

MINUTES OF THE AMIS DE VERBIER AGM, FRI 14 APRIL 2017 – Cinéma de Verbier : 18H30.

MEMBERS : present—64, excused—Mr and Mrs Ulmer, Vanderfelt, Gachet and Veldhuysen
Board members present: André Gorgemans, Antoinette de Wolff, Anne Gachoud, Claude Roux, Christian Cloché, Tim Watkins, Hugues Duchâteau and Géry Daeninck; excused—Doug Sager
Each association member was sent a letter of convocation.

According to published agenda

1. Nomination of examiners/ Anne Berger and Martine Piaget appointed
2. President's report
President André Gorgemans opened the meeting at 18 :30 with welcome and thanks, and remembrance of former president Janine Burrus, who passed away in November 2016. Special mention was made of the attendance of Commune President Eloi Rossier. Past and upcoming association events were reviewed, with slides, and note taken of the practical advantages of the new period of the fiscal year, now running from January to December, unlike from May to April as in the past.
3. Approval of minutes from previous AGM March 25, 2016—unanimous approval and applause
4. Approval of current agenda for this meeting—unanimous approval
5. Presentation of accounts for period January 1 2016 to December 31, 2016 by Treasurer Claude Roux-- unanimous approval and applause [details appended]
6. Report of overseers by Charles Teicher, who asks the President to speak in his place, due to laryngitis—unanimous approval with thanks for his work and loyalty
7. Presentation and approval of budget for 2017 by Treasurer Claude Roux [details appended]—approved by acclamation. In future, members will receive invoices for membership fees, send by post and administered by Fiduciaire FIDAG Stéphane Fellay for a fee of CHF 2000 per year.
8. Report on the Library by Acting Director Anne Gachoud [see appended], including graphs and statistics showing dramatic growth in library usage over the years. Mention was made of the role of one of the prime founders of the Library, Janine Burrus. Thanks were given to the President of the Commune de Bagnes and its citizens for financing the institution of a new library computer system and online network as well as for supporting the Library in its present and future building, and further for donating the CHF 1400 fee of the Alcodia library software maintenance. Doug Sager was thanked for his computer work from afar, and special mention of the Library volunteer staff was made. Due thanks to the association for its annual contribution of CHF 5000 for books and DVDs was warmly given. Evidence of the Library staff's involvement in social welfare was instanced in examples of re-introducing local people into salaried jobs after training in the Library.
9. Miscellaneous: The floor was given to President of the Commune de Bagnes Eloi Rossier, who spoke of the importance of association such as Les Amis and who gave an overview of municipal projects, including roadworks and the new centralized heating system. He emphasized his willingness and availability to communicate with anyone wanting more information.
--Questions from the floor were asked regarding tourist tax and the future of the Library building. The President made a firm commitment to assure that premises would be found for the Library and material provided, for any move.
--Martine Piaget took the floor to encourage members to play bridge.

No one else requesting the floor, the meeting was ended at 19:45 and was followed by a lecture by Sandra Deslarzes on the topic of 'The Free School of Bagnes'.

ANNEXES—Library report and statistics/ Budget and Accounts supplements

Fait à Verbier, le 16.042017

Anne Gachoud pour le PV
Secrétaire

André Gorgemans
Président