

Asociacion Social de la Tercera Edad de JAVEA

Minutes of General Meeting held on 24th February 2016

Committee Present:

President:	Stephen Burke (SB)
Vice President:	Roswitha Bourton (RB)
Treasurer:	Mick Cox (MC)
Secretary:	Phil Gibson-Daw (PGD)
Deputy Groups Coordinator:	Tom Miller (TM)
Communications Officer:	David Woodhall (DW)
Membership Secretary:	Howard Parker (HP)

Apologies:

Location:

Parador Hotel, JAVEA

The meeting commenced at 11.00

Welcome

Stephen welcomed everyone to the meeting, especially new members and asked that everyone would switch off phones and electronic devices.

President's Report.

- SB offered his thanks to all the people who helped out today, book swap; DVD swap, Mike OB for doing the printing. He also thanked Candy Wright of 'Help DAMA' for taking time out to attend the meeting. He then presented her a cheque for €2,212.55 for Help DAMA. Candy then gave her thanks and a short resume of her work at 'Help DAMA'.
 - Minutes of meeting from 28th October were now published on the Website, and SB asked members for any comments, there being none, the minutes were approved and signed.
 - SB then gave a huge thanks to the Groups Co-ordinator and his Deputy for all their hard work. There were 37 groups represented and all the group leaders had managed to increase their memberships. Some of the groups were oversubscribed. He also gave thanks to the Membership Secretary and his Deputy who had organised a wonderful team for the renewals desks at the January meeting. There were 931 renewals and 110 new members making 1041 members in all. He then stated that anyone who had not renewed their membership by the end of February would have to pay a re-joining fee as well as the subscription.
 - SB said there had been a nomination for the post of Secretary; Roy F. Brown. There were, however, vacancies for a Deputy Secretary, Deputy Treasurer, Deputy Groups Co-ordinator and Events Co-ordinator.
 - SB said that contrary to rumours, there will be an election for the Offices as well as other proposals including one to reduce next year's subscriptions to €5.00 The audited accounts will also be presented for approbation. If there are any questions about the accounts, these must be addressed to the Treasurer before the AGM, as he will not take questions at the AGM.
 - SB then said that Clive White has withdrawn his proposed legal action against Javea U3A and CW had met with the Executive Committee last Monday to explain his actions and that situation was ongoing. A heated discussion then took place from the floor.
 - SB then gave a presentation of all the e-mails that have been received by the various members of the Executive Committee. This was then followed by a further discussion and questions from the floor.
 - CW then gave a short dissertation on his time in the U3A and also an apology for disturbing the unity of the U3A.
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Group Coordinator's Report

- DG said that we are desperate to start new groups as a lot of groups are full. Two group leaders have resigned and he thanked them for all their hard work. He thanked Muriel Shilan for taking over the Bridge Group and said that Geoff was resigning from the Wine Appreciation Group – he was presented with a gift. One new group was being formed; painting with acrylic.

Communications Officer's Report

- DW reported that he is still receiving a number of rejected emails when sending out the monthly Calling Notice (35) and urged members to check that we have the correct contact details for them, especially when renewing their membership.

Membership Report

- HP said that there were 12 new members today.

Treasurer's Report

- MC said that the audited accounts were on the Website for everyone to look at. The net balance is €24,786.27. He continued by saying that we should be able to reduce next year's subscription but it really depends on this year's spending but that it was under review. He said that members that use BACS to pay their subs. must give a reference name and what it's for.

AOB

There being no other business, the meeting was close with a reminder that the AGM would be the next meeting and would be a Caritas collection day.

Proposed by (print name) P. AINSLEY

Signed P. Ainsley

Seconded by (print name) ANSTRA CHANTRY

Signed a chantry

President. [Signature]

Secretary [Signature]

Asociación Social de la Tercera Edad de JAVEA

Minutes of General Meeting and AGM held on 30th March 2016

Committee Present:

President:	Stephen Burke (SB)
Treasurer:	Mick Cox (MC)
Secretary:	Phil Gibson-Daw (PGD)
Groups Coordinator:	David Grove (DG)
Communications Officer:	David Woodhall (DW)
Membership Secretary:	Howard Parker (HP)

Apologies:

Roswitha Bourton

Location:

Parador Hotel, JAVEA

The meeting commenced at 11.00

Welcome

Stephen welcomed everyone to the meeting, especially new members and asked that everyone switch off (or render silent) phones and electronic devices.

