

Asociación Social de la Tercera Edad de Jávea

Minutes of General Assembly Meeting 27th June 2018

Committee Present:

President:	Val Dromgoole
Vice President	Guy Marriott
Secretary:	Roy Brown
Treasurer:	Mick Cox
Groups Coordinator:	David McClure-Whybrow
Communications Officer	Ian Rogerson

Apologies

Membership Secretary	Stan Staines
Deputy Membership Secretary	Sheila Giacomelli

Location:

Parador, Jávea Arenal

The meeting convened at 11.00am

Welcome

Val finally calmed down the assembled throng, read out the apologies (i.e., no representation from the membership team today) and welcomed everyone to the meeting. She asked whether everyone had read the minutes of the May meeting to which there was a general affirmative. She then asked if there were any objections to them – there were none.

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

President's Report

Shirley King has donated €1114 to Todos Juntos Jávea, being the surplus raised from this year's events.

It appears that the calling notice does not give the general meeting start time. This will be corrected as from September.

Both Angela Chantry and Pat Ainsley have stepped down from overseeing the Care and Share initiative. A reference to "Help of Denia" will be included on the Care and Share link as this organisation is well placed to provide a whole range of assistance.

A temporary glitch in the IT system has meant that the link to Facebook from the website is currently not working. This is being investigated.

Treasurer's Report

Mick reported that the current bank account holding was €60,053.03. We are holding for travel and events €35,417.35, leaving a balance of €24,635.68.

Mick reminded everyone making bank transfers that they should continue to include the trip code in the "concept" section of the transfer. He noted that the number of members doing this has improved of late.

Mick finished with a joke involving a pest control inspector and voracious moths.

Membership Secretary's Report

Val gave the report – this morning there had been 3 renewals and 13 new members.

Group Coordinator's Report

Group leaders were asked to contact David on the groups coordinator email if they cannot get access to their U3A emails.

A new group is being set up by Phil Gourand for members who have electric bikes. Trips will involve the usual hills, but there will be stops at bars and restaurants to alleviate the pain.

A lady (Jennifer) is looking to set up a group for people who play stringed instruments (classical) – this will go on the website shortly. Contact David in the interim if you have an interest.

David gave an accolade to Pauline and Peter Speer who are stepping down from running the Dining Out group over the last eleven years, and welcomed Chris and Mallory Glover as the new leaders of this group.

Communications Report

Ian asked if everyone had enjoyed the slide show of photos from the ball and other events, to which there was a general murmur of assent.

Facebook now has over 420 members. As many of these are joint email accounts this means close to half the membership are now using the U3A Facebook group.

Ian is still looking for a deputy. However, he would welcome reports and photographs from individual members (possibly via Facebook) even if they do not feel they would want an official deputy role.

Secretary's Report

Roy reported that the necessary paperwork for our continued registration as an association in both the town hall and the county (Alicante Generalitat) has been submitted. We are now awaiting the approval process, which could take some time.

Roy outlined that we are starting on the road to compliance with the revised data protection rules, and to this end all members who have provided an email address will be receiving an email listing the type of data we hold, what we use it for and offering the option to continue as before or opt out. He added that clearly opting out would mean that those members will no longer receive any U3A communications and will be unable to book for travel events.

AOB

In response to a question from the floor, Val commented that the membership forms would be altered to include a data protection "opt in" signature, and that a column would be added to the renewals list for existing members to sign.

Guest Speaker, David Rohl

David gave an extremely detailed, well researched and illuminating talk on the true history of Troy as opposed to the Hollywood version of events

Thanks

Guy thanked David for his most excellent talk. Unfortunately due to an organizational glitch there was no gift to present. (PMN. Guy presented David with the traditional gift when they met the following week)

The meeting closed at 12:16 pm.

Proposed by (print name) Signed

Seconded by (print name) Signed

President..... Secretary