

Asociación Social de la Tercera Edad de Jávea

Minutes of General Assembly Meeting 25th October 2017

Committee Present:

President: Eric Atkins
Vice President: Guy Marriott
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

Following a small hiatus whilst the general hubbub died away, Eric welcomed everyone, and immediately got down to business by noting that the only committee apology today was Ian, the communications officer. He then went on to a bit of special business - Pat and Eric Johnson are retiring in December after 10 years of running the "dine and dance" group and Eric gave a small advanced presentation for them today, as this meeting is the last opportunity because of the special nature of November's meeting. David and Anne Watts will be taking over the group in the New Year.

Eric then mounted the podium to raucous cheers from the assembly, saying he was obliged to do so as there had been complaints he could not be seen when standing on the floor. He commented that there was dubious pleasure to be had from this, both on his part and that of the assembly.

Eric pointed out that Roger Dawes was in the hall selling poppies for Remembrance Day, and that there was a British Legion dance in the Parador on 30th November. Roy also commented that there was a remembrance service in the Anglican Church in Moraira on Saturday 11th at 5:00 pm.

Eric asked if everyone had read the minutes. After a pregnant pause everyone agreed that they had. As there were no objections or amendments the traditional "volunteers" were called into service, this month Heather Maybury and Joan Hills, to sign off the minutes which were thus duly approved.

Eric advised that the November meeting would be the last opportunity to register nomination as a candidate for any of the 6 executive positions on the U3A committee, and that competition would be welcomed. (He did suggest that to liven things up a bit one could secretly nominate a member without their knowledge)

President's Report

Eric extended a huge thankyou to the volunteers and group leaders who had been once again working flat out.

We have nearly 70 groups now and as the membership is constantly increasing new groups are welcome. All that is needed is to contact Karen, the groups coordinator with a proposal and we will support you in the start-up. Three new groups have been started recently.

The chiringuitas have gone, sadly, but the town is full this week because of the "all souls day" fiesta observed by most of the Spanish population in homage to their departed relatives. When this is over they all go home and we have Jávea to ourselves until Christmas (cheers).

Announcements

We are seeking sponsors for the Camino de Santiago walks. All sponsorship money will go to the "Make a Smile" charity. The first walk (stage 1 – Javea Port to Jesus Pobre) has been completed. Further walks this year are planned for the 8th & 22nd of November and the 6th of December.

The next U3A Quiz night is on 16th November

The history group have a presentation on 14th November by Alan Oliver on "The Vikings"

Peter Atkinson is giving a talk on Galicia at the JP studios on 10th November entitled "A tour of Spain's wet green far corner" on behalf of the Anglican Chaplaincy. For €10 you get a glass of cava plus a finger buffet lunch including wine and beer.

Jávea Players latest production "on Golden Pond" runs in the Gata "Union Musical" theatre from 7th – 11th November.

The gentle exercise group have been kicked out of Carol's kitchen and are now looking for a suitable venue in the Port.

There were 24 new members and 5 renewals today, taking the membership over 1400 – an amazing result for October.

Treasurer's Report

All is well with the accounts. We are currently €7052 ahead of budget with a bank balance of €17842.

The mandatory joke involved a talking horse and a frying pan.

Eric then introduced our;-

Guest Speaker, Duncan Campbell, crime reporter and novelist

Duncan spoke with great knowledge and authority about the public fascination with both fictional and real crimes. Duncan finished by reminding us that there are a lot of retired policemen to be found in this area, but also a lot of retired criminals, and invited anyone present in the latter category who wishes to identify themselves.....

As a final pun Duncan related a tale of conversations he had had with two infamous bank robbers. He interviewed Bobby King and found him reading Virginia Woolfe's "To the lighthouse". He later mentioned this in an interview with another bank robber who without hesitation remarked "not her best".

Thanks

Eric thanked Duncan for his talk, presented him with a gift of Côte de Provence wine (acquired totally legally) and thanked everyone for coming.

The meeting closed at 11:58 am

Proposed by (print name) Signed

Seconded by (print name) Signed

President..... Secretary