

Meeting Minutes – Thursday 5th October 2017

at:

**Altro, Works Road,
Letchworth Garden City, Hertfordshire SG6 1NW**

Present: John Baggaley, David Cockhead, Michael Craven, Edward Daley, Mike Forbes, Mike George, Simon Hall, Glenn MacLaughlan, Mike Minett, John Myers, Phil Nolan, Keith Palmer, Mike Polluk, Ben Powers, Ian Roberts, Paul Rogers, Mike Roys, Adrian Shortland, Janet Sycamore, Steve Thorpe, Dong Wang

Guests: Phil Weal

1. Apologies for absence

Richard Bowman, Michael Craven, Christian Harris, Steven Phillips, Paul Robson, George Sotter, Paul Shrubsole, Alan Sutherland, David Talbot.

2. Minutes of the last meeting were approved and there were no matters arising

3. Membership & Finance

- 3.1. Bank Balance is currently £17,242. Memberships are still outstanding. All members to pay their subscriptions as soon as possible. Paypal account is frozen for withdrawals but still active for payments.
- 3.2. Harry Beacall (Sliptest) – Ben Powers reported that he had concerns of how Sliptest operate and that their website was misleading. Mike Minett stated that the use of the correct procedure is paramount.
- 3.3. Simon Hall to send a letter explaining this and giving him an opportunity to respond and possibly reapply for membership.
- 3.4. Colin Stanyard (Domus Tiles) – Sponsored by Brian Newell & Simon Hall - Accepted
- 3.5. Marco Cimminiello (4 Rail) – Send application form – sponsors Ed Daley & Paul Shrubsole.
[Action - Ed Daley and Paul Shrubsole](#)
- 3.6. Steven Baker (Solus Ceramics) – Send application form – sponsors Ian Roberts & John Myers.
[Action - Ian Roberts and John Myers](#)
- 3.7. Associate Members: Piotr Pietroszek – Ed Daley sponsor. [Action - Ed Daley](#)
- 3.8. Nigel Thomas – No sponsors Australia, Richard Bowman to contact on Behalf of the Group.
[Action - Richard Bowman](#)

4. Group Status

4.1. Steve Thorpe explained that we had three options:

- Remain as we are – which will not be legal
- Company Limited by Guarantee
- Disband the Group

We had taken advice from numerous bodies and we were strongly advised to become a company limited by guarantee. There was a long discussion about the other possible organisational types i.e. charity, trade association, etc and how the future of the group should be run. It was agreed to proceed with Company Limited by Guarantee.

- 4.2. Finance – A discussion was held about the Group's current funds and how they will be transferred to the new company.
- 4.3. Membership – A proposal was made to change from Individual Memberships to Company Membership. A Company would be able to nominate up to two members to represent the company.

4.4. A proposal was made to abolish Associate Membership and all current associate members will be encouraged to apply for full membership.

4.5. In summary we will:

- Register the Group as a company Limited by Guarantee as UK Slip Resistance Group Ltd – with the appropriate registered address.
- Allow the officials to sort out the banking requirements.
- We will prepare a statement of accounts as requested by Mike Forbes
- We will revisit the membership at a later meeting

5. Feedback from Toronto Conference

5.1. Notes attached from John Myers.

6. Update on Cleaning document

6.1. Carried forward as Dave Talbot was absent. Steve Thorpe and Lynette Bowden to meet with Dave Talbot and to report back at next meeting. [Action – Dave Talbot, Steve Thorpe and Lynette Bowden](#)

7. Update from Slider 55 / Resilient Flooring Round Robin

7.1. Notes attached from Paul Rogers.

7.2. At future Round Robins it was suggested that we get the samples to site a few days prior so they can be flattened. It was reiterated that the procedures need to be carried out correctly. Steve Thorpe stated that the results were encouraging. Mike Minett questioned the European standard using slider 55 within certain hardness range.

