

Asociación Social de la Tercera Edad de Javea

Minutes of the monthly meeting
Held on February 23rd 2011
At the Parador hotel Javea

PRESENT: **Vice-President:** Paul Wessendorff
Treasurer: Geoff Milnes
Secretary: Jeni Oldfield
Membership Secretary: Wilma Stevenson
Groups Coordinator: John Bellinger-Smith
Communications Officer: Carol Pilgram

APOLOGIES: President Shirley King

Paul opened the meeting by welcoming all new members. The minutes from the last meeting having already been circulated, as there were no matters arising, were proposed by Angela Chantry and seconded by Cheda Panajotovic. Paul announced how pleased and relieved he was that at last someone had come forward, offering to stand as the new Vice-President. He duly introduced **Peter Allin** who gave us a brief resumé of his wide experiences and was warmly welcomed by all. Paul then spoke of matters pertaining to the AGM. The date was confirmed as March 30th when there will be no guest speaker. Annual reports will be given by Committee members then voting for new Committee will be finalised, having already been started with ballot papers to-day and continuing on-line. The new Committee will outline plans for 2011/2012.

Paul announced that Angela Chantry and Pat Johnson, after several years of working in our travel section, had decided to stand down after the summer break. Both had contributed significantly to the travel activities which our membership have appreciated and enjoyed over a considerable period of time and he thanked them for their hard work and dedication to the travel team whilst they have been involved with it. However, two Travel organisers are now needed from the summer but preferably as soon as possible so they may learn how it's done. Ineke Butcher is taking over Care & Share.

CARITAS. It has been decided to make collections of food each month and boxes will be available for this at the meetings. There is also the facility for collecting clothes and household items. Sally Wells is going to investigate this further. At the AGM we will be presenting two cheques of 500€ to representatives of Caritas. John Harding said that every Monday and Thursday evening collections are taken at the Fishermen's Church in Javea Port.

Geoff gave his report but said that if people wanted to ask questions would they please send them in an email a week before the AGM when they will be answered. The accounts for 2010 are on display on the notice board. Average funds at 31st December were similar to a year ago at 3300€

The budget, rounded off was:

Parador	3800€
Charities	2400€
Capital purchases	2100€

Members Insurance	1700€
Stationery etc.	600€
Miscellaneous	1800€

For 2011 Geoff has budgeted 13000€, up 500€ from last year as he has calculated for 500€ to be available for groups, to be allocated at the discretion of John Bellinger-Smith the Groups' Coordinator.

Wilma announced that at last month's Open Meeting we had 87 new members and a further 21 to-day with 41 more renewals. 220 have not renewed for this year so will be deleted from the list to-day which will reduce the number of members to just under 1000 from to-day's 1200.

Carol has instigated a "Group of the Month" in each News Letter. John will coordinate each article with the relevant information. They both invited members to send in suggestions for inclusion in the Newsletter. Carol reported how hard Sam Wells was working on the development of the web-site. Also Tom Miller, as Publicity Officer, continues to work hard with the local press and if anyone wants publicity for their activities then they should contact either Carol or Tom. A new item in the News Letter is a monthly programme of what's happening in Javea. There is a link on the web-site to this official Javea enterprise. Members have already suggested how useful it is.

John thanked the Group Leaders who worked so hard to make our U3A such a success. This met with a spontaneous round of applause for the Group Leaders. 5 groups have had to close, 2 of which were sailing as their access to the water had been closed. Others were using your i-pod, post-card collecting and patchworking. John thanked the outgoing leaders. Other groups have had a change of leader, these being:

Foodies: Barbara Craven-Bradford is replaced by Gillian Breen

Backgammon: Bob Denton by Sue Vickers

History: Sally Wells by Peter Atkinson

Petanque: Lin & Terry Jones by Pam Coombe

Solos: Angela Chantry by Pat Ainsley

Tuesday Lectures: Alan Oliver by Cheda Panajotovic

The latest group starting up is a second Art for Beginners, Sandy being the new leader.. Details will be on the web-site soon, which will also include a suggestion for the formation of a Line Dancing group for Beginners. Play Reading has some hopeful members but a leader is still needed. The car treasure hunt was a great success with 60 members partaking. John himself is now the leader for that activity. Patchworking will restart on March 3rd at 3pm. A new Scrabble group for ordinary level players is also in the pipe-line.

Accommodation for some groups is an ongoing investigation.

Paul announced that ticket sales for the forthcoming May Ball are now at 267. He will now offer them to other local U3As. We would like to sell over 300, maximum 350.

Paul then gave some information on behalf of MABS. There is a Race for Life sponsored event on 3rd April from Sol Park in Moraira, entry fee 10€ On 16th April there will be a Book Sale outside Iceland starting at 10.00am.

Paul thanked Ken Robinson for auditing the accounts for 2010. Pat received some wine on his behalf.

Brenda Bates asked if members could bring only paperback novels for the book swop tables, not hardbacks or training manuals as she had to carry home unsold books and they are heavy.

Paul said that our scheduled speaker, Chris Duffin, was poorly but her husband, John had kindly agreed to stand in for her and he proceeded to give a very interesting and entertaining talk on the trials and tribulations of being a writer, which included his experiences as a script writer for several well-known television series. His talk was very well-received.

The meeting ended at 12.10pm.

Proposed Seconded

Signed Seconded