

Asociación Social de la Tercera Edad de Jávea

Minutes of General Assembly Meeting 28th February 2018

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 (absent - no apology received)

Location:

Parador, Jávea Arenal

The meeting commenced at 11.00am

Welcome

Eric welcomed everyone to the meeting, explaining that he was standing on the podium so he could be seen, though the height made him uncomfortable. He asked if everyone had read the minutes of the previous meeting (actually last October). The ensuing silence was construed as agreement that they had. He then asked if there were any comments to the minutes. The ensuing silence was likewise construed as being that there were none.

Consequently two willing volunteers from the assembly (Kevin Sheehan and Janette McDonald Prince) were asked to approve and second the minutes which were duly signed off.

Eric then presented a cheque for €1716 to Tony Grande of the "Make a Smile" charity. Tony made a short but heartfelt thankyou speech, ending by saying that they could not do what they do without the support of people like ourselves.

Eric then introduced Marion Kenworthy, representing "Todos Juntos Jávea", the Jávea U3A chosen charity for 2018.

Marion herself then introduced Marianne Montoro? (surname unclear on the tape) as the powerhouse of their charity activities. These two ladies proceeded to give a comprehensive 10 minute presentation of the Todos Juntos team and what the charity was about, mentioning that the charity was based in and serving only Jávea.

President's Report

As this had been published on the website no further embellishment was required.

Announcements

Eric exposed the presence of Ken Yendall, the new president of the Denia U3A, who had come to see what we do.

Eric exhorted those present who have not voted to complete the on-line voting procedure, which takes less than 2 minutes

There have been 88 renewals and 18 new members since the last meeting

Treasurer's Report

Mick started with the mandatory witticism, this time involving a dead dog and the Catholic Church.

Mick announced that we have found a new auditor in Malcolm Baker, who has proven to be excellent and very thorough. The accounts have been approved and are available on the website. Mick had a gift to present, but Malcolm had had to leave because of an intruder alarm at his house.

As it is very early in the year the accounts are lopsided because there has been a mass influx of renewal money and very little outlay. We are currently €11,500 ahead of the budget allowance, but obviously this will balance out as the year proceeds. The nett balance in the bank as of this morning is €21,100, after monies being held for events, travel and Spanish Culture & Cuisine etc., has been taken into account.

The accounts are on line. If anyone wants to query any aspect of the accounts please do it by email to treasurer@u3ajavea.org, as no questions can be taken at the AGM (Mick will be away).

Eric then introduced our:-

Guest Speaker, Peter Langley, ex-RAF and Commercial Airline Pilot

Peter gave an intriguing and incredibly detailed insight into the circumstances behind the 1982 American Airlines DC10 air crash at Boston Logan airport in which he was the captain.

Thanks

After a flying anecdote of his own, Eric thanked Peter for his excellent talk, presented him with a gift of his (Eric's) favourite wine and expressed the hope that, as Peter was a good friend, there may be a glimmer of a chance that he would consider sharing it. Eric then thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

The meeting closed at 12:08 pm

Proposed by (print name) R.H. GRANGER

Signed R.H. Granger

Seconded by (print name) J.P. Granger

Signed J.P. GRANGER

President.....
Treasurer: [Signature]

Secretary

Asociación Social de la Tercera Edad de Jávea

Minutes of General Assembly Meeting 25th April 2018

Committee Present:

President:	Val Dromgoole
Vice President	Guy Marriott
Secretary:	Roy Brown
Treasurer:	Mick Cox
Groups Coordinator:	David McClure-Whybrow
Membership Secretary	Stan Staines

Apologies

Communications Officer Ian Rogerson

Location:

Parador, Jávea Arenal

The meeting convened at 11.00am

Welcome

There was a short delay whilst Mick counted huge volumes of money collected that morning by Angela Chantry, the background chatter suggesting that there was more than enough for Mick's upcoming three week holiday now.

After a significant struggle, Val managed to quieten down the assembled throng, apologised for the delay, and welcomed everyone to the meeting. She asked whether there were any questions about the minutes of the AGM – there were none. She then asked if everyone had read the minutes of the AGM to which there was a general murmur of assent.

Two volunteers were thus asked to propose (Diane Ord) and second (Alison Tain) the minutes, which were duly signed off.

