# Minutes of the Verco R2 Assembly General Meeting Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> 2025, at 5PM Multipurpose Hall – School of Vercorin

The President welcomed the attending members, noted that the meeting had been properly convened and called the meeting to order with the following agenda:

## 1. Approval of the minutes of the statutory AG meeting of February 17th 2024

The minutes of the AG of February 17, 2024 are approved unanimously.

### 2. President's Report

The President is pleased with the good relations that exist among the various companies, associations and political authorities and is delighted that our association is recognized as a partner association that fosters constructive dialogue for the development of tourism in Vercorin.

The VercoR2 Committee, which has met four times since the last general meeting, has made significant efforts in 2024 to support cultural, sporting and leisure projects. For example, the R2s have been monitoring the developments at Creux du Lavioz in close collaboration with the SDV (Vercorin Development Society), presenting a project to the VTSA (Vercorin Tourism Ltd Co) and the Municipality.

For more details, the President invites members to refer to his report, which will be posted on the website www.vercor2.ch

### **3. 2024 Accounts**

### 3.1. Presentation of the 2024 Accounts

In the absence of the Treasurer, who sent her apologies, the President presented the accounts with assets of CHF 12,760.29 as at December 31st 2024. It is specified that the income comes solely from membership fees, which amounted to CHF 5,800.00 for the last financial year. Total expenditures amounted to CHF 6,512.22, with a loss for the financial year of CHF 685.22.

## 3.2. Report of the Auditors

The Auditors, Yves Meylan and Olivier Cornaz, have audited the accounts for the past financial year and confirm that they are accurate and consistent. They propose that the assembly approve the 2024 accounts.

### 3.3. Discussion on the 2024 Accounts

A question was raised about the increase in IT expenses over the past year. The answer given was that any internet site must comply with data protection regulation and that the use of "cookies" has resulted in additional costs. In addition, the Committee has decided to use a virtual (cloud) computer to centralize working documents and must therefore pay license fees.

As no other questions were asked, the President proposed moving on to the next item on the agenda.

## 4. Approval of the Accounts and Discharge to the Committee and the Auditors.

On the basis of the Auditors' report, the assembly, by a majority of the attending members, approved the 2024 accounts and gave discharge to the members of the Committee and the Auditors.

## 5. Presentation of the 2025 Budget

The budget provides for membership fees of CHF 6,100.00 with total expenses of CHF 6,590.00. The assembly has no particular comments.

## 6. Committee: Re-Elections/Resignation/Election

#### 6.1. Re-elections

Martine Favarger, Olivier Gétaz and Claire Joudié are coming to the end of their three-year term of office. They have agreed to stand again and the Committee proposes that the assembly re-elect them.

The assembly **re-elects by acclamation** Martine Favarger, Olivier Gétaz and Claire Joudié for a further three-year term of office.

### 6.2. Resignation

Jacques Perret has decided to step down from the Committee and has tendered his resignation.

The President thanks him for his commitment to the Committee since the Association's inception in 2018 and also thanks him for representing VercoR2 on the board of directors of Vercorin Tourisme SA (VTSA). Jacques Perret will not be standing for re-election at the next VTSA general assembly in May 2025. VercoR2 will nominate Stéphane Favre to replace him on the VTSA Committee.

### 6.3. Election

To replace Jacques Perret, who has resigned, the Committee presents the candidacy of Pascal Pacozzi to the assembly, the former being **elected by acclamation** for a 3-year term.

7. Presentation of the Master Plan for Past and Future Investments in Tourism by the Mayor of the Municipality of Chalais, Ms. Sylvie Masserey Anselin, and by Mr. Arthur Clivaz, Director of Destination Vercorin.

Ms. Sylvie Masserey Anselin discusses the Municipality's policy choices in 2012 when the Municipality decided to provide financial support to the Société de la

Télécabine SA for the installation of a new gondola lift, inaugurated on 12.12.2012, as well as for the installation of a snowmaking system at the Crêt du Midi in Vercorin. Free shuttles were introduced during the winter season and are jointly funded by the Chalais-Vercorin cable car company and the municipality of Chalais. These choices have helped to increase the appeal of the destination.

Mr. Clivaz goes on to provide information on the status of the new cable car. Following the Federal Court's rejection of the appeals filed by opponents of the partial zoning plan amendment project, the company Téléphérique Chalais-Vercorin SA was able to restart the approval procedure for the plans for the new cable car with the Federal Office of Transport (OFT). The calculations made in 2017 must now be adapted to 2025. The building permit should be issued in the course of 2025, and any objections should be lifted within two years (i.e. in 2027).

The two speakers then listed the planned future investments, namely:

- District heating
- Subsidies for energy transformations
- Detour road to Anniviers
- Redevelopment of the Crêt du Midi restaurant
- New master plan for the Creux du Lavioz ski slopes and the gondola lift arrival (within two years)
- Link to Grimentz (an impact report will be submitted in March). The speakers, as they have to attend another meeting, will be available to members to continue the discussion after the public meeting that will follow.

## 8. Questions and Closing of the Official Part of the AG

The President now opens the discussion on items 1 to 6 on the agenda: one member returns to the question of the membership fee system. The President reminds him that the individual membership fee system was maintained during the partial revision of the statutes, approved at the general assembly of February 17<sup>th</sup> 2024 (see item 5 on the agenda). As for the future of the bakery, it seems that no buyer has been found to take over the lease.

The President invites the assembly to participate in the **public session** "**Destination Vercorin**" and to continue the discussion over drinks at the end of the evening in the presence of our guests.

The meeting is adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

The Secretary, Martine Favarger