

General Meeting of 27 December 2024 Minutes

Place : Restaurant Woodland – Ayent

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| <u>Present:</u> | 91 people including 5 Committee members /282 ASPA members as at 22 December 2024. As the Committee does not vote, there will be 88 votes. |
| <u>Proxies, reasons for absence:</u> | 2 people |
| <u>Excused absences:</u> | > 40 people |

At 5:10 p.m., Chairman Daniel Gallay (DG) opened the meeting. He gave details of the meal (75 people) and asked if there were any vegans: 0. He introduced the guests Géraldine Overney (thesis on the involvement of R2s in municipal governance), Stéphanie Dijkman (Director of the Tourist Office), Christian Savioz (Ayent municipal councillor), Alain Décaillet (Arbaz municipal councillor) and Christophe Beney (President of the Ayent municipality).

He reminded everyone of the documents received by e-mail:

- - 12-point agenda:
 1. Welcome, appointment of scrutineers and conduct of the meeting
 2. Minutes of the AGM of 28 December 2023
 3. Chairman's report
 4. Treasurer's and Auditors' Report
 - a. Treasurer's report
 - b. Auditors' report
 5. Finances
 - a. Annual accounts 2024
 - b. Discharge of the Committee
 6. Membership fees 2025
 - a. Committee proposal
 - b. Vote
 7. 2025 Budget
 - a. Committee proposal
 - b. Vote
 8. Elections
 - a. President
 - b. Auditors and deputy auditors
 9. Committee information
 - a. Search for new members for the ASPA Committee
 - b. ASPA 20th anniversary party
 - c. Partnerships
 10. Minor amendments to some articles of association
 11. Date of next meeting
 12. Miscellaneous
- - Minutes of the General Meeting of 28 December 2023
- - Accounts 2024 and Treasurer's report
- - Budget 2025

1. Welcome, appointment of scrutineers and conduct of the meeting

DG asked if the agenda was accepted as presented Accepted
 DG reminded the meeting that there would be 3 parts, the second of which would be chaired by Géraldine Overney, and the third by the Director of the Tourist Office.
 The 2 scrutineers were appointed following their agreement :

- Mrs Sylvie Hämmerli
- Mr Pierre Gilliot

2. Minutes of the AGM of 28 December 2023

DG opened the discussion on the minutes sent by e-mail to all members. As no one wished to speak, the minutes were put to the vote, with thanks to the author!

Accepted

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3. Chairman's report

DG thanked the Committee for its involvement over the past year:

Activity report 2024

In 2024, the Committee met 9 times, either face-to-face (more efficient) or by videoconference. In addition to meetings of the Board of Directors of ATSA (Anzère Tourisme SA), the Chairman attended the General Meeting of the Swiss Alliance of Secondary Residences, accompanied by Raël Hofmann, and that of the Valais Federation of Secondary Residences (FVSR2). Since this year, Daniel Gallay has been a member of the FVSR2 Committee (Editor's note: this Federation is represented on the Chambre Valaisanne du Tourisme, represented by its President, Mr Nicolas Leuba). Mrs Isma Hofmann represented us 3 times at Advisoryboard meetings.

Throughout the year, we are called upon by the Tourist Office to pass on our opinions or information. This exchange has intensified since the launch of the 'Anzère 2040' project, in which some of you may have participated.

In the first quarter of the year, the Committee became very involved in the issue of changing the amount of the tourist tax, which is already a hot topic in 2023. So I'm not going to go into detail about some of the painful episodes. But we did everything we could to delay and/or reduce the increase in this tax, and we also tried to maintain the number of Anzère Liberté passes. Those of you who were there at the 2023 AGM will recall. Those of you who were there at the 2023 AGM will remember the discussions with Mrs Dijkmann.

The Tourism Act gives a lot of rights and responsibilities to the Communes, which we were unable to change!

ASPAs has organised 6 events since our last General Meeting: various conferences and a visit to the Fondation Opale.

Events since our last General Meeting :

- - Lecture by Robert Bolognesi on 16 February 2024, 'Snow from A to Z'.
- - Lecture by Bertrand Dubuis, Director of TAZ, on 22 March 2024 reserved for ASPA
- - Out'cha lecture on 5 April 2024, 'Polar adventures'.
- - Visit to the Opale Foundation reserved for ASPA
- - Mountains sound festival 30-31 August 2024
- - Anzère Fantastique on 12-13 October 2024

At the end of 2024, two of our members will have left us, the first to join the Anzère Culture association, which is attached to Anzère Tourism, and the second to no longer own property in Anzère. We are therefore urgently looking for two people who would like to join us in keeping our association alive.

