



Documents submitted to the General meeting 2023

Monday February 27th, 2023

« Chapelle de Flaine » Flaine Forum 6:00

Chairman's Report

Funiflaine

The Funiflaine was cancelled in May 2022, and we are happy with that.

It was a poor project, designed for daily skiers on an already overloaded ski resort, associated with a large operating deficit funded by the existing ski lifts operators in Flaine.

The project implementation had also a bad start. Especially, 11 months after the signing of the contract, the Funiflaine Syndicate had not yet purchased the required land property in Magland, worth at least 30 M€ (rough estimate of the costs of moving the Anthoine sawmill and Riand warehouse). The Syndicate Funiflaine likely planned an expropriation procedure to get hold of these lands, but it was, in fact, nowhere near there, and, furthermore, had certainly not the associated budget.

Given the negative impact on Flaine and Les Carroz of this project (supported by the Arâches and Magland councils and other local elected officials), we filed on November 8th, 2021 an appeal on the non-compliance with the rules of public procurement, and we are convinced that, should the project had not been stopped before, the contract would have been found illegal in court (probably by 2023).

Our vocation being to be a source of proposals, we developed an alternative, a true public transport, much more useful and cheaper. A cable car would connect the Magland railway station and the centre of Les Carroz in 4 minutes. Then a gondola would take you to Les Molliets, Pierre Carrée pass, Montsoleil (3000 beds with the Hameau), and finally to the Flaine resort centre, near an existing elevator. Between Les Carroz and the Pierre Carrée pass, this proposal reuses the layout of the project planned by the municipality of Arâches. All stations are ski-in/ski-out, except Magland.

A summary of our project is available on our web site, while the detailed version of the project is of restricted distribution due to copyright rules with the drawings used. We consider that our work is a basis for discussion, should a new project be developed by the Arâches and Magland municipalities, with 4 key characteristics: residential areas serving, ski in-ski out stations (except Magland), limited affluence in Flaine ski area, and connection with SNCF Railways

Development projects in Flaine

Projects in Flaine are limited in number. The Arâches PADD (long term local urban plan), issued in July 2021, does not bring a lot to Flaine. The Arâches PLU (detailed urban plan), expected soon, will provide further details. During the New Year's greeting ceremony, Arâches Mayor Jean-Paul Constant mentioned the renovation of the primary school, the extension of the lake Vernant capacity and a new residential building for seasonal workers ("Etoile Polaire 2"). The SIF is working since 2020 on a development plan specific to Flaine ("resort contract"). This plan has not been published and its status is unclear. To our knowledge, it should bring shortly a motorhome parking lot for

seasonal workers located in the former Pierre Carrée waste disposal area, and an arrangement around the Arbaron “Tonneau” mountain refuge, currently disassembled. We keep observing what is being done in other resorts, in order to identify good ideas and what would be too difficult to apply in Flaine.

The beginning of this winter season is a good indication of what might happen in the coming years: a significant drop in village resorts activity associated with a saturation of the Flaine resort. In any case, we believe that it is of the utmost importance to protect the quality of the ski experience in Flaine, which was done early January 2023, by restraining the access to the Flaine ski area.

State of the Flaine resort.

We continue to see public under-investment, even if there has been a small catch-up. The “Tourist Office” budget has been increased in order to compensate for the impact of the MGM and Belambra construction work. Upon completion of the work, some of these improvements will certainly remain, for example the new sports activities in the Bissac area.

However, there is still much to be done: the only lasting investment since the last century is the reception chalet in Flaine Forêt, with minimal layout and decoration. Also, the roof of the chapel in Flaine Forum is still in a poor condition..

What does Flaine mean to the Arâches and Magland municipalities?

Owners of holiday homes do not vote. Thus, the two mayors consider Flaine as a simple cash machine. In Flaine, there are almost as many beds as in Les Carroz, but 10 times fewer voters, thus without influence on city councillors. We’re just here to pay. Our ability to act on events is weak if we limit our actions to the strict scope of Flaine. We happen to share development objectives with some inhabitants of Les Carroz: working together will allow us to take actions with greater impact.

We are concerned with the fate of Les Carroz because Les Carroz and a large portion of Flaine belong to the same municipality (Arâches). Public strategy and action must be favourable to both Les Carroz and Flaine resorts

Recent news

Key decisions will be taken in the near future and we want our voice to be heard. For instance, we are still waiting for a new organizational structure for the Flaine resort, following the DGFIP (a division of the French Ministry of Finance) audit in 2018, still unpublished. Tourism management is likely to be concerned.

