

**MINUTES OF U3A CALPE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
THURSDAY 17TH NOVEMBER 2016 AT THE SOL IFACH HOTEL**

1. **WELCOME:** The President welcomed the 141 members who signed in to this year's AGM. As this was the AGM there was no speaker today.

2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** None.

3. **CORRESPONDENCE:** We have written to the Town Hall asking for an update on the long awaited proposed bowling green complex which they had agreed to fund. To date there has been no response.

4. **MINUTES OF LAST YEAR'S AGM:**

Copies were available at the door for those members without internet access and a draft had been put on the website and also emailed to all members. We would not read the minutes unless members wished it - a vote was taken with results overwhelmingly indicating that they did not wish the minutes to be read.

Proposed: Mary Anderton

Seconded: David Farmer

The minutes were therefore accepted and signed by the President John Pickford.

5. **Magic Entertainment.** There followed an impromptu 'magic' act delivered by John who would like to start a Magic Group. He asked if he could do this just as the meeting was starting and was very entertaining and enthusiastic in his delivery of two card tricks. Several people signed up to his new group which we all hope will be a great addition to our Groups List and be popular with members.

6. **REPORTS:**

These were read out by the relevant Committee members and are all filed with these minutes for the record:

Treasurer	Gordon Green	
Travel Treasurer/Asst U3A Treasurer		Edith Watson (not on committee)
Membership	Helena Hutchings	
Travel	Penny Brighton / Ellen Mitchell	
Groups	Diane Putnam	
Sports	Keith Cherry	
Social	Anne Melling (not on Committee)	
Culture and Publicity	David Elford	
President	John did not read out his President's report which had already been put on the website and circulated to members. For those members without internet copies were available at the meeting. The President made special reference to all the help given to him as President and thanked the Committee, Group Leaders and other helpers for their contributions to the running of the U3A.	

These reports concluded the first part of the meeting. Anyone wishing to comment was invited to do so in writing to the Committee: no-one had any comments.

7. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Dates for next year's General Meetings had been arranged with the hotel and would be put on the website, and on the new noticeboard.
- Subscriptions - The committee had suggested we keep the subs at €10 which was a sensible amount to cover our expenses such as hire of the room. This was agreed by a vote.

8. **APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR:** Amparo had audited our General and Travel accounts this year. There were no queries or comments from members.

9. **ELECTION OF NEW COMMITTEE:**

Here we had a major problem. Despite explaining to members over a period of several months that a number of the committee intended to stand down this year including three of the four Officer post holders no-one had come forward to fill the posts of President, Vice President or Secretary which was necessary according to our constitution. Members had been handed a 'flyer' when they came into the meeting and Janet read out the statement which had also been put on the website so that everyone was fully aware of the situation.

John explained that he did have the power to appoint someone at the meeting today to be the new President but he did not wish to coerce anyone who did not wish it. The only way to resolve the question of Officer posts if no-one came forward was to hold an extraordinary general meeting instead of the general meeting in January and members should be aware that if no-one came forward by then the U3A Calpe would be dissolved.

In addition members should note that none of the groups may operate under the umbrella of the U3A and they would have to be registered individually with the tax authorities because money changed hands. They would no longer enjoy the current tax free status which we had as a registered charity. There would also be legal costs involved in winding up the organisation and according to our constitution any monies left over would be 'donated' to the Pensionistas in Calpe opposite the Casa de Cultura.

In the meantime the current President, Vice President and Secretary would hold the reins until the EGM in January to keep the U3A ticking over. We all hoped that a new full Committee could be formed continuing the Calpe U3A: the first on the Costa Blanca into its 15th year.

The following members had expressed a willingness to stand again on the Committee in the various posts. The supporting paperwork was available for inspection by members.

Officers:

President

Vice President

Treasurer

Secretary

Gordon Green

Ex Officio:

Groups Coordinator:	Marion Fisher
Sports Coordinator:	Verity Waddell
Travel Treasurer/ Asst U3A Treasurer	Edith Watson (not on committee)
Travel Coordinators:	Ellen Mitchell Penelope Brighton
Membership Secretary Culture and Publicity	Helena Hutchings David and Maureen Elford

Where positions were unopposed we previously have had a block vote for all positions. Members were happy by an almost unanimous vote to continue with this proposal for the coming year.

10. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

19th January which will be an EGM

Date of next year's AGM will be 23rd November 2017

After the close of the meeting John asked if there were any items for discussion. These items would have no bearing on the meeting. Nothing would be proposed or voted upon.

A proposal for us to have a Facebook page was welcomed.

There was a statement made that the President post could be rotated or shared. This is not true as the President holds financial responsibility which would not be acceptable legally or by the Bank.

After the meeting someone came forward as willing to be the new Secretary. His details were noted and Janet would make contact with him ASAP.

Everyone was then invited for tapas and a drink

The President wished everyone a great Christmas and Happy New Year and thanked everyone very much for their attendance: the meeting was then officially closed at 11.30

JANET BOND
Secretary U3A Calpe

PROPOSED:

SECONDED:

SIGNED: