

Asociación Social de la Tercera Edad de Jávea

Minutes of General Meeting held on 29th June 2011

COMMITTEE PRESENT:

President	Paul Wessendorff
Vice President	Peter Allin
Secretary	Tom Stevenson
Membership Secretary	Wilma Stevenson
Groups Coordinator	John Bellinger-Smith
Communications Officer	Carol Pilgrim

LOCATION:

Parador Hotel, Jávea

The meeting commenced at 11:05

President's Report:

New Members

Paul welcomed the new members who had joined that morning.

Apologies

Michael Cox, Treasurer, was unable to attend today's meeting.

Previous Minutes

There were no comments from the membership and the Minutes of the June General Meeting were duly approved by Peter Speer and seconded by Robin Race.

Travel Team

Paul advised that Angela Chantry and Pat Johnson are standing down today from the Travel Team. Mike Frost is standing down at the end of the year. This means the Travel Team will consist of one person and the impact is clear from the reduced volume of Travel activities in this month's newsletter. Brenda Bates has offered to help by running one trip. Paul stressed the need for members to come forward to act as Travel Organisers, even if only for one trip, and noted that the previous organisers had indicated they would be available to help new recruits.

Ayuntamiento Liaison

Our previous contact with the Town Hall has been lost as a result of the local elections. However John Bellinger-Smith has details of a new liaison and anyone wishing to have contact with the Town Hall should speak with JBS.

Events Team

Paul outlined planned and provisional events for the next year. A Hog Roast in aid of Caritas will take place on the 17th September; Diane and Ross Ord have kindly offered the use of their villa for this event. A Barn Dance around October/November 2011 and a Music Quiz during March 2012 are also planned. The May Ball 2012 will be held on the 18th May at El Canor and members are encouraged to read the Newsletter, browse our website and check the notice boards for further details on all these events. Additional events which will be of interest to members are a Christmas Lunch, possibly following the November General

Meeting, organised by Mike Frost. Mike is also arranging a music evening in aid of MABS. Calpe U3A Choir will be performing in aid of Caritas (see Cultural Arts newsletter).

Death

Paul advised that our long-standing member Bill Townsend died last week in Denia Hospital and expressed condolences to his wife Pat and family on behalf of the entire organisation. The funeral will take place on Friday 1st July at 11:00, in the Crematorium, Jávea.

Vice President

Discounts

A “star” rating system has been introduced on the website for discount providers. This operates on the basis of 4*s – Excellent, 3*s – Good, 2*s – Satisfactory and 1* - Poor. The list is also in the process of being brought up to date.

Speakers

In September our speaker will be Kathryn Marsden, an expert in diet and digestion and author of many books on the subject. Peter asked that members submit questions for Kathryn to him by the 9th September. A possible speaker for 2012 is someone from White-BAOS Abogados. Peter asked that topics of interest be submitted to him by 31st October, to enable a decision to be taken on whether there is sufficient interest to justify using this speaker.

Treasurer

No report due to absence of Treasurer on holiday.

Membership Secretary

Wilma reported that 11 new members had joined today, taking our membership to 1058.

Communications Officer

Welcoming Committee

Carol reported that the new process was going well, with two new volunteers helping today.

Publicity

Jávea U3A has appeared in several publications recently and thanks are due to Tom Miller.

Caritas Food Collection

Carol advised that the next food collection would take place at the November General Meeting.

Newsletter

There will be no more Newsletters until the end of September but members should note that the website will be kept updated throughout the summer months.

Groups Coordinator

The Skittles Group are advised that the venue for the next competition has gone bankrupt. A new Group has been suggested, Square Dancing and two new members have offered to run a Play Reading Group. Scrabble and Rummikubs 2 are in the process of starting up. Friends of Avinenca have two field trips planned (see website). The Badminton and Pet Sitting Circle have closed.

AOB

Paul thanked the committee for their reports.

He also thanked Angela Chantry and Pat Johnson for all their work on behalf of the U3A, over many years, in the Travel Team. He presented Angela with a gift voucher for a meal for two; Pat was unable to attend today due to ill health but Paul will make sure she receives her voucher.

Paul then congratulated Pauline Speer on her birthday today and recorded that both she and Peter are strong supporters of Jávea U3A. Today is their 50th Golden Wedding Anniversary and Paul presented them with two bottles of “bubbly”.

Speakers

Pat Lee-Patton and Judith Goodall (Chair and Vice-chair respectively) then provided a very informative and interesting overview of the activities of “HELP” of Denia and the Marina Alta. Paul thanked Pat and Judith for a very useful presentation on what is clearly a complex organisation, and congratulated them on providing a very impressive service to the people of our local area. Leaflets outlining the work of “HELP” were made available to members. It was suggested that if any members wished to make a donation to “HELP”, a box would be available at the exit of the meeting room. A cash collection was subsequently taken.

After note: Monies collected on the day from members attending amounted to 281.54 Euros. Donation made on this occasion from U3A funds amounted to 100 Euros, making the total donated on the day to 381.54 Euros. With many thanks to all those who contributed this excellent amount to such a worthwhile cause.

Paul wished all our members a good summer break.

The meeting closed at 12:15.

Proposed by (name) Signed

Seconded by (name) Signed

Signed Seconded

President
Jávea U3A

Secretary
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