioned that he attended a meeting with Eskom role players and that there are many more increases on the way.
- Mr. Erasmus asked Mr. Roos and Mr. Potgieter if they are prepared to take this further.
- Mr. Roos agreed and said that they will take it up at the Executive Council.
- Mr. Erasmus then stated that they have a mandate from this meeting to take the whole matter further. The way in which the increases was done, what is announced and what is implemented and the reason why it is announced so late that the municipalities can not implement it from their side in time. The AMEU secretariat to do this in writing on an AMEU letterhead to Mr. Roos and Mr. Potgieter.
- NRS 055 – (Revenue Protection). Me. Claudia Coetzer mentioned that SARPA has proposed for this document to be revised or amended.

8.2 Electrical Installation Regulation – (EIR)

- Mr. Delpont mentioned that the latest COC forms are now available in the Government Gazette. In future a test report will have to be completed and attached with COC's. The intention of the process and act is basically self regulation.
- An article regarding this act was also printed in the "Sparks Magazine".
- Mr. Chris Koen again mentioned the importance of the test report that will have to be added to the COC's.

- It was mentioned that Mr. James Baker the secretary of the ECB (Electrical Contractors Board) will address the meeting a little later.

9. PROGRESS REPORTS

9.1 AMEU Executive Council

- Mr. Roos told the meeting that the last meeting of the Executive Council was held on 24 & 25 June.
- He gave some feedback from the meeting and mentioned that there is a newsletter on the AMEU website with a lot of information for everyone. Members and affiliates.
- He also thanked Mr. Peter Fowles for all the hard work and effort he has put into this and also for his support.
- Mr. Roos asked Mr. Wallis to distribute the new logo of the AMEU to the various role players so that it can be used on all future correspondence.
- Mr. Clarke requested that if there is critical issues that needs to be solved it must be placed on paper and then send to Mr. Roos to address at future Executive Council meetings.
- The chairman thanked Mr. Roos for his feedback and stated that everyone must get themselves updated with the latest documents and regulations i.e. NRS, EIR, etc.
- Mr. Erasmus called upon Mr. James Baker to address the meeting.
- Mr. Baker thanked everyone for the opportunity and firstly explained that he does not represent the ECA. (Electrical Contractors Association)
- He explained that the ECB (Electrical Contracting Board) will continue to register contractors.
- He also mentioned that the existing COC will stay
- After the discussion and with no further questions to answer, Mr. Erasmus thanked Mr. Baker for his inputs.

9.2 EDI Holdings

- No feedback

10. EXPANSION OF NETWORK

- The chairman again asked everyone present to think of new ideas on how to further expand the network.

11. AMEU NEWS LETTER

- Mr. Max Clarke asked if anyone has any snippets of news, info or interesting information for the newsletter to please send it to him. The next News Letter will be released in November.

12. NEWS FROM THE AFFILIATES

- Mrs. Jacqueline Burn mentioned that the “Sports Day” will be held soon. Sports like Bowls, Golf and Hiking is on the program. Anyone who would like take part can contact them.
- There will be a Ship Wreck theme for everyone who will be attending the conference.
- They had a successful golf day although the weather was not good.

13. NEWS FROM OTHER AMEU BRANCHES

- Due to the program running late the chairman decided to skip the feedback from the branches.

14 CORRESPONDENCE

None.

15 PRESENTATIONS

The following two presentations were presented:

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| 1) CT – LAB | - Mr. Willie Van Wyk |
| 2) PRAGMA | - Mr. Pierre Vermaak |
| 3) ANSYS | - Mr. Steve Vos |
| 4) Engineer Placements | - Mr. Charles Shaw |

It was decided that all presentations be sent to everyone in software format.

16 NEXT MEETING

No date and venue was determined and it was decided that the secretariat investigate and then enlighten everyone.

17 GENERAL

The chairman thanked the sponsors.

The business of the meeting closed at 12h30.