

MINUTES OF THE U3A CALPE AGM HELD ON THE 15TH NOVEMBER 2024, AT THE CALPE TENNIS CLUB, CALPE.

The Meeting opened at 11:00am

Apologies none received

The President welcomed 44 members who attended and opened the meeting

Minutes of the previous AGM on 16th of November 2023 had been published on the website shortly after the meeting and were posted on the wall at the meeting, therefore taken as read.

Bob Welham proposed the minutes be accepted and Jo Cockshott seconded it. The vote was unanimous 44/44

President's Report: Dorothy Warner

AGM REPORT

It doesn't seem 12 months since I was appointed, probably because it has been a challenging year with so many changes. It was fairly obvious that my style of Presidency would be different and, of course, some have relished the challenge and a very few were not so keen.

As many of you know I am a great delegator so I will be leaving a lot to the relevant committee members who will report after me.

CHALLENGES are the theme of this report. I wrote this three weeks ago not realizing there was yet one more to add.

So January 2024 arrives and I find we were being asked to suddenly leave LAFMA. This was a surprise but as it happens it is far more central at Yodel, and Dennis actually likes us being there. We have had a successful string of coffee mornings/general meetings and of course our Yodel Socials. Interestingly it is marginally cheaper to hold our meetings at Yodel. We started putting a series of trips together and these have been very well received. More challenges when the brewery in Bennisca cancelled our visit and twice, yes twice the bus broke down going to Alicante for Cirque du Sol and coming back from Tarbarca island!!

As you can imagine strong words were sent to the bus company and we asked for a refund which we received and the grumpy unhelpful driver won't be seen in future. We are carrying on using them as the alternatives were much more expensive and some were actually difficult!

Next challenge was my husband resigning as group coordinator and going to work in England! Clive Dean stepped in and all was well.

Next Challenge was Table Tennis being moved out of their home and it looked like they wouldn't go back. A meeting was set up with the Mayor who verbally said they would be back in September, as they were. She spoke English which I was told she didn't.

The really most annoying challenge has been the ongoing saga with banks. Two years ago at this AGM Wendy advised we were going to move banks and it took till last week for this to be accomplished. I will leave it to our Treasurer to give more details in his report.

We have expanded the Committee with Jo Cockshott, Shirley Forster and Alan Shuter coming on board since the last AGM and Julianne has done a sterling job in her first year as secretary. My ambitions for U3A Calpe meant we needed extra support and you will have seen the benefit as we have increased the events and trips quite substantially.

The web site is being very well managed by Alan having changed the front page to reflect all the new activities.

This is your organization and thank you to everyone who has helped during the past year.

Secretary Report: Julianne Stall

Julianne reported that we are registered in Calpe and have investigated banks and have chosen Sabadell in Calpe. We will be switching over in the next few months.

Treasurer Report: John Stafford

U3A General Account

Treasurer's Summary Report for financial year 2023/2024 (ending 31 Oct. 2024)

The final balance this year is 5736.31€ (inc. membership float).

This is 1508.41€ up on last year's final balance of 4227.90€. This is not surprising, given we are now including monies into the General Account that were previously held by the U3A Travel Group. Our financial position is usually relatively stable in the 3000€ - 4000€ range but is now somewhat above this, due to the consolidation of the two accounts. We expect this to

be maintained. However, it must be remembered that monies received on behalf of imminent U3A trips, etc. always eventually have to be paid out again!

Income: up from 4703.00€ to 14591.73€.

This is a big change, up by 9888.73€ but was anticipated with the Travel monies now incorporated into the General Account, as mentioned above.

Expenses:

Photocopying & Printing costs Nil.

No change from the previous year.

Stationery costs down from 337.00€ to 183.30€.

As expected, some economy has been achieved here. We now expect stationery costs to remain stable at this level for the foreseeable future.

Website costs down to 215.38€ from 458.34€.

Again, this is another area where your Committee has been successful in making economies, largely due to our Webmaster Guy de Meester. This is a significant improvement! Now the new website arrangements are fully in place, further economies are expected in due course.

Room Hire down to 300.00€ from 400.00€

The French Club (LAFMA) is no longer available to us for meetings.

