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Meeting Report:

The March meeting of ARPO was held at Sacko's Bar on Wednesday 10th March 2010. The start of the meeting was delayed due to an unfortunate accident involving Ruby Corney whereby an ambulance had to be called and Ruby was transferred to hospital. An update will appear later in the news letter.

There were 55 members present and one new member introduced both himself and his wife. A warm welcome was given to them both.

Chairman Ron Burks opened the meeting at 10.45, whereupon a minutes silence was observed in remembrance of Bob Morgan, who died on 14th February.

Apologies were received from Trevor Poole, Keith and Cathy Brown, Phyllis Smith, Jacqui Durno, Sue and Jeff Killingsworth, Pat and Lol Bilbey and Derek Dunham.

Secretary's Report:

The minutes of the February meeting were read out and they were proposed by Jim Wood, seconded by Spike Liddiard, as correct. There were no matters arising from the minutes.

Treasurer's Report:

The new treasurer, Colin Company, gave the meeting a short address during which he explained how he intended to carry out his role and what the members could expect from his

monthly report. Colin explained that a new bank account had been opened, on behalf of the Association, at Bancaja Bank in San Miguel. However, it was explained that the account could not be opened in the name of ARPO as the Association did not possess a CIF number. Because of this, the account had been opened in the name of the three committee members, Ron Burks, Colin Company and Danny Gidman. It was further explained that the Association's solicitors should have obtained the CIF number when they had been initially engaged to act on our behalf. As a consequence of them having failed to do this they had kindly refunded the Association the sum of 60 Euros. Colin informed the members that the new account was totally free of charges and that there would not be any problems in the future with regard to the account being in personal names, rather than in the name of ARPO. The members were happy with the explanations given, and Colin then went on to give members a breakdown of our current finances.

The closing balance from the old account was 1707.77 euros, with a float of 73.01 euros. This gave a total of 1780.78 euros.

Income for the month had been 134.22 euros, which had been made up from 40 euros subs, 14.22 euros from the book club (which had been incorporated into the float) and 80 euros from the raffle.

Outgoings for the month had been 115 euros, which had included 25 euros for the monthly draw, 50 euros for

flowers and 40 euros given as a tip at the last meal. This all resulted in there currently being 1707.77 euros in the bank account and 78.01 euros in the float, which gave a total of 1785 euros.

Forthcoming Functions:

The March lunch was to be held at Bocados Restaurant, Los Dolces, on Wednesday 24th and was being organised by Ron and Barbara Burks. Barbara reported that there were a few members who had still not informed her of their meal choices. Ron stated that payment for this function should be made on entrance to the restaurant.

The April lunch will be held at La Herradura Restaurant, Los Montesinos, on Wednesday 28th and is being organised by Fred and Dreena Wharton. Details of the menu were given to the meeting and details are also on the web site for those with internet access.

The lunch in May will be held at Pimientos, San Miguel, on 26th and is being organised by Peter and Carolyn Dunn. Unfortunately, Peter and Carolyn will be in the UK when the April meeting is held and so details of the menu have been left with the committee and, as usual, also appear on the ARPO web site.

Mike Peters told the members that he has booked Portico Mar for the Summer Ball, which will be held on Friday 25th June, and also for the Christmas Party to be held on Friday 17th December. Jack Clayton has already

been booked for both functions, for which there will be a limit of 85 people. Further details will follow.

One for the future. Keith and Hennie are making preliminary enquiries to hold the September lunch, on Wednesday 28th, at the Mirasol Restaurant in Cabo Roig. There will be a restriction on numbers able to attend of 60 people and further details will be given at the May meeting.

A.O.B:

Jim Wood, on behalf of the members, expressed his thanks to Mike and Linda Peters for an excellent lunch at Portico Mar. Further to this, Pat Bilbey sent her thanks for the flowers she had been given during this lunch and said that Lol was in hospital at the moment and quite poorly.

The following updates were then given on members who are suffering from ill health. Keith Giles told the members that Trevor Poole had undergone an operation for bowel cancer and had been discharged from hospital. All appeared well at this time. Ron Burks said that he had spoken to Marie Dunham and that Derek was due to see his surgeon to assess if he was well enough to travel back to Spain.

Denise Evans informed the members that an 8km walk, on behalf of the AEEC, was to take place in Torre Vieja on 24th April. Registration forms are available for anyone interested in taking part. Denise also informed the members that the AEEC could provide a Well Woman check for a cost of only 60 euros and, also, a Prostate check for a cost of only 40 euros.

Following comments from the meeting regarding passports, Keith Giles informed everyone that the Post Room at Benijofar would sort out UK passport renewals for 100 euros.

Mike Peters also informed the members that it was possible to have a "Pensioners Account" at Bankinter, which included recipients of both state pensions and Police pensions, whereby the account was completely free. This included no charges for the bank card and free travel insurance.

The 25 euro draw was won by number 22, Denise Evans, so well done to Denise.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 11.25am.

Stop Press:

1) The latest update on Ruby is that she has had an operation to repair a break to her upper arm. She is in good spirits and we hope to see her back amongst us very soon.

2) An update on Lol revealed that he has been having more tests in hospital and, as a result, a tumor was found on his bowel. He was also found to have 2 blood clots on his heart and further tests were to take place. There is no further update on the results at this time.

We send our very best wishes for a full recovery to both Ruby and Lol and our thoughts are with their respective families at this time.

3) Further from Mike Peters, the free pensioners account is only available at the La Marina branch of Bankinter, sorry folks.

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