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Asociación **Learning for Pleasure - Costa del Sol**
Registro Provincial No. 8340, Sección 1

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY HELD ON MONDAY, 3RD
APRIL, 2017 AT 16:00, AT LUX MUNDI. CALLE NUEVA, FUENGIROLA**

PRESENT:

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| 1. Brian Robinson | - | President |
| 2. Robert Edwards | - | Vice President |
| 3. Phaedra Ram | - | Secretary |
| 4. Alan Campbell | - | Treasurer |
| 5. Lesley Edge | - | Membership Secretary |
| 6. Geoff Cooke | - | Member |
| 7. Julie Cooke | - | Member |
| 8. Richard Berg | - | Member |
| 9. Jacquie Berg | - | Member |
| 10. Jim Lewis | - | Member |
| 11. Joyce Lewis | - | Member |
| 12. Margaret Nuttall | - | Member |
| 13. Eileen Edwards | - | Member |
| 14. Chris Lee | - | Member |
| 15. Noreen Lee | - | Member |
| 16. Kathleen Wright | - | Member |
| 17. R. Hughes | - | Member |
| 18. D. Board | - | Member |
| 19. A Crofts | - | Member |
| 20. J. Campbell | - | Member |
| 21. P.J.G. Shaw | - | Member |
| 22. D.A. Warlow | - | Member |
| 23. E. Cochrane | - | Member |
| 24. P. Cadman | - | Member |

PROXIES

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| 25. Uta Wenborn | - | Member |
| 26. Jean Munkley | - | Member |
| 27. Sue Pithouse | - | Member |
| 28. Francisco Muratore | - | Member |
| 29. Karen Muratore | - | Member |
| 30. James Wright | - | Member |
| 31. Lindsay Pheasant | - | Member |
| 32. Keith Pheasant | - | Member |
| 33. Bronagh McCaffrey | - | Member |

At the first call of the Meeting by the President at 15:30, 8.2% of the membership, comprising 24 members and 9 proxies, were present. The meeting commenced at the second call at 16:00.

1. ADDRESS BY THE OUTGOING PRESIDENT

Geoffrey Cooke as the outgoing President, welcomed everyone to the Meeting, and outlined the achievements and activities of the Committee undertaken on behalf of the membership for the year from 4 April 2016 as well as activities proposed to May 2018, so that members were in a warm and welcoming atmosphere; resulting in –

A Membership increase by 13% to 413 members from 362;
Sound finances, with 90% of the annual income held in the bank;
An increase in the number of varying group activities to heighten the social development of members to 43 groups of which 7 were Spanish classes.

He recalled that the last year of Office had been difficult for him due to having to manage presidential business without either a resident Vice President, away in England serving family needs, or a resident Publicity Officer, both for the greater part of the academic year.

He gave his heartfelt thanks to each and every member of the Committee for their professionalism and of their unstinting support of him during his tenure in Office.

Accordingly, having noted the activities for the year ending 2017, the management thereof by the Committee and the proposed activities to May 2018, on the proposal of Richard Berg, seconded by Peter Cadman, were approved unanimously

2. MINUTES OF THE 19TH AGM OF 4 APRIL 2017 AND EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF 30 JANUARY 2017

- (a) The Minutes of the 19th AGM of the 4 April 2017, on the proposal of Robert Edwards seconded by Noreen Lee, were approved as read, unanimously
- (b) The Minutes of the EGM of the 30 January 2017 were approved as read, on the proposal of Rochelle Schapiro seconded by James Lewis, were approved as read, unanimously

3. REPORT OF TREASURER

Statement of Accounts for the Period Ended 28 February 2017

Alan Campbell, Treasurer presented the Statement of Accounts for the period ended 28 February 2017, critically reviewed and signed off by Richard Berg, a member and retired chartered accountant in the following –

Income and Expenditure - Income of 11,473€, Expenditure of 9,635€ and a surplus of 1,838€ over anticipated deficit in the 2016/2017 Budget primarily due to increase in membership.

