

MINUTES OF THE U3A GENERAL MEETING

THURSDAY, 21st February 2019 AT THE HOTEL IFACH.

1. Introduction

The Meeting commenced at 11:00. In the absence of the President and Secretary, the Meeting was presided over by Peter Purvey, Vice President and minutes taken by John Stafford, Treasurer.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Verity Waddell (President) Marion Fisher (Secretary) Pam Phakey (Groups Co-ordinator) and Freda Croasdell (Travel Treasurer).

3. Minutes

Due to the absence of the Secretary, Minutes of the last General Meeting were, unfortunately, unavailable for discussion. However, these, and any matters arising out of them, shall be raised at the next General Meeting on 21 March 2019.

4. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer (John Stafford) reported a balance on the U3A General Account of €2225.80 and petty cash of €294.96. As regards to the loan to the Table Tennis Group, €438.00 has now been repaid, thus reducing the outstanding amount from €888.68 to €450.68. Therefore, the total U3A financial assets are currently €2971.44. This is an increase of approx. €542 over the previous month, due entirely to a high level of new member subscriptions and member renewals.

The above figures do not include the Membership float, Travel account funds or any subs/renewals paid in at today's meeting.

Future anticipated significant spending income/expenditure within the next month: €90 room hire charge for this Meeting, invoice from Jane Godfrey with regard to the digital signature process demanded by the Town Hall (amount unknown) and Website hosting costs (est. €870).

5. Groups

Due to the absence of the Groups Co-ordinator, no Groups report was available at this Meeting. However, the Vice President announced Alan Lawton is no longer leader of the Table Tennis Group. The new leader is Mike Rogers. The relevant Groups information shall be updated with Mike's contact details in the near future. In the short-term, Alan shall pass on any queries to Mike. The Vice President also confirmed, at present, there is no U3A Bridge Group.

6. Travel Group

Kerry Edwards (Travel Group Co-ordinator) reported the Bodega trip on 27 March 2019 is now almost full, with very few places remaining. Anyone interested is recommended to apply as soon as possible.

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The Spa trip on 16 April 2019 costs €30 (including lunch).

A cruise trip is planned for autumn 2019. Further details shall be available in due course.

7. Photographer and Publicist

David Stockton (Photographer & Publicist) reported, after her serious accident, Ellen Mitchell is recovering well and is now discharged from hospital and at home.

He also mentioned the bust of Jaime I is now in the possession of Mary Anderton (Life Member). It was awarded to U3A by Calpe mayor Cesar Sanchez, in recognition of their services to the expat community, and understood to be the first time such an award has been made.

David informed the meeting we have a regular paragraph in the Post. He is also in continual contact with other local newspapers and Gold Radio promoting U3A Calpe interests.

8. Membership

The Membership Secretary reported a total membership of 710 active members, 501 of whom are paid up. Today, 21 new members joined (believed to be a record) and 19 members renewed.

9. Any Other Business

The Vice President mentioned the correct U3A Calpe website address is <http://www.u3acalpe.org/> Any other address is incorrect and will either not work or lead to an unauthorised website. Members were particularly directed to note the use of "org", not "com".

10. Date of Next Meeting:

Thursday 21st March 2019, 10:00 for 11:00. Guest speaker shall be Bernia, who shall give a presentation about the History of Calpe and associated subjects.

Meeting ended at 11:15am.

Peter Purvey (Vice President)

John Stafford (Temporary Secretary)

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The Guest Speaker today was Dr Benjamin Tinker, who is a qualified chiropractor. He gave a very informative talk on the subject and explained how spinal adjustments can help relieve pain in the back and other parts of the body. His talk was very well received.