He went on to explain that the meeting was a combination of the March General Assembly meeting and the Annual General Meeting and described the AGM voting quorum requirements. As 1/3 of the membership were clearly not present, he proposed that he should proceed with the March general assembly meeting and reconvene the AGM after a thirty minute delay as stipulated by the constitution.

This proposal was carried by a show of hands.

March General Assembly Meeting

The minutes of the February meeting were unanimously accepted by the assembly.

President's Opening Report.

Stephen outlined some examples of how the U3A acts as an enabling organisation for the cultural and leisure activities of its members, the sharing of experiences with like-minded people and the expansion of activities into areas where individuals would probably not have ventured on their own. A specific example of this being the growth of Padel groups over the past two years.

He pointed out that the groups and the membership are the throbbing heart of the organisation and most issues are resolved at group level. Only rarely would a problem be so great as to require attention from the executive committee, who are there principally to facilitate the group activities in as smooth a manner as they can

Stephen finished his report by stating that he was extremely happy to have been part of the committee, which he hopes have demonstrated their ability over the last twelve months to fulfil this facilitating role.

Membership Secretary's Report

Howard greeted the assembly and new members, and stated that twenty new members had joined today, along with two people who had re-joined after failing to meet the renewal deadline.

Howard thanked his deputy, Sheila, and all the willing helpers who had manned the renewal desks in January. Without this help he surmised that he would have even less hair than he has now.

Facts and figures

- As of the end of 2015, there were 1292 members due to renew their membership
- During January there were 931 renewals plus 110 new members giving a starting total for 2016 of 1041 members
- During February there were 144 renewals plus 12 new members bringing the total up to 1197 members
- By the 1st March renewal deadline there were 215 previous members who had not paid their subscriptions and were thus deleted from the membership database
- The membership had grown to 1199 during March, and today there were 2 renewals plus 20 new members giving a total membership as of today of 1221.
- The number of members not renewing from 2015 now stands at 211

Treasurer's Report

Mick apologised for forgetting to bring his bank records owing to a senior moment. He recalled there was approximately €29,500 in the account. (He subsequently confirmed by email that the actual figure is €24,346.68 net when taking into account the deduction of monies held on behalf of Travel, Events and SC&C)

Another year has gone well. We have achieved our objectives of supporting the groups and events and will continue to do so.

Mick thanked his deputy, Malcolm Neill and the auditor Ken Robinson for their support throughout the year.

Finally Mick thanked the assembly for being part of a fantastic organization which we all appreciate and take advantage of what it offers, and looked forward to another good year as treasurer - if elected!

Secretary's Report

Phil reported that he had nothing of substance to report. He had been continuing the normal secretarial duties and been kept very busy with various website updates.

Stephen added that we are an association governed by Spanish law and any changes to our constitution must be endorsed by the authorities in Alicante. Changes had been made and submitted in 2013, but to date no endorsement (or negation) had been received from Alicante. This is the only area where the committee had failed to meet its 2015 objectives, though not through want of trying.

Presentations to members of the non-executive committee

A vote of thanks and presentations were made by Stephen to members of the non-executive committee who were either standing down or taking up executive committee roles, viz:-

- Sheila Giacomelli; deputy membership secretary (moving to EC)
- Malcolm Neill; deputy treasurer (standing down)
- Krystyna Stefanczyk; events coordinator (standing down)
- Ian Rogerson; publicity officer (moving to EC)

Stephen also thanked wholeheartedly the group leaders, various helpers, e.g., Mike Oxley-Brown who does our printing, book swap & DVD swap table teams, the welcome team, membership renewal table assistants etc.

Intermission

A short break was taken whilst the counting of the votes was being completed. (Prior to the meeting registered members had filled in a voting slip)

The statutory 30 minutes having by then elapsed, the 2016 AGM was reconvened (to raucous cheers from the assembly)

2016 Annual General Meeting (reconvened)

Group Coordinator's Report

David Grove began by attempting to make presentations to recently retired group leaders, viz.,

- Sybil Ross (Bridge)
- Peter Sanders (SLR photography)
- Diane Ord (Travel)

Unfortunately none of these were present so the presentations were deferred to be the responsibility of the new coordinator at the earliest opportunity.

