

Minutes of the Committee and of of the meeting with the Communal Authorities on 27.12.2019

1. Setting up of the Ltd Company (SA) of Vercorin Tourisme
 - Jacques attended this inaugural meeting and was elected to the Board of Directors. Our factual argumentation, our clear request and the fact that we published our position in the November 2019 newsletter certainly contributed to the change of attitude of the Municipal Authorities regarding our presence on the Board. We welcome this happy outcome.
 - This Board will be chaired by Arthur Clivaz, who has already chaired the working group on the visitor's tax.
 - The following will be represented on the Board of Directors: the Municipality, the ski lift operator, the BAT, the Residence, the Société Anniviers, Verco R2 and a place will be reserved for the "SD" (Development Corporation).
 - The following are members of the "Société du Tourisme SA" without a seat on the Board of Directors: la Veranda, l'Oiseau Bleu and ASCAVE.
 - The first meeting of the Board of Directors will take place on Monday 30.12.2019. At this meeting, the new head of the Tourist Office was appointed, Camille Glassey.
2. Development Corporation (referred to by its French acronym "SD")
 - The SD is being reborn thanks to the initiative of Michel Minnig, who has made contact with the various economic, sporting and cultural players in Vercorin. The GA "of renewal" will take place in January 2020. Michel Minnig will, in principle, be the new president and as such will sit on the Board of the Tourism Ltd Company.
 - Martine has agreed to represent Verco R2 in the SD and we thank her for this.
3. Contributing members of Verco R 2
 - According to Renato's email and accounts, which I have received in the meantime, we currently have 101 members who have paid their dues for the year 2019. In 2018, we had 96 paying members.
 - In this mail, Renato also informs us that he will resign from the committee by 31.12.2019, which we obviously regret. We have taken note that Renato will prepare the accounts for 2019 so that they can be presented to the statutory GA of February 15th. Claire has agreed to take over the role to Treasurer of Verco R2 and we thank her very much. She will contact Renato for the "technical" transmission of the accounts.
4. Statutory General Meeting
 - Despite the likelihood that two members of the committee may not be able to attend, we maintain the date of Saturday, February 15th at 5:00 p.m. in the multipurpose room. A committee meeting has been agreed to take place at 4 p.m.
 - We propose to maintain the membership fee at CHF 50 to cover expenses such as the "aperitif" (usual cost per event is CHF 300).
 - We will submit the question of the date of the GA (Christmas/New Year - February - Easter - Summer - Autumn) and the time of our meetings (17 - 18 - 19 - 20 hours) for discussion.

- With the exception of Renato, the committee and the president are standing for re-election. There will therefore be two vacancies on the committee. We look forward to finding candidates.
- After the statutory GA, the "Draft Charter for a medium-term tourism development of Vercorin", which was discussed at the committee meeting of 2.8.2019, will be presented for a first discussion.

5. Meeting with Alain Perruchoud and Martine Hofstädter-Perruchoud

- Discount for ski lift :
Supporting the children of the R2s to lower the Magicpass price is not convincing as most children of the R2s have reached adulthood. The proposal retained for further evaluation is a round trip card set per chalet, possibly weighted by the number of rooms. Such a set could be used in summer and winter, regardless of the choice of sporting activity.
- Vercorin-Grimentz shuttle :
The Vercorin-Vissoie shuttle costs CHF 140'000 per year, an amount equally divided between the Commune of Val d'Anniviers and the Commune of Chalais. Paying the same amount for a direct shuttle to Grimentz, just to avoid a change of bus in Vissoie, seems to be out of proportion. On the other hand, we could consider setting up an application/platform to facilitate carpooling.
- The natural water basin in the Creux du Lavioz using water from the bisse :
Such a development is part of the project to redevelop the Creux du Lavioz, a very comprehensive project which will however, for financial reasons, undergo some reductions.
- Support for Verco-Jazz :
The Municipality has financially supported Verco-Jazz in the past. On the other hand, it does not have the strength to participate in the organisation of Verco-Jazz or in any other activities. All the sports and cultural activities are carried out only by volunteers, sometimes with some financial support from the Municipality.
- Municipal garbage dump :
Bulky waste will need to be deposited at a designated site in the plain once the Municipal garbage dump will be shut down (approximately in a year from now). This decision is final. On the other hand, the Municipality, possibly in association with Loye, will try to keep or create a new place for organic waste. Finally, a container for compostable waste is planned.
- Leaflet to join Verco R2 :
The Municipality agrees to attach to the tourist tax bill a note inviting secondary residents to join our association. It expects us to draft a short text before Easter.
- The different utility taxes :
As regards the cost of the various taxes, it is necessary to separate the infrastructures, whose installation is independent of consumption, and the consumption itself.
Concerning general garbage, the collection operation has been in deficit and the Municipality should have significantly increased the costs. By taxing garbage bags, the Municipality was able to reduce the garbage tax from 260 to 220 francs for R2 (and for residents??).
As for water and sewerage, according to Swiss figures, the cost of the infrastructure amounts to 40% and consumption/use to 60% of the total cost. Very roughly, we can say that R2s should only pay 50% of the current amount. The Municipality is aware of this and plans to study the problem. In view of the potential merger of the Municipality of Chalais- Vercorin with Sierre, it considers that it would be "urgent to wait".

(Personally, I am only partially satisfied with these answers and I think that the subject needs to be studied in greater depth and the discussion resumed).

Vercorin, 27.12.2019

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