



Minutes of the general meeting of the Club des Combins

29/02/2020 – 18:00 Médran

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1. Opening of the meeting, record of attendance

The president opened the meeting at 18:10 and welcomed those present.

The attendance sheet was circulated for signature.

- 67 members were present
- 27 members had sent apologies for absence

2. Approval of the minutes of the last general meeting

Mrs Lehmkuhl proposed to dispense with a reading of the minutes of the last general meeting on 02 March 2019. This document is available for viewing, in both French and English, on the Club's website.

This proposal was accepted, and the minutes were therefore approved.

3. President's report

Over the past year, the committee met three times to discuss a number of subjects, including that of opening the pension fund to guides who are not members of Les Guides de Verbier.

In this regard, the ASGM sent an email to all Swiss mountain guides with the information about the pension fund. To date, only five guides have signed up, and ten or so have rung to ask for additional information. The contract was renewed for five years, but SwissLife requests that we increase the number of guides subscribed.

As far as the Club is concerned, it remains our goal to increase the number of members. The advantages that the Club is now offering them are:

- At the start of the season, the chance to order clothing from the Mammut range embroidered with the Club's logo.
- Avalanche training on the first weekend of the Verbier Freeride Days, which was organised at the start of the season in partnership with Téléverbier, the Bureau des Guides and the Swiss ski school. Several Club members were present, and we really encourage everyone to take part in the next session.
- For junior members, the chance to book days at a preferential rate.
- Eight "first come, first served" days available to all members.

The dinner for partners of guides took place yesterday evening with 26 participants, which is a record. The meal, which was held at the Quai de l'Ours restaurant in Orsières, was a very pleasant occasion.

Donations amounting to CHF 19,000 were made into the Guides' relief fund account after the death of Mr Gary Goodman, as requested by his family. Our emergency fund helps guides and their families in addition to their relief fund account.

To date, the Club has 266 members, which is 15 more than last year. These 15 members include 4 new founding members. We thank all these people for their support and commitment.

4. Presentation of the accounts for 2019

The president handed over to Mr Jérôme Rausis of Fiduciaire du St-Bernard for the presentation of the accounts for 2019.

Members had received the accounts with the notice of the general meeting and had therefore been able to read them beforehand.

Mr Rausis went through the various entries. As at 31/12/2019, the Club's resources amounted to CHF 749,480.78.

Before closing this point, M. Rausis also reviewed the accounts for the pension fund.

5. Auditor's report

The accounts had been audited by Fidag SA, the report was read by Mr Rausis.

6. Approval of the accounts and grant of discharge to the committee

The accounts for 2019 were approved unanimously and the members granted the committee discharge from their liability.

7. Election of committee members

In accordance with the articles of association, the term of office for committee members is 3 years. This year, two members, Mrs Louise Del Balzo et Mr Antoine Darbellay, reached the end of their term, but both agreed to have their appointment renewed for a further 3 years.

8. AOB – Presentation

The question was raised as to why a guide who is not a member of the Bureau des Guides cannot join the Club des Combins. It was explained that, according to article 6 of our articles of association, only guides who are members of the Bureau des Guides can join the Club des Combins. However, non-member guides can subscribe to the pension fund set up by the Club.

The meeting was told that several founding members would like to do even more for the Club. Would it be possible to create an additional membership category? Ms Lehmkuhl said she would organise a meeting with them to discuss in more detail their expectations and the possibilities that exist.

The Bureau des Guides had prepared a small gift box for every member of the Club. Those members who had not received it were told they could pick it up at the end of the meeting or collect it from the mountain guide office.

The guides Jacques Vouilloz, Guillaume Martina and Daniel Coquoz showed a film about the expedition they went on in Antarctica.

The president thanked those present for attending and closed the meeting at 19:15.