Therefore, we are now using the Yodel Bar for most of our regular meeting (also for many events). Not only is this very centrally located in Calpe but is also free of charge, thus resulting in this economy. Further economies in this area are expected.

Social Expenses up to 3270.56€ from 1480.75€.

On paper, this looks like a serious deficit. However, it is balanced by 1831.41€ income from social events so, overall, hardly any change! It is

really the result of us now holding rather more such events! However, your Committee shall continue to look for economies in this area.

Misc. expenses up to 2766.67€ from 1337.29€

Again, this might look like an area of concern. However, the deficit is largely offset by miscellaneous income of 1833.00€. Note these expenses also include the insurance premium of 591.91€. Your Committee shall continue to seek economies in this area.

Outlook for 2023/24:

With a membership of around 330, we have a projected yearly income of approximately 3300€. This is adequate to comfortably meet anticipated expenses during the coming year. The most significant of these is likely to be the third party insurance premium due in 2025 (estimated 600€). We are looking forward to 2024-2025 with a positive attitude.

It is noted we exceeded our projected 31 October 2024 balance target of 4907.90€ by 824.41€. This is mainly due to the inclusion of Travel monies, as mentioned above, so may be a little misleading! We consider our financial situation to be stable and, in any case, we are not supposed to be in the business of being a money making enterprise. All we want to do is ensure we have enough funds to keep U3A Calpe afloat and viable! Your Committee shall continue to look to make economies, wherever possible, without compromising member benefits in any way.

John Stafford (Treasurer)

Membership Secretary Report: Dairong Hu

Dairong reported that we now have 343 fully paid-up members.

Group Coordinator Report: Clive Dean

Clive reported that he had just recently taken over and is communicating with the group leaders . There are two possible new groups, a motorcycle group and guitar group.

Travel Coordinator Report: Shirley Foster

Shirley reported that we had a good time at the Circo Soleil, The Garden Tour and Tabarca. Please check the website and newsletter for our future events.

Publicity Manager Report: David Stockton

We have had various mentions in the local press (Euro Weekly and Fem Focus) and on local radio steadily throughout the year, which has kept U3A Calpe in the public eye and made local people more aware of what we are and what we do.

Webmaster Report: Alan Chuter Guy Meester

Alan reported that they are busy managing the content of the Website and structure and framework. The calendar will be updated and they are working with the group coordinator to have current information on the group activities. The website is a source of U3A information.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS STANDING FOR RE-ELECTION 2024-2025:

President - Dorothy Warner
Secretary- Julianne Stall
Treasurer – John Stafford
Membership Secretary – Dairong Hu
Publicity Manager – David Stockton
Group Leaders Coordinator – Clive Dean
Travel Coordinator – Shirley Forster
Webmaster – Guy De Meester Alan Chuter
Catering Coordinator- Jo Cockshott

The Secretary requested a motion that these committee members should be voted in 'en bloc':

Proposed by: Liz Sanderson

Seconded by: Noel Jackson

The vote was unanimously carried, with no abstentions.

The President expressed her thanks, on behalf of all the Committee, to Freda Croasdell for all her work on Travel over the past few years. She will be missed at Committee meetings and we send best wishes to her.

The President gave a short speech
2025 the future year

Thank you very much indeed for reelecting me and the Committee. I am very pleased that we can continue to expand this coming year.

I mentioned JUGGS earlier and we are going to have a slightly different system. We need a couple of ladies who will take the bookings for 3 lunches each over the next six months. Please please put your name forward if you can help. We will, of course, help you to set them up. We have a large number of events planned and I hope you will all find things to interest you.

Remember our great Xmas party 12 December at Gran Sol, still has a few spaces left so book in with me for that one. Those of you who attend YODEL events will be pleased to hear you won't be labeled nor have to do anything !!

Shirley has a lot to be taking bookings for after this while we have a glass of wine and collecting any money that is due.

Our next Coffee General meeting is 6 December at Yodel with music, mulled wine and mince pies.

I think you have all heard enough this morning and like me are probably ready for a glass.

Thank you very much

THE NEXT AGM MEETING WILL BE ON 21st NOVEMBER 2025 at the Calpe Tennis Club.

The meeting closed at 11:50 am.