President's Report

At the last committee meeting some deputies were appointed, viz., Peter Allin as deputy groups coordinator, Sheila Giacomelli as deputy membership secretary, and Linda Coughlin, reinvented as "meet and greet" officer.

Val appealed for more people to put their names down for the Summer Ball. There is a coach, costing a mere €10, but lamented the fact that coaches cannot get anywhere near her house, so it's half a bottle of wine and water for her (big ironic sigh from the assembly).

The group leaders are all busy making us work, keeping us fit and doing what group leaders do – may they long continue.

However Val did report that in her first three weeks of office she had discovered a certain level of intolerance in some group leaders – intolerance of time issues and intolerance towards members who had been unable to renew their membership before the end of February. She appealed to the group leaders to show a little more tolerance to the membership.

At that point the microphone died.

Val then commented that despite the late start and technical issues, everyone had shown tolerance so far today.

Treasurer's Report

Mick thanked Sally for standing in for him at the AGM, and reported that the current bank account holding was €78,669 (though that could be reduced as he is going away again – laughter). We are holding for travel and events €53,257, leaving a balance of €25,412. We are currently some €8000 ahead of budget, although the budget prepared at the start of the year does predict a slight negative balance by the end of the year.

Mick appealed to everyone making bank transfers that they put the reason in the “concept” section of the transfer. Otherwise he has to guess, and sometimes guesses wrong.

Today's mandatory joke - Father O'Malley answers the phone:-

Hello – is this Father O'Malley?

It is.

This is the taxation office, can you help us?

I'll try.

Do you know Ted Houlahan?

I do.

Is he a member of your congregation?

He is.

Did he donate €10,000 to the church?

He Will.

Membership Secretary's Report

Stan thanked Sheila for volunteering her services as deputy membership secretary – she had been a great help this morning during which there had been 11 renewals and 17 new members.

Stan announced that he still has a number of membership cards for people who renewed by bank transfer, and they should arrange to collect these at the membership desk between 09:30 and 10:30 on the date of the next meeting.

Group Coordinator's Report

David offered his thanks to Karen, his predecessor, who had done a staunch job that he hopes to continue. He also thanked the group leaders for their services over the past years and in anticipation of their continuing services this year.

David asked that anyone wishing to start a new group should get in touch with him via the website link

David offered thanks in absentia to Sally Wells, who is handing over the leadership of “Ladies that Lunch” to Delia Wilde.

Presentations

Val presented an award (involving Meercats and socks) to Karen.

Plus a second award to Yvonne Mulley who has stepped down from the position of deputy groups coordinator

Vice President

Guy introduced our guest speaker, Yana Petkin, a local resident (Denia anyway) adding that she had brought along a selection of her books, and would very much like to leave with significantly less copies than she had arrived with.

Guest Speaker, Yana Petkin, Ex RN, ex BA Trolley Dolley and Current Author

Yana proceeded to relate, in an extremely entertaining manner, details of her widely varied life.

Thanks

Guy thanked Yana for a most excellent, entertaining and interesting talk and presented her with a box of chocolates.

The meeting closed at 11:56 am.

Proposed by (print name) HELEN McCURRY Signed HELEN McCURRY

Seconded by (print name) ALISON TAIN Signed ALISON TAIN

President W. A. DeAngelo Secretary R. B. Brown

Asociación Social de la Tercera Edad de Jávea

Minutes of General Assembly Meeting 30th May 2018

Committee Present:

President:	Val Dromgoole
Secretary:	Roy Brown
Treasurer:	Mick Cox
Groups Coordinator:	David McClure-Whybrow
Communications Officer	Ian Rogerson
Deputy Membership Secretary	Sheila Giacomelli

Apologies

Vice President	Guy Marriott
Membership Secretary	Stan Staines

Location:

Parador, Jávea Arenal

The meeting convened at 11.00am

Welcome

Val welcomed everyone to the meeting. She asked whether there were any difficulties or questions about the minutes of the April meeting – there were none. She then asked if everyone had read the minutes to which there was a buzz of general hilarity.

Two volunteers were asked to propose (Helen McClure) and second (Alison Tain) the minutes, which were duly signed off.

