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Meeting Report

Minutes of the May meeting of ARPO held at Sacko's bar 45 members present. There were no new members.

Secretary's report

Minutes of the April meeting were then read out. Proposed by Jim Wood seconded by Dreena Wharton as Correct. Jim Neville asked what the 80 Euros committee expense was. We had gone to Che Tango and would have needed to pay full price treasurer proposed subbing it and as a result we now have a 25 euro deal for the June ball.

Treasurer's report

Income was member's subs Euro 10 Angies book club Euro 23.50 Brian's Videos Euro 8 Raffle at Budapest was Euro 141 less 56 spent leaving 75 profits.

Out goings

Newsletter photo copy Euro 2 Photo copying Che Tango Euro 1.82. Monthly draw Euro 25. We had received Euros 3.17 interest from the bank. Cash in Bank was Euro 1324.29 Cash in hand is Euro 834.58. Float is Euro 114, 58 leaving a total of Euros 2273.45.

Che Tango. 20th June numbers attending required by end of May money to be paid at June meeting. Dress smart casual.

September 23 Christopher Restaurant sign up form now available see Hennie for details.

We now have a certificate from Paul Cunningham Nurse for the Euro 40 we donated to them from the ARPO pig. Loll has the receipt.

The secretary outlined a problem that came about reporter from Coast rider over the line dancers.

We have an agreement to vacate this room by 11.50am to allow them to set up. What we don't want to enter into a slanging match with their group.

Note...At end of meeting spoke with leader of the dancers who was very apologetic she knew who the two were they have an internal problem with two of their members. She is happy with the arrangement.

Pat Stevens then raised a problem with driver being stopped with UK licence fined 140 Euros because D/L did not have his Spanish address shown.

Euro 25 draw was won by Number 11 Moria Cross.

CHARLES ANTHONY (TONY) DARWIN

It is with deep sadness that I inform you of the death of a great colleague, Tony

Darwin, who passed away on Tuesday, 12th May, 2009 peacefully at his home in Calpe, Spain. Tony had recently celebrated his 79th birthday and had been retired some 23 years.

He served in the 'old Southport Borough' and on amalgamation in 1964, the Lancashire Constabulary. He was a very astute detective officer attaining the rank of Detective Chief Inspector and will be remembered by many who attended the Detective Training School at Hutton, where he was an Instructor. Also by those whom he served with in Blackburn, and also as the Police Advisor to the BBC series, 'Juliet Bravo' in which he related many stories based upon some of the duties performed by his wife, Wynne, who was also a Lancashire Senior Officer.

I had the privilege of first meeting Tony Darwin at the third or fourth meeting of the Torrevieja Social Branch of NARPO in 1998. The Branch had been recently inaugurated and was having problems



with Chairmanship. Tony stepped into the breach and guided us through many difficulties and problems into a strong and popular NARPO Branch. He was an excellent Chairman, readily speaking his mind and it was his idea of holding monthly luncheons, which still today remain very popular.

He was made a Life Member when he stepped down as Chairman in 2003.

Both Tony and Wynne were fully integrated into the Spanish way of life and spoke Spanish fluently. In the village of Jacarilla, where they used to live, he was well known and popular. He was a sponsor of the local Town Band and I can still remember their rendering of 'Happy Birthday' at his 70th birthday party. Tony was a gentleman who I myself have felt proud to have known and called a friend.

TONY DARWIN 1930 - 2009
R.I.P.

John Bryan

ARPO Coach trip May 2009

35 members enjoyed the trip to Restaurante Viva Espana. There was a Spanish horse show and tapas and drinks on arrival which was followed by a very good 3 course meal. Several members are pictured on the front page clearly enjoying the atmosphere.

Then the high lite of the evening a flamenco floor show which was first class. Our thanks to Fred and Dreen Wharton who ran the squares on the night we sold 129 euros worth which mean't after expenses we made a 79 euro profit. Winners were Denis Richards 25 Euros Nick Bradford 15 euros, Lol Bilbey 10 euros.

Spain changes. licence to meet EU standards. Changes will limit the access of young riders to high-powered motorcycles.

The Spanish Government has approved the creation of a new licence for motorbikes up to 500cc the A2 licence, which will be available only to drivers over the age of 18.

To obtain the licence, which is half-way between the A1 licence (for motorbikes up to 125cc) and the A licence (for those of more than 500cc) applicants will have to take two tests, one theoretical and one practical, although, if they already have an A1 licence, they will be able to obtain the A2 by taking an aptitude and behaviour test. If a driver is over 20 years old and has had an A1 licence for more than two years, the new licence can be obtained automatically.

Once in possession of the A2 licence, any driver who wants

to obtain the A licence, for high cylinder-capacity motorbikes, must be over 20 years old and have held the A2 licence for more than two years, as well as taking a training course.

The A1 licence will change and become known as the AM, as of 2010. It will be available only to applicants over 15 years old.

Car driving licences have also been changed to adapt to European standards and will all be valid for 10 years until the age of 65, and five years for anyone above that age.

Most of these changes will begin to be enforced in November this year.

September ARPO Function

This will be held at Christopher's Restaurant, Marazul

Wednesday 23rd September 2009 Lunch 1.00 for 1.30

Starters

Chef's Homemade Soup of the Day
Deep Fried Brie with Sweet Chilli Jam
Rustic Duck & Green Peppercorn Pate with Wholemeal Toast
Cajun Chicken Salad with Mango Dressing

Main Course

Chicken Breast with Champagne Sauce
Oven Baked Salmon with Lemon & Dill Dressing
Prawn Pasta Arrabbiatta
Beef Cooked in Burgundy

all the above served with Parsley New Potatoes & Vegetables of the Day

A Choice of Desserts on the Day

Glass of Wine, Small Beer or Soft Drink

Price Euros 15.50

Members wanting to sign up for this function may do so at the June and September meetings. Otherwise please contact Hennie with numbers and menu requests.

ARPO Monthly Meetings.

The next meeting will be held at sacco's Bar 10.30am Wednesday 10th June. The Branch then closes for the summer break and will convene again on Wednesday 9th September.

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