The Statement of Funds – The Balance of Assets held at the Bank together with the cash float was 10,471€ for the year ending 28 February 2017, as against 8,633€ for the same period of the previous year.

Accordingly, the Statement of Accounts, for the period ended 28 February 2017, as presented was received and adopted by the members on the proposal of Chris Lee and seconded by Lesley Edge

4. BUDGET FOR YEAR ENDING 28 FEBRUARY 2018

The Treasure presented the Budget for the year ending 28 February 2018 which anticipated an income of 10,800€ against an expenditure of 11,500€ and deficit of 700€.

Accordingly, the said Budget for the period ending 28 February 2018 presented, on the proposal of Chris Lee, seconded by Patrick Shaw, was approved unanimously.

5. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

As neither Geoffrey Cook nor Peter Hayes were standing for re-election for the positions of President and Vice-President, nominations were received for the same as follows -

(a) **President**

The nomination of Brian Robinson for the post of President, proposed by Uta Wenborn and seconded by Jean Munkley, was received on the 15 February, 2017. Brian Robinson was elected unopposed.

(b) **Vice President**

The nomination of Robert Edwards for the post of Vice President, proposed by Eileen Edwards and seconded by Alan Campbell, was received on the 20 February, 2017. Robert Edwards was elected unopposed.

Geoffory Cooke further stated that the **non-elected positions** were as follows -

Membership Secretary Mrs. Lesley Edge remained as Membership Secretary

Group Leader Co-ordinator - Jean Grange was appointed to the position of Group Leader Coordinator, vacated by Julie Cooke.

Publicity Liaison Officer - Rod Manuell filled the vacancy of Publicity Liaison Officer with effect from the 16 February 2017

Brian Robinson took the Chair as President, on its vacation by Geoffrey Cook

6. SIGNATORIES TO BANK ACCOUNT

On the election of the New Office Bearers, the signatories to the Unicaja Bank Account required revision. Accordingly, it was Resolved that:

- (a) the signatories to the U3A Costa del Sol current account No 2103 1109 59 0030004653 at the Unicaja Bank would, with immediate effect, be

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| Mr. Brian Robinson | - | President |
| Mr. Robert Edwards | - | Vice President |
| Mr. Alan Campbell | - | Treasurer |

- (b) there be two signatures on every cheque or other bank document.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) Rochelle Shapiro wished to thank Geoff for the wonderful work he had done in the organisation of such varied activities and lectures. She expressed concern at the amount offered to Group Leaders by way of expenses, as whilst some members had little expenses, others had amounts in excess of the allowance. The President, Brian Robinson, undertook to examine the same.
- (b) Liz Cochrane, expressed concern at the information given by way of location and time of lectures in some instances, highlighting problems both on Facebook and the Website. She was advised that the Facebook page was currently being trialled and would necessarily have teething problems, which would be addressed. As for the Website, it was explained that once information entered it, no matter how historic, it was not possible to delete the same.
- (c) The President Brian Robinson, took the opportunity to inform the members that the point raised by Geoffrey Cooke on the difficulty of the task of the President and the Vice President not having any specific role other than supporting the President in his absence, that the reporting structure of the members of the Committee would be divided between them. The Secretary Phaedra and Treasurer Alan, would report to Brian as statutorily required, whilst Lesley Edge, Jean Grange and Rod Manuell would report to Robert.
- (d) Despite the fact that Rochelle Shapiro had thanked Geoff on behalf of those present, Brian, on behalf of the entire U3A membership wished to thank Geoff for an outstanding job which he led from the front and under his leadership was Warm and Welcoming. This had led to an increase in membership, which he Brian, will work towards achieving during his term of office.
- (e) Brian presented Geoff and Julie Cooke with Honorary Membership of the Association for the next academic year in appreciation of all that they had done..

8. MEETING CLOSED

There being no further business, the meeting was concluded at 16.40 p.m., with a vote of thanks from the Chair.

Approved by Brian Robinson
President

Phaedra Ram
Secretary

Outgoing President Geoffrey Cooke

Date 4 April 2017