

YETI-CLUB ZERMATT

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY for the Business Year ending October 31, 2023 The general assembly of the Yeti Club was held on December 28th, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Alexander Seiler Saal of Mont Cervin Palace hotel. Attending 61 members and 12 members had granted proxies for a total of 73 members with the right to vote. The general assembly, as per the notice of call of November 23rd 2023, was called to discuss and resolve on the following

Agenda

- 1. Approval of the minutes of the General Assembly of December 27th 2022

 The minutes of the general assembly of December 27th 2022 sent to the members on January 19th 2023 was unanimously approved;
- 2. President's report
- 2.1 Highlighted the events of 2023 (February and August);
- 2.2 Reinforced the goals for 2024: i) to foster friendly relations both amongst the Yeti members and between members and the guides and ii) to grow the number of young Yetis involved in the Club's activities:
- 2.3 Updated the assembly on new memberships and member news
 - welcomed five new members Mark and Patricia Shelton, Simon Wagner and Bettina Kloubert, Jonas Jeandupeux and informed that Noelle Agrain has changed her status from e-member to junior member;
 - ii. congratulated the long-time member, Alain Boucheron, for having been awarded the title of honorary guide for his great project connected with the Young Mountain Guides Foundation by the Zermatt Mountain Guide Association;
 - thanked the honorary member Philippe Stroobant for his generosity in granting to the Yeti Club the so-called "Stroobant Fund" to finance hardship cases that involve Zermatt Mountain Guides (the Fund being from now on governed by the Committee):
- 2.4 Introduced the new guide of the Zermatt Mountain Guide Association, Suzanne Hüsser. Informed that in the year 2022 / 2023 the Yeti's accident insurance premiums covered 80 guides (they were 86 the previous year, one guide was added and 7 guides were cancelled from the insurance coverage because they do not work any longer) and the Yeti Allianz Pension Scheme policy covered 44 guides;
- 3. Approval of the annual accounts as per October 31st, 2023 the vice-president, Mark Ineichen, presented the annual accounts as per October 31st 2023 they were unanimously approved;
- 4. Auditors' report

The president read the auditor's review of the yearly accounts and informed that the same auditors will take care of the review of the accounts closing as per October 31st 2024

The auditor's report was unanimously approved;

- 5. Discharge to the Committee
 - The Committee was unanimously discharged;
- 6. Approval of the Budget 2023/2024
 - The budget for 2023/2024 was unanimously approved;
- 7. Appointment of the new Committee for the period 2023-2027

The Committee appointed by the general assembly of December 28th 2019 terminated its four years mandate, as provided for by clause 13 of our Articles of Association. It became therefore necessary to appoint a new Committee. The existing Committee decided to stand as candidate for a further four-year period. As provided for by clause 11 of the Yeti Club Articles of Association all members were invited to submit his/her own application 15 days prior to the date of the assembly. No candidacy was submitted and therefore the existing Committee stood as candidate for a further period of four years up to the general assembly of December 2027.

The appointment of the new Committee [made up of Nicoletta Visentin, Mark Ineichen, Christine Gentinetta, Erwin Julen, Daniel Lauber, Anjan Truffer (with consulting vote)], was unanimously approved (in addition the acting president of the Mountain Guide Association is a member of the Committee with consulting vote);

8. Mountain Guides President's report

The President of the Mountain Guide Association, Denis Gruber, spoke about the events of the year. Denis recounted the Young Yeti Event of February with a great skiing tour around the Zermatt area. In occasion of the February Yeti event the ski conditions were not good enough for off-piste skiing and therefore the guides organized a ski race (winner of the race being the person whose speed predictions were closest to actual time). The actual off-piste skiing, heliskiing and cross-country skiing only really kicked off in mid- March. The Summer was very good for cross-country skiing although, as we experience global warming, a new record was hit of zero degrees at 5.300 meters. At the Yeti Summer event 14 members with three mountain guides climbed up to the Breithorn. At the beginning of October, the traditional Bergführerfest took place with a Mass at Sunnega followed by an apero.

Thanks to the Young Mountain Guide Foundation the Zermatt Mountain Guide Association will soon have new aspirant guides joining.

Denis thanked the Yeti Club for its constant support to the Zermatt Mountain Guides.

9. Mountain Rescue Manager's Report

The head of the Zermatt Mountain Rescue Team, Anjan Truffer, excused himself for not being able to attend due to a sudden engagement. Bettina and Denis showed and commented on some of the photos sent by Anjan concerning safety work that was done early this summer on Ober Gabelhorn, Pfulwe and Matterhorn.

A significant change happened on the Matterhorn climbing routes as there was the necessity to alternate the original starting route and change the itinerary entirely. This was done only after considering the Zermatters senior guides opinion as well as Martin Lehner from the Horuhitta and the technical committee of the Zermatters. The old itinerary had to be changed due to the melting foundation and the rock of the attack getting steadily steeper. Some of the belay irons along the way had to be replaced as some of the old ones were bent and damaged from rockfall or were simply getting too old. Furthermore, about 50 meters of fixed ropes on the Grand Gendarme of Ober Gabelhorn and 120 meters of fixed ropes on the Matterhorn had to be replaced. A big thanks to all parties involved and especially to the Yeti Club and its members for the annual financial contribution to make these necessary safety work possible.

And for your information, as requested in the meeting, in 2023 the rescue team carried out 212 rescues and there have been 18 fatalities.

10. dates of the Yeti-get together in 2023 Winter get-together 16/18 February Sommer get-together 16/18 August

11. Miscellaneous

Acknowledgements: the President thanked the committee for its support, the members for their generosity, the treasurer for her accurate work on the club's accounts, Bettina for the presentation at the GA and formally thanked, on behalf of the Yeti Club, Mark Ineichen for having taken over the yearly accounts, providing the club with a person of his law firm to prepare the balance sheet.

Zermatt, December 28th, 2023

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