



Minutes of APCACH Annual General Meeting held on 30th of December 2011

The Annual General Meeting started at 18:15

André Gossauer welcomed the 42 people attending, inclusive of 28 members with voting rights (having paid their 2011 membership), he then greeted President Luc Fellay, Olivier Wermeille, Laurent Meier and Eric Liechti, the new Managing Director for Champéry Tourisme for their presence.

Excused:

Maarten Wurf Bain, John Stoy, Albert Wittkamp, Alain Chevalier, Alex Marcar, Danny Touw

On the 4th of February 2011, President Lach Thorburn resigned with 5 members of the committee, i.e. Cedric Astor, Tony Rackham, Rosemary Rackham, Alex Marcar and Stan Vermeulen.

We thank them all for their work.

A new committee was formed, including two existing members:

Alain Chevalier, Solange Demole, André Gossauer, Fred Oetiker, Chuck Tolleson. Patrick de la Chesnais joined in August 2011.

The 30/12/2010 AGM Minutes are approved by all.

Patrick de la Chesnais reviewed **the 2011 APCACH activities**:

All objectives for 2011 were defined and sent by mail in April as follows:

MISSION: Defend the rights of the owners

OBJECTIVES: Support the work of the Commune

STRATEGY: get information from Commune, inform members, represent members to the Commune and collectivity

ACHIEVEMENTS:

Recruit more members, 60 paying in 2011, and 83 paying members at end November 2011, yet not enough !

Contacts with the commune:

- Dialogue with Luc Fellay, President of the Commune
- Dialogue with Olivier Wermeille, Conseiller Municipal
- Solange Demole representing APCACH at Conseil du Tourisme, Becoming Champéry Tourisme
- Involvement in AHHR (Ass. des Hébergeurs, Hôteliers et Résidents de Champéry) representing the owners of secondary homes
- Being present at Assemblées primaires
- Being part of commission Broisin ad hoc.

All these contacts helped us being informed of ongoing files and communicating to our members by:

- Numerous emails
- Monthly Stamms starting August 27th 2011
- Updated information on our Web site



- Organizing Summer Meeting on July 30th 2011 at Grand-Paradis

A questionnaire was addressed to our members in October: 33 were returned completed, representing 28% of membership.

Priority actions to be done, by order of importance as follow:

- 1- Main Street: animation, regulation for restaurants and shops opening.
- 2- Transports and shuttles.
- 3- Attractive Ski for young kids in the village center

Parkings, hotels, résidence hôtelière are other topics to consider (see website).

The report of 2011 activities is adopted by all.

Andre Gossauer produced **the 2011 accounts** (see website), Beverley Atkin read the auditors' report, approved by all.

Two modifications in statutes are suggested :

- Modification of art. 3 et 7 to allow a member to represent several, e.g part of the same building (request from Daniel Collé). Approved by all but one opposition.
- Modification of art. 8, 9 and 11 to allow the committee to work on a collegial "steering committee" basis. Approved unanimously.

Statutory elections for 2 years:

- The "steering committee" composed of Patrick de la Chesnais, Alain Chevalier, Solange Demole, André Gossauer, Jürg Schaad and Chuck Tolleson is approved. Fred Oetiker, resigning, is thanked for his contribution
- Julian Trunkfield and Diane Lavenex are elected as auditors. Beverley Atkin, resigning, is thanked for her work.

Patrick de la Chesnais introduces **thoughts for 2012** :

- Turn APCACH into a social club where people can meet up and welcome newcomers.
- Champéry is a fantastic reservoir of talented, skilled in many fields with the potential to become an effective network.
- Rename APCACH to suggest our values, showing our interest for the commune more than our particular owner focus.
- Make our web site Web more attractive.
- Get linked with Facebook.
- Help our young children, teenagers, and older children meet each other, organize their own parties, come with their ideas...
- Recruit new members using friends, neighbors and network.
- Get the address of secondary residents.
- Get from our members to organize think tanks. Incite our members to take action and animate think tank groups.
- Learn from JF Kennedy quote : "don't ask what your country can do for you, but what You can do for your country".
- Develop our collaboration with Champéry city council and local associations
- Become a reliable partner to the Commune.
- Create relationship with the inhabitants based on trust.

- Be active and creative within every commission.
- Follow up all open subjects: work of Commission Broisin, have a thought re ski facilities for kids, parking globally.
- Increase our collaboration with Champéry Tourisme and new Managing director Eric Liechti.
- Keep our members informed with:
 - Regular emails
 - Stamms every last Saturday of every month in various restaurants of the village, starting 28/01 at Auberge du Grand-Paradis newly opened by Chuck Tolleson
 - Organising summer party end of July 2012
- Suggestion to increase membership fee to 100 CHF per member for 2013, junior membership < 30 years to 20 CHF to increase revenues.
- Prepare a budget for 2013 with these revenue assumptions, reflect upon action to be carried helping local cultural initiatives in Champéry: music festival, conferences, sport (ski, treck, pétanque...).

A discussion about the new name of APCACH took place: Luc Fellay and several members think that this name is in the mind of the people and it would be bad to change it so soon.

The plan guidelines for 2012 above are approved by all.

André Gossauer presented **the 2012 budget** based on unchanged 50 CHF fee per member unit. It was unanimously approved.

Luc Fellay, the commune president, reported on the achievements of his administration for 2011:

- Champéry Tourisme SA has been created, integrating the Palladium (the technical infrastructure is now operated by the municipality). Eric Liechti, the new director, started in November.
- The financial restructuring of the Palladium will be completed mid 2012.
- The construction of the Rochats residence, to offer moderate rental housing for the youth in particular will start in 2012.

The 2012 projects:

- La rue du village and its animation.
- Enhancement of the Barme site.
- Planning on the brand Les Portes du Soleil is being worked on.
- The Broisin project is under study, it illustrates the importance of increasing commercial beds. There were 1300 hotel beds in 1909, at best only 700 today. Currently hotels refuse to offer winter quotas to tour operators.
- Upgrading of the route de Rumières, torrent de Gleux, Grand Paradis bridges.
- Promotional activities to increase the visibility of Champéry will continue, Maxi-Rires, Rencontres Musicales, August 1st party, 150th anniversary of the municipal band ("fanfare").
- Champéry has become the Center for European Curling.
- A snow shoeing fair will be held in March ("salon de la raquette").
- The on-going cycle/VTT activities with Morzine and Châtel. Champéry may host the bicycle "Tour du Dauphiné" in 2013.



Luc Fellay is expecting an “intellectual” partnership with APCACH through regular contacts. He proposed that APCACH announces a theme to be discussed before each Stamm, enabling him to send the municipal counselor involved.

Luc Fellay reiterates that we are welcome to the Assemblées Primaires where a host of information is shared.

Mr. Eric Liechti, director of Champéry Tourisme SA, speaks, introduces himself and the new organizational structure. It is planned to transfer to the Palladium the reception structure and expand it.

He intends to maintain the VTT “flame” in 2012.

He prepares the transition from Chablais Tourisme to “Portes du Soleil Champéry”.

The meeting is closed at 19:20, an aperitif follows next.