President's Report

Jacqui Rogerson has been adopted as Deputy Secretary, and will have a key role in bringing up to date the association's data protection documentation.

Val reiterated that there was still a vacancy for deputy communications officer. This was met by a deathly hush from the assembly floor.

Val noted that there were less than 130 people signed up for the summer ball – tickets are still available for anyone interested.

The care and share volunteers appear to be short of a leader. This situation requires a resolution

The Parador is closing for refurbishment, but not this year – this means that a new venue will need to be found for the U3A meetings (and for the various group events that take place in the Parador regularly). Val asked for suggestions for an alternative venue.

One item which has been causing some angst amongst travel group organisers concerns members who signed up for trips but gave no contact details when they signed up, and who have no contact details in the membership database. The committee have voted that in future such people will be unable to book on travel trips as it is critical that anyone travelling, especially long distance with coach, train or hotel accommodation, can be contacted at short notice. Not everyone is a member of the U3A Facebook closed group, and many do not check notices on the travelgroup website page.

There will be calendars on sale in September with paintings of regional scenes by the water colour group. The cost will be €7.00 each. Half of money raised will be going to cancer research UK in the name of Pat Pruden.

Val asked anyone who offered sponsorship to the peregrinos on the Camino d'Alba to please pay up. The money raised will be shared between Make a Smile and Todos Juntos Jávea.

Finally there is a table of gash light bulbs brought in by Angela at the back of the hall – help yourself.

Treasurer's Report

Mick reported that the current bank account holding was €88,797.84. We are holding for travel and events €63,703.64, leaving a balance of €25,094.20.

Mick appealed (again) to everyone making bank transfers that they put the trip code in the “concept” section of the transfer. Otherwise he has to guess, and sometimes guesses wrong.

Mick finished with a pair of mandatory jokes involving elderly men and sexual proclivity – probably as well not to put them into print.

Membership Secretary's Report

Sheila, deputy membership secretary, gave the report– this morning there had been 10 renewals and 19 new members, bringing the total of paid-up members to 1353, with a few hundred still to renew.

Group Coordinator's Report

David reported he had a couple of things to report, involving cards. The Canasta beginners group was being run by Karen McGowan, but she taught the group members so well that they have now all drifted away to other more established groups, so Karen's group has closed. A new Canasta group called Australian Rules Canasta has been started by Lynn Montague in the Jazz Café, Jávea Port on Thursday afternoons. David believes it is similar to conventional canasta but a bit rougher and no holds barred.

Communications Report

Ian urged the members to keep the membership secretary advised of any changes in contact e-mail addresses, otherwise they lose out on the communications being sent periodically. Anyone who is not a Facebook friend should contact Ian and he will send them an invitation to join the U3A Facebook group.

Finally, should there be anyone out there who fancies being a budding journalist and is able to deputise for Ian, please let him know – but don't all rush at once.

AOB

Joni pointed out that there was a box on the travel desk to accept any sponsorship or donation money for the Camino d'Alba peregrinos. This was relayed by Val to the assembly in a condensed form as “Joni wants your money”, subsequently corrected by Joni to “charities want your money”.

Guest Speaker, Gary Johnson

Gary presented a most absorbing, interesting and amusing talk on a Spanish Chicken farmer (failed) called Juan Garcia who, almost unbelievably, played a huge part in reducing allied losses in the 2nd world war by providing disinformation to the Nazis through a fictitious network of informants (for which the Nazis paid handsomely). He was the only person to have received the highest level of award from both major antagonists in the war concurrently – the Iron Cross from Hitler and shortly after an MBE from Churchill!

(PMN – This story was so unbelievable that several people went home and Googled it – all true)

Thanks

Val thanked Gary for a most excellent talk and presented him with something alcoholic.

Val added that next month's speaker would be David Rohl, a world renowned archaeologist, talking about the ancient city of Troy

The meeting closed at 11:47 am.

Proposed by (print name) DIANE ORD

Signed Diane F. Ord

Seconded by (print name) JEAN M MILLER
J.M.

Signed J.M. Miller

President.....

