



Costa Blanca Yacht Association

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2019 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES Monday 04 March 2019 – Jávea Players Studio

PRESENT: Hugh Epsom (Chairman) Sue Bell (Treasurer)
Ann Masson (Secretary) Peter English (Committee Member)
Rachel Garnham (Honorary Member) Richard Jones (Honorary Member)
and 29 members

PART 1

1. Welcome

A quorum was not present at First Call and the meeting commenced at the Second Call at 19:00. Ann welcomed everyone present, and thanked them for attending the meeting.

2. Apologies for absence

44 apologies for absence had been received and were read out. See Appendix I.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the last General Meeting

Minutes of the last AGM held on 05 March 2018 have been available on the website since the last meeting. Members had been advised that the Minutes were deemed to have been read prior to this meeting. The Minutes were accepted as a true record of the proceedings. (Proposed by Bob Gordon, seconded by Chris Bell).

4. Matters arising (not covered under the Agenda)

The Secretary had received no notification of any matters to be raised and the members did not raise any additional issues to discuss.

5. Presentation of the Chairman's Annual Report for 2018

The full Chairman's Annual Report for 2018 is in the Members' Area>Club Documents on the website https://cbya.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/11/2019-CBYA-AGM-Chairmans-Report_post.pdf

Hugh reviewed the year; covering the sad and difficult events which included the untimely death of friend and Boating Officer Karlheinz Witte in July, and Hugh

highlighted his contribution through his patient sailing instruction, sense of humour and hard work on behalf of the club. We also lost a long-time member of the club Tore Naess who died in September.

A practical loss to the club in May was the targeted vandalism of the CBYA dinghies on El Portet beach; but this was turned into one of the positives of the year with the relaunch of the dinghy section after dinghy donations and a huge amount of effort from members with recovery and repairs. Hugh thanked the large number of volunteers that made this all possible – see the full report for their names.

Sailing events in 2018 included the first annual charter cruising holiday in Croatia which allowed a number of members to enjoy a week-long cruise round the Dalmatian Islands and onshore sight-seeing in the area. The TOMs Ladder event was introduced, set up and run by Chris de Boer and Richard Evett. It was well attended and will now be a regular feature in the sailing calendar.

The club put in a good performance in the RCNC TOMs Liga, the 5 Clubs Regattas and sailing events such as a TOMs coastal cruise and raft up, the CBYA Challenge and two Hobie Cat days, were enjoyed.

TOMs Co-ordinator Jenny Rawle signed up as crew on sailing yachts around the world and is currently in the Caribbean. Having failed to find a replacement for her, the responsibilities are now shared between the TOMs organiser, Rachel Garnham, Monique Neyzen and Hugh. This is working, but the club would welcome someone in the role, and Hugh made the request for anyone interested to contact either Rachel or himself.

Despite the efforts of Tim Fawle, the raft-ups had poor attendance last year, and Kiran Kapur is still working on generating interest from Powerboat owners willing to get involved in CBYA activities.

For the first time, the CBYA Sailing awards were presented at an awards dinner in January, rather than at the AGM. This proved to be a success and will be repeated. Rachel has organised updated plaques for the trophies, and they were available for collection at the end of the meeting.

Membership is now over 340 and management of memberships, new joiners and inquiries is organised very successfully by Rachel. The Xero accounting system has now been in place for more than a year and Treasurer Sue Bell, assisted by her husband Chris, continues to ensure excellent cashflow and fee payment management. The club is in an excellent financial position.

The social team consists of Social Secretary Peter English, ably assisted by Julie Benneworth and Sabine Olbrich, and during the year 934 members enjoyed 35 events, plus some excellent presentations on member's sailing exploits.

Our four charities, Make-A-Smile, APASA, IVSH Bomberos and Guardian Angels have been well supported with total donations of €1000. As in the past, part of this support is provided by the CBYA team entries in the Mirador Challenge Leisure Category. There will be 2 teams this year on 07 April 2019, CBYA Machos and CBYA Windseekers, and at the time of writing, the event will be supported by 20+ CBYA members assisting as volunteers.

Hugh reminded everyone about all the information available on the website <https://cbya.org> and also to look at the Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/CostaBlancaYachtAssoc/>) and the members Facebook Group (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/268317926843920/>)

Hugh finished by thanking the Committee Members, Honorary Members and all the additional helpers and volunteers for their invaluable assistance in running the club, and encouraged additional volunteers to help out in whatever way they can.

6. Presentation of the Accounts for 2018

The Accounts Report is on the website (Members' Area>Club Documents)

https://cbya.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/11/CBYA_FinanceReport_31Dec2018_website.pdf

Overall income for 2018 was €7,342 with subscription income being €6,210.

