Freesia Group

Annual General Meeting 8th March 2024

Minutes

1 The Minutes of the meeting held on 7th February 2024 were confirmed as a true record of that meeting.

2 Presidents Annual Summary

Elaine Mcparland introduced, to the group, Senor Miquel Javaloy (AFANOC) and Senora Ana Vilalonga (AECC)

She then continued and stated that, despite initial uncertainty about the Group's future, the year had turned out to be really successful. The return, of the Xmas Fair, to the town hall had enabled a return to the grand event of previous years. Elaine did, however, thank the House of Illusion for coming to the rescue of the event during the "Covid" period. In addition 4 Car Boot sales had been held, a sponsored walk and various lunch raffles had added to the money available for donation.

Elaine reported that we need to amend the group consitution to allow officers to be elected for a 5 year period , rather than the current annual term of office. (please refer to minutes of meeting. held 7th Feb. 2024.) Agreed.

3 <u>Treasurer's Annual Summary</u>

Wayne Storr reported that a total of 17,387.34 euros had been raised throughout the year. All money had now been banked and he commented that donations are made to our partners on an events by events basis throughout the year. He will pass out a complete summary to the meeting for perusal. He also confirmed that complete , detailed, financial information is , regularly, posted on the group website (Freesia-events.com/financial-statement-2023)

4 <u>Election of Officers</u>

The following elections were agreed and confirmed.

PRESIDENT Elaine Mcparland proposer Janet Hunt

seconder Julie Fereday

carried unanimously

VICE PRESIDENT Wayne Storr proposer Sandy Piper

seconder Len Owens

carried unanimously

TREASURER Wayne Storr proposer John Huff

seconder Mary Parker

carried unanimously

SECRETARY Ray Shaw proposer Tosca Newton-Shorey

seconder Dolores Phelan

carried unanimously

EVENTS CO-ORDINATOR

Brenda McCarthy proposer John Huff

seconder Mary Parker

carried unanimously

PUBLICITY Andy Piper proposer Miquel Javaloy

seconder Ana Vilalonga

carried unanimosly

WITHOUT POTTFOLIO

Ann Mercer proposer Tosca Newton -Storey seconder Sandy Piper carried unanimously

5 <u>Annual Subscrition</u>

It was agreed to set the Annual Subscription at 4 euros for the current year.

6 Car Boot. 18 Feb. 2024

Reported that this event had raised 1,378 euros.

Elaine added that due to a lack of communication between the town hall and local police, this event was almost cancelled. After a number of urgent phone calls it did proceed.

However the late granting of permission meant that the food people were unable to attend. Their normal appetising food was sorely missed by many attendees.

To prevent any further similar occurances it was agreed that Brenda would double check with the local police, before the event, to confirm that all permissions are in place.

6 <u>Annual Sponsored Walk</u>

Reported that ,so far , 1,300 euros has been raised. The " Just Giving " page remains open, for the moment.

7 Next Lunch

To be held on Wednesday 3rd April 2024. Venue to be advised.

8 Lunch Raffle

Tosca Newton-Storey confirmed that she, along with Joyce Hempshall, are happy to continue running the lunch time raffle. She wished to record the effort made by Joyce . Wayne that these raffles had raised 573 euros in the year.

9 <u>Communication</u>

Andy Piper raised the matter of Facebook and Whatsapp. use. He feels that there is too little use, by members, of the Facebook page. and wished to encourage members to make better use, of it, and post more information. He also suggested that all Freesia Whatsapp. groups should be combined into one information group. This suggestion was accepted but Brenda stated that she will continue with the current volunteers group to circulate specific events information and instructions to specific personnel.

10 David Jenkins

Elaine report the sad death of David Jenkins ,a long standing member of Freesia, yesterday 7th March. Agreed that Freesia Group will make an appropriate charitable donation , in his memory, after consultation with his Widow , Janice. John Huff agreed to contact her.

11 Pam Gene

The group agreed to send flowers to Pam , after her recent Heart Attack. We all send her our love and best wishes for a speedy and full recovery. Chris Clarke was requested to organise, as appropriate.

There being no further business the meeting closed.