

Minutes Club de Chalet Blanc AGM 31 July 2024 Committee Meeting 11.00 h CET

Committee Present:

Guy de Blonay President Rory Fleming Sylvie van Berchem Rhian-Anwen Hamill

Apologies:

George Bergengren

Agenda

1. Attendance control
2. Opening statement by B Knudsen
3. Committee Report
 - A. Changes within the Committee
 - Resignations of Committee members
 - Reelection of the committee members
 - Organization charts of the committee and subcommittees
 - B. Activities 2022/2023
 - Club Events
 - Sporting Events
 - Restaurant
 - C. Decisions made following the last Committee meeting, membership situation
4. Expansion in town
5. Report on operational aspects
6. Report for the financial year as at 31.10.23
7. Approval of accounts
8. Discharge of committee members
9. Word from the Président

Minutes

1. Attendance control
2. Opening statement by B Knudsen on behalf of Alex Hoffmann who was absent
3. Committee Report Guy de Blonay reported that the winter season has been satisfactory and that the summer season is at this point ahead of budget. The latter is particularly pleasing as it was not obvious a few months ago that we could have the club open and thanked the executive team who have managed to continue the spirit of the club in difficult times. Explained the resignation of committee members Fred Turrettini, Felix Bonnier during the early part of the winter season and Joakim Lehmkuhl and Alex Hoffmann in recent days (although AH had not been part of committee meetings since January 2024). No one needed to be reappointed. Sylvie van Berchem and Rhian-Anwen Hamill had been prepared to take the roles of Treasurer and Secretary respectively and temporarily, until new officers are identified, ideally soon. Guy de Blonay said the Committee will be looking to refresh and add to the Committee in the year ahead and would welcome indications of interest from members and said he was committed to a governance review. He gave an account of the winter and summer sport activities and thanked each member of the Sports Committee.

Regarding the restaurant Sylvie van Berchem, transmitted excellent feedback for food provision and thanked the team supporting Gabi. She also thanked the restaurant manager and sommelier. She made a plea to respect reservations to reduce losses and optimize space.

Guy de Blonay explained the club had 3 leavers, one transfer and 7 new members for a net additional of 4 members compared to last year

4. Expansion in town. Guy de Blonay said that thanks to the auditors, we now have clear picture of how events unfolded and the commitments that were entered into in relation to the Annex Project. Members have had the benefit of a Townhall and/ or the audit report presentation. He added that we found ourselves at an important juncture, and there was a decision to be made about whether to continue with the project Tzi in town, or whether to withdraw and focus on the recovery process.

In this context, a week before that AGM Guy de Blonay asked M Burrus for his Best and Final Offer for a lease contract on the Chalet Tzi. He made it clear that he was not seeking to reopen extensive renegotiations. The intention in asking for this offer was to flush out whether there was a realistic project for the Chalet Blanc to pursue. The Committee had just been made aware of this proposal. At that point Guy de Blonay could not provide any immediate insights on the offer.

Guy de Blonay then said that we now have to consider whether we drop the project at this point without any further analysis, or whether members allow the committee to contract a professional consultant to review the offer, produce a business plan, an investment plan, a lease contract ready to sign and report to the committee with a recommendation - and this within a time limit of three months.

A question was asked regarding whether we had quorum; since this is 10% of members, the meeting was quorate.

A question was asked how much the business planning process would cost, approximately 10-15k.

A question was asked regarding the view of the committee – Guy de Blonay said the committee is recommending abandoning the project as it stands but would be happy to conduct further analysis if allowed by the members. In case of an abandon of the project, the Committee would be working on strategies for the recovery process.

In this context, Guy de Blonay also reported that Alex Hoffmann formalised his commitment to offer the Club CHF 200,000. AH also confirmed in writing his resignation as President of the Club, and a slide was shared of how the committee is now organised, showing Guy de Blonay as President.

A discussion was held on differing views. A member asked could the way members vote be revealed, as this is a divisive issue. Others disagreed and felt privacy should be respected and this should be done anonymously.

Guy de Blonay asked for a vote. 49 people had proxies, and 68 members were present at the start, although some left during the meeting. Vote proceeded and counting started.

