

CAA General assembly 2017 in Malbun /Liechtenstein

On September 16th the presidents and directors of the CAA member associations met for the General assembly 2017 in Malbun/Liechtenstein, following the invitation of the Alpine Club Liechtenstein.

Following the agenda the delegates approved different papers:

- 10 recommendations "Safe climbing (Indoor)", prepared by the CAA commission of mountaineering, training and safety.
- Revisions of the positions concerning Via ferratas and the value of landscape, updated on initiative of the commission of nature protection and alpine spatial planning.
- A new position concerning Pedelecs/E-Bikes, which was developed jointly by the three CAA commissions.

Furthermore was decided about a cost sharing for the development of a CEN standard for material ropeways with limited passenger transportation which is in preparation by an international commission under participation of the German Alpine Club (DAV).

Regarding the online reservation system, for which the CAA made a start-up financing, the current state of the project was reported. The extended system is successfully in use in about 200 SAC, DAV, ÖAV and AVS huts. CAI and PZS are interested in the system, too.

The issues Alpine Convention and Macro-regional strategy for the Alps (EUSALP) this time were discussed rather shortly, but the importance of the CAA as observer of the Alpine Convention was stressed. It was also critically noted that not only the NGOs, but also the Alpine Convention has little influence in the framework of EUSALP.

Since already on the day before was discussed comprehensively about the future of the CAA after the planned foundation of the European mountaineering association EUMA, during the General assembly was made only a summary of this discussion. The CAA in the short term should further exist as an independent organisation and concentrate on the Alpine Convention and the commissions.

As usual the reports and annual plannings of the board and the commissions as well as annual accounts and budget were approved.

Oskar Wörz (ÖAV), CAA-Vice president, stepped down from his office for personal reasons. Georg Simeoni (AVS), longstanding chairman of the CAA commission of huts and trails, was elected for the board. Before, Miro Erzen (PZS), dismissed from the board after three years, because he took over the chairmanship of the commission of huts and trails. Wörz was discharged by the delegates with hearty thanks.