

Minutes of the 2023 GASC AGM Monday 27/02/2023

Held at the Extre-Mix restaurant, Oliva 12pm

First Meeting:

Apologies were received from David Varcoe, Steve and Elaine Hems, John and Chryselle Wilson, Ed and Beth Kendall, Pam James.

Minutes of the 2022 AGM were accepted. 26 members were present.

Close of first meeting.

Second Meeting:

Opening: Julie Hayward opened the meeting as president.

Treasurer's Report: Diana Jameson summarised the annual accounts, explaining the income and expenditure. Overall the club made a loss last year but with membership fees being introduced again this year it should improve. This year's membership renewal can easily be done online (72 people have already renewed), members can also renew with cash today. There are no physical membership cards now. There were no questions arising.

President's Report: Julie addressed the meeting to summarise last year's events. It was decided last year to defer the membership fee for another 12 months. At the beginning of the year, due to a price rise at Brisa Del Mar, we changed venue to the Oliva Tennis Club for 2 months. Unfortunately this did not work, as the sound was not good, no stage, there was poor lighting and the meals were not as good quality. So we have returned to Brisa Del Mar, who currently charge us €27 pp, so with us pricing tickets at €30 for members and €35 for non-members, there is very little mark-up to pay for the acts. The raffle helps boost this, and the membership fees will help too, but it means we have to have an attendance of around 100 to be able to pay for good quality entertainment. Pete and Rose do a good job of finding acts that we can afford that will also be popular, but often we're in a catch-22 situation where the acts we can afford will bring in less people, but it's always a gamble to book someone more expensive. There were some suggestions from the floor such as trying another venue (eg Moli Canyon), increasing the subs, hiring a DJ instead of a live act. These will be considered by the committee.

Trips - our day trip to Cocentaina was successful and fully booked, but we did not get enough people for the trip to Toledo to be viable at the price quoted. The committee will look at organising more short trips - the Lladro factory in Valencia, wine tasting, Santa Pola and el Palmar were all suggested.

Our quiz venue has changed to Extre-Mix restaurant in Oliva, and we are able to run monthly quizzes once again, we are trying these out with a one-course meal at just €9 for members.

Election of President: Chrissie Teall announced that Julie was willing to continue her term as President. This was accepted unanimously by the members.

Election of Committee Members: The current committee members - David Varcoe, Pam James, Pam O'Neill, Chrissie Teall, Diana Jameson, Rosemary Bodmer, Peter Jones and Betty Dean are content to continue their terms on the committee. All were accepted by the members. Stephen and Elaine Hems have unfortunately were not able to attend committee meetings last year due to Driving Licence restrictions, Hopefully this will be resolved soon! Helen and James Scolari, and Carol Nonino have also volunteered to join the committee.

Election by the Committee for Club Secretary, Treasurer, Vice Treasurer and Social Secretary:

Chrissie Teall will continue as Secretary, Diana Jameson as Treasurer, and Peter Jones as Social Secretary.

Any Other Business:

There was no other business, so Julie thanked those who attended and the meeting was closed.