Expenses of note were higher costs for the dinghy repairs €1,174, although offset by reduced dinghy insurance since it was cancelled during the year. Total expenses were €4,897, resulting in a net profit for the year of €2,445, an improvement on last year's figure of €2,076.

The Balance Sheet shows the healthy financial position for 2018 with €6,614 in the bank, total assets (including fixed assets) of €9,962; the overall net equity figure being €7,435.

7. Approval of the Accounts

The approval of the Accounts for 2018 was proposed by Shirley Swan, seconded by Howard Edmonds, and was approved by the members. It was confirmed that the accounts have been formally audited by an external auditor.

8. 2018 Boating Report

Rachel presented an overview of the sailing carried out in 2018. Sailing opportunities were down on the previous year (716 members sailing in 96 events), largely due to weather conditions, unavailability of the TOMs and of the dinghies after the damage early last year. Rachel confirmed that there has been some delay in finalizing the statistics for the year since they were collated previously by Karlheinz. She is still reviewing some figures and is confident the figures are actually higher than the original count, particularly due to the TOMs Ladder events.

Planned events for 2019:

- TOMs Race Ladder – Jan-Mar and Sep-Dec.
- TOMs coastal cruises & raft-ups Thursday 13 June and Thursday 15 August.
- CBYA Regatta – provisionally Thursday 11 July.
- Veterans' Regatta – provisionally Sunday 25 August.
- CBYA Challenge – Sunday 6 October.

Again, Rachel reminded members that volunteers are needed and that it need not be an onerous commitment. For example, the CBYA Challenge race is followed by a BBQ and helpers for that would be very much appreciated. Chris Bell subsequently offered to assist with the BBQ this year.

The TOMs schedule will be unavailable for CBYA usage in the near future due to the boats going to Valencia for a week (04 – 18 April), and associated prior renovation work, including new lines, fittings and gel coat. The exact date for repairs is not yet known, and hopefully work will be done on 3 boats at a time so that we will not be without any TOMs at all during this period.

Jim Mack is organising his annual Jim's Bash sailing regatta weekend (22-24 March) with visitors from the UK and assistance from CBYA TOMs crew required to ensure the usual enjoyable event.

TOMs Ladder

Rachel emphasised the popularity of this event, organised by Chris de Boer & Richard Evett. It is an excellent way of gaining experience with sailing - with white sails only, crews are mixed up, and points gained individually, so involvement is flexible.

Results for 2018:

First: Dave Reid

Second: Barry McCrae

Third: Keith Leary

Dinghy Sailing

Bob Gordon read out the Dinghy report from the Minutes of the last AGM meeting, recounting the history of the Dinghy section with the acquisition of "Louise", the donation of the 420 "Wally" from Wally Rees and the purchase of a Flying Fish, named by vote as "Yelly". The acquisition of a rubber dinghy and outboard for safety duty and the enthusiastic support of Richard Evett and assistance of Dave Peachey, had the dinghy section running trouble-free for more than 2 years, before repeated thefts and malicious damage forced the club to move the damaged dinghies, and remaining equipment, away from the beach, and review our options for recovering the losses, and potentially finding another location.

A fund-raising day organised by Sue and Chris Bell raised €250. Local publicity and support from members resulted in 2 Lasers, a Van de Stadt "Stern" dinghy, and an outboard motor being acquired. Replacement sails for Wally, new wheels for the trailer, and other items were purchased.

Bob expressed thanks to Julie Benneworth who allowed part of her garden to be used for the boats to be stored and repaired, plus many members who gave up their time for moving boats, fibre glass/hull repairs and all the associated work to get the boats back on the beach and sailing. These included Johny Tweedale, Dave Peachey, Chris De Boer, Peter Knowles, Rod Simpson, Hugh Epsom, Richard Jones, Neil Robertson, Monique Neyzen, Roger Saunders, Diane & Tristan Goodfellow, Chris & Sue Bell, Mike & Karen Cross, Helma Hermans and Bob van Duijl.

Richard Evett in particular has been a major supporter of the Dinghy section. Both Richard and Neil brought sails and other equipment from the UK. Richard managed to get the outboard working, and provided tireless support to get the Dinghy section running again. Unfortunately, he has now left for the USA, but will no doubt be back again. Bob expressed his thanks to all.

Several events have been held, a Dinghy Re-launch day, a dinghy day on January 1st, a farewell dinghy day to mark Richard Evett's departure and others, in total raising €325.