Report

As of today's meeting there are 66 active groups, several of which are duplicates, or even triplicates, due to high demand. A variety of activities are on offer most weekday mornings & afternoons and even several now at weekends. Mondays continue to be the most popular.

Around 40 (45 if duplicates are considered) groups were represented in the January open meeting and many recruited new members, a fair reward for all the hard work put in to create their magnificent displays. After the meeting the group leaders were joined by other volunteers and all went to enjoy lunch at the Javea Golf Club as a small reward for giving so freely of their time, experience and skills during the previous year.

Closing Statement

David specially thanked Tom Miller for his support as a more than worthy deputy. He then went on to say that he had been in the post for three years and would not be re-standing in this election. He had enjoyed a lot of pleasure and satisfaction from fulfilling what had been a rewarding role, and greatly appreciated the hard work, dedication and support of the group leaders. He closed by wishing his successor all the very best for the future and hoped that they would continue to flourish under the new leadership

Communications Officer's Report

David Woodhall gave a big thankyou to the committee members, ex-members and group leaders for all the help he had been given during the past year.

He requested that the new committee continue with sending out an email in advance of the calling notice on behalf of any group leader whose group has vacancies for a particular one-off trip or event. Feedback had shown that this had been very successful in 2015. The reason being that, even though the information is published on the website, many members tend to only look at the page in which they have an interest and can therefore miss opportunities to take part in these broader spectrum activities.

David closed by saying he had enjoyed his time in the post and thanked everyone for their support

Retiring President's hand-over

Stephen then thanked and make presentations to committee members who were standing down, viz,-

- Howard Parker (Membership secretary)
 - David Grove (Groups coordinator)
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- David Woodall (Communication officer)
- Phil Gibson-Daw (Secretary)

Stephen went on to explain that the agenda item “approve 2015 AGM minutes” was an error. These minutes had already been approved last year as they are required by the authorities to register the association and by the bank to verify the authority of signatories to the U3A account.

The Voting Results

The results of the vote are attached to these minutes.

In summary:-

- The accounts for 2015 were approved
- The reduction of subscription fees from €10 to €5 for 2017 was approved
- All committee nominations were approved

The retiring committee then stood down and were replaced by the new committee for 2016.

Incoming President’s Address

Eric Atkins introduced himself and the new executive committee as: -

Eric Atkins: -	President
Geoff Woodward: -	Vice President
Roy Brown: -	Secretary
Clive White: -	Webmaster
Ian Rogerson: -	Communications & Publicity officer
Sheila Giacomelli: -	Membership Secretary
Karen White: -	Groups Coordinator
Mick Cox: -	Treasurer (remaining in post)

Eric thanked the group leaders for all their work over the years. He outlined plans to visit as many of these as possible, mentioning especially the wine appreciation group, the travel group (visits to wineries), Spanish Culture & Cuisine (visits to bodegas), then of course Dining Out (with wine), to mention but a few.

Eric went on to thank the voters present for electing the new committee, even those who voted no, and continued by introducing the non-executive committee members:-

Val Dromgoole: -	Deputy Secretary
Linda Coughlin: -	Deputy Membership Secretary
Shirley King: -	Events Coordinator
Sally Rush: -	Deputy Treasurer

Post-meeting note: - The deputy groups coordinator, Tom Miller had stepped down earlier in the month, and the post has been taken over by Yvonne Mulley. As neither of these was present they were not included in the presentations, but are included here for completeness.

Eric then presented (zero calorie) Easter eggs to his nomination proposer and seconder (Patricia Ainsley & Marion Monsell). He also gave a special mention to Jacqui Rogerson for her assistance in taking the publicity photographs.

He then outlined the initial committee aims for the coming year: -

- Already planned events for the coming year (BBQ in July, Barn Dance, May Ball)
- “Care and Share” is to be reinstated. A brief description of this initiative was given
- A key objective of the committee is to ensure as far as is humanly possible that people who join the U3A are not excluded from taking part in any of the activities made available by the U3A because of full group membership. We will try very hard to extend the groups available wherever necessary.

- There is already a full set of speakers lined up for the coming year's monthly meetings. The speaker for the April meeting will be Harry Duffin, a screenwriter for many well known TV programs

Closing Remarks

We are your new committee and exist to uphold the principles of the U3A – education & learning in retired life, though In Jávea we realise that this is equally to do with leisure and having fun.

