

# **Asociación Social de la Tercera Edad de Jávea**

**Minutes of General Meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2011**

## **COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

<b>President</b>	Paul Wessendorff
<b>Vice President</b>	Peter Allin
<b>Treasurer</b>	Michael Cox
<b>Secretary</b>	Tom Stevenson
<b>Membership Secretary</b>	Wilma Stevenson
<b>Groups Coordinator</b>	John Bellinger-Smith
<b>Communications Officer</b>	Carol Pilgrim

## **LOCATION:**

Parador Hotel, Jávea

The meeting commenced at 11:02

## **President's Report:**

### New Members

Paul welcomed the new members who had joined that morning.

### Previous Minutes

There were no comments from the membership and the Minutes of the April General Meeting were duly approved by Brian Matthews and seconded by Joanne O'Keefe.

### Appointment of Deputy Treasurer

Paul advised that Cliff Leslie, a new member, has come forward to fill this position.

### Objectives

Subscription Review - Paul reported that the committee had made its report to the Executive Committee and Peter would talk about this later.

Group Funding – the Executive Committee has allocated a budget of 1500€ to support Group activities. Group Leaders should apply for funding through the Groups Coordinator.

Welcoming Committee – this is now in operation and the process is being tweaked based upon experience so far.

Social Events – Peter Speer and his team are working upon events such as Barn Dance for later in the year. Other ideas are also under consideration. He asked all to look in the Newsletter for further details on future events which will be announced of the coming weeks ahead.

### May Ball

Paul felt this was a fantastic occasion with 320 attendees. Many thanks are due to Peter and Pauline Speer for doing such a great job of organising, along with their team of volunteers.

### Travel Organiser Vacancies

Paul reiterated the need for people to come forward and fill these positions, with 75% of the team standing down by the end of this year.

### June Meeting

This is normally an Open Meeting. Feedback from the Group Leaders at the recent meeting was that this was not a good idea as it occurs immediately prior to the summer break. The Executive Committee decided that June will be a normal meeting and henceforth there will be one Open Meeting each year, in January.

## **Vice President**

### Speakers

Peter appealed for speakers for next year and reminded members that speakers must be factual and not represent any commercial interests. Our June speaker will be Judith Goodall from "HELP" of Denia.

### Discounts

There are additional discounts in the pipeline and the Committee will carry out a review of the existing list.

### Subscriptions Review

The Working Group met several times and looked at different scenarios. The Working Group recommended no change in the current level of subscription, as there would be minimal benefit to members in a reduction but potentially there could be a major impact on U3A finances.

## **Treasurer**

### Accounts

Mick has received the accounts from Geoff Milnes and confirmed that everything was in order.

### Change of Bank

Our Bank has changed from La Caixa to Barclays, but we are unable to change the website at the moment and so any members requiring to make a direct transfer of funds to the U3A should contact Mick for details. The bank account previously held at La Caixa should not be used for any future transactions.

## **Membership Secretary**

18 members, including 12 new people, had joined this morning taking membership to 1047. Wilma advised that members will be able to renew their membership in January either here in the Parador or online if easier. Direct bank transfers must include Name and Membership Number for renewals or Name and Event for Travel activities.

## **Communications Officer**

### Welcoming Committee

Carol reported that 15 members had volunteered to be on the Welcoming Committee, representing a good mix of people. Carol was pleased to report that new members had been interacting with Group Leaders, and that arrangements had been made for new members to sit with existing members for the monthly General Meeting.

### Publicity

The team have been working hard with, for example, a report of Chris Duffin's presentation being published in The Post and reports of the Annual Ball in other publications.

### Caritas Food Collection

Carol advised that the Committee had agreed that these would only take place during the March, June and November General Meetings.

**Groups Coordinator**

John encouraged members to join groups. An additional Rummikubs group is being set up by Valerie Dromgoole. A volunteer is sought to lead a Scrabble group, let John know if you are interested in this. Tom Miller is stepping down as Leader of Digital Photography, and Nick Winter will be the new group leader. (Under AOB, Tom pointed out that he will be continuing as a member of the Digital Photography group). John asked members to note that the Wine Trip to Utiel tomorrow will depart from outside of Interiors in the Port, Jávea.

**AOB**

Pat Robinson briefed members on changes to the operation of the DVD Swop, which was operating successfully (especially during the winter months) but after several years it was time to refresh the operation. In future only boxed DVDs will be eligible for swapping; newspaper/magazine discs will be accepted and sold, with the proceeds going to the U3A Charity. Pat asked that members check if they have any DVDs to donate, to increase the team’s stock, and also that members should be considerate to others in the material they bring for a swop, offering like for like.

**Speaker**

Cheda Panajotovic gave an excellent presentation on his experiences when “Teaching the Unteachable”, and delighted us with stories about his life as a teacher in a difficult part of London. Paul thanked Cheda on behalf of the members for his informative, amusing, and entertaining talk.

The meeting closed at 11:56.

Proposed by (name) ..... Signed .....  
Seconded by (name) ..... Signed .....

Signed ..... Seconded .....

**President**  
**Jávea U3A**

**Secretary**  
**Jávea U3A**