

Minutes of the General Assembly of Verco R2
Friday April 15th 2022 at 5 pm
Multipurpose Room - School of Vercorin

The President welcomes the members present, notes that the assembly is validly constituted and opens the meeting with the following agenda:

1. Approval of the minutes of the statutory General Assembly of 20.2.2021

The minutes of the general meeting of February 20th 2021 are approved unanimously.

2. Report of the President

The association has 120 members, reflecting a slight increase compared to 2020 (115 members) and also compared to the very beginning of the association (95 members). Considering that the Municipality has accounted for about 1000 second homes, which represents between 2000 and 3000 second residents, the association can expect to gain new members.

The committee met 4 times, including on two occasions with the President of the Municipality, Mrs. Sylvie Masserey-Anselin and one with Mr. Kilian Siggen, councilor in charge of public works. These meetings were based on a great openness of mind, which allowed for a pleasant, open and constructive exchange.

The President summarized the information letter sent by e-mail to all VercoR2 members in March 2022 and which can be found on the website www.vercor2.ch under the "Announcements" tab.

- Discussions are underway with the Municipality regarding the various utility fees. With regard to the variable part, the Municipality agrees to take it into account in the calculation of the fees. The Municipality will again this year provide precise figures concerning the expenses and revenues of the various services financed by the fees. Once an agreement has been reached, the primary assembly will have to approve the new tax regulations.
- The waste disposal site at the bottom of the village will be maintained but only for green waste. Bulky solid waste will have to be taken to the plain past the end of 2022.
- The streetlights are being studied for their improvement or replacement.
- Discussions are underway with the private owners of plots of land located on the Haut du Mont to allow access to the forest, as the existing paths have not been subject to a right of way.
- As a reminder, the development of the Tour du Mont and the wooden footbridges have been authorized and subsidized by the Canton on

condition, among other things, that the passageway be closed in winter to protect the fauna. The Municipality will not put up barriers in winter and will simply install information panels at both access points, calling on the common sense and responsibility of walkers. Dogs must be kept on a leash at all times.

- Appeals have been lodged with the Cantonal Court against the new route of the Chalais-Brie-Vercorin cable car, which is subsidized by the Confederation. A decision is not expected for another year or two. The decision of the Cantonal Court may still be appealed to the Federal Court. The alternative gondola route to the East of the Mont does not seem to be relevant anymore because of its high cost, its distance from the elementary school and the fact that there will be opposition to its route.
- The President reminds the R2 members that the goals of the Société de Développement de Vercorin (SDV) and those of the R2 are not the same. The SDV's goal is to organize local events, while VercoR2's goal is to defend the interests of the R2. The committee encourages the R2 members to contribute to the SDV as well, thus supporting the local events with their contributions.
- Since its inception, the VTSA (Vercorin Tourism SA) has been active on many levels. The guest of this meeting, Mr. Arthur Clivaz, will speak more about this at the end of the meeting.
- The R2 participated in the discussions organized by the prefect of the district of Sierre on regional mobility whose goal is to develop soft mobility. A regional public transport project will be submitted to the Federal authorities in Bern in order to obtain financial support from the Confederation for the reinforcement of the regional public transport infrastructure for the resident population and tourists.

The proportion of buildable land in Vercorin is far too high and the rezoning of plots of land is proceeding in accordance with the new zoning plan. The owners concerned will be notified by the Municipality.

3. Accounts 2021/Auditors' report/Approval of the accounts

The accounts show assets of CHF 10'546.55 as of December 31st 2021. The auditors confirm the accuracy and veracity of the accounts, and on their proposal, **the accounts are accepted. Discharge is given to the auditors for the year 2021.**

Given that the association pursues a non-profit goal, the question is raised at the meeting as to how to use part of the available funds (an amount of CHF 5'000.- could be made available) to support activities in the destination of Vercorin. Several ideas are mentioned, for example

- increase the visibility of the R2 by organizing a stand at an event, creating T-shirts, badges etc. and participate as volunteers at events,

- increase support for VercoNews,
- make a contribution for the equipment of the Creux-du-Lavioz.