Presentation to Retiring President

Eric offered his and the committee's thanks for all the work done by Stephen during his tenure and presented him with two bottles of wine, one provided, as per tradition, by Stephen himself, the other by Eric (using his own money until he gets his hands on an expense form) because he didn't know. He was later censured by the ex-leader of the wine appreciation group for buying a French wine.

AOB

Shirley King requested from the floor that "normal" voting procedures be reinstated to avoid disenfranchising many who are unable to vote at short notice. Eric agreed that this would be done.

The meeting closed at 11:55

Proposed by (print name) P. AINSLEY

Signed P. Ainsley

Seconded by (print name) M. Mead

Signed M. Mead

President. [Signature]

Secretary R. F. Brown

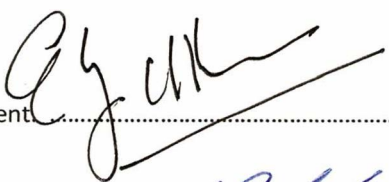
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Addendum to the minutes of the 2016 AGM


This is a summary of the changes arising from the election to the personnel that comprise the executive committee of the association.

Retiring officer	Post	Incoming officer
Stephen Burke	President	Eric Atkins
Roswitha Bourton	Vice President	Geoff Woodward
Philip Gibson-Daw	Secretary	Roy Brown
Howard Parker	Membership Secretary	Sheila Giacomelli
David Woodhall	Communications Officer	Ian Rogerson
David Grove	Groups Coordinator	Karen White
Philip Gibson-Daw	Webmaster	Clive White

Mick Cox continues as Treasurer for the 2016/17 year.

President 

Secretary 

Treasurer. 

**Asociación Social de la Tercera Edad de Jávea
Voting Form 2016**

Name..... *DR* **TOTAL**

Membership Number.....

Mark X in appropriate box

NAME	POSITION	YES	NO
Eric Atkins	President	76	14
Geoff Woodward	Vice President	73	14
Roy F. Brown	Secretary	74	14
Mick Cox	Treasurer	89	0
Karen White	Groups Coordinator	58	40
Clive White	Webmaster	55	42
Sheila Giacomelli	Membership Secretary	79	11
Ian Rogerson	Communications Officer	73	15

89	1	165	15
89	1	162	15
86	4	160	18
90	0	179	0
83	7	141	47
80	10	135	52
88	2	157	13
86	4	159	19

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Other Items - Mark X in appropriate box

Item	Description	Yes	No
Accounts 2015	Approval	84	0

79	1	163	1
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Item	Description	Yes	No
Subscription for 2017 to be set at 5€	Approval	86	2

83	7	169	9
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Asociación Social de la Tercera Edad de Jávea

Minutes of General Assembly Meeting 27th April 2016

Committee Present:

President:	Eric Atkins
Vice President:	Geoff Woodward
Treasurer:	Mick Cox
Secretary:	Roy Brown
Groups Coordinator:	Karen White
Communications Officer:	Ian Rogerson
Membership Secretary:	Sheila Giacomelli
Webmaster:	Clive White

Apologies

None

Location:

Parador, Jávea Arenal

The meeting commenced at 11.00am

Welcome

Eric welcomed everyone to the meeting, particularly new members, and thanked the assembly on behalf of the committee for voting the committee into office. Eric thanked all those who had assisted with the various tables ahead of today's meeting.

Eric commented that being president had not (yet) proven to be a chore and that it was quite refreshing to have people he hadn't previously known come up to greet him – he is even beginning to remember some of their names!

He explained that he had had a good week, having enjoyed the privilege of attending the new WAGS TWO opening event, and was pleased to report that it turned out better than he had hoped – a glorified booze up, a sing-song, and with hugging and kissing thrown in.

Eric then went on to offer his humble apologies to any Watford fans that might be present, being a Crystal Palace supporter himself and looking forward to the FA Cup final.

President's Report

Presentations were made to retiring officers who had not been present at the March AGM, namely:-

- Sybille Ross, retired from Bridge group
- Peter Sanders, retired from SLR photography group
- Diane Ord, retired from Travel group

Eric made an appeal on behalf of the travel group for more volunteers to assist the travel group organisers so that they could make more trips possible.

