

Asociación Social de la Tercera Edad de Jávea

Minutes of General Meeting 26 February 2020

Committee Present:

President:	Val Dromgoole (VD)
Vice-President:	Peter Allin (PA)
Secretary:	Margaret March (MM)
Treasurer:	Mick Cox (MC)
Communications Officer:	Ian Rogerson (IR)
Membership Secretary:	Stan Staines (SS)

Apologies

Groups Coordinator:	David Whybrow
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1 Welcome & Apologies

VD welcomed everyone to the meeting. She explained that David Whybrow was unable to attend the meeting because he had been admitted to hospital and said we all wished him a speedy recovery.

2 Approval of October General Meeting Minutes

Last month's General Meeting minutes have been published on the website.

3 Presidents Report & Announcements

VD announced that Krystyna Stefanczyk Deputy Groups Coordinator would act on David's behalf whilst he is unwell.

The AGM is next month and members **must** bring their membership cards to be admitted to the meeting.

VD presented a cheque for 2189,26€ for the total amount raised from various events and renting of crockery during 2019 to Help of Denia. Of this 232€ was raised from the collecting tins available at every monthly meeting and within that 117€ raised by VD herself from selling cakes, pies and jams. This was marked by a round of applause.

Vice President of Help of Denia and U3A Jávea member Catherine Perez-Pinto thanked members for such a generous donation saying that these donations go towards projects such as providing toys and other playthings in the children's waiting area of the hospital where they had also installed a large dragon which they could climb on.

Catherine introduced another U3A Jávea member Philip Bowick as the new Treasurer for the organisation. He reiterated her thanks for the generosity of members.

VD announced that this year's charity would be Make a Smile and invited Tony Grande from the charity to tell us more about it. Tony runs the Bed Centre, Calpe and he is one of the founder members of Make a Smile whose aim is 'To supply daily needs for 50 children in the Emaus group and a home with 24 mentally handicapped youngsters. To help make these youngsters self-sufficient'.

The self-sufficiency project at the Relleu Home allows the mentally handicapped children to grow their own vegetables and keep chickens whilst providing occupational therapy for them.

Tony expressed much appreciation on behalf of Make a Smile that U3A Jávea would be raising funds for them this year.

Collecting tins will be available at each monthly meeting and there will be fund raising at U3A Jávea events throughout the year.

VD reminded all that Proxy Forms for members unable to attend the AGM next month are available today from the Secretary, or on the website either to complete and submit online or to download, print and complete.

Finally VD advised members to check they were receiving U3A Jávea emails as some member had reported they were going to spam or junk folders and not inboxes. If members found emails in such folders they should add communication@u3aJávea.com to their contact list. If anyone has any issue they can contact the Secretary, Margaret March.

4 Vice-President Report

PA announced that Geoff Britton, ex-Wings Drummer was the speaker today.

In future months the Speakers are:

April – Peter Atkinson on HMS Endeavour

May – Gary Johnson on the downfall of Edward VIII

June – Angela Chantry on walking the Camino

Sept – John Reynolds on the curious cyclists

Oct – Robert van der Loo on the life of a UN Peacekeeper Part 2

Further details of these can be found on the website Calendar

5 Treasurer Report

MC reported that the bank account balance was 104.908,86€ with 73.398,83€ held on account for SC&C and Travel Group activities leaving a balance of 31.510,03€ representing U3A Jávea funds.

The Audited Accounts for 2019 were now ready and will be posted online very soon.

Due to much work preparing the accounts Mike unfortunately had no joke to share with us.

6 Membership Secretary Report

SS thanked all the helpers today for their work taking renewal payments and processing new members. He made special reference to Julie Duncan his Deputy for her support and also his wife Margaret Staines.

Membership was 1388 at the end of 2019 and up to today we have 1256 members of which 139 are new this year.

7 Communications

IR reiterated the need for members to make sure they were receiving his monthly Newsletters and Diary Dates emails to keep up to date with new events and activities.

He reminded members that he regularly issues news items and other information on the website and on Facebook where we now have over 600 members.

The next Diary Dates will be issued on 1 March.

8 Guest Speaker

Geoff Briton gave a very interesting talk about his life as a drummer with many different pop groups including the legendary band Wings with Sir Paul McCartney.

Peter Allin presented Geoff with a gift in appreciation of his entertaining talk.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
25 March 2020 11 am held by video conference**Executive Committee Present**

President: Val Dromgoole
Vice President: Peter Allin
Secretary: Margaret March
Treasurer: Mike Cox
Membership Secretary: Stan Staines

Election Auditor: Roger Barkley

Apologies for absence: Communications Officer, Ian Rogerson

Other Members Present

Piotr Azia – Webmaster
Krystyna Stefanczyk – Deputy Groups Co-ordinator
Julie Robson – Deputy Membership Secretary
Linda Coughlin – Meet & Greet
Sally Rush – Deputy Treasurer
Robin Race
Margaret Staines
Alan Guest
Lorraine Allin
Malcolm March

1. First call 10.30am – There were insufficient number of members present to continue and the meeting was adjourned for 30 minutes.

2. Second call 11 am – 16 members now present – meeting commenced.

3. Welcome from Val Dromgoole, President and acknowledgement of apologies.

4. Approval of the Minutes of the last General Meeting on 26 February 2020 – agreed by all.

5. President's Report

In view of the current unprecedented situation when members cannot attend the AGM it was agreed that verbal reports from Committee Members would not be given but that written ones submitted prior to the meeting would be appended to these minutes.

6. Votes on Proposals – The total online vote results (including those given by proxy) from the Election Auditor are as follows:

- Annual Report of Activities

278 votes cast, 278 agreed

Approved Unanimously

- Audited Accounts 278 votes cast, 278 agreed
Approved Unanimously
- Decrease of annual subscription to 5€ 278 votes cast, 269 agreed, 7 disagreed
Approved by Majority

7. Election of Committee

- President – Mike Cox** 278 votes cast, 278 agreed
Elected Unanimously
- Vice President – Peter Allin** 278 votes cast, 278 agreed
Elected Unanimously
- Secretary – Margaret March** 278 votes cast, 278 agreed
Elected Unanimously
- Treasurer – Sally Rush** 278 votes cast, 276 agreed, 2 disagreed
Elected by Majority
- Membership Secretary – Stan Staines** 278 votes cast, 276 agreed, 2 disagreed
Elected by Majority
- Communications Officer – Ian Rogerson** 278 votes cast, 276 agreed, 2 disagreed
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8. Handover to new President

Outgoing President Val Dromgoole thanked the outgoing Committee for their support and hard work during the year and members for voting.

She handed the meeting over to Mike Cox who had been elected as the new President.

9. New President opening

Mike thanked Val for her work during the last year and wished her well. He thanked those who had volunteered and been elected for posts on the Committee and looked forward to working with them all.

10. Meeting Closed at 11.30am

President: Michael Cox
Secretary: Margaret March

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