

MINUTES OF THE U3A GENERAL MEETING HELD AT SALON BLAU,  
CASA DE CULTURA, CALPE ON 17TH JUNE 2021

The Meeting started at 10.30am

Apologies were received from: Verity Waddell, Freda Croasdell, John Stafford, Kerry Edwards.

Our meeting started off with the Speaker on Zoom who was in Scotland. Ian Gunn is a retired Governor of Scottish Prisons and gives talks on all types of crime and prisoners. It was a very interesting talk aided by photographs and the whole audience enjoyed it immensely.

The business section began at 11.20am.

After the Speaker our President, Liam McKervey, began by saying that we are NOT a political party, nor lobbyists, just an educational and recreational organisation. Carole Saunders came to our last Meeting in May to advise us on the current measures, restrictions, vaccination progress and rules regarding Brexit. After that meeting Carole received a lot of criticism and we wished to distance ourselves from the political business and we felt it necessary to send an apology to Carole on behalf of the membership.

We received a request to include donations at our JUGS, Mens Dining and other activities for the Toy Drive which we are intending to host again before Christmas 22021. Maybe to put the odd coins in a kitty to start things off. We would not miss a few coins each time and it would not be compulsory, only a donation.

The Minutes of the May meeting were proposed by Rod Anderton and Seconded by Jan Luxton.

Liam on behalf of John Stafford, Treasurer, read out from John's report the current status of our bank account.

Travel: We are intending to have a Summer Ball/Garden Party in September on the 17th and Kerry is talking to the Restaurant Puerto Blanco at present. Day trips will be starting off again and short breaks are also being looked at. The new High Speed Train is reportedly going from Alicante and Valencia to Madrid taking just 1hour 30 minutes so we could have breakfast in Alicante and lunch/dinner in Madrid and have some time for shopping too!!! The MSC Curioso is going on a trial run soon and they are going to be giving away low cost tickets.

Vice-President, Wendy Down spoke about her writing group and one particular member who started writing a book and then left it in a drawer. When the writing group started meeting again after the Covid Restrictions he got it out of the drawer and now a Publisher has taken it and edited it. The title is CRAB IN ALL INNOCENCE written by Chris Hare and will be published in August and on sale locally.

Membership Secretary: we have 385 members and today 2 new members have joined us.

Groups Co-ordinator: JUGS is the 1st Thursday of each month. Mens Dining is the last Thursday of each month. Badminton, papercraft tennis, padel are all starting again.

Choir is beginning again and will be singing to us in October at that meeting.

Publicity: David Stockton sends everything weekly on Sundays to catch the deadline for publishing that week. Liam thanked him for all his hard work.

AOB: Choir to sing in October to us.

Bankinter is a possibility for our new bank as Kuxta Bank has now closed in Calpe and nearest branch is in Benidorm.

We have 22 members here today.

Community Grant: we could apply for 50% grant to cover our costs. We have been in contact with the Town Hall member for Community Grants and we are proposing to ask for this grant to be put into a better purpose to the needy in Calpe.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON 16TH SEPTEMBER 2021. IN THE SALON BLAU.

The Meeting closed at 12.05pm.

Marion Fisher (Secretary)