The minutes of the March AGM were approved by the assembly and were signed off. (Proposed by Patricia Ainsley and seconded by Marion Monsell)

Eric explained that the committee had decided to dispense with the previous routine of all the executive officers giving a report. The only regular report would be by the treasurer (purely in order to hear the funny story or joke). Other officers would only speak if they had something profound or of special interest to say.

He then gave a brief summary thus:-

- Membership currently stands at 1230, with 14 new members and 7 renewals today
- There are 100 places for the summer BBQ, of which 70 are already booked. Early booking is recommended for the remaining 30 places
- Places are still available for the May Ball, but only for the next two weeks
- There is a letter from Help of Denia on the website thanking the U3A for its generous donation of €2250

Culture Interlude (Roy Brown)

Roy reported that there were three choral concerts coming up in May in which he is singing, with venues in Teulada (Costa Blanca Male Voice Choir together with the Basingstoke Ladies Choir), Jávea Port Loreto Church (Coral Clasica Javiense) and Pedreguer Church (Montgó Chorale). For those seeking entertainment with a bit of culture he recommended that these should not be missed.

Treasurer's Report

Mick gave the current bank balance as €23,286.25, net of monies being held for travel, events, etc., and followed up with the mandatory joke.

AOB

There were no questions or other business, so on to the presentations;

Angela Chantry, Care and Share

Following an introduction by Eric, Angela gave a short explanation of the Care and Share initiative (details may be found on the website). The basic intention is that, following a bereavement, a network of friends drawn from the U3A will provide comfort and support to the surviving partner over that difficult period occurring after the immediate family have gone back home.

Guest Speaker Harry Duffin

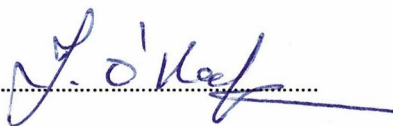
Harry was introduced by Eric as an old and close friend. He gave a varied, interesting and amusing talk with insights into a writer's life, managing to live but not making a fortune at it. He emphasised the importance of never giving up, for example, J K Rowling's first Harry Potter novel was rejected by 12 different publishers.

Thanks

Eric thanked Harry for his excellent talk and presented him with a gift of wine.


The meeting closed at 12:07pm

Proposed by (print name) JOANNE O'KEEFE

Signed 

Seconded by (print name) MICHAEL BEAUMONT

Signed 

President 

Secretary 

Asociación Social de la Tercera Edad de Jávea

Minutes of General Assembly Meeting 25th May 2016

Committee Present:

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

Apologies

Ian Rogerson

Location:

Parador, Jávea Arenal

The meeting commenced at 11.04am

Welcome

Eric welcomed everyone to the meeting, particularly new members, and asked the assembly to silence their phones, (causing a flurry of activity). He went on to wax lyrical about how the beauties of Jávea more than compensate for having returned from Italy.

Eric reported that he had just been informed of an unhappy event. Gill Birch (94), group leader of the discussion group, sadly died last week. The funeral will be in the Jávea Tanatorio at 11:00 for those who wish to attend

The minutes of the April meeting were approved by the assembly and were signed off. (Proposed by Joanne O'Keefe and seconded by Michael Beaumont)

President's Report

Eric thanked all those who had assisted with the various tables ahead of today's meeting.

Eric had made an appeal on behalf of the travel group for more volunteers to assist the travel group organisers last month. Four volunteers came forward so more trips are now on the cards from September.

Membership currently stands at around 1280, with 21 new members and 2 renewals today. Not a record, so the word still needs to be spread amongst friends and acquaintances

The 100 places available for the summer BBQ, are now all sold

Eric congratulated Angela and Tony for the very successful trip to Mar Menor, and also Dave and Hilary for the quiz night at the golf club

A barn dance has been organised by Shirley King, our events organiser, for 28th October in Venta La Posa, a larger venue than Los Arcos. (Tickets will not be on sale until the June meeting)

Eric requested nominations for the post of VP, specifically mentioning that women are not excluded, in fact they are positively encouraged. Anyone interested should see him after the meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Mick gave the current bank balance as €21,306.17, net of monies being held for travel, events, etc., and followed up with a very topical mandatory joke.

AOB

There were no questions or other business, so Eric then introduced the

Guest Speaker, Peter Davies

Peter entertained the assembly for thirty minutes with a series of very amusing anecdotes covering his experiences throughout his varied working life as teacher, barrister and in-house lawyer for Collins publishers.