Secretary R.F. Brown

Asociación Social de la Tercera Edad de Jávea

Minutes of General Assembly Meeting 27th June 2018

Committee Present:

President:	Val Dromgoole
Vice President	Guy Marriott
Secretary:	Roy Brown
Treasurer:	Mick Cox
Groups Coordinator:	David McClure-Whybrow
Communications Officer	Ian Rogerson

Apologies

Membership Secretary	Stan Staines
Deputy Membership Secretary	Sheila Giacomelli

Location:

Parador, Jávea Arenal

The meeting convened at 11.00am

Welcome

Val finally calmed down the assembled throng, read out the apologies (i.e., no representation from the membership team today) and welcomed everyone to the meeting. She asked whether everyone had read the minutes of the May meeting to which there was a general affirmative. She then asked if there were any objections to them – there were none.

Two volunteers were asked to propose (Diane Ord) and second (Jean Miller) the minutes, which were duly signed off.

President's Report

Shirley King has donated €1114 to Todos Juntos Jávea, being the surplus raised from this year's events.

It appears that the calling notice does not give the general meeting start time. This will be corrected as from September.

Both Angela Chantry and Pat Ainsley have stepped down from overseeing the Care and Share initiative. A reference to "Help of Denia" will be included on the Care and Share link as this organisation is well placed to provide a whole range of assistance.

A temporary glitch in the IT system has meant that the link to Facebook from the website is currently not working. This is being investigated.

Treasurer's Report

Mick reported that the current bank account holding was €60,053.03. We are holding for travel and events €35,417.35, leaving a balance of €24,635.68.

Mick reminded everyone making bank transfers that they should continue to include the trip code in the "concept" section of the transfer. He noted that the number of members doing this has improved of late.

Mick finished with a joke involving a pest control inspector and voracious moths.

Membership Secretary's Report

Val gave the report – this morning there had been 3 renewals and 13 new members.

Group Coordinator's Report

Group leaders were asked to contact David on the groups coordinator email if they cannot get access to their U3A emails.

A new group is being set up by Phil Gourand for members who have electric bikes. Trips will involve the usual hills, but there will be stops at bars and restaurants to alleviate the pain.

A lady (Jennifer) is looking to set up a group for people who play stringed instruments (classical) – this will go on the website shortly. Contact David in the interim if you have an interest.

David gave an accolade to Pauline and Peter Speer who are stepping down from running the Dining Out group over the last eleven years, and welcomed Chris and Mallory Glover as the new leaders of this group.

Communications Report

Ian asked if everyone had enjoyed the slide show of photos from the ball and other events, to which there was a general murmur of assent.

Facebook now has over 420 members. As many of these are joint email accounts this means close to half the membership are now using the U3A Facebook group.

Ian is still looking for a deputy. However, he would welcome reports and photographs from individual members (possibly via Facebook) even if they do not feel they would want an official deputy role.

Secretary's Report

Roy reported that the necessary paperwork for our continued registration as an association in both the town hall and the county (Alicante Generalitat) has been submitted. We are now awaiting the approval process, which could take some time.

Roy outlined that we are starting on the road to compliance with the revised data protection rules, and to this end all members who have provided an email address will be receiving an email listing the type of data we hold, what we use it for and offering the option to continue as before or opt out. He added that clearly opting out would mean that those members will no longer receive any U3A communications and will be unable to book for travel events.

AOB

In response to a question from the floor, Val commented that the membership forms would be altered to include a data protection "opt in" signature, and that a column would be added to the renewals list for existing members to sign.

Guest Speaker, David Rohl

David gave an extremely detailed, well researched and illuminating talk on the true history of Troy as opposed to the Hollywood version of events

Thanks

Guy thanked David for his most excellent talk. Unfortunately due to an organizational glitch there was no gift to present. (PMN. Guy presented David with the traditional gift when they met the following week)

The meeting closed at 12:16 pm.

Proposed by (print name) R.S. ROGERS

Signed [Signature]

Seconded by (print name) S. ROGERS

Signed [Signature]

President [Signature]

Secretary [Signature]

Asociación Social de la Tercera Edad de Jávea

Minutes of General Assembly Meeting 26th September 2018

Committee Present:

President:	Val Dromgoole
Vice President	Peter Allin
Secretary:	Roy Brown
Treasurer:	Mick Cox
Groups Coordinator:	David McClure-Whybrow
Communications Officer	Ian Rogerson
Membership Secretary	Stan Staines

Apologies

None

Location:

Parador, Jávea Arenal

The meeting convened at 11.00am

Welcome & President's Report

Val welcomed everyone to the meeting, saying that all the committee were present, and welcomed Peter Allin who had stepped up to replace Guy Marriott as Vice president (Guy is shortly moving to France).