At the end of the 2025 financial year, our Committee and its President elected in 2021 will reach the end of their period of eligibility (3 years - in accordance with our Articles of Association). In our latest committee discussions, I note that the majority of members do not wish to stand for re-election in 2026. This is an opportunity to create a new team! That's what we did on 29 December 2021 at the AGM, with 5 new members on the Committee!

It was a chance to reinvigorate ASPA and work as a team with friends. This is what has really made us a success, and the proof is in the pudding: at the end of 2021, ASPA had 158 members, and we've been a great success, with 274 members as at 1 October 2024.

We hope to be able to gradually pass on the torch of our fine association in 2025, the year of our twentieth anniversary!

To conclude, the Committee would like to extend its warmest greetings and thanks to Mr Christophe Beney, President of the Commune of Ayent, who will be stepping down on 31 December.

We would like to thank him for his availability and frank collaboration over the past 4 years!

Daniel Gallay

Chairman ASPA

Signed on 28 November 2024

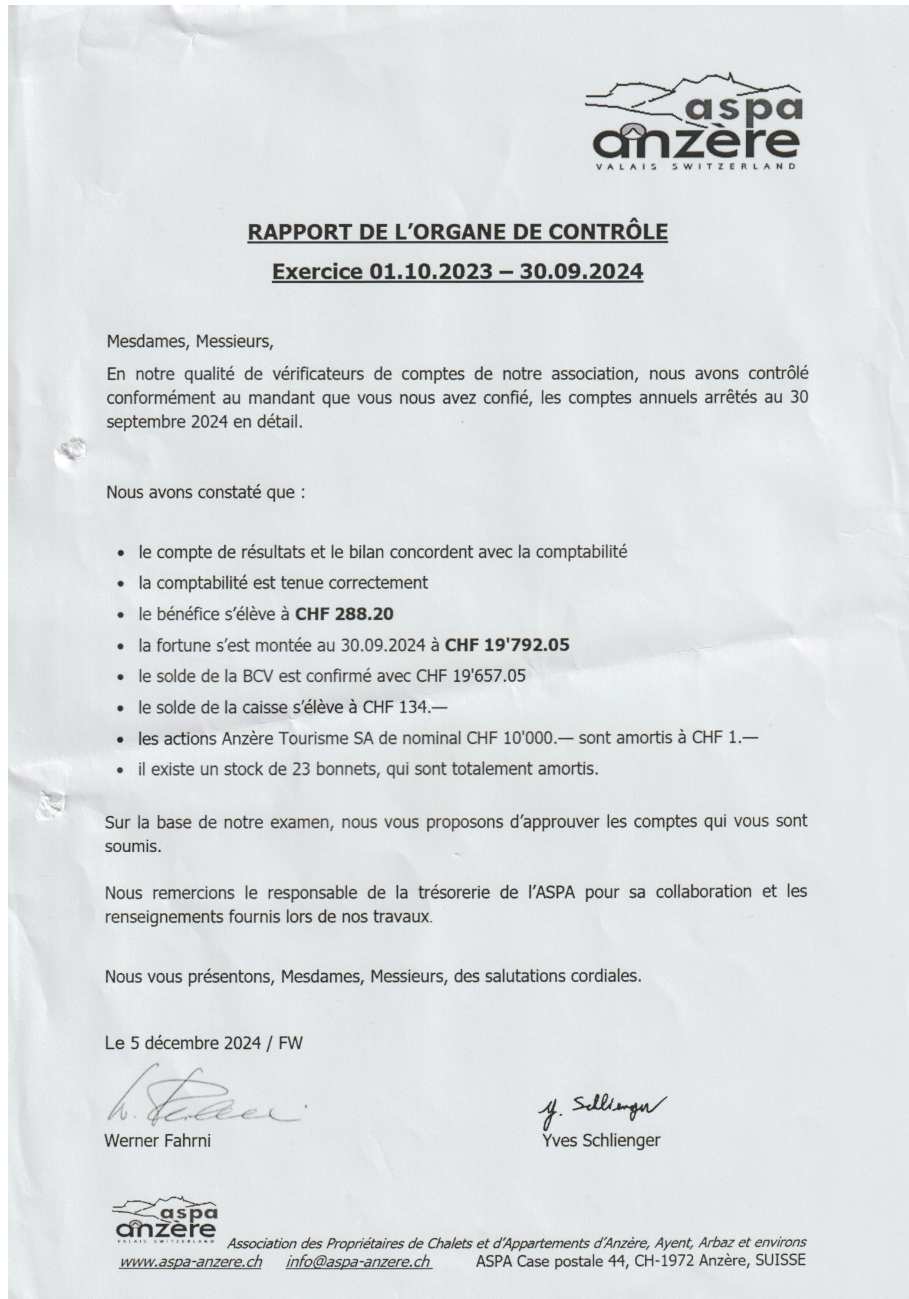
He also commented on the participation of some members of ASPA and the Committee in the Anzère 2040 project.

