

STATUTES ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONALE DE LA VALLEE DU DROPT

ARTICLE 1 - NAME

Association governed by the law of 1st July 1901 and the decree of 16 August 1901, entitled :
Association Internationale de la Vallée du Dropt (also known as AIVD)

ARTICLE 2 - PURPOSE

Our aim is to bring together a multi-national community of members from all the communes around the Vallée du Dropt through free and paid workshops, clubs and events, promoting the richness of our region and sharing the different customs and cultures of the local people, whilst supporting national and local charities.

ARTICLE 3 - REGISTERED ADDRESS

The registered address is located at the Mairie de Saint Pierre Sur Dropt, 35 Route du Bourg, 47120 Saint Pierre sur Dropt.
It may be transferred by simple decision of the board.

ARTICLE 4 - DURATION

The duration of the association is unlimited.

ARTICLE 5 - MEMBERSHIP OF THE ASSOCIATION

The association is made up of:

- a) active members
- b) honorary members

Members may be a person and/or a legal entity.

All these persons are entitled to vote at the General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting.

ARTICLE 6 - ADMISSION

The association is open to any person without condition or distinction who adheres to the statutes and regulations and pays the appropriate membership fees. The committee reserves the right to refuse membership on the basis of the association statutes and internal rules, giving reasoned notice to those concerned.

ARTICLE 7 - MEMBERS - FEES

Active members are those who have undertaken to pay an annual subscription, set each year at the General Meeting and set out in the internal regulations.

Honorary members are those who have rendered significant services to the association; they are exempt from paying membership fees.

The decision to grant honorary membership remains at the discretion of the board.

ARTICLE 8. - CANCELLATIONS

Membership is forfeited by

- a) resignation
- b) death
- c) termination by the board for non-payment of membership fees or for serious reasons, after the member concerned has been invited (by registered letter) to provide explanations to the Executive Committee and/or in writing of unacceptable behaviour contrary to the Association's rules, unacceptable language, violence towards colleagues, etc.

Following this decision, an invitation to the person concerned will be sent by registered letter (with 15 days' notice) to attend a meeting of the Committee to explain the situation.

ARTICLE 9. - AFFILIATION

This association is not affiliated to any other organisation. It may however join other associations, unions or groupings by decision of the board.

ARTICLE 10. - RESOURCES

The association's resources include

1. entry fees and contributions
2. donations
3. state, departmental and municipal subsidies
4. any other resources authorised by the laws and regulations in force

ARTICLE 11 - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

All members of the association are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting whether they are active or honorary members.

The AGM takes place every year in December.

At least fifteen days before the date of the meeting, members of the Association are notified by the Secretary and asked to put items on the agenda. The final agenda is sent to all members before the meeting and appears on the invitations.

The president, assisted by members of the Board, chairs the meeting and reports on the Association's situation or activities in accordance with the agenda.

The Treasurer reports and submits the annual accounts (balance sheet, profit and loss account and notes) to the AGM for approval.

The AGM sets the amount of annual subscriptions and entrance fees payable.

Only items on the agenda may be discussed.

Decisions are taken by a majority of the votes of the members present or represented in the event of absence, it is also possible to vote by proxy, online or by e-mail, in accordance with the Association's internal rules.

Once the agenda has been completed, the outgoing members of the board are re-elected. Decisions are taken by a show of hands and by votes by proxy, sent by email or votes on line.

The decisions taken at AGMs are binding on all members, including those who are absent or represented.

ARTICLE 12 - EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

If necessary, or at the request of half plus one of the registered members, the Chairman may convene an Extraordinary General Meeting, in accordance with the procedures set out in these statutes and solely for the purpose of amending the statutes or dissolving the Association.

Notification to members is the same as for the AGM.

Decisions are taken by a majority of the members present and by votes by proxy, sent by email or votes on line.

ARTICLE 13 - BOARD

The Association is administered by a board of at least two members, elected for one year by the AGM. Members may be re-elected.

In the event of holidays or absence, the board provides for the temporary replacement of its members. They are replaced definitively at the next General Meeting. The powers of the members elected in this way end on expiry of the term of office of the members replaced.

The board meets at least once every six months, when convened by the president, or at the request of one quarter of its members. Board meetings may be held more frequently. Decisions are taken by majority vote; in the event of a tie, the President has the casting vote. Any member of the board who, without excuse, fails to attend three consecutive meetings shall be deemed to have resigned.

The board may delegate any of its powers, for a specific period, to one or more of its members.

ARTICLE 14 - THE BUREAU

The board elects an Executive Committee from among its members, comprising of at least two members:

- 1) a president
- 2) a secretary
- 3) a treasurer

A person may hold two positions on the Executive Committee, with the exception of the positions of president and treasurer.

ARTICLE 15 - COMPENSATION

All functions, including those of the members of the board are free and voluntary. Only expenses incurred in the performance of their duties are reimbursed, based on receipts. The financial report presented to the AGM sets out the reimbursement of expenses for each beneficiary.

ARTICLE 16 - SERVICE PROVIDERS

The association reserves the right to use a service provider if the members of the association do not wish to carry out the service themselves on a voluntary basis, or if they do not have the capacity to do so.

ARTICLE - 17 - INTERNAL RULES

Internal rules may be drawn up by the board for approval by the AGM. These rules are intended to set out the various points not covered by these statutes, in particular those relating to the internal administration of the Association, and are published on our website or can be obtained from the Secretary.

ARTICLE 18 - DISSOLUTION

In the event of dissolution in accordance with Article 12, one or more liquidators shall be appointed and the net assets, if any, shall be transferred to a non-profit (or similar) association in accordance with the decisions of the AGM extraordinaire deciding on the dissolution. The net assets may not be transferred to a member of the association, even partially, unless a contribution is recovered.

ARTICLES- 19 - GIFTS AND DONATIONS

The annual report and accounts, as defined in article 11 are sent each year to the Prefect of the département.

The association undertakes to present its registers and accounting documents at the request of any administrative authorities regarding the use of donations it is authorised to receive, and to allow representatives of these competent authorities to visit it's establishment.

"Done at....., on.... 20.. "

Signatures of at least two representatives (surname, first name and position), required for the association's registration formalities.