An apology to the speakers followed as Val, Stan and Sheila were hot-footing it from the meeting at 11:30 to meet a holiday travel deadline.

Val stated that it is that time of the year again to start the nomination process for next year's committee. The nomination forms are here (on the committee table), and if anybody fancies doing the job (especially hers), their nominations would be gratefully received. In order to be validly registered as a candidate, completed forms must be handed to the election auditors or Val by the November extravaganza at the latest.

Val went on to say that the committee have been busy over the holiday period, and have voted to investigate updating the software package that hosts our website. Margaret March is looking into this, and will report back in November. When the change is finally made, the committee will be looking for volunteers to administer the new facility [deathly hush].

The watercolour group calendars had been on sale prior to the meeting, and will be on sale at the art exhibition in El Canor this afternoon, and again here next month.

Mike Frost is organising the U3A Christmas lunch at La Masena on Thursday 29th November. Cost is €27pp, and there are 30 places still available – contact Mike if interested.

Todos Juntos, our currently supported charity are organising a ball (dine and dance) at the golf club on 13th October. See the website for details.

Finally Val asked whether everyone had read the minutes of the June meeting – twice, to which there was finally a scattered affirmative. Two previously selected “volunteers” were thus asked to propose (Richard Rogers) and second (Susan Rogers) the minutes, which were duly signed off.

Treasurer's Report

Mick reported that the current bank account was showing a nett balance of €24,345.74 after allowing for monies on deposit for travel, SC&C and charity.

Mick thanked everyone making bank transfers for making his life easier by including the trip code in the "concept" section of the transfer. This was continuing to show an improving trend.

Mick finished with a joke involving a loquacious confessor and a number of good leads for a choir boy.

Membership Secretary's Report

Stan reported that 20 new members had signed up this morning, together with 4 renewals. He appealed for people to restrain themselves from trying to pay next year's subscription until next January.

Stan made a special appeal on behalf of MABS for people to volunteer their services as drivers for hospital visits etc. Anyone interested should contact Stan via his membership.secretary@u3ajavea.org email address.

Group Coordinator's Report

David reported that It had been a quiet summer apart from a flurry of activity regarding booking requests for the municipal sports facilities.

David welcomed all new members and asked that they should contact him if they wish to start a group not currently on the activities list themselves.

The new electric bike cycling group led by Philip Gauron had enjoyed an outing already and were lauded for a) - going faster than the majority of casual cyclists encountered in Jávea, and b) – not wearing Lycra.

The new classical strings group has only one member beside the group leader Jennifer Needham so far, but it's a step in the right direction.

Finally David pointed out that with Peter Allin taking the post of Vice President there is now a vacancy for a deputy groups coordinator – nobody leapt forward to claim this role.

Communications Report

There have been many activities going on over the summer period. To keep the members informed, reports have been submitted to the English language press, the U3A Facebook has been regularly updated with photographs and commentaries and, where deemed relevant, emails have been sent to the individual members. To Join the U3A closed Facebook group, the easiest way is to go to the website newsfeed page and click on the link.

Ian appealed for all members to let the membership secretary know of any change in their email addresses to ensure that U3A communications reach the correct destination.

Guest Speakers, Erica Meltzer & Sam Laird

Peter Allin introduced today's speakers and gave a résumé of their career backgrounds. The talk subject is the UN and issues in international trade

Erica took the floor first and explained, as far as was possible in the limited time available the enormous scope of what the UN comprises and what activities it does.

Sam then went into some detail on the intricacies of international trade deals and the effects on the balance of payments (and consequential imbalances in employment) for any given country.

A lively Q&A session followed.

Thanks

Peter thanked Erica and Sam for their most illuminating explanations of subjects which largely float above our heads and presented them with a gift of wine each.

The meeting closed at 12:30 pm.

Proposed by (print name) TERESA PINKAS Signed [Signature]
Seconded by (print name) MICHAEL PINKAS Signed [Signature]
President [Signature] Secretary R. H. Brown