

# 2015 AGM Documentation

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#### Chairman's review

The Council of the Association Flainois and the Executive have continued their activities of dialogue and the representation on Members' interests vis-á-vis the principle political and economic authorities in Flaine (The SIF, DSF, and the Tourist Office). We have passed on your concerns.

The Association WebSite has kept the membership informed and the increase in visits to the site shows an increase in interest. Membership numbers lend credibility to the Association, and provide the financial means to support cultural and sporting events in Flaine.

Cultural and sporting events raise awareness for the Association and for the resort of Flaine. Events in 2014 were:

- A grant was made to a creative artist for an exhibitor at the Cultural Center;
- The Association participated in the activities of the three summer music academies, by means of cash prizes to winning musicians and by means of a contribution to the costs of the organizers (these activities were favourably covered by the local press);
- Unfortunately the Ski Race scheduled for March 2014 with the Sports Club could not take place, due to a lack of suitable volunteers.

We had meetings covering the following activities in Flaine:

- SIF and the ski area and ski lifts; we appreciate the ongoing efforts to modernize the ski area and the extended opening of the DMC in the summer season.
- The improvement to and general maintenance of the resort. The operation of the elevators, and the improvements to the roads and the Car Parks, were the subject of meetings with the SIF. The situation has showed a marked improvement by late 2014.

Since 2012 and continuing through 2014, a part of the residential property taxes from Flaine and the concession fees paid by the Lift Company, amounting to a total of almost almost € 1.5 million, has been retained by the Communes of Magland and Arâches-La Frasse.

- This has been a severe blow to the quality of facilities and services of the resort, and also an issue of fairness! The Municipalities provided no financial help when Flaine was in a precarious situation, but as the situation in Flaine began to improve, Arâches, being in straitened circumstances, balanced their situation by drawing on Flaine's resources, with the connivance of Magland.
- We initiated a public debate about this situation, and sent a questionnaire to the candidates for the local elections. We also organized a petition (with 300 signatures) to demand the return of these taxes to Flaine, and took part in three election meetings in Flaine. The newly elected Councillors of the Arâches Commune, from both the successful lists, have undertaken in their in their programs to return all taxes that are generated in Flaine to Flaine and we will be looking very carefully at the 2015 and subsequent budgets.
- We are also following the long-term projects which should contribute to the development of the resort. The key project is Funiflaine, a cable car to link Magland in the valley with Flaine with stops at Les Carroz and at the Col de Pierre Carrée. This would (will) have a

- significant impact on Flaine and Les Carroz, but we are not aware of the latest version of the project and its coherence (for example parking in the valley and coordination with the Railway). This project is expensive, in the order of  $\in$  80 million, and the financing decision by the State and European bodies has been expected since the summer of 2014.
- We hope that many other actions will be undertaken to encourage and welcome tourists in greater numbers.
- Over the past two years we have established contacts with Coproprietes. One action was carried out jointly between 6 condominiums, and we will try in 2015 to conduct further actions.
- Details of our activities with the Coproprietes can be seen on the website, which should give other Copropriete committees food for thought.

## RAPPORT FINANCIER - FINANCIAL REPORT

	01/10/2011	01/10/2012	01/10/2013	01/10/2014				
1 ACTIF / ASSETS								
SICAV CA	16 583,74 €	16 634,21€	16 532,98€	16 511,04 €				
Actions CDA au 30/06	460,00 €	255,00 €	312 €	316,00 €				
Livret A	16 871,41 €	13 540,59 €	11 095,69 €	11 285,43 €				
Compte Courant	61,34 €	420,65 €	113,59 €	175,47 €				
Caisse	0 €	0 €	0 €	0 €				
TOTAL	33 976,49 €	30 850,45 €	28 054,26 €	28 287,94 €				
2 DETAIL DES RECE	2 DETAIL DES RECETTES ET DEPENSES / INCOME AND EXPENSES							
Subscriptions and	2 730 € (94	2 910 € (97	2 520 € (82	2570 € (70				
Donations	members)	members)	members)	members)				
<b>Investment Income</b>	483,77 €	390,74 €	420,24 €	247,07 €				
Secretarial Expenses	-1 350,00 €	-698,17€	-988,60 €	-110,66 €				
Web Site			-134,06 €	0 €				
Miscellaneous	-654,18 €	-1 327,24 €	-867,16 €	-64,79 € (bank)				
Cultural / Musical Events	-2 000,00 €	-2 900 €	-3150 €	-2 300,00 €				
Sporting Events	-1 036,46 € ski + golf	ski : -437,59 € golf : -909,25 €	-552,38 € ski	-90 € (report slalom 2013)				
TOTAL Income	-5 080,52 €	-6 272,25 €	-5 692,20 €	-2 565,45 €				
TOTAL Expenses	3 213,77 €	3 300,74 €	2 640,14 €	2 817,07 €				
Investment Valuations Variation	-135,69 €	-154,51 €	-44,23 €	-17,94 €				
ASSETS Variation	-2 002,44 €	-3 126,04 €	-2 796,19 €	233,68 €				

- The financial situation is slightly improved.
- We have 70 paid-up members, 12 fewer than in 2013, but we estimate that the Association could have 200 to 300 members if our WebSite readers were to support us actively.
- We will continue our On-line Information activities, with access to more of the items on the WebSite being restricted to members (a proposal to be voted on at the EGM).

