

Dear BROS Members,

I hope this finds you safe, well and looking forward to being able to visit Canebieres soon!

The good news here is that 'Le Covid' figures are continuing to fall and all adults over 18 are now able to book appointments to be vaccinated. Both, the availability of vaccines and the take-up have improved significantly over the past few weeks. (20million people have now received at least one dose, approximately a third of all adults in France). Although we still have a curfew in place between 19:00 to 06:00, we can now go anywhere in France and parks, gardens and beaches are open. Non-essential shops, bars and restaurants remain closed. However, all being well this is the proposed timetable for easing restrictions:

From 19th May

- Curfew will start two hours later, ie. between 21:00 to 06:00
- Non-essential shops can open.
- Restaurants and bars with terraces can open with table size restricted to 6 people (including children).
- Museums, cinemas, sports centres and stadiums can open with a limit of 800 people inside and 1000 outside.
- Sports activities can restart subject to Covid sanitary measures.
- Permissible gatherings size increased from 6 -10 people.

From 9th June

- Curfew will start two hours later, ie. between 23:00 to 06:00.
- Cafes, restaurants and bars can open inside and out with a maximum table size of 6 people including children.
- Up to 5000 people with a health pass, can attend cultural, sporting events and exhibitions.
- **Foreign tourist (British) can enter France with a health pass.**

From 30th June

- Curfew restrictions end.

However, I am sure many of you will be disappointed to know that night clubs will not be re-opening until at least July.

The wearing of masks, covering the mouth and nose, is compulsory in public spaces, will only three types of masks authorised: Category 1 masks, Surgical masks or FFP2 masks. Home made or cloth masks are deemed not to provide sufficient protection.

It goes without saying, that this timetable may be subject to change and restrictions could be re-introduced at anytime. It is also essential that you check for the most up to date requirements of both your home country and France before you leave and remember the British citizens can only stay in for 90 days without a visa. Visas for longer stays must be obtained before departure and at a cost, from the French embassy in the UK.

Life on the Domaine continues to be relatively quiet, although with the travel restrictions lifted in France, quite a few plots are now occupied and there is a constant hum of strimmers and hedge cutters as owners or gardeners attack the long overdue debroussaillage and clearing of the rain fuelled weeds! The work on the large pool continues with steady progress being made. Due to the continued restrictions the restaurant has not yet opened. However, Gilles Borges and his team continue to provide pre-ordered takeaway meals and pizzas for collection on a Friday evening from Lou Paradou.

I was fortunate to be one of the few invited by Paul De Coninck, Gerant, to the closed AGM on 24th April to assist with the counting of the votes. The process was rigorously carried out with the results as follows:

Votes cast 487

All 5 resolutions were adopted.

Elected councillors are:

	Votes
Michèle Asseman	369. (Secretary)
Richard Szczepanski.	370. (President)
Gilles Borges.	309
Jan Van Der Velden.	305
Gilbert Heiss.	280
Agnes Blanchett.	266

I have been asked by Gilbert Heiss and Jan Van Der Velden to thank you for your continued support, if you voted them! Richard Szczepanski has asked me to forward a message to you (Please see below).

On behalf of BROS I would like to thank Michèle Asseman for her support of BROS throughout her Presidency and we wish Richard

Szczepanski and the newly elected members every success.

On their return to the Domaine after a long absence, several associates have been faced with water leaks, issues with electrics, wasp or hornets nests, damage caused by other pests etc. I therefore recommend that when you return you plan to arrive early enough in the day to rectify any issues you may face! Also, to remind you that if you or your guests plan to arrive after 23:00 (11pm), please let the Accueil know in advance.

Have you changed your address, phone number landline or mobile or your email? If so, please remember to update your details held by the Bureau.

The Domaine and surrounding area look beautiful at the moment with a abundance of wild flowers. We look forward to welcoming you back very soon and please stay safe as and when you travel.

Best wishes,

Melanie

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Message from Richard Szczepanski :

'Ladies and Gentlemen,

I would like to thank all the members who participated in the voting for our AGM held on 24th April 2021, whether that be for the 5

resolutions proposed by the Gerant or for the election of representatives for the supervisory board. Ten people stood for the six available seats. We are delighted to see the good number of candidates willing to volunteer their time to represent the needs of all associates.

At the end of the election, Gilbert Heiss, overseer of the proceedings took to the floor to ask if any of the elected representatives wanted to be a candidate for the office of President of the Conseil de Surveillance. Michèle Asseman was asked first if she wanted to renew her mandate. She explained that as she had indicated at the previous election that it seemed sensible to rotate positions within the council. I therefore put myself forward as a candidate for the Presidency and I thank the five other elected officials for their unanimous support for me in this role. Michèle Asseman stood for the role of Secretary and was also elected unanimously. I thanked Michèle Asseman for the high quality of leadership she has magnificently delivered over the last three years and I will make sure we stay on track.

During our first meeting the possibility of more frequent contact by video conferencing between members of the board was suggested. All the elected officials thought this to be a good idea and with the manager we will see how this can be achieved. I raised the issue of my being replaced as President of Amicale Des Lauriers and after a discussion with the board, the members felt that there was no correlation between these two bodies and they did not know why I would want to relinquish this role. I also asked a large number of associates I see when distributing takeaway meals and they unanimously agreed that there was no conflict between the two roles and that I should not stand down having just been re-elected. Reassured by these warm testimonies I therefore decided to remain as president of the association for at least the current year and to reassess the situation at the next AGM. On the same day, I met with people who submitted ideas for new activities (a summer market for various regional products and a summer flea market.....). I always encourage new entertainment proposals. However, it is necessary that behind each proposal is someone willing to take the lead to make the activities happen.

I along with the whole team will make sure that we keep listening to our members in order to fully represent them at our meetings'.