



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting date 16th January 2024 | time 12:40 | CGCB Club House

Meeting called by	Linda Stuttard	Board Members Present:
Type of meeting	AGM	Linda Stuttard - President
Facilitator	LS	Rob Coutinho - Secretary
Note taker	RC	Marlise Postmus - Vice President
Timekeeper	RC	David Cuffe - Treasurer
		Florence Sorbet - Events Coordinator
		Rosa Tysoe- Cultural Coordinator

Members present: Allard(2), Berbers(1), Brassem(2), Brand(2), Calero(1), Claassen(2), Cully(1), Cuffe(1), Coutinho(2), Denis(2), Duggan(1), Doulmet(1), Guiraud(1), Kamata(2), Klarenbeek(1), Livingston(2), Solsona(1), Maans(1), Mannix(1), Marchant(1), Maze(1), Marino(1), Moreau(2), Mudan(1), Osorio(2), Mulder(1), Parker(2), Postmus(2), Sorbets(2), Stuttard(2), Tysoe(2), Van Epen(1), Wood(2), West(2), Vroom(1).

Total Present: 52 ; 47 stayed for lunch

Apologies: Philippe LeMarchand, Dominique Ducoudray, Vincenz & Rosa Rosich, Joan Sanfeliu & Pilar Sanfeliu Gozalvez, Sopal Meas

1. Approval of Agenda - Approved by the Board
2. The President, Linda Stuttard welcomed the Club and Board Members
3. The Minutes of the 2023 AGM were approved by the Board and Club Members (A copy was emailed to members and copies were available on the table at the meeting)
4. David Cuffe was thanked for his work as Treasurer
5. David Cuffe gave a financial update and thanked Linda Stuttard for taking over during the time last year he was unable to, due to his shoulder injury
6. The accounts have been reviewed and audited throughout 2023 by two independent members. On both occasions everything was in order (the first half of the year by Iain Livingston and finalized by Philippe LeMarchand). Philippe LeMarchand will be asked to sign the Clubs Financial Statement
7. Florence Sorbets reported on the Club events organised in 2023. The GPL's, Petanca and Pitch'nputt were all well attended as were most events. The Car Rally had 46 attendees. Other events included a Quiz Night, a Summer Party July 4th BBQ (56 attended), Thanksgiving Lunch (25 guests maximum for that event). Rosa Tysoe presented some ideas for this years cultural excursions which generally take place on the 3rd Tuesday of each Month. The first event will be a visit to the Maritime Museum in Barcelona on the 20th of February
8. Camie Maze asked why members could not join outings after the entry date was closed. She stated she had intended to register for the Christmas Party but it was cancelled due to low attendance numbers. The Board replied that the Club needed to reserve a booking at a restaurant and they may not be as flexible on changes as we would like. At that point the Club is committed to pay the venue
9. The Board will consider combining the Christmas party with the December GPL to avoid clashes with the many other Christmas events

10. The membership update for 2023: there are 105 members currently, 12 members left and 25 new members joined last year
11. David Cuffe has completed his 3 year term as Treasurer; Diane West was voted in by unanimous decision to become the new Treasurer
12. The discussion before the vote to approve the changes to the bylaws was lively. Stan Postmus asked if the AGM could be held later in the year, in March for example, as he felt more members could be present. The President stated the Board's preference to keep the event in January so as to elect new Board members and plan events for the new year. The President also pointed out that it is possible for members to vote by proxy, as advised in the email
13. Camie Maze stated that the proposed changes of the ByLaws came in December at the most busy time of the year. She stated she was so busy she didn't open her email until after the allowed time to respond to the changes to the bylaws. The president noted the remark and invited Camie Maze to meet with the Board to discuss her complaints
14. Following the discussion, the new ByLaws were accepted by vote from a large majority of the members. Four members dissented. If members have any further ideas concerning the ByLaws, these can be put forward to the Board and discussed in the future
15. The meeting was held mainly in English as this is widely spoken by most members of the Club. Some agenda items were translated into Spanish for the 3 members who cannot speak English. A copy of the AGM minutes will also be translated into Spanish
16. Mr. Kamata asked if the ByLaws were legal, Robin Wood replied that he is a lawyer and finds them perfectly legal
17. Following the 2023 AGM, the membership voted in favour of leaving the Generalitat in Girona. Anna Osorio and Florence Sorbets visited the Generalitat and were advised that if the club withdraws its registration, Club's funds have to pass to another similar registered organisation. Stan Postmus pointed out as we have no club bank account that could not happen
18. The decision to officially withdraw was postponed until F. Sorbets and A. Osorio investigate further; but the possibility of opening another bank account (although the club closed the previous account in 2022) was suggested. The Board is to consider this option
19. Before closing the meeting, the President asked if more members would be willing to volunteer in different areas as well as publishing the Newsletter
20. Iain Livingston commented that when he was reviewing the expenses, that unlimited wine was consumed at events. He suggested limiting the wine quantity which might allow a higher food quality, possibly increase attendance and reduce subsidies. He also expressed concern about the members ability to drive home. The Board agreed to discuss this internally
21. Thom Claassen and Camie Maze thanked the board for their work

The 2024 annual general meeting was closed at 14:00

Rob Coutinho - Club Secretary

SIGNED:

 DATE: 24/01/24