**MINUTES SUPPLIER & FAIR COMMITTEE**
**Wednesday 19TH October 2022 - Lisbon**

**1. Welcome**
Gustav Felix and Caroline Elliot warmly welcomed the participants after 3 years due to the pandemic and opened the meeting.

**2. Confirmation of Committee Members**
Committee Members are:
Chair: Caroline Elliot, Crystal Mountain
Vice-Chair: Craig Scott, Polymer Solutions
Louise Breckney, Ebac
Jean-Francois Brisson, Oasis
Luca Constantini, Blupura: Absent
Kamen Dimov, Waterlogic
Peter Hogervorst, Dolphin: Absent
Francois Jolly, OP – Plastic Racks
Matthew Lee, Aquabeve
Emir Koyluoglu, ASE Packaging
Isabelle Querling, ASE Packaging: apologies
Jim Redford, H20 Direct: apologies
Francisco dos Santos, Activewhere
Debora Screpanti, Blupura
Gustav Felix, WE
Guest: Beata Makolska, Idea & Marketing

**Anti Trust Reminder**
Observance of EU competition law was to be followed.

**3) Election of Chair/confirmation of Chair**
In agreement with Caroline, a new Chair for the Committee was proposed: Debora Screpanti, Blupura. It was also proposed that Caroline takes the post of Deputy Chair. With no other candidates coming forward, this was agreed unanimously.

Caroline was thanked for all her work on the Committee and in particular her valued contribution towards successful WE annual events over the years, recognising her quality and involvement. Caroline would remain on the EXECO. She was presented with a gift as a sign of WE's appreciation.

Debora advised that she wanted to build on the work carried out in the past and take it forward with new activities aiming to gain more members.

**4. Approval of the Minutes from the Virtual Meeting 6th April 2022**
Minutes approved.

**5. LISBON 2022 update**

Whilst visitor numbers had been worryingly low, numbers had picked up as a result of a big push through National Associations. There were visitors from a wide range of countries and the trade show was full.

Aqua Awards – at the last minute there had been many more applications and standards had been very high.

Thanks were extended to the sponsors without whom the event would not be possible.

**6. VIENNA 2023**

25 – 27 October Intercontinental Hotel had been agreed and organisation would start in due course.

The question of the 2024 venue was raised. Gustav had an idea in central Europe which will be discussed at the April 2023 meeting. Suggestions would be welcome with Scandinavia and Belgrade being suggested.

7. **FUTURE PROMOTION OF WATERCOOLERS EUROPE EVENTS/BENEFITS**

It was decided to start promoting the events through LinkedIn, in addition to the traditional marketing tools, such as newsletters and the website.

The idea is also involve WE Members in promoting the WE Conference and Fair.

**8. AOB - None**

**9. MOTIONS FOR THE GENERAL MEETING**

Approval of Intercontinental Vienna for the 2023 event venue.
Approval of chair and deputy chair

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