Other suggestions, which would need to be discussed with the Municipality and the people in charge of the destination, would be to use the funds in case

- a shuttle bus from the resort to the start of the cross-country ski run in winter, or to the start of the bisse walk in summer
- a walk or a pedestrian circuit between the bisse of Vercorin and the village would be created.

These proposals will be discussed by the committee, which will come back with concrete projects at the next meeting.

4. Discharge of the Committee

Discharge is given to the members of the committee for the year 2021.

5. Composition of the Committee

- 5.1. Current mandates: Michka Kovats, Jacques Perret and Andreas Saurer (re-elected in 2020), Isabelle Luthier (elected in 2021) continue their mandate which will end in 2024.
- 5.2. Resignation: Denise Vallat Packer (elected in 2020) has decided to retire from the committee. The President thanks her for her commitment to the R2.
- 5.3. Election: A vacancy having occurred with the departure of Denise Vallat Packer, Olivier Gétaz is unanimously elected by the members present for a three-year term ending in 2025.
- 5.4. Re-elections: Martine Favarger and Claire Joudié, elected in 2019, are standing for re-election for a new three-year term ending in 2025. They are re-elected unanimously by the members present.
- 5.5. Presidency
Andreas Saurer informs the assembly that he wishes to retire from the presidency in 2023 while remaining a member of the committee. The presidency will be filled at the next annual meeting.

The committee informs the assembly that it will enlist the help of Mr. Stéphane Favre, as a permanent guest of the committee, without voting rights, and that the function of treasurer will be transferred from Claire Joudié to Isabelle Luthier.

6. **Miscellaneous**

Michka Kovats informs that the minutes of the committee are available on the website www.vercor2.ch on a password protected tab which will be communicated to members only.

7. **Presentation of the Vercorin Tourisme SA Projects by Mr. Arthur Clivaz**

Arthur Clivaz, Director of the Vercorin destination, gives a positive assessment of the joint management of the three companies active in the touristic activities of Vercorin, namely Vercorin Tourisme SA (VTSA), Société de Télécabine de Vercorin SA (TVSA) and Téléphérique Chalais Vercorin SA (CBV). A technical grouping of the installations has been carried out and one person is now responsible for the pedestrian and mountain bike trails. Information on events is coordinated and the destination is active on social networks (LinkedIn, Facebook and Instagram in particular).

The results of the winter season are positive in terms of attendance (record this winter) but will be weighted down by the cost of artificial snow, including grooming and electricity, as well as the absence of employees who had to be replaced because of Covid. Following a complete renovation, the restaurant de l'Etable has reopened and the feedback is positive.

Arthur Clivaz then spoke about the latest developments and upcoming projects, since the presentation of the Creux-du-Lavioz preliminary project by zoom. Several projects are underway:

- a didactic trail, the work of which should begin this summer, and a ski lift to join the main trail from the Creux-du-Lavioz,
- a small closed pavilion to allow the children and their mentors to keep warm, the Creux-du-Lavioz being not very sunny in winter
- improvement of the Sigeroulaz road in Tracuit, the work being estimated at CHF 80,000.

By June 2022, a definitive project of the Creux-du-Lavioz will be submitted to the population and to any other interested persons.

From the summer of 2022, a new advantage card will be given to each R2 to replace the old advantage booklets. This new card will have a number as well as a QR code giving the right to reduced rates (for example on the ski lifts or at the local shops). A page will be created on the website www.vercorin.ch on which all the discounted services will be listed.

M. Clivaz indicates that for the summer season, the ski lifts will be open 7 days a week from July 1st to October 30th 2022, as well as the Crêt du Midi restaurant. The Etable will be open on a staggered basis but with 2 days off during the week, with the aim of 3-season tourism, spring being the least

frequented season and the period during which major overhauls of the gondola take place.

On behalf of the Committee and the members present, the President thanked Mr. Arthur Clivaz for his availability and the answers given to the assembly.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

The Secretary, Martine Favarger