Orange Free State Branch

NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING

The November General Meeting of the Branch was held in the St. Helena Club at 8.00 p.m. on the 17th November, 1970.

Mr J. N. Saunders (Chairman) was in the chair.

There were also present six fellows, N. A. Honnet, C. J. Isaac, J. G. Kirchner, (Committee Members), J. M. Meyer, S. L. S. Swart and J. W. Wilson; seven members, D. V. Baum, M. de Lange, A. H. Edwards, G. J. G. Emere, E. R. Penny, G. P. Rundle, C. G. J. Vermeulen; six graduates, N. Mayer, H. Miller, E. J. Shillaber, P. J. H. Short, M. H. Smith, T. R. Stromsoe; five associates, M. Andriesse, A. E. Hooper, A. Paschalides, R. L. Solms, W. M. Todd; one student, J. C. Simms and 14 visitors.

Apologies for absence were received from Messrs L. O. W. Leimer and G. Y. Nisbet.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 27th August, 1970, were taken as read. Their adoption, which was proposed by Mr N. A. Honnet and seconded by Mr J. G. Kirchner, was carried unanimously.

MINUTES OF THE JULY GENERAL MEETING

The minutes of the General Meeting held on the 8th July, 1970, were taken as read. Their adoption, which was proposed by Mr C. J. Isaac and seconded by Mr J. G. Kirchner, was carried unanimously.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Members were advised that no more applications could be entertained for the visit to Western Holdings; they could, however, still apply to visit Welkom Mine and Harmony.

TALK

The Chairman invited Mr A. Paschalides to deliver his talk on 'Controlled blasting in stopes and new explosives developments'.

The presentation proved to be of great interest to the meeting and lively discussion followed the talk.

Mr N. A. Honnet proposed a vote of thanks to Mr Paschalides on behalf of all members of the O.F.S. Branch.

CLOSURE

The Chairman thanked Mr Paschalides for his talk and all present for their attendance, and as this was the last meeting for 1970 he wished all members a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

He declared the meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.

Book Review

METAL STATISTICS 1960-1969 57th Annual Issue

Published by Metallgesellschaft Aktiengesellschaft, 6000 Frankfurt am Main, Reuterweg 14, Germany.

This exhaustive and valuable collection of Metal Statistics has made its 57th annual appearance as promptly as usual.

The introductory pages give an extremely useful summary of major events and changes in the supply

position and prices over the year. Rather regrettably this 57th issue does not include the brief tabulated data on the comparison of the production of metals and plastics which figured in last year's issue. This is a very minor blemish on a production which continues to provide extremely valuable data on metal statistics.

A valuable feature of this issue is a new table of prices of various metals and ores giving a comparison of prices mid 1969 to mid 1970.

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