

Minutes of the General Assembly of 7 November 2023

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General Assembly held at the Maison des Associations from 19h00 to 21h30

Of the 22 active members :

10 present

12 absents and excused with 7 having given proxy voting right
(2 for M. Leroy, 2 for Mme Mustière et 3 for Mme Michalak)

President's Preamble

"We started the season with COVID-related assembly restrictions further complicated by a few episodes of flu/colds for board members, delays for which some expressed remarks of criticism. Thus, it was not possible to convene this Assembly in the first quarter as provided for in the statutes." The President added: "I had remarked upon my possible resignation but I am still currently president of the association."

The rest of his remarks gave rise to a verbal altercation in which M. Xavier Meyer expressed his denial of the legitimacy as President following the September Board of Directors (where the President had voiced his above remark). M. Xavier Meyer considered that tonight's meeting was not a General Assembly but a simple information meeting. The extent of quibbling was deeply annoying for the attendees, for which Mme Veret, expressed her opinion that a new General Assembly was totally unnecessary and it was asked that a show of hands demonstrate the wish of those in attendance.

The result of the show of hands vote : out of 17 votes, 16 voted to uphold the legitimacy of the current meeting as a General Assembly, as decided by the Board of Directors meeting of 6 September, with only one vote against.

To put an end to any further dispute, President Jean-Paul Leroy asked for a « vote of discharge » in order to present the Moral Report. The « discharge » was adopted by 16 votes to one, the one being that of M. Meyer.

RAPPORT MORAL

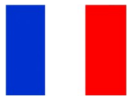
I. Actions Undertaken

- **A : Cleanliness of our city :**

• **Pigeon Population Management :**

Despite the presence of 1 « pigeonnier », the population of pigeons causing multiple degradations has continued to grow: estimates: 250 breeding pairs, i.e. 3,000 kgs of excrement per year, resulting in particularly filthy streets in the historic centre.

Domfront Patrimoine had consulted with 3 different enterprises and presented as its choice : **Ets Ozanon**. The City of Domfront has accepted this choice.



- ***Beautification of Garbage Bins:***

Some of our fellow citizens, including professionals/commerces, deposit their bins in the streets and do not respect the drop-off schedules, so the municipality has decided to make containers available.

Domfront Patrimoine proposed « dressing » the containers/bins with mock-up of a « colomage » house. This idea quickly came in conflict the noticeably numerous containers and rubbish bins outside of those supplied by the municipality .

The suggestion was abandoned as inapplicable. **As a reminder, Domfront Patrimoine intervened to evacuate out-of-order washing machines abandoned near the War Memorial!!!!**

- ***B : Installation of a handrail in the Ruelle de la Porte Cadin***

Domfront Patrimoine proposed to the municipality, the installation of a security handrail in the Ruelle de la Porte Cadin: and estimate was accepted, and the order placed with the blacksmith located on rue Barrabé. Work is scheduled for spring 2024

- ***C : Analyse et aide à la résolution d'un problème de mur de soutènement***

One of our members had a problem understanding his real estate purchase. In particular, it was a question of determining the responsibilities for the work to be undertaken for the renovation of the wall at the bottom of thier garden.

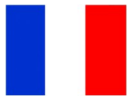
Height of the wall : 15 m

Width of the wall : 25 m

Existence of 1 net to prevent stones from falling.

- Analysis of the deed of sale: verbatim "a garden owned up to the wall"
- Since it is in fact a retaining/support wall, the responsibility of the current owner seems clear.
- Said wall is part of the ramparts, therefore « classé ». We have informed the owners of the possibility of deducting the amount of the work from their declared resources in France and their responsibility in terms of safety vis-à-vis the car park rue de la Poterne.
- Analyze the meaning of the classification of this parcel by consulting the documents at the Argentan Mortgage Department.
- To resolve the situation, we proposed to the owners to sell the municipality a strip of land along the wall that could allow the municipality to organize tourist/visitor access to the ramparts in connection with the postern tower as part of the tourism project.

The owners did not wish to accept this possible solution.



- D : Alleviate Noise Nuisance

One of our members asked us how to solve a daytime and night-time noise nuisance during the operation of the lifting pumps of the Tannery water station.

Action:

We asked the Municipal Adjoint in charge of public works to contact Veolia to consider the sound insulation work on the pump building.

We advised our member to use his legal protection contract to formulate a letter of complaint to Veolia and the municipality.

II. Other Activities of the Association

- A : Participation in the « journée des associations »

Ms. Cormier and Jean-Paul LeRoy participated in the Domfront Associations Forum held the first week of September each year.

Results: 4 registrations and answers to various questions.

