

# Asociación Social de la Tercera Edad de Jávea

## Minutes of General Assembly Meeting 28th March 2018

### Committee Present:

President: Eric Atkins  
Vice President: Guy Marriott  
Secretary: Roy Brown  
Deputy Treasurer: Sally Rush  
Groups Coordinator: Karen White  
Membership Secretary: Sheila Giacomelli  
Communications officer: Ian Rogerson

### Apologies

Treasurer: Mick Cox

### Location:

Parador, Jávea Arenal

The meeting commenced at 10:30 am

## Welcome

### First Calling

At 10:30 Eric called the assembly to order and explained that as this was the statutory AGM and the stipulated one third of the membership was not present, the statutes required that the meeting be reconvened after a 30 minute interval. The first calling was then dissolved.

### Second Calling

At 11:00, Eric reconvened the meeting welcoming everyone to this, the 12<sup>th</sup> AGM. A motion to approve the minutes of the February meeting was proposed by Bob Grainger and seconded by June Grainger, both willing volunteers. The motion was passed unopposed and the minutes were duly signed by the proposer and seconder.

## Treasurers Report

Eric explained that the treasurer was unable to be with us today, hence the report would be given by the deputy treasurer, Sally Rush. Sally opened by querying where she should stick the microphone. Most of the responses were unprintable.

### 2018 Budget

Sally then presented a summary of the 2017 budget, viz:-

Current balance	€86,555
Committed expenses	€61,359
Available balance	€25,206

However Sally pointed out that we should not get too excited as the accounts were unbalanced at this time of the year with most of the expected income already received but spend for the remainder of the year still to come. The budget allows for a further €4,000 in income from subscriptions, but a projected spend of €14,000 to the end of the year. This would leave a prospective year-end balance of €15,000,

The traditional treasurer's joke was then filled by a Sally Rush special concerning a tight fisted Irishman called Murphy and a dentist of sparkling wit and repartee offering to extend the time taken to extract a tooth to fit Murphy's concept of the amount of the fee.

### **2017 Accounts**

The 2017 accounts had previously been published on the U3A website following the auditor's approval in early February.

Eric summarised the accounts as showing a €1,500 deficit, due to the reduced subscription fee, and asked for a vote of approval by show of hands. The motion was passed unopposed.

Eric proposed a motion to approve the budget just presented by Sally by show of hands. The motion was passed unopposed.

## **Presentations**

Sheila Giacomelli (retiring as membership secretary) was presented with a large bottle of vodka, with advice from Eric not to drink it all at once.

Angela Chantry (retiring from Care and Share) was presented with a bunch of flowers, recently resurrected by Eric by dunking them in the toilet (sink).  
Tony Dearie was presented with a bottle of (Eric's favourite) rose wine.

Eric said that both Angela and Tony had given him a great deal of help with difficult scenarios over the last two years.

Eric mentioned that Pat & Eric Johnson (retired from Dine & Dance) would have received a gift but had had to leave before the meeting started.

## **Committee End-of-Year Reports**

Eric then thanked his main and support committees and all the volunteers who had given him so much help over the last two years. Over this time the membership has increased by circa 250, and the number of groups has increased by 7 or 8.

### **Vice President, Guy Marriott**

Guy thanked Eric, saying it has been a pleasure and privilege to work with him. He went on to say that, other than smiling and shaking hands, one of the VP's duties is to arrange the speakers for the general meetings and summarised the speakers lined up before the summer break. He also mentioned the Guardia Civil de Trafico presentation being hosted by the U3A in the social centre on 18<sup>th</sup> April.

### **Membership Secretary, Sheila Giacomelli**

Sheila opened by saying she had enjoyed the last four years, first as deputy and then membership secretary. She reported that today we enrolled 21 new members and the total membership at present stands at 1259. There were still some 303 members who had not renewed this year to date, though most were expected to do so. She commended her successor, Stan Staines, who she is confident will do a very good job.

### **Groups Coordinator, Karen White**

Karen stated that she has had a great year liaising with all the group leaders. They are a wonderful bunch of people who give their time freely. Eric thanked Karen for having done a wonderful job herself over the last two years.

