

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL CLUB OF ESTEPONA HELD AT THE CLUBHOUSE ON THE 12<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2015

Membership was represented by 109 members present and 11 postal votes

Management Committee Doug Mitchell (President) Sue Potter (Vice-President) Ted Lunniss (Treasurer) Joan Thompson (Secretary) Terry Smith (Editor) Brenda Taylor (Catering Manager) Margaret Whittlely (Housekeeper) Julie Wood (Member) Diane Hackett (Member)

AGENDA

- 1 Presidents Welcome
- 2 Minutes of the last A:G:M
- 3 Matters arising
- 4 Presidents Report
- 5 Auditors Report
- 6 Financial Report
- 7 Bar Report
- 8 Catering Report
- 9 Maintenance Report
- 10 Housekeepers Report
- 11 Membership Fee for 2016

PRESIDENTS WELCOME

Doug Mitchell welcomed members present and asked for a moment 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 Margaret Loughran (26165) and seconded by Kate Jackson (200827)

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Doug started his report by thanking all the volunteers who ensure the smooth running of our Club. He thanked Maureen Winkle who is a Hostess and also organises the Christmas Day get together. He then thanked Margaret Loughran who is also a hostess, He thanked Peter Galloway who with help from Tracy maintains the library and Roger Richards for the DVD library He thanked Vic Loughran for printing the tickets and the posters for events, and together with Peter Dowd for maintaining the website, and until his temporary move back to the UK Anthony Shine for maintaining the membership records this is now in the capable hands of Tracy Bird and Maggie Whittlely. He gave special thanks to Jackie Simmonds who has been the advertising manager for the magazine for the past 14 years, bringing in revenue.

He thanked Barbara Salisbury who is standing down as Welfare officer. This is now the responsibility of a committee member. Thanks also to Rob Potter our Maintenance manager. Terry Smith for editing our magazine, Joan Thompson for organising trips and her work as club secretary. Ron Pegrum for his continuing work as our Auditor. Ted Luniss our Treasurer for maintaining our

healthy bank balance. Thanks also to Brenda Taylor, who together with the catering brigades continue to provide excellent lunches on a Thursday. Thanks to Mac McIntyre and everyone who helps behind the bar, but we always need more volunteers.

Thanks to Maggie for organising the Ladies Lunches and her work as House Manager. He did not forget to thank the ticket ladies, Joanna, Pat and Jackie for their patience in dealing with members on Thursdays.

Thanks are due to the organisers of our regular events, The Art Group, The Ice Players (drama group) Whist, Bridge, Rambling, Computers, Genealogy, Gentle keep fit, Mah-jong, Canasta and our new writing group.

Doug then thanked all the members of the committee for their help and support over the past year and said he apologises if he has forgotten to mention any one.

He went on to say it has been an eventful year with many trips and activities, He hopes the members agree that the committee have done their best to meet the needs of Club members. We should thank the urbanisation for installing a ramp from the swimming pool with a hand rail to make access easier. Doug mentioned long term plans, the feasibility of installing a lift being one of them.

Doug stated that the Committee have decided to give Honorary membership to Peter Galloway for all he has done for the Club and also to Victor Loughran for his work printing tickets and posters. He then thanked all the club members for all the support given to him over his term of office.

Doug then announced that Club fees would remain the same for 2016.

AUDITORS REPORT – Ron Pegrum presented his report , he said the accounts continue to be presented in a professional manner and the Annual Balance Sheet accurately reflects the financial position of the Club as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2014. He said the bar takings seldom match the cash readout, this is an ongoing problem, but there is no evidence to suggest any fraudulent activity. Instead the cash takings often exceed the total on the till roll. Volunteers are encouraged to be diligent to assist the Treasurer. The value of the fixed assets, the Club building has remained unchanged since 2011, and has not been written down. Members should be aware that the building may have lost value in the present economic climate. The main income streams (Membership, bar, catering, etc) have held up well compared to 2013 which is very encouraging. The end of year gain at €9,001.93 represents approximately 11% profit on turnover compared with the previous year's loss of 5%. Liquidity remains very strong and with membership still buoyant, 2015 should be another good year for the Club.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT

Ted started his report by apologising for an incorrect copy of the Income and Expenditure Account that went into the February magazine. Correct copies are available. He said that it has been a good year for the Club financially and our liquid position remains strong and we have increased the balance on deposit to €35,000 and we have a surplus of €9,000 for the period. As a non profit-making organisation we are exempt from IVA, and neither charge or claim this tax.

Membership has increased for the first time since 2007 and now stands at 429, attracting 63 new members. This year there were less trips, events and theme suppers than in 2013.

Games evenings, lottery and film night continue to be successful. Both bar and catering surpluses are slightly reduced but the magazine deficit has improved due to increased advertising.

Overheads (adjusted for last year's refurbishment) have been reduced by €3000, but it is possible that our overheads will increase in 2015, as will other costs, so we hope members will help by running events, theme suppers etc and fully supporting club functions.

Ted then thanked Ron Pegrum for his audit work during the year; he also thanked Vic Loughran for covering for him when away.