5. Report on operational aspects – Rhian-Anwen Hamill and Sylvie van Berchem gave an update on operational matters. What had been done already to ensure mistakes of the past were not repeated and what considerable amount of work remained to be done. They also thanked members who had asked pertinent and challenging questions throughout
6. Report for the financial year as at 31.10.23 Maxime Lambercy, the accountant from Novifal made a presentation on the accounts which was held in French. These notes are included in French at the end of the minutes and were collated by Robin Bruttin, for which thanks. *
7. Approval of accounts. Two members were against - a discussion was held about how to recover costs if the annex was not pursued. Rhian Hamill spoke in principle about options, mediation, negotiation, volunteering or litigation. A mediation was promoted by Mr Hentsch, a member, and he was prepared to suggest a few names if it came to it. Litigation is not desired by members was his view and many agreed.
8. Discharge of committee members. Guy de Blonay reminded the assembly of the contribution of Alex Hoffman who has offered CHF200,000 to cover some of the cost incurred on the annex. He explained that the audit report showed that the construction costs were 3-4 times bigger. He asked for the committee to be “déchargé” as a whole but some members were not willing. He reminded the members that Alex set up the Club 14 years ago, personally underwriting the launch and was unpaid as president for all these years. Meanwhile the fruits of his efforts and vision have been enjoyed by the members. He appealed for the members to consider carefully whether the whole committee should be discharged together including Alex Hoffmann.

(The Annex vote, having been counted in the meantime, was given at this point in the meeting. 100 people had a vote. 24 wanted to give 3 months delay to investigate; 58 were against the project; 18 abstained. The Annex project was therefore abandoned)

It was decided to vote on a decharge of the whole committee without Alex Hoffmann. Some members had left the meeting by this point. There were 50 votes in favour of discharging the committee excluding Mr Hoffmann which was a clear majority. This was followed by a vote in which there were 35 votes against a decharge which included Mr Hoffmann versus 18 in favour of including him. Decharge was therefore given to the committee but not to Alex Hoffmann.

9. Word from the President. Guy de Blonay thanked all members of the Committee for their hard work and commitment, alongside the club members who volunteered to assist. They have all given an extraordinary number of hours and without them, we would be in a very different place. He added that the work won't stop here and the Committee will continue their efforts while remaining available and open to members. He said he wished for the Club to reawaken its conviviality and spirit, and that the notion of friends and family is protected and valued. He concluded by saying that whatever the outcome of the Annex, the club is embarking on a vision that is beyond just a restaurant, including cultural and family events and involving members in gently expanding what the club represents.

10. Q&A

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***Notes from Item 6 taken by Robin Bruttin**

Présentation des comptes : Monsieur Lambercy de la Fiduciaire Nofival à Martigny présente les comptes arrêtés au 31.10.2023 en sa qualité de comptable du Club du Chalet Blanc. Il donne des explications détaillées des différents postes de l'actif et du passif du bilan, en soulignant que le montant à l'actif concernant le projet de l'annexe a déjà été provisionné dans les comptes au 31.10.2023.

Questions des membres :

- **Question de Monsieur Black :** Il demande pourquoi la provision de 500 KCHF concernant les travaux à payer pour l'annexe ne se trouve pas dans les comptes au 31.10.2023.
 - **Réponse de Monsieur Lambercy :** Il explique qu'il ne possédait pas cette information au moment de la clôture des comptes et que les comptes sont effectués sur la base des factures reçues et payées.
- **Question de Monsieur Black :** Il pose une question concernant la provision pour rénovation qu'il ne trouve pas transparente dans les comptes.
 - **Réponse de Monsieur Lambercy :** Il affirme que cette provision est visible dans les comptes et propose de transmettre le Grand-Livre pour plus de détails.
- **Question de Monsieur Hentsch :** Il demande où sont comptabilisées les cotisations d'entrée des nouveaux membres.
 - **Réponse de Monsieur Lambercy :** Il indique qu'elles sont directement inscrites dans les fonds propres de l'association.

Il commente ensuite le compte de résultat de l'association, mentionnant que tous les frais annexes au projet du chalet TZI ont été passés en charge directement dans le compte de résultat.

- **Question de Monsieur Kohler :** Il demande une explication concernant le montant de 100 KCHF payé à l'entreprise Borel & Barbey à Genève.
 - **Réponse de Monsieur de Blonay :** Il explique que l'AG avait donné mandat d'explorer la piste d'un achat, et que Me Turrettini avait été engagé pour ce mandat ainsi que de finaliser un projet de contrat de bail avec un acheteur de l'annexe et de préparer l'AGE à cet effet. Le projet était proche d'aboutir, mais l'acheteur s'est retiré dans les semaines qui ont suivi l'AGE de juillet 2023.

- **Rapport de révision** : Monsieur Pierroz, Auditeur responsable à la Fiduciaire FIDAG, donne lecture du rapport de révision.
- **Question de Monsieur Black** : Il demande pourquoi il s'agit d'un audit limité et non d'un audit complet.
 - **Réponse de Monsieur Pierroz** : Il explique la différence entre un contrôle ordinaire et un contrôle restreint selon la loi suisse et justifie le choix d'une revue restreinte car la Fiduciaire FIDAG n'est pas inscrite au registre du commerce en tant qu'organe de révision de l'association.

Les comptes sont acceptés avec 2 voix contre.

President
Guy de Blonay



Secretary (Interim)
Rhian-Anwen Hamill

