

THE FRIENDS OF THE KALDERIMI OF SOUTH PELION
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, OCTOBER 2024

On Saturday, October 5, 2024, at 17.00, the second (postponed) Annual General Assembly of the members of the Association "Friends of Kalderimi of South Pelion" convened, following the decision and invitation of the Board of Directors, with the following agenda:

1. Procedures for elections of new Audit Committee and Board

After the quorum was established, as provided by the Statutes, Ioannis Iatrou was elected President of the General Assembly, who oversaw the procedure and Ioannis Koniordos was appointed Secretary of the meeting.

2. Reports of outgoing Audit Committee and Board

The discussion began with the reading of the detailed Audit Committee Report concerning the 2022-24 Treasury Management by Audit Committee member Sue Wake.

The outgoing Board President Kyriakos Stathakis then read the outgoing Board's report and informed the House of all matters in the Association's business. In summary, the report for the period October 2023-October 2024 is as follows:

2.1 Continuation of new path opening and clearing.

The Board had decided not to do any clearing and maintenance on the sections of trails that are part of the LEADER Programme. However, because the Programme is still delayed, we have proceeded with either new openings, or on LEADER sections locally. Storm Daniel (September 2023) created extensive damage on many trails, but with volunteer work by members and with paid workers, the following clearings have been done:

1) Lafkos-Milina B, 2)Xinovrisi to Potistika, 3)Argalasti to Kalamos and Lefokastro, 4) Milies to Neochori 5) Afetes to Zervochia 6) Siki to Xinovrisi (up to Megalo Rema), 7) Afisos to Afetes.

Due to the fact that many signs have been destroyed, we purchased new temporary signing ribbon for all routes.

In Argalasti and Platania we replaced the local maps of the trails and historical monuments.

2.2 Meetings with stakeholders

In April 2024, a delegation of the Board of Directors met with the deputy head of the region, Ms. Papadimitriou and the person responsible for walking tourism, Mr K. Kitsios and discussed issues of cooperation.

2.3 Other actions-activities

1) We had active participation in the 6th Panhellenic Congress of Trails 25-26/11/2023 in Milies. Members of the Board and other members of the Association participated in sessions and discussions, and we created an informative exhibition in the area.

2) In January 2024 we cut our New Year's Eve pie in Afetes, with great participation from members.

3) We participated in the Lafkos Plant Fair.

A vote was then taken and the management report of the outgoing Board was unanimously approved.

3. Election of a new Board and Audit Committee.

The AGM President invited members to nominate for the Election Committee, to oversee the election of the new Board and Audit Committee and 1. Mandi Mathews, 2. Chris Wicks and 3. Kathryn Wicks were elected with Nick Adraskelas as an alternate.

The Election Committee oversaw the election procedure, followed in accordance with the bylaws, and a new Audit Committee and Board were duly elected.