

# Asociación Social de la Tercera Edad de Jávea

## Minutes of General Assembly Meeting 26<sup>th</sup> October 2016

### Committee Present:

President: Eric Atkins  
Secretary: Roy Brown  
Treasurer: Mick Cox  
Groups Coordinator: Karen White  
Membership Secretary: Sheila Giacomelli

### Apologies

Communications officer: Ian Rogerson

### Location:

Parador, Jávea Arenal

The meeting commenced at 11.00am

## Welcome

Eric welcomed everyone to the meeting, and remarked that it was nice to be back.

Willing volunteers had been found in Joanne (not Joyce) and Mike to propose and second the approval of the minutes of the September meeting. Eric asked if anyone had read the minutes, and received a positive response. He then asked if they were approved and received unanimous agreement. The minutes were thus duly signed off.

Eric was unsuccessful in finding the owner of a straw hat that had been left behind after the September meeting, and thereby won a hat.

## President's Report

**Bomberos:** Eric introduced Emma Lawton, secretary of the volunteer bomberos on Balcon al Mar, and handed over the money (€1310) collected in the September meeting. Emma thanked everybody, stating that this donation would go a long way towards replacing equipment lost or damaged in the week of the fires and said she would keep in touch with Eric to let us all know how the money had been spent.

**Travel:** Eric mentioned that he was happy to have missed the rain in Jávea last week as he was on the Merida, Cáceres, Trujillo, Guadalupe, Ciudad Real and Almagro trip. Today bookings were being taken for trips to Granada and Asturias. Eric attempted to quash a rumour that the train to Asturias was slow. It is an Alvia train (the Asturias segment of the AVE track is not yet complete) and for most of the journey travels at 250Km per hour – hence not slow, it's just a long way. He was informed that drinks were available on board and said he was now much happier.

**Barn Dance:** There are still a few places available for the Barn Dance in Venta de Posa at the end of October, however the bus is full.

**Facebook:** The new Facebook page will be launched shortly, the launch will be announced by email and will be supported by a guide on the website.

**New Members:** 7 new members were registered today, good for this late in the year.

**Election Auditors:** Eric pointed out that the election auditors Roger Barkley and Irene Charlesworth were poised and waiting for nomination forms to be submitted. Having lost two Vice Presidents, Eric appealed for nominations for the VP position as, apart from the routine very light duties, Eric needs someone to be able to stand in for him when he is absent. Nominations are open for any committee position – including that of president!

**Extravaganza:** Rehearsals are well advanced. The Costa Blanca Male Voice Choir and an expanded guitar group now called the Orchestra & Chorus will be performing, along with the “Happy Nippers” traditional pantomime style review.

Roy gave a list of the Costa Blanca Male Voice Choir performances over November and December, asking that the assembly refer to the CBMVC website for full details.

Eric mentioned that the next Jávea Players performance is “Our Man in Havana” and runs from 8<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> November.

## Treasurer’s Report

Mick gave the current bank balance as €18,766.75 net of monies being held for travel, events, etc.

Mick then gave the definition of a “paraprosdokian” and proceeded to read out a few examples, culminating in “Hospitality is the art of making guests feel like they’re at home.....when you wish they were”

## AOB

Eric pointed out that a representative of the British Legion poppy appeal was stationed by the exit door ready to receive donations.

## Guest Speaker, Chris Duffin

Chris talked about her experiences as a prison officer and governor and her sadness at the chronic deterioration in what had once been a really progressive program of rehabilitation of the inmates.

## Thanks

Eric thanked Chris for her talk, and, following a reminder that signed copies of Chris’s book were on sale for €5, presented her with a gift of wine.

Eric thanked the assembly for coming and looked forward to seeing everyone at the extravaganza next month, with a reminder that the poppy man was by the exit door

The meeting closed at 12:07pm

Proposed by (print name) ..... Signed .....

Seconded by (print name) ..... Signed .....

President..... Secretary .....