

**MINUTES OF THE U3A CALPE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD ON 15 NOVEMBER 2012
AT THE CASE DE CULTURA, CALPE**

John Pickford, acting President opened the meeting by welcoming 139 Members to the meeting. Before the business part of the meeting there were two additional items.

The first was a surprise for Mary Anderton, a founder member having completed 10 years of service. Sandy Bianco invited Mary to the stage where after a tribute thanking Mary for her outstanding contribution to the U3A some of the choir sang unaccompanied for Mary. She was then presented with a basket of flowering plants. Mary was truly surprised, and expressed her grateful thanks.

We have been negotiating terms with Calpe's Swimming Pool on behalf of our members and there followed a short presentation by the persons running the pool on behalf of the Town Hall inviting members to a trial day on 21st November and explaining the facilities on offer at reduced costs to Members.

APOLOGIES: Joy Lally, Val Osborne

CORRESPONDENCE : None

MINUTES OF THE LAST AGM (3rd NOVEMBER 2011):

The Secretary read a précis of the minutes which were proposed by Teresa Pickford and seconded by Keith Wildman. The minutes were unanimously accepted by the Membership and signed by John Pickford, Acting President. They will be put on the website in due course.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: None

REPORTS: The reports in full are filed separately from these minutes

Treasurer: Copies of the audited accounts had been available at the door. The final Balance at the end of October 2012 of €5,044.29 is considered a healthy balance. Expenses are higher this year by €3,000 mainly due to the 10th anniversary celebration, €2,068.

Membership: During the year ending October 2012 we had over 500 paid-up members. Our numbers have decreased slightly over the past couple of years. Some of our members have returned to the UK and there are now other U3As in the area which may have impacted on our numbers.

Travel: John Pickford reported on the trips his team had organized during this year namely: a shopping trip to Ikea, a day trip to Elche, a 3-day trip to Cartagena, a cruise by 22 members to the Far East to enjoy Hong Kong, Singapore, Vietnam, Thailand and Malaysia. 110 Members visited Valencia on a day trip, 31 on a 6-day trip to Galicia and lastly 48 Members visited the Honey Festival in Ayora. John thanked his team and stated that as no-one had come forward to take over as travel group leader he would continue in the role for the time being. Future proposed trips include another day-trip to Ikea, a trip to Russia in 2013 at the end of August and an Eastern Mediterranean cruise in October.

Groups: Sandy Bianco, Groups Co-ordinator gave her report which detailed a few changes to the usual timings of activities and details of upcoming events. Sandy also stated that in future she will co-ordinate all Groups including Sports and offered her help as usual if anyone wanted it. She also made a plea for photos of activities to enhance our website and also articles for the Newsletter.

Social: Tina Wallis presented her report of social activities throughout the year starting with the Christmas party at the Bolero, followed in March by our 10th Anniversary Dinner Dance at the Sol y Mar Hotel. This was a very special occasion, well worth the extra expense, and 159 of us enjoyed dressing up, dining well and dancing to the excellent band 'Strickland'. In June, to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, we had a Garden Party at Joy and Peter Lally's garden which was decorated with bunting and we all dressed up in red white and blue, had a sing-a-long to golden oldies, a wonderful buffet and enjoyed a Union Jack cake made by Liz Lodge. In October 11 teams competed in what is to become an annual event: a quiz night at the bolero presided over by Quiz Master John Pickford. Tina then advertised her last event as Social Events Co-ordinator which will be the Christmas Party. She thanked everyone who has helped her throughout the year, especially Giovanna, and wished good luck to her successor.

Publicity and Culture: Rod Anderton reported that there are 49 Members on his email list to be notified of cultural activities in the area and anyone wishing to add their names should let him know. He mentioned a few up-coming events which may interest Members and also asked for photos of events to present to the press to keep us in the public eye would be most welcome. Mary Anderton had already advertised the choir concert on 14th December the proceeds of which would go to the Food Bank.

President: John Pickford presented this report stating that he had been Acting President since May following the resignation of Beverly Holder. Joy Lally, Tina Wallis, Beverly Holder and a band of helpers organized a most successful exhibition at the Casa de Cultura in early May after which the Calpé Mayor said how much he and some of his Councillors had been impressed by the exhibits of our Members on display. The acting president also commented that the website had been re-vamped and work on further improvements was ongoing including a new automated database to facilitate renewals and memberships. John concluded by thanking his committee for their hard work.

After presentation of the reports those present were asked for comments but there were none.

NEW BUSINESS:

Venues for meetings were discussed. Future meetings will be at the Bolero or the Casa de Culture but also we will look around to see if there are other venues in town which may be suitable for us.

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR:

Ann Melling had audited the books and was willing to continue for a further year. This was unanimously agreed. Ann was presented with a plant in thanks for this year's audit.

ELECTION OF NEW COMMITTEE:

The following were the only nominations for each post on the Committee and therefore they were all voted-for en bloc with a show of hands and therefore form the new Committee.

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| President | John Pickford |
| Vice President | Tina Wallis |
| Treasurer | Edith Watson |
| Secretary | Janet Bond |

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| Membership Secretary | Val Osborne |
| Social Secretary | Joy Lally |
| Travel Group Leader | John Pickford to continue until someone else volunteers |
| Culture and Publicity | Rod Anderton |
| Groups Co-ordinator | Sandy Bianco |
| Travel Treasurer/ Asst U3A Treasurer | Jenny O'Neill |

AOB: None

DATE OF NEXT YEAR'S AGM: This will be announced at a later date according to availability of the Casa de Cultura.

The meeting ended at 11.30 and members were invited upstairs to the Casa's café for a glass of wine.

PROPOSED: Anne Melling

SECONDED: Marilyn Milsum

SIGNED:

John Pickford, President