

MINUTES OF THE AGM OF THE INTERNATIONAL CLUB OF ESTEPONA HELD ON THURSDAY 10 MARCH 2022 AT THE CLUBHOUSE

Membership was represented by 50 members present and 8 postal votes

Apologies received from Richard Worden and Margaret Worden

Management Committee Present: Sheila Fox (President), Ted Lunniss (Treasurer), Margaret Whittlely (Secretary), Julie Wood (Estepona), Brenda Taylor (Housekeeper), Wilma Keeley (Welfare), Diane Hackett (Welfare) Ian Horwood (Bar Manager) Daniel Hackston (Member), Sue Potter (Member)

Agenda

President's Welcome
Minutes of the last AGM
Matters Arising from Minutes
President's Report
Auditor's Report
Financial Report
Bar Report
Catering Report
Maintenance Report
House Manager's Report
Membership Fee for 2023
Proposals regarding magazine
Elections
AOB

PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

Sheila Fox welcomed members present and asked for all mobile phones to be switched off

MINUTES OF THE LAST AGM – The minutes were posted in the Club premises for the required 90 days during which time members were requested to read same.

MATTERS ARISING

There being no matters arising the Minutes were proposed by John Barr-Richardson (2018055) and seconded by Doug Proctor (2009069)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Sheila Fox (2014074) is attached

AUDITOR'S REPORT – Doug Mitchell (2006152) is attached

FINANCIAL REPORT – Ted Lunniss (2006177) – Treasurer's Report attached

Doug Proctor (2009069) asked what impact the change of administration of the urbanisation had had on the Club. Ted explained that there had been an increased charge of 150€ per calendar month for five months to cover urbanisation losses. Fortunately there was enough in our Bank to cover these extra costs.

Tony Winterton (2018003) asked if the Club would be entitled to any sort of grant following hardship during the pandemic. It was pointed out that as we are a non-profit making organisation we wouldn't be eligible. Fran Horwood (2018049) said it would be worth exploring as she knew that some local authorities had helped local charities.

Finola Proctor (2009068) asked if the Club could be made available for other groups to hold events to bring in extra income. Sue Potter responded that the Club Rules state that the premises can only be used by Bahia Dorada Urbanisation to hold their AGM. Asked if the Club Rules could be changed she said they could but at great expense and that a Club key-holder would have to be in attendance for the whole of any such event in a supervisory capacity, requiring more volunteers to come forward. Ian Horwood (2019039) also mentioned that we may not be insured for non-members. Angela Bladen (2008066) suggested we could pay a Manager to do this but it was stated that would be expensive as we would have to be involved in employment issues such as National Insurance, Tax etc.

Proposed by Tony Winterton (2018003) and seconded by Ron Pegrum (2011010))

BAR MANAGER'S REPORT – Ian Horwood (2019039) is attached

CATERING MANAGER'S REPORT - None

MAINTENANCE REPORT – None

HOUSE MANAGER'S REPORT – Brenda Taylor (2009047) is attached

MEMBERSHIP FEE FOR 2023

The Committee proposes that the amount be increased to 40€ from 1 January 2023.

PROPOSALS TO CHANGE THE PRODUCTION OF THE MAGAZINE

- not having a magazine
- bi-monthly production
- revert to monthly production

In the absence of the Editor Betty Fooks, Sheila gave some facts and figures to help Members decide which way to vote:

In 2017 we had 26 advertisers, 14 Full Page colour ads and 3 Black & White pages. 17 advertising pages in total.

Annual income from advertisers for 2017 was 3274€
2018 was 4530€

2020 was 1029€
2021 was 1057€

The revenue from Advertisers is now greatly reduced due to Covid and to not having an advertising Manager to recruit business. The current cost of production is usually about 450€ each issue depending on numbers - the cost of each magazine is approximately 3€ per copy. Sheila mentioned that an alternative could be a monthly newsletter sent to Members but not everyone has an e-mail address. Bea Sykes (2010021) commented that there wasn't any mention of a newsletter in the proposals – this was because costings and details had not yet been decided should that route be taken.

Stephanie Monahan (2006024) suggested we could charge advertisers to use the noticeboard but Richard Wood (2000017) felt that Advertisers prefer to be visited especially to pay their fees over in cash. It was also stated that many Advertisers now prefer to use their website and Facebook page.

Anne Hardwick (1990011) commented that she would hate to see the magazine go after it being in production in some form or another since the Club was founded and thanked Richard Wood for his work as Advertising Manager in the past.

