

Statutes of the Development Society of Veysonnaz and surroundings

I. NAME – HEAD OFFICE – AIM

Art. 1

Under the denomination of “Veysonnaz Tourism” exists a Development Society “Veysonnaz & surroundings” constituted in the form of an association with the general right of interest, controlled by articles 60 and further of the Swiss Civil Code, by the cantonal law on tourism of 9 February 1996 and by its general statute of 26 June 1996.

The society has its head office on the territory of the community of Veysonnaz.

His activity range stretches on the territories of the communities of Veysonnaz – Nendaz – Salins delimited on the topographical map of 1:25'000, which is an integral part of the present statutes.

Art. 2

The Development Society has in particular for tasks:

- the participation in elaborating the local politics of tourism;
- to represent and defend the interests of local tourism;
- to assume the information, the animation and the promoting of local tourism;
- to execute the tasks which the communities delegates him.

She may exercise commercial activities.

II. MEMBERS

Art. 3

Every person or every enterprise who accepts the present statutes and who pays the annual contribution can become member of the society. The communities on the territory on which the Development Society exercises its activity are the privileged members of the society.

Art. 4

The admission requests must be addressed in written to the committee who will gives a decision on them. These decisions may be object of an appeal of the general reunion, within a delay of 30 days after notification.

Art. 5

For being valid the resignations must be addressed to the committee of the Development Society by registered letter at least three months before the end of an exercise to end it.

Art. 6

The members who offend the statutes or decisions of the committee or general reunion, who refuse to pay their annual contribution, who act against the interests of the Development Society may be excluded by the committee.

The decisions of the committee may be object of an appeal of the general reunion, within a delay of 30 days after notification.

Art. 7

The resigned or excluded members lose all rights on the social possessions. They need to pay their part of the annual contribution for the time they have been member.

III. ORGANIZATION

Art. 8

The organs of the society are:

1. the general reunion;
2. the committee;
3. the management;
4. the account examiners.

1. The general reunion

Art. 9

Once a year the ordinary general reunion convenes within 3 months following the end of an exercise. The general reunion is convoked in written at least 15 days in advance. The convocation mentions the agenda and, in case of revision of the statutes, the essential contents of the proposed modifications. The accounts of the society must be placed to the members' disposal as from the day of convocation.

The general reunion can only vote on the topics on the agenda. However, a topic may be added when a fifth of the members requires it in written 10 days before the reunion. The committee shall be held to treat this point during the general reunion.

Extra-ordinary reunions may equally be convoked by decision of the committee or when a fifth of the members make the written request upon the president. The general reunions are validly constituted no matter how many members present.

Art. 10

The reunion is presided by the president or, by absence, the vice-president. The decisions and propositions are inscribed in minutes signed by the president and the secretary.

Art. 11

Every participant to the reunion has a vote, which has been acquired by paying the annual contribution, no matter what the amount of his annual contribution is. A member cannot represent more than three other members at the general reunion. A written procuration is required.

Art. 12

The general reunion is the supreme organ of the Development Society. She has the following allocations:

- a) she approves the minutes of the general reunions;
- b) she names the committee and elects the president and vice-president;
- c) she approves the management report, the accounts and gives discharge to the committee;
- d) she adopts the activity programme and the budget;
- e) she names the account examiners and substitutes;
- f) she fixes the amount of the entry money as well as the annual contribution;
- g) she approves the settlement proposed by the committee;
- h) she gives her notice on the amount of the visitors' tax and the all-inclusive price for the community;
- i) she decides on the possible resorts against the decisions of the committee concerning admission and exclusion;
- j) she names the members of honour of the Development Society;
- k) she adjudges on every question which is not in the jurisdiction of another organ.

Art. 13

The decisions and nominations take place to the absolute majority of the votes and to the relative majority when a second round is necessary. In case of a tie the president gives the casting vote and in elections it will be a drawing that decides. When 20% of the represented votes it demands the voting can take place via secret ballot.

2. Committee

Art. 14

The committee consists of 5 to 9 members including 1 appointed by the council of every community concerned.

The other members are chosen so as to secure a fair representation of the interested people on touristical and geographical grounds.

The members of the committee are named for four years. They are re-eligible.

Art. 15

Without prejudice to the competences reserved to the general reunion, the committee is charged with managing the business of the society, to represent her towards a third party and to work toward the aims set by the society. She pronounces among others on the admission and the exclusion of members.

The president and vice-president are appointed, the committee constitutes itself. She can decide validly as soon as the majority of members is present.

She judges the accounts, the management report, the budget and the activity programme. A copy of each of these documents is then transmitted to the community for approval.

Art. 16

The society is validly involved with a third party by the both signatures of both the president (by absence the vice-president) and the secretary.

3. The management

Art. 17

The management is the administrative and executive organ of the society. She executes the decisions taken by the committee and controls the secretariat as well as the department of public relations. The management contracts the society for running affairs. She assists at reunions of all the organs with consulting votes. She assumes the specifications prescribed by the committee.

4. The account examiners

Art. 18

The general reunion appoints two account examiners and one substitute, assigned for four years and re-eligible.

Art. 19

At the end of every exercise and at least 20 days before the statutory general reunion, the account examiners proceed to verification of the accounts of the society. They present a report on their investigations to the general reunion.

IV. FINANCES

Art. 20

The resources of the society come from:

- the entry money;
- the contribution of the members;
- the visitor's tax;
- its part of the lodging tax or the touristical promotion tax;
- the contribution of communities;
- the income of its fortune and its activities;
- other income: donations, legations and other generosities to its favour.

The communities guarantee the financing of the tasks which they assign to the Development Society as per article 6, letter d of the law on tourism.

V. GENERAL ARRANGEMENTS

Art. 21

Every year the amount of contribution is fixed by the general reunion.

Art. 22

The members are exempted of all personal liabilities towards a third party. The contracts of the society are solely guaranteed by its social fund.

Art. 23

The social year commences on 1st November and ends on 31 October.

Art. 24

The modifications to the present statutes can only be decided by a general reunion at the majority of 2/3 of the represented votes and when the issue is mentioned on the agenda.

Art. 25

The dissolution of the society may be decided by the majority of three quarter of the votes of the members present at a reunion especially convoked for this purpose. At least half of the members of the society need to be present at this reunion. If this quorum is not reached, a new reunion must be convoked within a fortnight. This reunion shall be competent, no matter the number of members present.

Art. 26

In case of dissolution the social fund shall be handed over to the communities for being used according to the aims of the law.

Art. 27

These statutes have been adopted by the general reunion of 19 April 2003. It replaces those of 17 May 1997 and come into effect as from their approval by the community council and by the department of tourism according to the arrangements of article 15 of the law on tourism of 9 February 1996 and article 7 of its general statute of 26 June 1996.