

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL CLUB OF ESTEPONA HELD AT THE CLUBHOUSE ON THE 10 MARCH 2016

Membership was represented by 95 members present and 18 postal votes

Management Committee Present: Sue Potter (President), Joan Thompson (Vice-President), Ted Lunniss (Treasurer), Margaret Whittley (Secretary), Terry Smith (Editor), Julie Wood (Welfare and Estepona), Brenda Taylor (Catering Manager), Diane Hackett (Housekeeper) Tracy Bird (Membership Secretary)

Apologies: Wilma Keeley (Member)

AGENDA

- Presidents Welcome
- Minutes of the last AGM
- Matters arising from Minutes
- President's Report
- Auditor's Report
- Financial Report
- Bar Report
- Catering Report
- Maintenance Report
- Housekeeper's Report
- Membership Fee for 2017
- Proposals
- Election
- AOB

PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

Sue Potter welcomed members present and asked for a few moments of silence to remember those Club members who have died since the last AGM.

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 passed by Christina Woodward (99114) and seconded by Noreen Cook (90002)

MINUTES OF THE EGM held on 12 November 2015 were proposed by Rob Potter (23011) and seconded by Pat Brookes (27014)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT Sue Potter (23012) is attached

AUDITOR'S REPORT Ron Pegrum (211010) is attached

FINANCIAL REPORT Ted Lunniss (26177) is attached – Proposed by Bea Sykes (210021) and seconded by Margaret Loughran (26165)

BAR REPORT Anthony (Mac) McIntyre (26017) is attached

CATERING REPORT Brenda Taylor (29047) is attached

MAINTENANCE REPORT Rob Potter (23011) is attached

HOUSEKEEPER ´S REPORT Diane Hackett (213067) is attached

MEMBERSHIP FEES for the 2017 are to remain at 30€ for renewal and 50€ for a new member

PROPOSAL FOR LIFT INSTALLATION (There had been an EGM in November 2015 to fully discuss this matter)

George Geis (216043) asked if there had been 3 competitive quotes which was confirmed.

Brian Woodward (99113) asked if there would be another vote when up to date estimates had been obtained. It was confirmed that there wouldn ´t be and that the Committee would be responsible for representing the best interests of the Club and its members.

Freddie Thomas (22051) stated we were all getting older and that many of us need the lift.

Diana Berns (25064) stated that many members were struggling to use the stairs and not having a lift could help to lose members.

Barbara Salisbury (98077) asked for clarification of the size of the proposed lift. Terry Smith (28143) confirmed that the original quoted size would cater for one wheelchair user and its attendant, obviously a bigger lift would attract a bigger cost.

Richard Wood (20017) had concerns regarding the location as the original quoted plans would take up much floor space normally used by the audience during Drama productions. It was stated that other alternatives were being looked at by the Committee including placing the lift just outside the building with access directly from the terrace.

Jackie Simmons (20128) asked for a reminder of previously quoted costs which were confirmed at a total of 20,000-25,000€. Costs had not as yet been obtained for putting the lift outside but hopefully would not exceed this amount.

Ray Oldfield (88016) asked if a limit should be put on costs rather than giving carte blanche to the Committee. Ted Luniss (26177) stated that the Club had 35,000€ on deposit which included the contingency fund and would not want the figure to go higher or use personal loans from Members.

Richard Worden (214024) asked if we could have another vote when costs had been amended, it was confirmed no, and Joan Thompson (88018) said that the elected Committee should be trusted.

Rob Potter (23011) said that costings should be lower than the previous quotes because of the lesser disruption to the inside layout of the building (should the outside option be taken) and that Members should trust the Committee not to overspend.

Christina Woodward (99114) as a member from when the current building was taken over felt that the fabric was not as safe as it looks and that there could be difficulties when work commenced. The President confirmed that the work would not go ahead without the services of an architect to highlight such problems and Terry Smith (28143) stated that the lift would stand on concrete foundations which would not entail the digging of a deep pit.