Thanks

Eric thanked Peter for his excellent talk and presented him with a gift of wine.

As a final item of business, Eric announced that John Wilde has accepted the post of Deputy Webmaster.

(Eric also mentioned that refusal to dance with him at the May ball tomorrow is considered an offence under U3A law)

The meeting closed at 11:51am

Proposed by (print name) Sybilie Ross

Signed SYBILLE ROSS

Seconded by (print name) J McCrost

Signed JOYCE CROSS

President EG

Secretary RF Brown

Asociación Social de la Tercera Edad de Jávea

Minutes of General Assembly Meeting 29th June 2016

Committee Present:

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

Apologies

Ian Rogerson

Location:

Parador, Jávea Arenal

The meeting commenced at 11.00am

Welcome

Eric welcomed everyone to the meeting, particularly new members,

The minutes of the May meeting were approved by the assembly and were signed off (proposed by Sybille Ross and seconded by Joyce Cross)

President's Report

Eric introduced George Thomas, our nominated vice president, as a well-known local dignitary and asked the assembly to endorse the nomination by a show of hands.

The proposal was carried with a 99.9% vote of the members present (one member was possibly daydreaming and failed to raise a hand in time).

George then gave a brief acknowledgement of thanks to the assembly.

Eric proceeded to distribute gifts to:-

Mike Oxley-Brown (eventually, after a prolonged trip to the basement) for dealing with just about everything to do with our printing requirements.

Lorraine Allin – retiring from the I-pad group.

Jean Miller – retiring from the family history group. Jean was not present but had asked that we donate the voucher to charity.

Tom Stevenson, who had given tremendous assistance in the specification and selection of our new PA system amongst other things.

Eric thanked all those who had assisted with the various tables ahead of today's meeting.

Membership currently stands at 1277, with 2 new members and no renewals today. Not a record, so the word still needs to be spread amongst friends and acquaintances

Eric summarised all the various U3A trips and events that had occurred in the last two months and went on to outline future planned events:-

1. The Barbecue on July 21st (now fully booked)

2. The barn dance on 28th October. (£25 tickets are now on sale and the event will be fully subscribed very soon)
3. The discussion group are holding a debate on the Brexit results (and the Spanish election results) at 4pm this coming Friday in the Centro Social, Jávea Pueblo

Eric proposed congratulations to Geoff and Sherry Spinks on their 50th wedding anniversary.

Finally Eric thanked the executive committee for their commitment and support.

Treasurer's Report

Mick gave the current bank balance as €21,026.65, net of monies being held for travel, events, etc., and went on to request that payments for travel/events should preferably be paid by cash or bank transfer, as the paying in of cheques is a major pain at the bank.

The DVD swap table had presented a total of €154 to be given to our chosen charity for this year.

A lady's ring had been found in the bathroom during last month's meeting. This had been passed to the Parador, but so far has not been claimed. It is believed it may have fallen off when the owner was washing her hands. We will put an announcement on the website to see if any U3A member had lost it.

The mandatory joke then followed with a corollary - "To err is human, but to blame it on someone else shows management potential"

AOB

There were no questions or other business, so Eric then introduced the "plan B" guest speaker, owing to the scheduled speaker having had to go to the UK at short notice

Guest Speaker, Geoff Woodward

Geoff proceeded to tell the story of the rise and demise of Woolworths, along with his part in it from stockroom boy to store manager.

Thanks

Eric thanked Geoff for his thoroughly enjoyable talk, especially given that he had been a last minute stand-in, and presented him with a gift of wine.

Eric wished the assembly a very good summer and looked forward to seeing everyone in September

The meeting closed at 11:53am

Proposed by (print name) Geoff

Signed Linda Coughlin

Seconded by (print name) J. ROGERSON

Signed Rogerson

President [Signature]

Secretary R.F. Brown

Asociación Social de la Tercera Edad de Jávea

Minutes of General Assembly Meeting 28th September 2016

Committee Present:

President: Eric Atkins
Treasurer: Mick Cox
Communications officer: Ian Rogerson
Groups Coordinator: Karen White
Membership Secretary: Sheila Giacomelli

Apologies

Secretary: Roy Brown

Location:

Parador, Jávea Arenal

The meeting commenced at 11.00am

Welcome

Eric welcomed everyone to the meeting, asked for all mobile phones to be silenced, and then removed his tie and opened his shirtfront to reveal his new Jávea T Shirt (to shouts of encouragement from the floor)..

