

# La Asociación de la Universidad de la Tercera Edad de Oliva (U3A Oliva)

## Annual General Meeting

Thursday 25th May 2023 at 11:30

Llar de Jubilats i Pensionistes

### Minutes (Draft)

The President, Barry Purvis, welcomed everyone to the meeting, the first to take place in-person for the last three years.

#### Present:

Current Committee Members Present: Barry Purvis; Nancy Benn; Stephen Hems; Graham Martin; Hilary Clarke; Denise Hart and Gary Slater.

Thirty-one (31) members were also in attendance:

Belinda Allan	Anne Chissick	Pauline Hammond	Jan Robey
Lisa Barrett	Bernard Chissick	James Harrison	Jean Sedgley
Steve Barrett	Anne Marie Del	Barbara Harvie	Robert Sedgley
Joe Bellenie	Valle	Elaine Hems	Wilma Taggart
Tina Bellenie	Alan Dunderdale	Rosa Jones	John Tyler
Rob Benn	Sandra Dunderdale	Valerie Laws	Linda Tyler
Roger Brown	Jacquie Flanagan	Alan Nicol	Audrey Woodall
Valerie Brown	John Flanagan	Mike Ponting	Malcolm Slater

1. **Apologies for absence:** the Secretary reported that apologies had been received from forty-seven (47) members:

Stuart Anderson	Ron Downs	Jacqui Leppert	Helen Scolari
John Bailey	Peter Drake	Kevin Lowe	Noelle Sexton
Norah Bamber	Marie Grant	Roddy MacDonald	Steven Slater
Peter Barber	Pauline Hammond	Ann Milner	Sue Spencer
Brenda Barry	Ann Hooper	Christopher Murphy	Gail Spoore
G Brummans	Diane Jameson	Linda Nieuwenhuis	Alan Spoore
Yvonne Campbell	Kelvin Jarman	Joanne Perez	John Stent
Sue Campbell	Cat Ketley	Glynis Perks	Jill Stent
Andrew Campbell	Virginija Langbakk	Vernon Price	Cheryl Stow
Fred Clayton	Colin Larby	Edi Price	Terry Stuart
John Clements	Christine Larby	Philip Radford	Harry Van Diessen
Bryony Downs	Margaret Leece	James Scolari	

2. **The minutes of the previous AGM on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2022** the President reported that the minutes were **APPROVED** by member completion of the online form prior to the AGM. A total of seventy-one (71) forms were returned and sixty-seven (67) members approved the 2022 minutes whilst four (4) members did not approve. There were no queries and the President will sign and send a copy to the Secretary.
3. **The annual statement of accounts Year Ending 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022:** the President reported that the Accounts were **APPROVED** by member completion of the online form prior to the AGM. A total of seventy-one (71) forms were returned and sixty-nine (69) members approved the 2022 minutes whilst two (2) members did not approve. A question had been raised regarding membership fee income which has been answered under item 8 of the meeting agenda.

4. **Election of the Officers:** The full list of nominated Officers, together with voting results, was read out by the President.

Officer nominations were as follows:

President	Joe Bellenie	Approved unanimously by 71 members
Secretary	Tina Bellenie	Approved unanimously by 71 members
Vice-President	Stephen Hems	Approved unanimously by 71 members
Treasurer	Graham Martin	Approved unanimously by 71 members

All Officers have accepted their roles. The Graham Martin is the current Treasurer who continues in post until the official year end on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023.

5. **Election of Committee Members:** The full list of Committee Members re-standing, together with voting results, was read out by the President.

Committee Member nominations were:

**Denise Hart** – Approved unanimously by 71 members

**Gary Slater** - Approved unanimously by 71 members

**Hilary Clark** - Approved unanimously by 71 members

There will be three further Committee Members co-opted at the first meeting following the AGM.

6. **The Annual Membership Fee for 2023–2024** was proposed to be 10 €. The Subscription of 10 € was **APPROVED** unanimously by the seventy-one (71) member returns.
7. **The proposed amendments to the Existing Policies** (Supplementary to the Constitution) Document were **APPROVED** unanimously by the seventy-one (71) member returns.
8. **Questions raised by members were as follows:**

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- i. *I have been proposed as a committee member, when is this approved and by whom?*
- ii. *The income from membership subscriptions is shown as 2.341,05 €. The membership at 31st August was 377. Membership fees at 10 € would be an income of 3.770 € Please explain the difference.*
- iii. *There is approx €7000 in the bank accounts, A considerable amount, are there plans to use this money?*

**Responses:**

- i. *New committee members do not need to be voted-in at the AGM, but will be co-opted at the first meeting of the new committee.*
- ii. *When members subscribed to the U3A using Paypal or the bank transfer system, the bank and Paypal made charges for all transactions so we lost money from the subscriptions, approximately 10%. Our Auditor has commented on this on his Report which was sent out notifying members of the AGM. Graham, our Treasurer, has spoken to the bank and they have agreed to stop making charges in future for our transactions. There are also a small numbers of ‘Legacy’ members who do not pay a membership fee.*

- iii. *The 2022-23 committee members approved use of any profit from that years membership fees (so less necessary expenses) should be used for the benefit of members. A funded event was suggested, but this will be a decision for the next committee.*

9. **Comments by members are noted as follows:**

- a. *Very best wishes, will support as much as possible when in Spain.*

10. **Any Other Business:**

In response to the earlier questions raised, there was further discussion:

A member suggested that members should pay the Paypal charge, but another member commented that their Spanish bank charged them a fee for paying by Paypal.

Joe Bellenie reported that, in the past, any Committee Member who had provided lots of support to Oliva U3A had been awarded lifetime complimentary membership. This had been a decision made by the Committee and appropriately documented in the meeting minutes, but not approved at an AGM.

The profit from the 2022-23 membership fees (so less any expenses) would be spent for the benefit of all members, but this could not be agreed until the sum was confirmed following audit of the 2022-23 accounts.

The President thanked the old and new Committee Members, together with other non-Committee Members who had volunteered and given their support to Oliva U3A with various tasks such as website maintenance, translation and Ajuntament administration etc. He went on to say there had been a number of successes during the year e.g. the coffee mornings at which there had been new member sign-ups and the opportunity for members to pay their subscription in cash together with sales of members' work. Trips and events had re-started post-covid and new groups had begun, whilst others had stopped operating. Oliva U3A had a very healthy membership, but the lack of interest in Committee roles had been disappointing.

Robert Sedgley asked about better and more easily accessible storage for U3A equipment, currently in a cupboard at CPC. He had looked at storage options in Leroy Merlin, however permission for installation of any cupboard etc, would need to be sought from the managers of the Llar de Jubilats i Pensionistes building. Vice-president Stephen Hems reported he had assumed responsibility for monitoring and checking equipment stored at CPC and that much equipment was out of date. The new Committee would review the situation and explore solutions.

Stephen Hems then went on to thank the Group Leaders for continuing the many activities enjoyed by members, especially through the difficult period of covid-19.

Gifts were then presented to the outgoing President and Secretary.

**The meeting closed at 12.06pm.**