The Report was passed by Anne Hardwick (90011) and seconded by Ron Pegrum (211010)

## BAR REPORT

Mac MacIntyre then gave a short Report, he stated he is disappointed to have lost 11 bar volunteers over the year and he now relies on a core of 10 members. He thanked members Richard Bearpark, Carol Hines and Gina and Ken Stevens who only come for a short time to Spain but always work on the Bar when in the country. He asked for more members to get involved with the Bar. He would like at least 5 more volunteers. Mac then went on to say that it is necessary to purchase a new Glasswasher for the Bar, as the old second-hand one that we have now is not a washer only a steriliser.

## CATERING REPORT

Brenda Taylor Commenced her Report by saying that it has not been necessary to purchase any major equipment this year, just a second-hand slicing machine has been bought which does help with buffets and Christmas lunch. On behalf of herself and the kitchen volunteers she thanked all the members who support the Thursday lunches. Then she thanked all the volunteers who work hard every Thursday cooking and go shopping on Wednesdays. Without them we would not have such great meals including the Christmas lunch, Welcome back parties, St Georges Day and many more. We are down on the 2013 figure and this is due to not having volunteers to cook for a theme night so she would like to know of any dinner party cooks who may be willing to organise one. Brenda then thanked the ticket ladies who sell tickets for our special days or nights, she thanked the ladies or gentlemen who make desserts which takes pressure off the chefs and a special thank you to Audrey who works really hard every Thursday selling tickets, sorting money then serving food.

## MAINTENANCE REPORT

Rob Potter gave a short report saying that everything is going smoothly, new fans have been installed and general maintenance goes on as usual.

## HOUSE MANAGERS REPORT

Maggie Whittley also said that everything is running smoothly, she has purchased some new bins, and is waiting for the new patterned tablecloths which are on order to arrive shortly. She said that having Isabella as a full time cleaner has been a success and how well the Clubhouse now looks.

## ELECTIONS

Positions	Nominee
President	Sue Potter
Vice-President	Joan Thompson
Secretary	Margaret Whittley
Member	Tracy Bird
Member	Wilma Keeley

Postal voting forms were available to members. 11 members voted via postal ballot and were returned to the Secretary in accordance with the Club Statutes and were provided to the tellers Joanna Mitchell (26151) and Nina Taminiau (21004) to be counted with the ballot papers collected at the meeting.

The Secretary announced that each nominee had submitted a completed nomination form by the due date with the requisite number of member signatures. Each nominee was introduced by the

Secretary and was nominated in front of the membership by their sponsor.

Sue Potter by Ken Harris (93013) Joan Thompson by Barbara Blackburn (99118) Maggie Whittley by Vic Loughran (26164) Tracy Bird by Anne Hardwick (90011) Wilma Keeley by Barbara Salisbury (98077)

The following members were elected

Sue Potter        Votes for 101, against 13, abstain 7

Joan Thompson        for 95, against 20, abstain 6

Margaret Whittley        for 118, against 2, abstain 0

Tracey Bird        for 101, against 14, abstain 6

Wilma Keeley        for 108, against 6, abstain 5

All were elected to serve a three year term by secret sealed ballot

Sue Potter then proposed a vote of thanks to Doug for his good work as President

This was appreciated and everyone applauded.

Sue presented Doug with Restaurant vouchers and Joanna with a bouquet of flowers.

A:O:B

Ray Oldfield (88016) Stated that as we have over 400 fellow members it would help if we had Identification badges, Members would have easy recognition if we all wore badges at all times. Badges could be shown as a different colour for new members. Kate Jackson (200827) Said that it is up to members to make friendly advances and say Hi to other members and she is against wearing a badge. Sue Potter (23012) said that members make friends on trips especially long trips and get to really know each other. Also working on the bar really helps to meet other members. We have two hostesses who make every effort to introduce new members. John Ferguson (98017) said as a previous bar owner that working on the bar is best for meeting people, but our bar volunteers do not always have time on a Thursday to introduce members to each other. Sue suggested Sunday and Tuesdays are much quieter. Margaret Loughran (26165) said as a hostess that she and Maureen always take new members to a table and introduce them to long standing members.

Sue thanked Ray for bringing up the subject but the general feeling was that ladies do not want to wear badges. Regarding Doug's mention of installing a lift Christina Woodward (99114) was concerned that this should not be solely a Committee decision but a matter for all members to put forward their views. Sue Potter (23012) reassured the meeting that a lift is a long way in the future, no structural examinations have been made and if the Committee decided it was feasible, it would come to a vote at an AGM.

Terry Smith (28143) told us he has worked with lifts and he estimates that the cost could be between €20,000 and €25,000, should it be feasible. Irene Minkin (894003) asked if we could have a disabled parking space. Audrey Jinks (20033) stated that there are only two disabled spaces on the urbanization. Sue Potter (23012) said she will inquire at the urbanization office. Brian Woodward (991113) said it would help if people parked properly. Stephanie Monahan (23064) asked to clarify where we can park, as a resident had told her not to park in carpark 5. Sue Potter (23012) said we are allowed to park but suggested that car park 4 has more space, and it is courteous to leave space in 5 for residents. Sue further stated that we pay two community fees to the Bahia Dorada Community.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 12.45 pm

President\_\_\_\_\_

Date\_\_\_\_\_