8. Update from new Pavigres tile Round Robin

8.1. Keith Palmer stated that the new Pavigres tile was encouraging as only 1 tile dropped out of the range at 150 dry swings. The new Pavigres tile is a slightly different colour from the old tile. A further Round Robin for the Pavigres tile will be held on 16/17 October.

8.2. Steve Thorpe mentioned that Carl Strautins had come from Australia to take part in the Round Robin and bought a set of 5 reference tiles. We had an initial look at them in the Round Robin.

8.3. Spain now has a Spanish Slip Resistance group and a future Round Robin with Australia and Spain is being discussed.

8.4. Steve Thorpe had heard at the ISO TC189 meeting that the Chinese are backing the use of the Pendulum.

9. Website

9.1. Ed Daley presented an update on the website

9.2. Ian Roberts to send out a questionnaire to all members. [Action – Ian Roberts](#)

10. Stair Guidance Update

10.1. Mike Forbes presented an update on the Safer Stairs document. Presentation attached.

11. R values and Pendulum Test Values

11.1. Carried forward – Dave Talbot not present. [Action – Dave Talbot](#)

12. Importance of Due Diligence

12.1. John Myers presented a Surface Control Tool. Presentation attached.

13. Information Exchange / Papers

13.1. Adrian Shortland presented on slip tests in the USA – James Test & BOT 3000 – video shown

13.2. Ben Powers showed a Pendulum video

13.3. For the next meeting the following will provide an item of interest:

- David Cockhead
- Steven Phillips
- Ben Powers

14. Standards

14.1. **BSI B/507/7, CEN TC/339** – There is a further meeting on 09/11/17. There are four test methods currently but the business plan says one test method.

14.2. **BSI B/208** – nothing to report.

14.3. **BSI B/539, CEN TC67** – Dave Talbot was absent so no report.

14.4. **BSI PRI/60, CEN TC161 134 WG7** – Resilient floor now includes the Pendulum – EN13845.

14.5. **BSI PH/1, CEN TC161** – Working Group 3 met yesterday (4th Oct) in Brussels and Mike Wilson attended from SATRA.

The PPE footwear test method EN ISO 13287 (2012) is due for systematic 5 year review. A refined but not significantly altered version has been put forward for an ISO ballot. ISO and CEN will together progress the revision.

Working Group 2 will review the performance values listed in the footwear PPE specification standards EN ISO 20344/5/6/7 which are themselves due for review.

The 'SRC' slip rating (= SRA + SRB) is likely to be dropped because of how the market interprets this marking. The SRB test surface (steel/glycerine) may also go because of the low values it gives and high Uncertainty of Measurement.

Interest is being shown in adopting the forepart test mode in place of the flat test mode and of combining the E2 (Pavigres) ceramic tile with glycerine as lubricant. In excess of 120 pairs of footwear have been tested in order to develop possible pass values for the forepart test mode and the E2/glycerine surface.

However no firm decisions have yet been taken. If changes are to be made then it has been proposed that a 2 year transition period may be allowed in which to phase out the old test combinations.

15. Topics for future meetings

- Group Status
- Round Robin – new Pavigres tile
- Round Robin – Australia & Spain
- Update on cleaning document
- Item 11 carried forward
- Item from Rob Shaw carried forward from June and October meeting
- Initial feedback from the new footwear group

16. Any Other Business

16.1. Ian Roberts to send sample 55 slider to Dong Wang. [Action – Ian Roberts](#)

16.2. Ian Roberts to phone Kevin Hallas with regards to removing temperature correction value table from Version 4 of the guidelines. [Action – Ian Roberts](#)

16.3. Steve Thorpe mentioned the formation of a footwear group with Mike George, Mike Craven, Dong Wang – this group will meet before next meeting. [Action – Steve Thorpe](#)

17. Dates of next meetings

17.1. 8th February 2018 at Lucideon, Stoke **** note change of date and venue****

17.2. 7th June 2018 at Forbo, Ripley

17.3. 4th October 2018 at Satra, Kettering