### **Communications and Publicity Officer, Ian Rogerson**

Ian commented that it had been another busy year, covering many of the U3A events as can be seen by the slide show photographs. One of the biggest successes has been the launch of the U3A Facebook group, which has now grown from an initial inherited 26 members to exceed 400, many of whom are visiting the page every day. This is a testament to the hard work put in by the group administrators and especially Margaret March and her husband Malcolm. He also gave thanks to Jacqui who had worked tirelessly to invite new members to the group and making sure that posts are fair and appropriate. However it must not be forgotten that it is the members that keep the group going and make it so popular.

### **A few Facebook facts and figures**

350 members have viewed, posted, commented or reacted to a post over the last 28 days

Every post is seen by an average of 200 – 250 people

In the last 28 days there have been 80 posts, 180 comments, 750 reactions

For some reason Thursday is the most popular day?????

Anyone not already a Jávea U3A Facebook friend can email Ian ([communications@u3ajavea.org](mailto:communications@u3ajavea.org)) and he will help to get started.

### **Secretary, Roy Brown**

Roy confessed that he is responsible for the minutes that everyone says they read avidly every month. He is also responsible for the legal status of the association, and now that the committee are about to change personnel there will be a need to go through a re-registration process that will probably take until November to filter through the system.

### **President, Eric Atkins**

Eric asked for a vote of approval for the year end reports by show of hands. There was unanimous approval

Eric had wanted to thank Andreas, head of reception at the Parador, for all the help he has given the U3A over the past few years, but he was not present in the room. However, the committee had signed a card which read:-

To Andreas at the Parador, with thanks for all you do, from the committee of the Jávea U3A. The printed message on the card itself reads “The secret of enjoying good wine:- Open the bottle and allow it to breathe. If it doesn’t appear to be breathing on its own, proceed with mouth to mouth.”

The card will be given to Andreas when he is found.

## **Election of Executive Committee**

Irene summarised that there was only one nomination for each of the committee roles. The position of Groups Coordinator was unfilled. The validated election results are appended.

Eric then handed over to the new committee, with a final thankyou.

## **Incoming President’s remarks**

Val thanked everyone for voting for her, thanked Eric, and, as he is standing down, presented him with a gift – which he had bought himself.

Val then asked for volunteers for the position of groups coordinator, having first read out the job description as published on the website. Two volunteers presented themselves, Karen White and David McLure-Whybrow. In a show of hands David was nominated by majority vote.

New support committee members will be needed. Val asked for volunteers for deputy secretary, deputy groups coordinator, deputy membership secretary and deputy communications officer to let her know of their interest by email ([president@u3ajavea.org](mailto:president@u3ajavea.org)).

Val promised that she and the committee will try to achieve the impossible task of keeping all the membership happy.

Val closed the meeting at 11:32 am

## Results of the Committee Elections

This page contains the results of the voting from the current Committee Elections.

The table below shows the number of votes cast for each of the nominated Candidates. Candidates that are no longer members are excluded. Votes from people that are no longer members are also excluded. Validation of the Candidates and the members' votes is performed using the online copy of the Jávea U3A Membership Database. The online copy is brought up to date just after the beginning of each month.

Committee Role	Candidate	Votes
President	Valerie Dromgoole	182
Vice President	Guy Marriott	179
Secretary	Roy Brown	179
Treasurer	Michael Cox	179
Membership Secretary	Stan Staines	179
Communications	Ian Rogerson	175

Total number of votes received	196
Number of voters no longer FULL Members	0
Total number of Candidates nominated	6
Number of Candidates no longer valid	0
Total number of Paper Votes received	0
Number of Paper Votes from FULL Members	0
Paper Votes from Members with Email Addresses	0

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Election Auditor: Roger Barkley. Logged in as: rbar. eAuditor

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We the undersigned acting as election Auditors hereby certify that the above is a true record of the votes cast for the 2018 election.

  
R.S. BARKLEY

  
I. Charlesworth

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## Addendum to the minutes of the 2018 AGM

This is a summary of the changes to the personnel that comprise the executive committee of the association compared to that pertaining after the 2017 AGM.

<b>Previous officer</b>	<b>Post</b>	<b>Current officer</b>
Eric Atkins	President	Valerie Dromgoole
Guy Marriott	Vice President	Guy Marriott
Roy Brown	Secretary	Roy Brown
Mick Cox	Treasurer	Mick Cox
Sheila Giacomelli	Membership Secretary	Stan Staines
Ian Rogerson	Communications Officer	Ian Rogerson
Karen White	Groups Coordinator	David McClure-Whybrow

Proposed by (print name) .....

Signed .....

Seconded by (print name) .....

Signed .....

President.....

Secretary .....