

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**u3a CALPE**  
**THURSDAY 15TH NOVEMBER AT IFACH HOTEL**

The Vice President Peter Purvey welcomed all the members to the meeting in the absence of President Verity Waddell who sent her apologies.

The Meeting opened at 10.35am and we had our Speaker Dr. Garcia who started with a film which was very interesting about all the undersea life around our shores of the Mediterranean Sea. The film lasted roughly half an hour and then he spoke about the near extinction of the Giant Mussel whose habitat is very close to our beaches. After his talk he took questions and some interesting points were raised.

#### NOTICES

Rod Anderton informed members that tickets were available for 2€ each for the refreshments to be served at the end of the Meeting.

Mary Anderton informed members that tickets were available for the Choir Carol Concert to be held on the 10<sup>th</sup> December at the Calpe Casa de Cultura in the Salon Blau at 7.30pm and in aid of Alzheimers Association.

Carole Saunders had sent Posters advising all members that there will be a talk by our British Consul Sarah Jane Morriss regarding Brexit, Residencia and The Padron. This will be held at the Ifach Hotel on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November at 10.30am.

There will be a Christmas Fair in which we will be participating on 6<sup>th</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> December and we need articles to sell at this fair.

CORRESPONDENCE None

MINUTES of the last AGM held on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2017 were proposed by Penny Brighton and seconded by Mary Anderton.

#### REPORTS

The Vice President reported that during the last year we have had many problems to sort out including obtaining Digital Signatures, something that has been brought in Nationally throughout Spain. We need this in order to book the Casa de Cultura and, eventually, all Sports facilities.

The President has made it known that her position will be open in the future.

We are still in need of a Social Secretary and a Webmaster. We do not yet have the Data Protection form signed by all the members as is now required by

law.

The Vice-President reported that our Secretary Terry Buxton has had to stand down for health reasons and he thanked Terry very much for all his hard work keeping the u3a going for two difficult years. Terry was presented with a gift in recognition of his work.

Penny Brighton and Ellen Mitchell have also stood down after many years on the Travel Group and lately on the Membership desk. They were also presented with a gift each.

The Treasurer reported that we have 3320.36€ final balance in the bank. This is approx 2000€ less than last year but is due to the fact that money has not yet been paid in for the Dinner Dance and that had been included in last years figures so we are roughly in the same position.

Membership has increased over the last year and currently we have 720 Members, 481 of which are fully paid up, 19 renewals and 8 new members today. Membership has increased over the year.

Travel: The pick-up point for the IKEA/Murcia trip is 8.45am at Repsol Petrol Station and 9.00am at Esmeralda Hotel.

It is now time to pay for the Christmas Break going to Peniscola.

The Dinner Dance has now been changed from 13<sup>th</sup> December to 14<sup>th</sup> December same venue and is 33€ per person. Father Marcus will be the DJ. And the dance will finish at 12.00 midnight. Please put trip, surname and membership number when paying into the General Account.

Groups Co-Ordinator advised that the JUGS dining group will be meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> December with Hector singing and the cost will be 17€.

Publicity - David brought along his Publicity Album displaying most of his published photos including the ones taken during our trip to Gibraltar which only ended last night. He has photos and relevant news published in 6 publications now on a regular basis.

SUBSCRIPTIONS to be held at 10€ for 2019.

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR Amparo has audited our General and Travel Accounts and will do so in 2019.

Nominations and financial statements can be seen on the Presidents table.

Pam Phakey and Michelle McNickle have been nominated to be elected for Groups Co-Ordinator and Vocal 1, and Vocal 2 respectively. This was proposed by Sandra Llewellyn and seconded by John Watts.

MEMBERSHIP DESK will now be the responsibility of Dairong Hu.

Terry Buxton has already tendered his resignation from the Committee for health reasons. Christa Ayuub was Co-opted onto the Committee during the year on a temporary basis, neither are offering themselves for Re-election. We have two signed nominations, one for Pam Phakey and the other for Michelle McNickle. These two were proposed by Sandra Llewellyn and seconded by John Watts. Marion Fisher will take over as Secretary.

YOUR NEW COMMITTEE, therefore will be:-

President – Verity Waddell  
Vice-President - Peter Purvey  
Secretary – Marion Fisher  
Treasurer – John Stafford  
Travel Co-ordinator – Kerry Edwards  
Travel Treasurer – Freda Croasdell  
Membership Secretary – Dairong Hu  
Groups Co-ordinator – Pam Phakey  
Vocal 1 – Pam Phakey  
Vocal 2 – Michelle McNickle  
Publicity – David Stockton

AOB – Any queries arising from this meeting should be sent to us at Calpe u3a, PO Box 416, Total Postal, Calpe 03710.

DATE OF NEXT AGM will be 21<sup>st</sup> November 2019

DATE OF NEXT GENERAL MEETING will be 17<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Before closing this meeting I would like to express my sincere thanks to Terry for all the help and support he gave to us last year and to wish him well in his retirement. I must also extend my and the President's sincerest thanks to all the group leaders which, as I have expressed before, are the very backbone of the u3a, and without whose efforts we would not exist. These thanks are also extended to all the devoted helpers who assist at meetings so that things run smoothly. The Committee hope that you all have a happy holiday season.

As this now concludes the meeting we would like to present the new Committee to you, after which drinks and tapas will be available.

The meeting closed at 12.10pm