

UTIPULP

Group of European Market Wood Pulp users

Executive Committee meeting

Wednesday, March 29th, 2023 (14:30/15:45)

Radisson Blu Hotel, Gdansk (Poland)

Minutes

Attendees:

Mr	Paul	BARTMANN	AUSTRIA (MONDI)
Mr	Andrea	PIAZZOLLA	ITALY (SOFIDEL)
Mrs	Charo	VIEJO CHAVEZ	SPAIN (LECTA)
Mr	Mustapha	ZAOUG	FRANCE (PULP PURCHASING GROUP)
Mr	Paul-Antoine	LACOUR	UTIPULP

1. Introduction

1.1 – 1.3. Welcome, Safety and Legal guidelines for attending UTIPULP meetings

Mustapha ZAOUG, as Vice-President, reminds that the President has not been able to come for personal reasons, and that he will chair the General Assembly.

He welcomes all the participants and reminds the Guidelines pertaining to the competition laws that have been sent prior to the meeting, and that participants have strictly to comply with.

1.4. Approval of the minutes of the last meeting (Barcelona, September 14th, 2022)

The minutes are approved without amendments.

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2. Association Topics

2.1. Revisiting UTIPULP

PA LACOUR mentions that the President and vice-president have proposed that delegates discuss how UTIPULP can provide maximum value to its members.

In order to prepare this discussion, a questionnaire has been sent to all delegates on February 22, 2023, with the objective to collect the proposals and expectations of the members. 18 answers have been received, and a synthesis of the answers has been prepared and sent to the delegates before the meeting.

The Excom members review the synthesis of the answer and come to the following conclusions.

Agreed:

- ***The current way of working (topics addressed, number and location of the meetings...) is kept as it is.***
- ***A working group could be put in place with volunteer, in order to review the statistics that are circulated to the members.***
- ***A better understanding of the indexes is desirable, and a speaker could intervene on this during the next General Assembly.***
- ***These proposals will be submitted to the General Assembly.***

2.2. Accounts 2022 and budget 2023

The Accounts 2022

The Secretary reminds that the 2022 budget approved on 28 April 2022 was based on expenses amounting to 33 500 €, and revenues of 27 600 €, meaning it was expected to have a loss of 5 900 €.

Considering the actual accounts, it appears that the expenses are lower than expected (savings regarding the new website and the meeting expenses), meaning that the loss is limited to 1 619,35 €.

With this loss, the reserves amount to almost 33 000 € at the beginning of January 2023.

Budget 2023

The proposed budget shows total expenses amounting to 31 100 €, with little changes regarding the accounts of 2022, with the exception of a decrease of the item "website" (the website is new, and only some basic maintenance will have to be done) and an increase of 4% of the cost of the Secretariat.

As reserves are at a high level, it is proposed that the member contributions remain at the same level as in the past years and amount to 27 600 €. Considering the foreseen expenses and the same member contributions, UTIPULP loss would amount to 3 100 €.

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Agreed:

- *The DG will propose to the Excom the budget for 2023, based on a contribution from the members of 27 600 €, unchanged with respect to 2022.*

3. Close out

The Chairman thanks the participants and closes the meeting.