Eric explained that he had found two willing volunteers to sign off the minutes of the June meeting. The minutes were approved by the assembly (nobody admitted to having read them) and were duly signed off.

Eric mentioned that we had 36 new members joining today, and pointed out that people paying their joining fee today would not need to pay it again next year. Also the membership fee for next year will be just €5

President's Report

Introduction: Eric waxed lyrical to the effect that it's been a long hot summer with practically no rain, and, despite the fires, to him Jávea is still the jewel of the Costa Blanca with its tree-lined streets and leaves just turning autumnal.

Bomberos: Eric thanked everyone for all the contributions. Despite being very late, the 30 T-shirts we had were sold and in total €1306 was raised, including an anonymous donation of €500. Following the enormous fundraising efforts that went on all over Jávea following the fires, Eric was expecting we would end up with the richest volunteer fire service in the country. However, during a conversation with Alan Lawton, the captain of the bomberos in Balcon al Mar he was shown a photograph of the replacement fire engine they are aiming for, with a capacity of 2000 litres rather than the 800 litres of the existing appliance, costing €140,000. Clearly it is worth carrying on with further fundraising efforts to acquire this.

Events: Eric thanked Shirley King for organising the summer BBQ in Quo Vadis and announced that there are still a few places available for the Barn Dance in Venta de Posa at the end of October.

Executive committee elections: Eric explained the reasons for the introduction of on-line voting, and that this is the first of three meetings in which nominations for the seven executive committee posts can be made. Two volunteer election auditors, Roger Barkley and Irene Charlesworth are in the meeting today with nomination forms for use by anyone who wishes to nominate a candidate.

Facebook: The U3A is reintroducing a Facebook page, starting in October (we had one before, but only 34 people knew about it). A help guide button will be embedded in the website to allow any member to join this new Facebook group painlessly.

The Discounts List: This lists 25 or so businesses who give discounts uniquely to Jávea U3A members. Eric encouraged everyone to preferentially use the businesses that appear in the list. He also encouraged any member to let him know if they know of any business which will offer a discount uniquely for U3A members

Padron: We know that a lot of our members are not registered on the Jávea Padron. There is no downside to registration for the individual, but the town receives funding from central government based on the number of citizens registered and so is missing out on income. Eric is going to publish a guide on the website describing the padron and how simple it is to register.

Volunteers: We are desperate for more volunteers to help with the various desks on meeting days.

Treasurer's Report

Mick gave the current bank balance as €23,143.72, equivalent to €19,828.72 net of monies being held for travel, events, etc.

The mandatory joke then followed.

AOB

A protest was raised regarding the block booking of events/trips, with the instigator stating that he had heard anecdotal evidence that the website permitted this. The committee were unaware that any such block or group booking permission existed and promised to investigate.

It was remarked that the Spanish Culture and Cuisine website specifically excludes block booking.

Barbara Gorrod remarked that the maximum booking made that day was for six people, and a second coach was added so nobody was turned away.

Guest Speaker, Alan Oliver

Alan proceeded to relate the history of the second Spanish republic that came into being in 1931, covering the period of the civil war

Thanks

Eric thanked Alan for his terrific talk, and presented him with a gift of wine. Eric pointed out that next month's speaker will be another friend of his, Chris Duffin giving a talk entitled "Jail Tales"

Eric reported that Susan Vickers has retired from the backgammon group and has been given a voucher for her efforts. All the equipment has been returned, so if anyone would like to restart the group they would be welcome to volunteer.

Eric thanked the assembly for coming and looked forward to seeing everyone next month.

The meeting closed at 12:15pm

Proposed by (print name) JOANNE.....

Signed J. O'Keefe.....

Seconded by (print name) MICHAEL.....

Signed M P Beaumont.....

President [Signature].....

Secretary [Signature].....

Asociación Social de la Tercera Edad de Jávea

Minutes of General Assembly Meeting 26th 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 8th to 12th 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) M P Bolt Signed M.P. Bolt

Seconded by (print name) M^s Luisa Blanco Signed M. Blanco

President [Signature] Secretary [Signature]