

Minutes of the Verco R2 Annual General Meeting

Saturday, February 17th 2024 at 5PM

Multipurpose Hall, School of Vercorin

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

1. Approval of the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of February 18th 2023

The minutes of the AGM of February 18th 2023 are unanimously approved.

2. Chairman's report

The President looks back on the first year of his presidency, which he took over from his predecessor, Andreas Saurer, whom he thanks for his support and wise counsel.

The Committee took the opportunity to restate the association's mission and objectives, in particular the harmonious and sustainable development of Vercorin, taking into account the interests, concerns and opinions of all VercoR2 members. To achieve this, the Committee would like to increase the number of paid-up members (123 to date), continue to establish a constructive dialogue with Vercorin's political, tourist and cultural authorities, and develop the association as a whole.

The Committee has also set about defining a **financial support policy** that brings added value to VercoR2 members (art, culture, sport, tourism, young people, infrastructure) and providing financial support (sponsorship, donations, financial backing) for projects or events proposed in Vercorin and accessible to all.

In terms of **communication**, the Committee's first objective was to invest in equipment to raise its profile at events in Vercorin. Its second objective was to be recognized as an active association that defends the interests of VercoR2s, and to become an essential "partner" for local companies. The Committee is represented on a number of local boards, including the Société de développement de Vercorin (SDV, or Vercorin's Development Society), Vercorin Tourisme SA (VTSA, or Vercorin Tourism Ltd Co) and the Société de la Télécabine SA (details are available at www.vercor2.ch).

The President is also in regular contact with the Municipality's President, and with the AnniviersR2 association, through its President Michel Mathys, with the aim of strengthening ties between AnniviersR2 and VercoR2 through a joint event, for example.

Following the success of last summer's R2-SDV (Vercorin Development Society) get-together, it is planned that a VercoR2 event will be organized every summer, after mid-August, to exchange ideas and have a good time. The next one will take place on August 17th 2024.

Together with the Vercorin Paragliding Club, VercoR2 has helped finance a bench on the new platform at the start of the paragliding run (Tour du Mont). It will be inaugurated in 2024.

Verco R2 has already had occasion to inform the VTSA (Vercorin Tourism Ltd Co) of the R2s' disappointment with the latest guest cards, which are unattractive and complicated to use.

The "Services for taxable persons" have not been satisfactory, even though the R2 contribute approximately CHF 450,000 a year to tourism infrastructures.

Verco R2 will become a member of the Valais' R2 Federation (FVSR 2) at its next general meeting on March 23rd 2024, with "carte d'hôte" (guest benefits card) as its main theme.

For further details, the President invites members to refer to his report, which will be sent to them.

3. Accounts 2023

3.1. Presentation of the 2023 Accounts

Isabelle Luthier, Treasurer, presents the accounts, which show assets of CHF 13,345.51 at December 31, 2023. Income is derived solely from membership fees, which amounted to CHF 6,750.00 last year. Total expenditures amount to CHF 6'500.73.

3.2. Auditors' Report

The auditors, Yves Meylan and Michel Fatton, have audited the accounts for the past financial year and confirm their accuracy and consistency. They propose that the 2023 financial statements be approved by the Annual General Meeting.

3.3. Discussion of the 2023 Financial Statements

There being no questions, the President proposes that we move on to the next item on the agenda.

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

On the basis of the auditors' report, the meeting, by a majority of members present, approves the 2023 accounts and **discharges the members of the Committee and the auditors.**

4.1 Information on the 2024 Budget

The budget provides for membership fees of CHF 6,100.00 and total expenditure of CHF 6,590.00. Attending members do not have any comments on the matter.

5. Approval of the Partial Amendment to the Articles of Association

The President asks attending members to vote as a whole on the proposed partial amendments to the Articles of Association. There being no objections, the **attending members approve the partial amendment to the Articles of Association by a large majority, less two abstentions.**

6. Statutory Elections

6.1. Committee

Isabelle Luthier, Michka Kovats and Jacques Perret are standing for re-election for a further three-year term.

The attending members **elect by acclamation** Isabelle Luthier, Michka Kovats and Jacques Perret for a further three-year term.

6.2. Auditors

Yves Meylan seeks re-election for a further three-year term.

Yves Meylan is **re-elected by acclamation** for a further three-year term.

Michel Favre, who has reached the end of his term of office, is not standing for re-election. He is warmly thanked for his commitment.

To replace him, Olivier Cornaz is standing for the second position of auditor. He is **elected by acclamation** for a three-year term.

7. Miscellaneous, Discussion and Individual Proposals

The President now gives the floor to the members present for their comments and questions:

Question: A member wondered whether the membership fee system should be reviewed, for example by introducing a system of membership fees per couple.

Reply: This point has already been discussed in the past, and it was decided to maintain the individual contribution system.

Question: Another member would like to see more harmonization of the bus schedule in the valley with that of the cable car, which occasionally leaves before the bus arrives. He would like to see an improved pacing of the timetables.

Reply: The R2s will pass on this request to the Municipality.

Comment: A member asked about the outcome of the objections to the new Chalais-Vercorin cable car project.

Reply: The Federal Court has ruled in favor of the opponents. The new route has been put out to a public inquiry and the procedure will take its course. It is therefore unlikely that the cable car will be replaced any time soon. The Municipality has been asked to provide an update on the situation.

Comment: Some members have learned that Vercorin's bakery is due to close in February 2025, and would like the R2s to intervene with the Municipality to find a solution.

Reply: The President will raise this point in his forthcoming discussions with the Municipality, as it is indeed regrettable that a much-appreciated business in the resort should disappear.

There being no further requests to speak, the President invites the assembly to Participate in the the public lecture "Residents of Vercorin, Energy Transition: What to do ?" given by Stéphane Genoud, PhD, professor at the HES-SO Valais-Wallis.

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Martine Favarger, Secretary