

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE U3A GENERAL MEETING

THURSDAY, 20TH APRIL 2017 AT THE HOTEL SOL IFACH

Introduction

The President, Liam McKervey, welcomed everyone to the meeting including representatives from the Val De Pop.

Liam apologised to the meeting for not having proposed and seconded the previous months' Minutes. He then went on to explain that U3A Calpe had received an invitation from the editor of Resources Magazine, of the International U3A Group to update the original article from 2002. The updated article has now been sent complete with photographs of Calpe events and the 2016 prestigious award for the U3A Calpe branch integration with the local Town Council.

Liam then went on to mention proposed future events; 100 years of cinema songs by the U3A Choir later in the year. Next will be a Showcase event at the Ifach Hotel when other local U3A Groups will be invited in exhibiting alongside the Calpe Group with local radio, food, wine etc.

Apologies

Apologies were received from Penny Brighton; David and Maureen Elford; Netta Tyler and Gordon Green.

Minutes

Minutes of the last General Meeting have been published in draft form on the U3A Calpe Website, as usual and copies were available for those without access to the Website along with Group Programmes, Time Tables and the letter to U3A International.

Speaker

Our Speakers today were the ladies from U3A Val de Pop; Sheila Skinner, Agnes Hall and Jean Watson, who gave readings and publicised their book "All In The Mix". David Shute, former BBC Reporter with the Today television programme was our main Speaker. David spoke of his early days as a new reporter, sometimes funny but also often tragic and more serious events during his career.

David was thanked by the "Meet & Greet" section of U3A and was presented with a bottle of wine.

Facebook

Current individual Facebook entries are to be consolidated into one U3A Calpe entry.

Groups

Social – The “Spring into Summer” lunch is on the 18th May at La Maruja on the La Fossa beach. The Christmas Dinner/Dance venue is proposed to be held at the Salon De Celebration, El Canor exhibition centre is being organised for 2nd December when we are hoping for 150 diners. It is proposed the approx. Cost will be 35 – 40 euros including coach travel from Calpe. The menu will include both cold and warm starter with a choice of main course. More details later.

Bikers Group – The next meeting will be in September when everyone is welcome even non bike owners to share coffee and a general biker’s discussion.

Walking Football – meets every Wednesday at the Sports Stadium at 10:00.

Padal Tennis – Contact Keith Cherry, to meet at the Tennis Club. Price is 10 euros per hour and 1.50 Euros for hire of Padal, balls are free. Meeting Wednesday next.

Discussion Group – Contact Peter Purvey. Meeting at Peter’s home, telephone for more details:

petercalp@gmail.com Tel. 96 583 4139. Next meeting Thursday, 27th April.

Tennis Group – Contact Verity Waddell for further details: veritywaddell@yahoo.co.uk meeting at the Taj Mahal restaurant, Monday and Friday ask for report, meals out etc.

Travel Group – Ellen is organising a day trip to Alicante on 4th October. Anyone interested contact Ellen 653 466 530 or Penny 675 385 788.

Treasurer’s Report

Gordon recorded a healthy bank balance of around 4,000 euros.

Speaker

Next Month’s Speaker will be Mike Rendell and his theme will be “The Golden Age of Piracy”. Organised by David and Maureen Elford.

Membership

Helena announced a total membership of 664, 642 having renewed and 22 still outstanding.

Any Other Business

Pat Spencer and her helpers asked for more volunteers and co-ordinators are also required for the "Meet and Greet" and general assistance.

Date of Next Meeting: 18th May 2017

Terry Buxton (Secretary)

21st April 2017

Proposed:

Seconded:

Signed: