

# British Tyre Manufacturers' Association Ltd.



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## Minutes of the meeting of the BTMA board held on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2014 at the offices of Goodyear Dunlop UK Ltd, Birmingham

### Present:

Wayne Culbertson	Michelin Tyre plc	Andy Dingley	Bridgestone UK Ltd	Ian Edmondson	Dunlop Aircraft Tyres
Erich Fric (Chair)	Goodyear Dunlop	Tony Lee	Hankook Tyre UK Ltd	Pete McNally	Cooper Tire & Rubber
Dominic Sandivasci	Pirelli Tyres Ltd	David Smith	Continental Tyre Group		

### Apologies:

Stuart Jackson      Apollo Vredestein (UK)

### In attendance:

Graham Willson      BTMA

### 1. Minutes of the meeting of the Board held 15<sup>th</sup> October 2013

Discussion	Decision
Minutes of the meeting of 15 <sup>th</sup> October 2013.	Validated unanimously and signed by chairman.

### 2. Matters arising not elsewhere on the agenda

Discussion	Decision
None.	

### 3. Delivery of 2013 objectives

Discussion	Decision
Delivery in 2013 was to plan with the exception of actions dependent on DfT where staff shortages delayed progress and actions dependent on ETRMA where technical difficulties prevented timely delivery of test results.	Noted.

### 4. Strategy 2014 – 16 and 2014 objectives

Discussion	Decision
Several line items under Strategic Direction were completed in 2013 and have been removed from the Strategic plan. A line item "Coordination" is added to identify planned joint lobby actions with other Trade Associations.	Proposed 2014 – 16 strategy and 2014 objectives adopted as presented. GW to also pursue appropriate relations with Chemicals Industry Association.
Concerns re potential adverse impact of ETRMA ambitions for improved representation in Ireland.	GW to highlight BTMA concerns to ETRMA. BTMA preference is to maintain <i>status quo</i> with possibly improved coordination of BTMA member representatives at ITIA.
Risks to nascent ETRMA strategy to avoid inclusion of Rubber Industry in Carcinogens Directive.	GW to highlight to ETRMA the declining condition and representation of UK General Rubber Goods sector. Also BTMA's inability to carry the UK GRG sector in the proposed ETRMA "whole industry" strategy. GW to ascertain whether "tyres only" strategy is possible. GW to pursue sector epidemiology data with HSE.

## 5. Lobby update: Energy, Labelling, Part-worn tyres

<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Decision</i>
<b>Energy:</b> BTMA submission for relief from the cost of CPF for rubber compounders has been adopted by Government and included in the UK request for State Aid approval.	GW to ascertain opportunities to support passage through the EU process and deploy accordingly.
<b>Labelling:</b> Report from TIF meeting with NMO 13 <sup>th</sup> January. NMO has conducted studies into compliance by retailers and manufacturers and importers. Retailer study confirms earlier concerns re low level of compliance. Manufacturer / importer result is mixed but need to see full report to make meaningful assessment. Further NMO enforcement action is handicapped by lack of legal powers.  <b>NMO visits to member's facilities:</b> To what extent can members report to the board the nature of discussions held during NMO visits to member's facilities?	GW to circulate reports once published (expected late January) and to propose response to manufacturer / importer study as appropriate.  GW to seek advice from Shoosmiths re possible compliance issues.
<b>Part-worn tyres:</b> Safety and Compliance guidance document. Clarification of legal basis with BIS / DfT is ongoing. TyreSafe supported TSO enforcement visits are contributing useful evidence supporting lobby message.	Noted.

## 6. Preparation for TIF board meeting

<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Decision</i>
Review of principal topics on agenda for TIF board meeting.	Agreement to withhold coverage of air quality issues in TIF Factbook pending clear message from ETRMA. Agreement that TIF representation at meetings of the All Party Parliamentary Motor Group could be beneficial.

## 7. Any other urgent business

<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Decision</i>
Following compliance review of credit circles run by PwC they have adopted new guidelines largely in line with Shoosmiths guidance for the Tyre Manufacturers' Credit Circle. Only on one point relating to disclosure of overdue amounts is PwC guidance more conservative than Shoosmiths.	Align guidance for Tyre Manufacturers' Credit Circle with the Best in Class approach represented by PwC guidelines.

## 8. Meeting dates for 2014

<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Decision</i>
Rather than hold a full meeting of the Board in late April to discuss the Triennial valuation of the pension fund it was agreed that a working party constituted of WC, IE, EF and DS should meet at their convenience to prepare a proposal for the Board's consideration at the 8 <sup>th</sup> July meeting.	8 <sup>th</sup> July at Michelin, Stoke-on-Trent 14 <sup>th</sup> October at Continental, Rugby 13 <sup>th</sup> January 2015 at Goodyear, Birmingham.  All meetings to be 10h30 to 12h30.

## 9. Annual review of Chief Executive's performance

<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Decision</i>
The Board discussed the performance of the Chief Executive and his remuneration.	Confidential.