Dinghy Days are now held once a month, excluding July & August, the cost is €10. There are now 5 boats and Bob extended a welcome to anyone who wants to try their hand at dinghy sailing, or even just enjoy a glass of wine and join the fun of a Dinghy Day. The next Dinghy Day is Tuesday 05 March.

Hobie Cat Days

The popular Hobie Cat days at Les Bassetes provide 2 hours of fun at a very reasonable price based on sharing the cost of the booking, with experienced sailors on hand. Last year it was very successfully run in June, and again in August, by Chris de Boer and Diana Jarvis, who will hopefully provide the same helpful support this year.

Dates for 2019 are Wednesday 19 June and Wednesday 28 August.

Cruising Charters

The cruising charters run once a month from Marina de Dénia on the last Monday or Tuesday (alternating) of the month. Typically, the yacht used is a Jenneau 37/39, the CBYA provide skipper and crew, and the cost is €50 (or €60 in the summer months) for the day. It's an excellent opportunity for training, or just enjoying a day on the water. Run by Karlheinz Witte and Jim Cooper for the initial months of last year, Karlheinz had to drop out by April due to his health. Peter English took over from Karlheinz, and again with the help of Jim Cooper, the monthly cruises have been running over the winter with the next one being Monday 25 March.

A Flotilla Cruise to Formentera in May, accompanying Richard Jones who is already sailing with TrickyD, is unlikely to go ahead due to a lack of skippers, but we will plan for a similar trip for next year.

There was a very successful cruise with 2 yachts chartered in September 2018 to Croatia, sailing out of Split for a week sailing around the Dalmatian Islands plus sightseeing trips. Another Croatia trip is planned for this year September 14 – 21, chartering two Sun Odyssey 49i yachts and sailing out of Rogoznica (near Sibernik), cruising the Kornati Islands and the Sibernik region. There are 2 cabins left, although current interested parties are all singles.

A charter to Greece in 2020 is being evaluated and several people have already expressed an interest.

9. 2018 Social Report

Peter thanked Julie Benneworth and Sabine Olbrich for their invaluable help during the year organising the social activities; Julie for keeping him organised and taking and collating responses to social event invitations, and Sabine's support with liaising with venues with her fluent Spanish.

During 2018, 934 members attended 35 social events, with many highlights, including the Christmas party at the Nau Nau Restaurant, Padel tournament & burgers at Paris 24, and dinner at La Terazza del Canal in Jávea. At the suggestion of Neil Robertson, the sailing awards were presented at an Awards Dinner in January at the Nau Nau Restaurant at the Club Náutico in Jávea, which was very well attended.

There have been a range of events including fiestas & fireworks, padel, walks, oyster pairing and wine tasting, with varying budgets accommodated with success.

The full 2019 social calendar is on the website, but as an example, events coming up in the next few weeks are:

- ❖ 18 March - Drinks and dinner at Abordo (was Nau Nau), Jávea.
- ❖ 25 March - Nautical quiz evening & meal, Paris 24, Jávea.
- ❖ 01 April - Peter Carrigan on his experiences on Concorde, Jávea Players studio.
- ❖ 04 April - John Hayward of Spectrum Finance – "Post Brexit". Free lunch at Abordo.
- ❖ 09 April - Drinks and dinner – Oceana, Les Bassettes.

- ❖ 15 April - Drinks and dinner – El Posit, Jávea.
- ❖ 23 April - Cruising charter from Marina de Dénia.

10. Powerboat & Raft-Ups

Kiran Kapur is the CBYA Powerboat Co-ordinator. He gave a brief overview of what he is trying to achieve in creating active involvement of powerboat owners with the CBYA. He owns a motor boat in Dénia, and joined the CBYA to find out about local information; both for sailing matters and social. It struck him that not many boat owners were in the club, losing an opportunity to get involved in raft-ups or flotillas, and to get assistance with safety cover.

A questionnaire was sent out with limited response, and with more time available this year in Spain, Kiran wants to get into areas where the boat owners are and find out if they are interested, and if not, why not? Are they too busy, not in Spain often enough, etc.? His aim is to get in touch with as many as possible and find those willing to help increase our numbers and extend our access to, and involvement with, boat owners.

He is happy to take people out on his boat, being able to accommodate 8-10 people, provide cover at sailing events, etc.

It was suggested that flyers be made available for handing out to other boat owners, particularly for example to members that have boats locally, and who have access to the marinas. This had been done some time ago as well as more recently, but Kiran will get more flyers printed out for distribution. Another suggestion was that more focus is put on what advantages we can offer to the boat owners, so that they have an attractive proposition to respond to.