4. Treasurer's and auditors' report

- a. a. Raël Hofmann began by thanking Yvette Gallay and Françoise Roch for their involvement in preparing meals for our committees, which are held at the homes of Committee members.
Having received the accounts and report, he noted that the target of 300 members had not been reached (282!).

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- b. The floor is given to the auditors and Yves Schlienger reads the report :



5. Finance

- a. Raël Hofmann commented:
- Despite the reduction in membership fees (from CHF 50.- to CHF 40.-), we have a profit of CHF 228.20 ;
 - We sponsored the Montain's Sound Festival at ZazaBar;
 - We took part in Anzère Fantastique.

b. The accounts as presented are : Accepted

6. Membership fees 2025

- a. The Committee proposes to maintain the status quo, i.e. CHF 40 per person;
- b. On a vote, the General Meeting : Acceptes

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7. Budget 2025

Raël Hofmann commented on this budget, pointing out that it was presented somewhat pessimistically. He pointed out that a deficit of CHF 2,000 was forecast due to the organisation of a celebration, to be defined, to mark the 20th anniversary of ASPA (created on 27 December 2004).

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|------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------|-----------|---------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|
| | | | BUDGET 2024 | | RECHNUNG 2024 | | BUDGET 2025 | |
| | | | Charges | Revenus | Charges | Revenus | Charges | Revenus |
| | | | Aufwand | Ertrag | Aufwand | Ertrag | Aufwand | Ertrag |
| 7100 | COTISATIONS | BEITRAG | | 12 000.00 | | 11 164.85 | | 11 000.00 |
| 7300 | DIVERS | VERSCHIEDENE | | | | 250.00 | | |
| 5100 | GESTION | GESCHÄFTFÜHRUNG | 5 200.00 | | 6 084.70 | 0.00 | 5 200.00 | |
| 5200 | ADMINISTRATION | VERWALTUNG | 2 150.00 | | 2 092.80 | 0.00 | 2 300.00 | |
| 5300 | ACTIVITES | AKTIVITÄTEN | 4 650.00 | | 2 949.15 | 0.00 | 5 500.00 | |
| | Bénéfice de l'exercice 2024 | Gewinn des Geschäftsjahres 2024 | | | 288.20 | | | 2 000.00 |
| | TOTAL | GESAMT | 12 000.00 | 12 000.00 | 11 126.65 | 11 414.85 | 13 000.00 | 11 000.00 |

This 2025 budget is:

Accepted

8. Elections

- As the position of Chairman had to be put to the vote, the Vice-Chairman, Gabriel Roch, conducted the election. In agreement with the Committee, he proposed Daniel Gallay, who was re-elected by DG thanked the General Meeting for its confidence and the Committee for its commitment.
- The 2 current auditors, Mr Werner Fahrni and Mr Yves Schlienger, continue their mandate, and a substitute member is requested: Mr Sylvain Bonjour is proposed :

Applause.

Accepted

This budget 2025 is :

Accepted

9. Information from the Committee

Daniel Gallay explained why André Jaunin had resigned from Anzère Culture, which he founded, back in March. He then gave the floor to Carole Blanc, who read out his letter of resignation:

Dear Chairman,

Dear members of the committee,

As I had the opportunity to discuss in a telephone conversation with Daniel, I will no longer be a property owner in Anzère by the beginning of 2025.

I am therefore resigning as a member of the Committee with effect from 31 December 2024.

It is with regret that I leave the great team we formed 3 years ago, in which a lot of work was carried out in good humour and with great professionalism.

I would like to thank you for the trust you have placed in me and wish you all the best in the pursuit of ASPA's goals.

Best regards

Carole Blanc

- Daniel Gallay reminded the meeting that since 2020 :
 - the Articles of Association have been updated ;
 - the website has been completely redesigned and, since 2024, has been translated into German and English. Many thanks to Isabelle Jaunin;
 - the number of members has doubled

In 2025, the Committee will have to be re-elected. We therefore encourage you to contact us (info@aspa-anzere.ch) to initiate a new team by replacing the 2 members who are leaving. This will provide a bridge between the 2 periods. Our Committee has always been a friendly one, and that's what keeps it running smoothly. If 2 people were to join us with the idea of putting together a new team, your committee would be delighted. We're ready to meet with you to present the specifications we've drawn up over the last 3 years. As the 3-year cycle comes to an end at the end of 2025, a new Committee could bring in new ideas and fresh impetus.