Brian Woodward (99113) asked if a stairlift had been considered. The President confirmed that this is not a suitable option due to the narrowing of the stairs towards the bottom. Margaret Loughran (26165) stated that she had previously had a stairlift and this was very slow with only one person at a time being able to use it.

Ray Oldfield (88016) stated that he had a photo of the building before any changes had ever been made and that the floor was not suitable for structure with a hole.

Diane Berns (25064) asked what the Spanish law was concerning facilities for the disabled. The President confirmed that she didn ´t know but they would not apply as we are a private Club.

Doug Mitchell (26152) stated that we have sloped access to both upstairs and downstairs but there was no legal requirement for access between floors. He suggested we buy the best lift we could afford but realised the biggest will be expensive.

Concern was expressed at the lift being located outside when the weather was poor. The President explained that access would come directly into the building by using one of the patio doors upstairs and that we would still be left with 8 fire escapes. Terry Smith (28143) had made enquiries with the Citizens Advice Bureau for general advice but was told to contact the local Town Hall.

PROPOSAL FOR REPLACEMENT OF WOODEN CHAIRS ON GROUND FLOOR

Joanna Mitchell (26151) stated that replacement was long overdue as there had been incidents of people ripping trousers/tights and receiving splinters from the wooden chairs and that the cushions were disgraceful. The President confirmed that the chairs had come with the premises and have been repaired several times.

Brian Woodward (99113) stated that if the chairs were replaced the tables would need to be modified or replaced to accommodate them. The President confirmed that the Committee had already discussed the possibility of new tables also, but this could not be voted on today.

Ron Pegrum (211010) enquired as to the cost of new chairs. Diane Hackett (213067) had made enquiries and had been quoted approximately 39-50€ each. We would require upwards of 30.

Ray Oldfield (88016) enquired if the replacements would be wooden or plastic. The President replied we hadn't looked into type at present but the main criteria is that they must be stackable.

PROPOSAL FOR REPLACEMENT OF COFFEE MACHINE

The Bar Manager had investigated costs which would be 2400-3900€.

Many factors had to be taken into consideration eg how the beans are ground, temperature and pressure of water and who was making it (all volunteers). Joanna Mitchell (261519) suggested a machine using pods to overcome this but the President said this would be too slow. Christina Woodward (99114) thought the many excellent meals at the Club were not finished with a nice cup of coffee. Richard Wood (20017) thought we had a good machine built to last and agreed that HOW the coffee is made was important and suggested trying different methods.

NOMINATION OF COMMITTEE POSITION

Sally Holloway (213073) had completed the appropriated nomination form by the due date and was sponsored by Barbara Salisbury (98077).

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- The President was asked if she could ask Bahia Dorada Community for 2 disabled parking spaces. It was explained that if allocated they would not be for the sole use of the Club and would not therefore guarantee use by our Members. It was agreed that people could be more considerate of others by parking further away from the Clubhouse in other entradas if able to walk easily, in order to free up the nearer spaces for less able. A show of hands resulted in only 5 people wanting disabled spaces requested.
- Terry Clover (216051) asked if it was possible to have games' evenings. The President stated that these used to be held but had dwindled due to lack of support but could be resurrected again by Terry if he so wished. The Club had recently been donated two sets of Trivial Pursuit.
- Jeanette Spettigue (216052) stated the TV doesn't appear to be used very much and could it be used for sporting activities. The President pointed out that we used to have Sky Sports but members had voted against continuing with this. Jeanette suggested Wii games but a show of hands did not produce any interest.
- Doug Mitchell (26152) thanked the Committee for his Honorary Membership.
- Brian Woodward (99113) stated the charity money tins downstairs were full. A member will take one to Age Concern for emptying.

- George Geis (216043) wanted to send the Members' good wishes to Anne Hardwick who is currently in hospital and The President stated that a card was on its way round for signing.

VOTING took place downstairs with the following results:

	For	Against	Abstain
Proposal for Lift installation	74	27	11
Replacement of Chairs	90	12	10
Replacement of Coffee Machine	70	29	12
Election of Sally Holloway	109	1	1

There being no other business the Meeting finished at 1.00pm.

Signed _____

Date _____