

MORAIRA-TEULADA U3A

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 6TH FEBRUARY 2023

The President, Prue Jackson opened the meeting at 10.30, welcoming 12 new members and ran through security and safety procedures.

A synopsis of the Minutes from the last General Meeting on 5th December 2022 was given by Tony Old, acceptance was proposed by Ray Guise-Smith and seconded by Peter Griffiths.

Presidents Address: Prue emphasised the need for volunteers to run the Dining Out Group one of the most active groups that we have. Without hosts this group would not be able to continue and this would be a real shame and be badly missed. She emphasised this by pointing out that the Golf Group had ceased to operate due to similar problems along with an overall lack of members.

Prue also passed on the sad news of the sudden death of member Peter Brown last month.

The Annual General Meeting would be held on March 6th 2023 in the Salon G.L, Teulada and to date one Nomination had been received for the Committee in a non-portfolio post. This left Committee vacancies for Groups Co-Ordinator, Assistant Secretary and member without portfolio.

Treasurer's Report

At the end of the day on 31st January, the balance at the bank was 34,010.73 euros, with 10,000 of this being our contingency fund.

We have creditors of 4.894 euros which includes The Salvadore Dali and Elche trips.

It also includes 1,515 euros of Members money which has not been claimed from cancelled trips. If members are owed money as part of this, they should please claim it back.

Cash in hand is 4,000 euros, which although a large amount will be paid out to cover the Valentine's Day dinner.

It was stressed that when members are making bank transfers it is vitally important that they state what the transfer is for. Although the majority of membership renewals to date have stated their numbers, a large number of

other transactions had no information at all. This makes it very difficult (and time consuming) to allocate monies to the correct place which can lead to queries about payment being made.

The accounts for last year have been completed and are ready to be audited.

Group and Travel Reports

Groups: Prue explained that Group events such as Art and History, Egyptology and Film Night held at La Senieta are open to all. Following the pandemic attendance at these events had been low. The next Art and History talk would be given by Angela Chantry on the very topical subject of the "Dark History of Valentine's Day".

The next Film Night will be on February 13th and will present "Elvis" followed later in the month by "Downton Abbey - A new Era" The first Downton Abbey film attracted a full house so perhaps this one will prove to be equally popular!

Prue congratulated David and Eileen Haxon for continuing to organise Quiz Nights the latest of which is fully booked with a waiting list!

All events are advertised on the website.

Travel: Coral Guise-Smith talked about forthcoming trips and explained that as part of the Salvador Dali trip those members who did want to visit his museum would be able to visit the towns of Gerona and Tarragona.

The day trip scheduled for March 21st had a small number of seats available.

A trip to Benidorm Palace was a possibility later in the year along with the possibility of a trip to Jordan in 2024, either hotel or cruise.

All trips would be on the website as plans are firmed up.

Assistance was also needed in this area both to organise trips and to help understand what trips members wanted to have available.

Social Events

Following on from the highly successful Christmas Dinner Dance in December Tony Old was looking forward to a Valentine's Day dinner at Satari's on February 11th. To date over 60 members and guests had booked for this and he thought that this would be likely to be around 70 by the day of the event.

Tony then outlined that he was in the process of planning events for later in the year, with a flagship (Hog Roast) event planned to celebrate the Coronation of the new King on May 8th at the Font Santa. Musical entertainment would be provided by the ever popular Duo Intermezzo and Bella Luna.

Membership Liaison

Nothing to report.

Any Other Business:

Nothing raised.

Other items

Prue outlined the arrangements made for changes to our film licence.

The meeting closed at 11.10

President, Prue Jackson

Secretary, Paul Sankey

Date