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- b. To celebrate its 20th anniversary, which is a matter for all of us, the Committee is turning to you and asking for your help in making a few proposals. To do so, please contact us by e-mail: info@aspa-anzere.ch.
- c. Isma Hofmann, who is in charge of our partners, encourages us to regularly consult the ASPA website (aspa-anzere.ch). To date, 21 partners have joined us, and I would like to thank them. I would also like to thank Nicolas Mulot, who is welcoming us to his Woodland restaurant this evening (10% discount for members on his entire menu!).

Gabriel Roch presents the membership card that you will receive at the end of February/beginning of March with the 20-year logo.

10. Minor amendment to the Articles of Association

The 4-member committee, comprising Miriam Romano (rapporteur), Caroline Schlienger, Isma Hofmann (Committee) and Gabriel Roch (Committee), met once. Miriam Romano presented the changes made:

- As it no longer saw any point in defining the location of our ASPA Association (currently Anzère, Arbaz and surrounding area), the Committee proposed that the words ‘... and surrounding area’ be deleted;
- In addition, the Committee felt it necessary to revise the association's aims (art. 2):

Old :

- *The Association is of public interest.*
- *Its main aim is to represent the interests of chalet and flat owners in the Anzère, Ayent, Arbaz and surrounding areas. It makes any contacts it deems useful in achieving its aims.*
- *It also acts as an interface with local and tourist organisations and the Communes.*
- *It works towards the sustainable and harmonious development of Anzère and its region, by promoting initiatives that can contribute to this.*
- *To this end, the association carries out all activities that are useful to its members.*

New :

- *The Association is of public interest.*
- *Its main aim is to represent the interests of homeowners in Anzère, Ayent and Arbaz.*
- *It acts as an interface with the municipal authorities, local and tourist organisations, and the Swiss and Valais authorities representing second homes.*
- *It is committed to the ecologically responsible and harmonious development of Anzère and its region.*
- *It organises events and meetings for its members.*
- *It regularly informs its members of the latest news from the resort.*
- *The association carries out all activities of benefit to its members. It takes the necessary steps to achieve its aims.*

- Miriam Romano mentioned the notion of eco-responsibility, which defines ASPA's role more precisely in relation to the authorities, rather than the term sustainable development. Similarly, the addition of the reference to organisers of meetings and events gives the direction to be taken by the Committee in addition to the information provided to members.
- These changes were submitted to the meeting for approval.

Unanimously approved

11. Miscellaneous and individual proposals

Daniel Gallay gave ASPA's new postal address, see below in the footer.

A new member proposed that the Committee approach TéléAnzère to force them not to close on 6 April 2025, 2 weeks before Easter, but at least on 21 April (number of runs open depending on snow conditions), as is the case in many Valais resorts. After a round of applause, the meeting was invited to vote on this proposal, which was :

Unanimously accepted, with 4 abstentions.

The meeting adjourned at 6.00 p.m.

For the minutes :

Anzère, 31 December 2024

G. Roch



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Part 1b

Géraldine Overney

Daniel Gallay welcomes and introduces Géraldine Overney.

Ms Overney is currently preparing her doctoral thesis at the Bramois branch of the University of Lausanne. The subject of her presentation and thesis is:

“The role of second-home owners in resort governance”

Ms Overney took the floor to say that this was her first presentation to an R2 audience, which was quite a change from presentations to students or doctoral students at seminars...

By agreement with Ms Overney, her presentation will be available until 7 February 2025 at the following address :

[« https://www.swisstransfer.com/d/ee1ad1cb-655d-4919-87ae-d0ae15b992ec »](https://www.swisstransfer.com/d/ee1ad1cb-655d-4919-87ae-d0ae15b992ec)

As this presentation is the subject of a thesis, the above document should not be distributed outside the ASPA membership, and we are asked to respect this wish. Therefore, this .pdf document has a password when it is opened: 'ASPA_2025'. Thank you for your understanding.

This presentation starts with the genesis of Anzère, a resort built from scratch, which began in the winter of 1960-61 with the opening of the Moret ski lift, then evolved under the impetus of the municipality of Ayent and a number of bankers....

At the end of her talk, Ms Overney answers one question:


- *Is the involvement of R2s welcomed by the authorities?*
 - The local players themselves have asked for associations to be set up to find solutions by bringing in new knowledge and skills. So yes, the authorities view it positively.

Daniel Gallay thanks Géraldine for her excellent presentation. She receives a warm round of applause.

It is now 6.35pm.

For the minutes :

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Part 2

Stephanie Dijkman - Director of the Tourist Office

After Daniel Gallay had given her the floor, Stephanie Dijkman thanked everyone for being here in such large numbers: you'd have thought she'd have been asked to push back the walls, as the number of AGM participants is growing all the time! She sends her apologies to Sébastien Travelletti and Sébastien Dubuis, and greets Christian Savioz and Alain Dégaillet. She will speak on behalf of all these representatives.

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For the minutes: **G. Roch**