Concerning the recent tourist seasons in Flaine:

- The 2020-2021 winter season was a disaster due Flaine dependency on a single activity (downhill skiing), that we have been denouncing for a long time
- Summer 2021, winter 2021-2022 and summer 2022 were very good, in spite of the pandemic persistence
- The beginning of the 2022-2023 winter season has been impacted by hot weather, leading to the closing of the Grand Massif village resorts and a limited opening of the Flaine ski area until the beginning of January.
- In 2022, we resumed our sponsorship activity with the Flaine Academies of Music and the Pierre Carrée Golf Association

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FINANCIAL REPORT on October 1st 2022

	01/10/18	01/10/19	01/10/2020	01/10/2021	01/10/2022
ASSETS					
Cash			200 €	200,00 €	277,40€
Saving Account	11 078,41 €	16 161,49 €	16 270,20 €	13 354,93 €	7426,70€
Deposit Account	7 224,19 €	4 954,19 €	3 460,49 €	2 837,47 €	1310,24€
TOTAL ASSETS	18 302,60 €	21 115,68 €	19 930,69 €	16 392,40 €	9014,34€
DETAIL OF INCOME AND EXPENSES					
Membership fees and donations	3060 € (90 mbs)	2930 € (85mbs)	2070 € (48 mbs)	1785 € (41 mbs)	2575 € (55 mbs)
Financial income	82,46 €	83,08 €	108,71 €	84,73 €	71,77 \$
Web Site	-142,03 €				-149,23 €
Miscellaneous Expenses (including bank charges).	-70 €	-170,00	-282,00 €	- 230 €	-262,60 €
Scans & copies			-277,10 €	-150,02 €	
Culture & Music sponsorship			-1 500 €	-1 500 €	1100 €
Sports sponsorship	-283,02 €		-884,60 €		364 €
Appeal (Funiflaine)				-648 €	6696 €
Appeal (Taxes on Lifts)	-11 067,60 €		-1 920,00 € +1 500 €	-2880 €	1453 €
TOTAL EXPENSES	-12 562,65 €	-170,00 €	-4 863,70 €	-5 408,02 €	-10024,83 €
TOTAL INCOME	4 764,17 €	2930,00 €	3 678,71 €	1 869,73 €	2646,77 €
CHANGE IN ASSETS	-8 238,08 €	2843,08 €	-1184,99 €	-3 538,29 €	-7378,44 €

- Miscellaneous expenses includes: posters (50€), membership fee (100€ - « Le Chaînon Manquant–Transport par câble ») and newspaper subscription (80€ “Le Faucigny”)
- We are 55 members. Our members had other concerns since March 2020 and have not yet fully re-gained their interest for Flaine
- Online information is focused on Flaine governance: City Councils, SIF Committees and projects that we oppose.
- The call for the generosity of the members is not in vain, thank you to the generous donors.

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2023 BUDGET

Topic	Item	Actual 2021	Actual 2022	2023 Budget
Income	Membership fees, Donations.	1 785 €	2575 €	2500 €
	Financial Income	84,73 €	71,77 €	100 €
Total Income		1 869,73 €	2646,77 €	2600 €

Recurring Expenses	Web Site LWS & Piwigo 2022		-149,23 €	-149,23 €
	Miscellaneous	- 230 €	- 411,83 €	-500 €
	Scans & copies	- 150,02 €	0	0
	Sponsorship (Music, Golf)	-1 500 €	1464 €	-4221 €
Total Running expenses		- 1 900,02 €		-4992 €

Recurring Balance **-30,29 €**

Non recurring Expenses	Appeal - taxes on gondolas	-2 880 €		
	Appeal - Funiflaine	- 648 €		-960 €
	Appeal PLU Araches			- 1 000 €
Total non recurring Expenses		-3 528 €		-1 980 €

2023 result, including provisions			-3952 €
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We are making the assumption of a membership increase close to 2019 level.

2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
2 845,00 € (77)	2 546 € (77)	2155,00 (59)	3060,00 € (80)	2930 € (85)	2070 € (48)	1785 € (41)	2575 € (55)	2500 € ?

The 2023 expected result seems to be significant, but it includes 1200 € of deferred expenses (from 2022), the balance of the Funiflaine Appeal expenses and 1800 € of provisions, that should not be fully spent

BOARD MEMBERS ELECTION

College	Name	Status	End of Mandate
1	Open	Board member to be elected	End 2023
1	Chantal Lardennois	Elected at GM 2021	End 2023
1	Mike Dickinson	Resigning, to be replaced	End 2023
2	Marek Kurek	End of Mandate, board member to be elected.	End 2024
2	Régis Lardennois	End of Mandate, board member to be elected	End 2024
2	François Zahm	End of Mandate, board member to be elected	End 2024
3	Thomas Heppel	Elected at GM 2019	End 2022 →end 2025
	Open	Board member to be elected	End 2022 →end 2025
5	Open	Board member to be elected	End 2022 →end 2025

There are 5 board members to be elected

PROJECTED ACTIONS

Functioning of the Association

All appeals initiated previously having are now behind us and the financial resources of the Association are in good shape. Member fees and donations allow the association to perform efficiently, to keep its freedom to act and to initiate new actions, should it be necessary.

Free access to our website has generated some resentment. However, in order to support our actions in the interest of Flaine, some articles must have a wide distribution

2023 Action Plan

We plan to develop the following points for 2023:

- Close monitoring of Flaine and Arâches projects and budgets, especially investment and also the renewal of the Pierre Carrée golf management agreement.
- Exchanges with other associations of the Grand Massif.
- Possible new actions in the association's fields of action (golf, Arâches PLU).
- Continuous exchange of information with members through the website and emails.

Your membership legitimizes the association, ensures the financial means to carry out our actions and to stay involved in the cultural life of Flaine. It is more necessary than ever to maintain sufficient financial resources, you can also help us by seeking contributions from your friends or neighbours.

The involvement of an increased number of members or supporters in the activities of the association is essential to our success: if you are volunteer, contact the members of the council.