

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE SALON BLAU,
CASA DE CULTURA, CALPE ON THURSDAY 15th OCTOBER 2020.

1. Apologies received from Kerry, Travel group, Jan Luxton, Membership, Pam Groups Co-ordinator, and Verity, President.

Meeting opened at 10.40am with Wendy Down, Vice-President taking the chair.

Pedro Crego from The Red Cross spoke to us about what the Red Cross has been doing to help the homeless people, destitute people, starving people in these difficult times of the Covid 19 Pandemic. He had with him Christina, Alba and Laura. They explained that the Red Cross gives training in the use of Defibrillators to Members and Volunteers. They also help in cases of Domestic Violence. They have a great need for Toys to be distributed amongst the poorer people of the town in time for Christmas. It was explained to us that there is a facility when paying any taxes to enable the public to donate to the Red Cross and that all we have to do is tick one of the boxes on the form. They are working hard to earn money to fund people who have lost jobs and cannot buy food.

This talk was very well received by our Members. The Vice-President has Pedro's Business card and will ask Guy our Webmaster to publish it on our website and on Face Book.

2. Correspondence: We have a letter from Javea Players about their next performances on 10 - 14 November which is called "Love Letters" which was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize for Drama. Details to be posted on the website.
3. Minutes of the last General Meeting which was in February earlier this year were taken as read. No meetings between February and October due to the Covid 19.
4. Committee Members Reports:

Treasurer:	In Kuxtabank	4,359.78€
	Petty Cash	341.34€
	Total	4,701.12€

We are up from 1128.21€ from the previous General Meeting in February 2020. This is mainly due to continuing income from renewal and new member subscriptions whilst, due to the coronavirus situation, U3A activities have been largely suspended, resulting in little expenditure. The above does NOT include the membership float (100€) or travel a/c funds or any new member or renewal subscriptions collected at this General Meeting. Forecast significant pending income/expenditure within the next month - a bill from Jane Godfrey re digital signature amount unknown.

Travel Treasurer: All funds have been refunded as far as we were able. Hope to go to Ibiza next October.

Groups: Group activities are at the heart of u3a Calpe. It has been a difficult

time for all but many of our group leaders have found innovative ways of continuing their groups. For example, our Book Club and our Writing group have been using Zoom to communicate. With a Book calendar published in advance, everyone knows what is going on and members have been contributing written comments when they have been unable to attend. Peter Purvey's Discussion group also met for the first time recently.

Sports activities, like Padel, tennis, badminton and table tennis were among the first groups to begin after lockdown. Open air activities are, in that sense, easier to get up and running when there are restrictions. These sporting groups are now all in full swing, although in some cases the timings may have changed. Please check the details on our website if you would like to join any of them.

At the moment, choir and papercraft remain suspended until further notice. The Bowls group recommenced recently. From 17th September it is meeting at Paraiso Mar on Thursday afternoons between 3.00 - 5.00pm.

We are encouraging both new and existing members to join and enjoy any of the current activities and to form new friendships. Please visit our website where you will find the up to date information about what is happening.

To end on a positive note, I would like to announce that Calpe Padel played a tournament against Moraira recently, on Sunday 4th October and had an overwhelming win, 28 points to 8!

Membership: 31 Members signed in this morning and we had 4 new Members and 9 renewals. There are now 372 active members.

Members were reminded that at the AGM to be held on 19th November they should bring along their Membership Cards in order to use their right to vote.

The Annual General Meeting will be held in the Salon Blau of the Calpe Casa de Cultura, at the usual time of 10.00am for admin and meeting to commence 11.00am.

Publicity: David reported that we had 3 mentions on Pure Gold Radio this week and also mentions in all the local press including the Magazine Female Focus.

Webmaster: The Website is kept up to date.

5. AOB: Anita Sanchez who runs the JUGS ladies luncheons has had a Virus test prior to an operation at the hospital which proved positive. Anita asked the Doctors at the Hospital should she be notifying people who she had been in contact with. The response was that it was not necessary as too much time had elapsed between meeting the ladies and the test. Anita would like it known that she would never, ever put people at risk. Apparently she has had some very nasty emails. The next JUGS lunch will be on 5th November at Cafe Playa Restaurant. Menu Mixed Salad, Pumpkin Soup or Breaded Prawns. Salmon with Creamed Spinach and Roast Potatoes, Pork Medallions with Mushrooms, Pepper Sauce and Roast Chips, Veal Schnitzel, Pepper Sauce, Roast Potatoes/Chips. Apple Strudel with

Cream, Cheese Cake, Ice Cream. Bread plus Half Bottle of Red/Rosado/White wine.
All for 17.50€.

Nomination Forms can be obtained on the stage for anyone wanting to nominate someone.

New members joining today are invited to have a coffee with the Committee Members today outside in the coffee bar.

Liam McKervey spoke about his experiences whilst being in his professional capacity in Social work in Adult Care Homes including the initiations he was subject to on his first assignment to a ward as a Nurse. Also his experience of managing major incidents as an Interim in Health and Social Care. He is now retired from full time employment. The whole talk was extremely interesting and was well received by the members.

The Meeting closed at 11.40am

Secretary (Marion Fisher)