

Asociación Social de la Tercera Edad de Jávea

Minutes of General Assembly Meeting 25th April 2018

Committee Present:

President: Val Dromgoole
Vice President: Guy Marriott
Secretary: Roy Brown
Treasurer: Mick Cox
Groups Coordinator: David McClure-Whybrow
Membership Secretary: Stan Staines

Apologies

Communications Officer: Ian Rogerson

Location:

Parador, Jávea Arenal

The meeting convened at 11.00am

Welcome

There was a short delay whilst Mick counted huge volumes of money collected that morning by Angela Chantry, the background chatter suggesting that there was more than enough for Mick's upcoming three week holiday now.

After a significant struggle, Val managed to quieten down the assembled throng, apologised for the delay, and welcomed everyone to the meeting. She asked whether there were any questions about the minutes of the AGM – there were none. She then asked if everyone had read the minutes of the AGM to which there was a general murmur of assent.

Two volunteers were thus asked to propose (Diane Ord) and second (Alison Tain) the minutes, which were duly signed off.

President's Report

At the last committee meeting some deputies were appointed, viz., Peter Allin as deputy groups coordinator, Sheila Giacomelli as deputy membership secretary, and Linda Coughlin, reinvented as "meet and greet" officer.

Val appealed for more people to put their names down for the Summer Ball. There is a coach, costing a mere €10, but lamented the fact that coaches cannot get anywhere near her house, so it's half a bottle of wine and water for her (big ironic sigh from the assembly).

The group leaders are all busy making us work, keeping us fit and doing what group leaders do – may they long continue.

However Val did report than in her first three weeks of office she had discovered a certain level of intolerance in some group leaders – intolerance of time issues and intolerance towards members who had been unable to renew their membership before the end of February. She appealed to the group leaders to show a little more tolerance to the membership.

At that point the microphone died.

Val then commented that despite the late start and technical issues, everyone had shown tolerance so far today.

Treasurer's Report

Mick thanked Sally for standing in for him at the AGM, and reported that the current bank account holding was €78,669 (though that could be reduced as he is going away again – laughter). We are holding for travel and events €53,257, leaving a balance of €25,412. We are currently some €8000 ahead of budget, although the budget prepared at the start of the year does predict a slight negative balance by the end of the year.

Mick appealed to everyone making bank transfers that they put the reason in the “concept” section of the transfer. Otherwise he has to guess, and sometimes guesses wrong.

Today's mandatory joke - Father O'Malley answers the phone:-

Hello – is this Father O'Malley?
It is.
This is the taxation office, can you help us?
I'll try.
Do you know Ted Houlahan?
I do.
Is he a member of your congregation?
He is.
Did he donate €10,000 to the church?
He Will.

Membership Secretary's Report

Stan thanked Sheila for volunteering her services as deputy membership secretary – she had been a great help this morning during which there had been 11 renewals and 17 new members.

Stan announced that he still has a number of membership cards for people who renewed by bank transfer, and they should arrange to collect these at the membership desk between 09:30 and 10:30 on the date of the next meeting.

Group Coordinator's Report

David offered his thanks to Karen, his predecessor, who had done a staunch job that he hopes to continue. He also thanked the group leaders for their services over the past years and in anticipation of their continuing services this year.

David asked that anyone wishing to start a new group should get in touch with him via the website link

David offered thanks in absentia to Sally Wells, who is handing over the leadership of “Ladies that Lunch” to Delia Wilde.

Presentations

Val presented an award (involving Meercats and socks) to Karen.

Plus a second award to Yvonne Mulley who has stepped down from the position of deputy groups coordinator

Vice President

Guy introduced our guest speaker, Yana Petkin, a local resident (Denia anyway) adding that she had brought along a selection of her books, and would very much like to leave with significantly less copies than she had arrived with.

Guest Speaker, Yana Petkin, Ex RN, ex BA Trolley Dolley and Current Author

Yana proceeded to relate, in an extremely entertaining manner, details of her widely varied life.

Thanks

Guy thanked Yana for a most excellent, entertaining and interesting talk and presented her with a box of chocolates.

The meeting closed at 11:56 am.

Proposed by (print name) Signed

Seconded by (print name) Signed

President..... Secretary