NOMINATION OF COMMITTEE POSITION AS VICE PRESIDENT

Sue Potter (2003012) had completed the appropriate nomination form by the due date and was sponsored by Sally Holloway (2013073)

Voting took place with the following results:

For	Against	Abstain
52	2	3

MEMBERSHIP FEES

Voting took place with the following results:

Increase by 5€ per annum to €40	43
Remain the same	10
Spoilt voting slips	4

MAGAZINE PROPOSALS

No magazine	8
Bi-monthly	45
Monthly	4

AOB

- Angela Bladen (2008066) enquired if the Suggestion Box had been opened. Sheila confirmed it had and explained that as suggestions had only been placed there the evening before the Committee Meeting on Tuesday which was primarily for AGM business, there had not been time to discuss the contents fully and would be done at the next Committee Meeting.

- Lynette McGinniss (2021013) made a suggestion that the magazine could be produced quarterly with either a charge or donation being made.
- Tony Winterton (2018003) queried why the Thursday Bridge Group had not appeared in the magazine calendar. Sheila explained that notice of its resumption (after Covid) had commenced after publication of the last magazine. Tony also queried why Organisers were not showing for various groups i.e. Gardening, Scrabble, Petanca, Drama. This was because presently there aren't any Organisers in post for the first three and whilst Freddie Thomas is now supposedly Organiser of the Drama Group this information had not been forwarded to the Magazine Editor or indeed any progress made on getting the Group together for a production.
- Doug Proctor (2009069) asked if the Signing-in Book was regularly checked to monitor if non-members were coming into the Club more than allowed. Sheila said this was done at intervals but could not guarantee that it was done on a "gospel basis".
- Both Patricia Gommersall (2016039) and Geoff Fabron (2019006) asked for clarification on how many visits non-members could make to the Club without joining. The answer is three times per lifetime except for house guests of Members who were allowed to visit whenever they were staying here.
- Ann Hardwick (1990011) as a Founder Member expressed how proud she was of the Club and to still be a member after 33 years.

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 12.15pm

Signed

Date

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

AUDITOR´S REPORT - AGM MARCH 2022

I have audited the I C E Club accounts from January till December 2021.

In general the accounts continue to be monitored and presented in a professional manner and the annual balance sheet accurately reflects the financial position of the Club as of the 31st December 2021.

However we are still suffering from the Covid pandemic - our membership renewals were down as was the number of new members .Some of our costs increased - for example magazine printing and community fees . On the plus side the bar takings increased as did the profits from our events and we are still in a fairly healthy financial position as the balance sheet reflects.

Doug Mitchell (2006152)

Auditor

FINANCIAL REPORT

BAR MANAGER´S REPORT

It has been a busy and profitable year for the bar over 2021 due primarily to the increase in activities and events afforded by the changes to COVID regulations throughout the year.

Having said that it has still been a challenging year for the volunteers who had to work with masks and help ensure the security and compliance to the changing rules. Unfortunately, we sometimes ended up as the baddie whilst trying to ensure adherence by all members.

Whilst the bar turnover has increased and sales of beer is up over 2020 I have made the decision to continue without Victoria beer on tap. I will, obviously, continue to monitor beer sales and if the numbers support it change that decision as soon as possible. We also continue to only sell Peñascal by the bottle to reduce wastage but this has now become accepted.

The larger wine glasses have been a major success and much appreciated by all members. I have therefore purchased more (slightly smaller) for the consumption of white and Rose wine. I have also increased the quantity as we did not have enough to support the larger in-house events.

I have received quite a bit of feedback from members regarding the choice (or lack of) of wines and other beverages. Whilst I appreciate that people like options especially when enjoying a special occasion, but the ability to hold large numbers of differing choices means that we have more waste. Once bottles or cartons are opened the contents must be consumed within a short period of time, or thrown away. The ability of the club to maintain reasonable profit from the bar takings is only enabled by ensuring that we stock and maintain the beverages that is requested by the majority of the members. Having said that, I have procured more red and white wine options and will continue to respond to members´ request where it makes financial sense.

I would like to end on a more positive note. The bar can only function and service the members through its volunteers. I am lucky to have an excellent pool of both older, and newer, members who

always put their hands up to volunteer behind the bar. Without this team of volunteers there would be no bar, and thereby no formal way of supporting club events etc. ALL bar volunteers have my enduring thanks and gratitude for all the work last year, and for the coming year.

Ian Horwood
2019039

HOUSE MANAGER ´S REPORT

Morning all

Some of the things that have been carried out this year.

We had the outside entrance and steps cleaned and repainted.

We had the gents ´ toilets which had some mould on the ceiling treated and repainted. The toldos ceiling was treated where it was peeling off was repaired and repainted.

We have spent a great deal of money over the covid period on hand sanitizers and disinfectant for all tables and chairs and thank you all for using them. Let´s hope we don´t have to use them again.

We have purchased normal supplies for Isabella, also paper towels and toilet rolls.

Finally, I would like to thank Diane for helping me carry out my duties when I was busy cooking Thursday lunches

Brenda Taylor (2009047)