- B : Meetings of the Board of Directors :

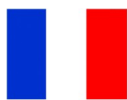
Domfront Patrimoine held 3 Board meetings to:

- Give information on the progress of our projects
- Give general information on the progress of the various cultural projects in the municipality (Saint Julien church, tourist project, cultural component, excavation of the Donjon site).
- Évolution des statuts avec mise en place d'un règlement intérieur comprenant d'éventuelles mesures disciplinaires rendues nécessaires vu les comportements inadmissibles de certains membres
- Discuss the evolution of the statutes with the establishment of internal regulations including possible disciplinary measures made necessary in light of unacceptable behaviour of certain members

- C : Subvention communale

This year, exceptionally, we did not ask for a subsidy in response to the contractual regulation of our action programme. Indeed, in this case, we would have to opt for a more complex balance sheet or even a formal audit, which for our small structure seemed unjustified to us.

We are put on the same level as more complex associations in this regulation. Everyone is inclined to think that this is a bureaucratic way to save money by discouraging small associations. M. Meyer, on the other hand, thinks it is possible to make simplified applications as he has done for another association.



- ***D : Participation of the President in a working group focused on the tourism project, a cultural component, with a visit to the excavation site at the castle.***

At these meetings, Mr. Leroy stressed the role of local scholars, particularly in the Scientific Committee.

- ***E : Participation in other Work Groups :***

« We have not received an invitation to these working groups," says J.P. Leroy

III. Projects submitted and/or planned

- ***A : Visit of the rue des Fossés Plisson and Comparative Explanation of the existing Structures***

Referring to an eighteenth-century painting showing the ramparts as well as the dwellings of the time, it was proposed to our eminent historian (Jean-Philippe Cormier) to accompany us and comment on each part of the painting to inventory the houses that have survived our last two centuries.

There is also a photo of a second painting for the poorly known North Face. It is interesting to study the evolution of the city in the context of the SPR. In this regard, Mme Veret makes the pertinent remark of the presence of a « car scrapyard » on the north side!

This event could not take place in June of this year due to the organizers' agendas but could take place in 2024. The « Sundays of Character » organized by "the small towns of character » in which M. Cormier showed the benefit of guided visits focused on the ramparts.

- ***B : Participation in the renovation of the painting "The Harvest" by Ernst Schalk de la Faverie***

In order to support the management policy of our very important heritage, we are supporting the municipality in a project to renovate a painting located on the 1st floor of the Town Hall.

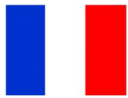
To do this, we have offered to give financial aid this project to the tune of €200 and we will accompany, under the aegis of the Heritage Foundation, a subscription mainly from the Domfrontais.

The aim is to include our fellow citizens in this process.

IV. Perspectives for 2023-2024

The President asked the members concerning the future of the Association and its activities.

He insists on the importance of being in an SPR (remarkable heritage site). This implies environmental obligations. He cites three of them: the removal of TV antennas on roofs, the removal of unsightly networks to be generalized, and obliging that the caps that surmount chimneys be made of terracotta.



M. Meyer raised the issue of gas vents, which require the use of ugly black plastic bolsters. He adds a fourth proposal: weeding streets which, for lack of effective treatment, are adorned with dandelions.

- A "tourist project" as M. Meyer evokes cannot be conceived with a dirty city, leprous houses, neglected streets, insists M. Leroy. This is the issue that Domfront Patrimoine is striving to elevate as a priority.

The General Assembly unanimously voted on the moral report and the perspective outlook (17 votes in favour, 0 against)

Financial Report 2022

The association is in surplus in 2022

It received €600 in subsidies and €480 in membership fees with 26 members.

The main expenses are due to the website (web domain: €23.95 and web hosting: €896 for 3 years) and the association's insurance (€200.33)

For 2023, not all contributions have been collected but it is necessary to plan for the renewal of the insurance and the donation for the Painting restoration among other expenses (200€). We have 1468.95 euros to date.

The Assembly unanimously voted approval of the financial report.

A remark by Mme. Cormier, secretary, to explain the reasons why the minutes and convocations are not always sent by her but by Mme. Hennekam, the treasurer:

(there is) a problem with Microsoft that blocks the mail account as soon as there are several sending and above all, the translation into English. Hence a further remark by M. Meyer on this subject on the legal value of these texts: which one should be considered authentic insofar as the English translation is not certified identical?

SPECIAL ASSEMBLY

A Special Meeting is scheduled for around January 16 (exact date to be announced) for the purpose of :

- Changing the official mailing address of Domfront Patrimoine, which was previously located at the home of Mme. Hennekam, the resigned treasurer.

- Revising the articles (Statutes) of the association.

End of session at 9:30 p.m.