

Minutes of the Statutory General Assembly of Verco R2, Saturday 23.2.2019

About fifty people attended the statutory General Assembly on Saturday 23.2.2019 of Verco R2 and a dozen people apologized for not being able to attend.

1. ***The Minutes of the Statutory General Assembly of 17.2.2018 were Approved.***

2. ***President's Report***

The President explained that the report would be brief as all important information had been provided via the October and November newsletters.

Verco R2 currently has 101 contributing members, its finances are sound and relations with the local authorities have gradually been established. An annual meeting with the municipal authorities is planned for the autumn.

The committee met 6 times in Vercorin, mainly during the school holidays (7.4 - 19.5 - 4.8 - 3.11 - 27.12 - 23.2.2019). A list of members' email addresses has been set up. The Committee took care of collecting members' contributions, of interacting with the local authorities, of regularly informing the members of the association via email, of penning down the minutes of the Committee meetings and of the General Assembly, of penning down informative memos and also of communicating via Verconews. A website has been set up which is visited between 50 and 100 times a week. Its address is www.vercoR2.ch

The GA of 19.5 was devoted to the local priorities in terms of tourism.

3. ***Treasurer's Report***

The entries (contributions) amount to CHF 4,800 and the expenses to CH 1,528.05, giving a positive balance of CHF 3,271.95. The accounts have been approved by the auditors.

The accounts are accepted.

4. ***The Committee's Discharge is Accepted.***

5. ***Setting the Amount of Contributions***

Taking into account the fact that the General Assembly requests that the Association take a seat on the future Limited Liability Company (SA) which will drive Vercorin's tourism strategy going forward, an overwhelming majority, with only 3 abstentions and 0 oppositions has decided to maintain the annual membership contribution at CHF 50 for 2019 and to authorize the committee to purchase a share of CHF 5,000 to take part in the share capital of the yet to be created Tourism Ltd Co. of Vercorin.

6. ***Election of the Committee***

Anne Keller announced that she would withdraw from the Committee, with immediate effect. She was warmly thanked for the precious support she provided in the initial phase of the Association, which was always a very delicate moment.

Jacques Perret, Michka Kovats, Renato Di Gisi and Andreas Saurer agree to continue their mandate. Three places remain to be filled. Claire Joudié-Papon and Martine Favarger have agreed to join the Committee.

The proposed Committee was elected by acclamation.

7. ***Election of the President***

Andreas Saurer agreed to continue his mandate for the coming year and was elected by acclamation.

8. ***Election of Auditors***

Yves Meylan and Michel Fatton agree to continue their mandate as auditors.

9. ***Miscellaneous***

The GA of 19 April at 17.30 will be devoted to the development of tourism over the medium-term, a subject introduced by Christophe Clivaz, professor of tourism and sustainable development at UNIL on the Sion site.

10. ***Information Concerning the Tourist Tax***

The GA unanimously decided not to pronounce itself on the tourist tax due to the lack of precise information concerning its detailed allocation, counter-benefits and their method of financing.

A new General Assembly will take place on Friday April 19th, which will decide on the final draft of the regulation on the tourist tax (more precisely: sojourn tax) and on the document providing detailed information on the proposed tourist services provided by the Commune, including the financing thereof. Obviously, if the information remains unclear and not very transparent, it is very likely that the GA will vote against the tourist tax and that the issue of individual or collective actions against the tax will be discussed.