• The Association's impact can also be measured by the number of visitor to the webSite, continuously rising with about 500 hits per day in October and November 2014, and by the number of visitors to the Piwigo picture gallery. In the present state of the WebSite non-members can only see the first few lines of certain articles.

We are being driven to propose measures in order to be able to continue our activities, while keeping the budget balanced, and keeping reserves available to take action in both the public and the private spheres.

# **BUDGET 2015 (compared to 2013/2014):**

Heading	Item	Actual 2013	Budget 2014	Actual 2014	Budget 2015
Income	Subscriptions and Donations	2 400 €	3 000 €	2 570 €	2 800 €
	Investment Income	420 €	400 €	247,07 €	250 €
Total Income		2 820 €	3 400 €	2 817 €	3 050 €
Expenses	Secretarial Expenses	-988 €	-200€	-110,66 €	-100 €
	WebSite	-134 €	-200€	0 €	-135 €
	Travel Costs	-553 €	0 €	0 €	0 €
	Publicity and PR	-313 €	-200€	0 €	-65 € (GM)
	Cultural Events	-1000 €	-700 €	-700 €	-400 €
	Musical Events	-2 150 €	-1 600 €	-1 600 €	-1 450 €
	Sporting Events	-552 €	-600 €	-90 € (report)	-900 €
Total Expenses'		-5 690 €	-3 500 €	-2 500 €	-3 050 €
Balance	Not including investment valuations	-2 750 €	-100 €	251,62 €	0 €

There is always the possibility of exceptional costs for an Event or Legal Action.

## Notes

- Appeals to our donors have not been in vain and we gratefully thank our generous supporters.
- The drop in operating costs is thanks to the members of the Association's Executive/
- The major expenditure items are for cultural events, music, and sports.
- The € 1,450 for musical events is broken down as follows € 700 for the International Academy of Music, € 500 for "Music in Flaine" and € 250 for "Opus 74".

### **Elections to the Council - the current state**

College	Name	Status	End of mandate
1	Annie CORNILLAT	Post for election in 2014	2017 AGM
1	Théo de la SOUJEOLE	Post for election in 2014	2017 AGM
1	Mike DICKINSON	Post for election in 2014	2017 AGM
2	Christophe BOUJON	Elected at the 2013 AGM	2015 AGM
2	Régis LARDENNOIS	Elected at the 2013 AGM	2015 AGM
2	Pierre TOCQUEVILLE	Elected at the 2013 AGM	2015 AGM
3	Thomas HEPPEL	Elected at the 2014 AGM	2016 AGM
3	Michel MOREL	Elected at the 2014 AGM	2016 AGM
3	Open	Post for election in 2014	2016 AGM

# **Proposed Policy Guidelines**

Flaine is undergoing a major period of development and growth, which must also take into account the effect of the economic crisis on the different factors and actors.

#### **Actions**

Taking the Chairman's 2014 Review into account, we propose the following activities for 2015:

- Continue to monitor developments and events in the resort.
- Organize a Ski Race in March 2015, with one of the sports organizations in Flaine and with the support of Flainois traders. We need three volunteers from among the membership to form an organization team: to canvas the merchants (for prizes) and for the organize the barbecue funded by the Association Flainoise for all the participants we will take the names volunteers now with our thanks. The actual date will be confirmed when we finally know the school holiday schedules.
- The share of the budget allocated to music and culture has been very significant over the past 5 years. We propose gradually to rebalance this with activities focusing on the Flaine resort, both summer and winter, with walks or snowshoe tours supported by with Flainois traders, starting in 2015.
- We will keep you abreast of the various meetings that we have with the Flainois authorities (the SIF, the Compagnie des Alpes, the Tourist Office, as well as municipal authorities in Magland and Araches)
- We will continue to progress actions with the Coproprietes coordinated by Michel Morel,
- We intend that the Association's WebSite will be the main link with you, thanks to the ongoing attention of Regis Lardennois

#### **Operation of the Association**

We question as we do every year every year the state of the financial resources of the Association which we would like to see improved. The situation of the resort does not seem to be considered serious enough to create strong support of our activities. In our view the answer has three elements:

- Reduce our expenses;
- Improve the quality of our activities, such as the information provided on the WebSite;
- Restrict access to the bulk of the WebSite to members. This a proposal we would like to address by means of a vote.

#### But also:

- We need more volunteers to help with the organization of our activities;
- Membership fees and donations allow us to maintain our independence, and cover the operating expenses of the Executive and the Council.

## **Change to the Statutes - Extraordinary General Meeting**

The following paragraph shall be added to Article 10 of the Statutes (in French).

"From January 1, 2015 the notice convening the Annual General Meeting and Extraordinary General Meeting will normally be sent by email and published on the Flaine Association WebSite; the notice will only be sent by post to Members who have not supplied their email address or whose last notified email address is invalid (or no longer valid)."