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Meeting Report

The AGM was held at Sackos Bar Wednesday 11th February 2009. 62 members present.

Treasurer's Report

Loll Bilbey reported that during the year our income was 4340.38 Euros. Our expenditure was 2929.88 Euros. The ARPO pig for our donations to charity had raised 80 Euros over two years. A balance sheet had been produced and copies had been passed round for all to see.

Election of Officers

The nominations had opened and closed during the January meeting the committee for the coming year will be :

Chairman. Fred Wharton Vice Chairman Keith Giles

Secretary. Mike Peters Ass. Secretary Susan Bradford.

Treasurer. Lawrence Bileby.

Jim Wood then vacated the chair handing over to Fred Wharton. He then gave a vote of Thanks to everyone who has helped to make ARPO the success it has been. He was sure that under the current committee this would continue.

Items for discussion

Jim Wood then proposed that the Association adopt Keith Brown one of our long standing members as Chaplin. This was seconded by Mrs Wood.

Vote in favour 62. Against nil.

Donation to Charity.

Our nominated charities are McMillan nurses and Debra the butterfly children. Put to the vote all were in favour of give each 40 Euros each. Also to carry on the ARPO pig.

Monthly 25 euro draw

This item had been deferred from May. It had been proposed by Harry Powell that this should be discontinued in his view it was unfair to members who did not attend every month and he was one. Going back the monthly lunches had been subsidised and as this was now not the case

so the draw was not fair to everyone.

This had been deferred on my proposal that a) the chairman was not present. b) it had been set up at an AGM and could therefore only be voted on at an AGM.

So the proposal was put to the floor.

In favour of retaining the monthly draw.62 To discontinue it Nil.

Social Secretary

Vote was we did not need one and that members would continue to arrange lunches from the floor.

When we have major events i.e. Coach trip, Christmas party, the committee as a whole participate and all play their part.

We now have a sheet which sets out the formula to be used for buying prizes at the monthly lunches.

Susan Bradford had revised the membership form with all information that was required for our nominal role data base

We then presented Jim and Joan with some gifts in appreciation of all there hard work for the association over the years.

Monthly Meeting Report

Minutes of the February meeting of ARPO held at Sacko's Bar Wednesday 11th 2009

62 members present. Chairman Fred Wharton formally opened the meeting following on from the AGM.

2 New members introduced themselves.

Treasurers report

Income from Subs. 170 Euros

Book club.17.10 Euros.

Video club 7.50. Euros.

Raffle from January lunch was 260.40 Euros profit of 198.euros.

ARPO pig 30 Euros. Total 488 Euros.

Outgoings 62.90 Euros for raffle prizes.

79. Euros for the forth coming Valentines Party. Monthly draw 25 Euros. Newsletter 6 Euros.

Cash in bank stands at 1994.77 Euros

Cash in Hand 767.58. Euros

Social Functions

Thanks to Brian and Phyllis Smith for all their hard work in Organised the January Lunch. 92 members and guests attending a record for a January.

25 euro draw was won by Maureen Forsyth no 50.



It was another good night at Restaurante Portico Mar where we celebrated Valentine's Day. 78 members and their guests attended so we had room to dance. Jack was as good as ever and once he started playing it was like we had never left from Christmas. Richard said as were such good customer tonight all drinks would be included in the price as well as coffee and brandy.

Nic and Sue Bradford celebrated their 1st wedding anniversary and the picture over shows them being presented with a bottle of bubbly to mark the occasion.

The new computer booking system is working well the food seemed to arrive quicker and the quality if anything is even better. Gabby and the staff are so good at their jobs everyone commented "its just about the best venue we have ever been to". So when you first went all those years back you did not know what a good find it was.

The raffle was run by Fred and Dreena Wharton and we also had name the teddy bear . which was won by our oldest member Ruby. Thanks to Lol and Pat Bilbey who organised the red roses for the ladies and the other flowers.

BE CAREFUL AT GUARDIA CIVIL CHECK POINTS

The other day, a senior police officer, Sr. Manuel Piedrabuena, told a police conference about a new activity of robbers on secondary roads.

This information comes from a good policeman who wants people throughout Spain to be aware of what is going on. It seems that a gang, mainly Rumanian including people from Bulgaria and Poland, are disguising themselves as Guardia Civil, with similar uniforms, tri-corn hats, but non-standard pistols.

They even have cars similar to those of the Guardia Civil. Because their disguise is not very effective in the light of day, they do their dirty work at night.

They wait until a car appears and stop it at the side of the road.

They say that they are checking for drink driving and the result of their test is always positive even if you have not been drinking. Naturally, most people will challenge this result and that is when their game starts.

They will tell you that perhaps the machine is not working properly but that they have another machine fixed in their car which will determine the result.

THIS IS AN ABSOLUTE LIE!

As soon as you get into their car they will rob you of everything, money, credit cards, mobile phone and whatever they find in your car. The big problem is that they can use your cards straight away and you can do nothing because they are in control.

The Guardia Civil NEVER ask you to leave your car and they NEVER ask you to take a breathe test in their car. On some occasions these criminals can be very, very violent.

Be very careful if you are stopped by the Guardia Civil on secondary roads at night; Lock all your doors and open the driver's window 1 to 2 inches so that you can speak to the "officer". Ask for his identification card "Su identificacion (eidentificathion), por favor" keep your mobile phone ready so that you can call the real POLICE (112).

Forthcoming Function

25th March, 2009 1pm for 1.30pm
Stan and Ollies, Urb. el Rasso, Off Lemon Tree Road
15.50 euros per person inclusive of tip.

Directions: Travel along Lemon Tree Road, turn into Urb. el Rasso at the roundabout, take an emmidate right turn into the car park. The restaurant is located in the precinct in front of the car park.

Contact Jim and Lyn Neville 966 712425

Menu:

Starters

Carrot & Coriander Soup, or Lentil & bacon Soup, or Thai fish cakes, or Deep fried Brie, or Warm chicken liver salad.

Main Courses choose from :

Liver, bacon and onion served with mash, caramelised onion in a rich gravy topped with bacon.

Chicken wrapped in bacon, a large breast wrapped in bacon & oven baked, served with stir fried vegetables & mashed potatoes.

Beef & Ale Pie, tender chunks of beef cooked with real English Ale and topped with fluffy pastry lid, served with fresh vegetables and new potatoes.

Smoked haddock served on a bed of mashed potatoe topped with a poached egg and an asparagus sauce.

Gammon steak served traditionally with chips, salad, grilled tomato, pineapple and garden peas

Desserts

Treacle sponge served with custard

Summer fruit pudding served with fresh cream

Apple and raspberry crumble served with custard

After Eight mint cheesecake

Meal includes half a bottle of wine and dips and also coffee.

Dates for your Diary

Please make a note of the Monthly Meetings scheduled for Sacko's Bar at 10.30am

Wednesday 8th April 2009

Wednesday 13th May, 2009

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