Tim Fawle is the Raft-Up Co-ordinator. In his absence, Hugh outlined Tim's efforts last year to promote the Raft-Up activities and get more people involved in a pre-agreed meet for a day of swimming, eating and drinking at a location such as Cala Blanca, Sardine Bay or Tango Bay. Tim received very poor support last year, but has agreed to continue to progress it this year. It was suggested that information about the raft-ups be more widely distributed, and Hugh agreed to review this and send out to the full club membership, not just the current boat-owner mailing list.

11. Public Relations

Tanya English is the CBYA Public Relations Co-ordinator and increases CBYA exposure to local press and radio to increase awareness of the club and boost membership. Over 12 press releases were printed in 2018, in local publications such as Costa Blanca News, The Weekender, The Post, RoundTown News and Grapevine. 50% are printed in other languages.

She will continue to do this throughout 2019, but stressed that she also needs material from members for publication – any interesting activities and ideas are welcome. If people provide the information, she will write up the articles. Volunteers to assist with this would be welcomed.

PART 2

12. Election of Officers and Other Members of the Management Committee

Association Statutes dictate that Committee members stand for re-election after holding the position for 3 years, but none of the current Committee currently fall into that category.

Chairman Hugh Epsom, Vice-Chairman Neil Robertson, Treasurer Sue Bell, Secretary Ann Masson and Committee Member (Social Secretary) Peter English all agreed to continue.

Honorary Members and special advisors Rachel Garnham (Membership & Training) and Richard Jones (Cruising) also maintain their positions, with Rachel also continuing to undertake the duties of managing the membership of the club.

Jenny Rawle resigned from her position of TOMs Co-ordinator during the year, and as previously discussed, the duties of her role are being split between other members.

Due to the unfortunate and untimely death of Karlheinz Witte last year, the position of Boating Officer is vacant and nominations have been requested. None have been received at the time of the AGM so this Committee position will remain vacant, but the club is continuing to look for someone willing to take on the role and the Committee can co-opt a member to carry out the duties until a formal vote can take place at the next AGM. Any member interested in helping out with this should contact Hugh or any member of the Committee.

13. Projection for the Year 2019 (Art.17f) and Fees for 2020

Sue presented the Financial Projections for 2019. Income is projected at €7,270, incorporating modest assumptions for commercial income (from website links) and dinghy revenue now that the Dinghy section is active again. Sue confirmed the budgeted increase of 9% in membership fees, based on the current membership growth and the implementation of the joining fee. Hugh confirmed that we are currently getting 1 or 2 new members every week, and an increasing number are sailing members not social, so the membership profile of the club is changing.

Total projected expenses were €2,808 and outgoings have stabilised. Insurance is the biggest individual cost, to cover the club's public liability insurance for all club events both sailing and social (€950). Website costs are stable at €600 and Xero licensing costs for the accounting system remain at €300.

Dinghy costs are estimated at €250, considerably lower than the actual spend incurred in 2018 of €1,174 due to the recovery and repair/replacement costs incurred after the vandalism. A question was asked about whether any losses were claimed off the dinghy insurance, but the insurance cover we have is 3rd party only; it is impossible to get cover for any damage to the dinghies themselves due to their public storage location.

Other projected sailing costs (regattas, races, ratings, RYA affiliation, and trophies) amount to €1,243, higher than actual spend in 2018 since the CBYA Regatta and Veteran's race did not take place in 2018, but are budgeted for 2019. The overall projected profit for the year is €2,808, an increase from the actual 2018 profit of £2,445.

Some discussion on the joining fee took place. This was implemented at the start of 2019, approximately 14 new members having paid the €10 per person fee to join.

This was voted and approved last year, and was felt by the Committee to be a justifiable charge (not unusual in clubs) to deter members from deferring their renewals for a considerable period of time, and then renewing later. If a member does not pay their renewal within 3 months, they are dropped from the membership and have to pay €10 to join again. Tightening up on renewal delays makes a big difference to reduce administration effort, and provide consistent cash flow, and was supported by the Membership Secretary. It was agreed that the impact of the joining fee would be monitored.

As last year, there was a vote taken on the Committee's proposal to allow the Committee to increase membership fees for the following year, if it was thought necessary. This vote is required since approval from the members has to be gained prior to any fee amendment being implemented and therefore for the year 2020, approval needs to be sought now for it to be an option. It was confirmed that any increase in membership fees would be no more than 10%. It is only an option, and would not be implemented unless there was financial justification to support it. The vote to allow for this increase if required was carried unanimously.

14. Social Programme for 2019

Peter outlined the proposed social programme for the coming year.

Planned additional events are:

- ❖ 26 March – Nautical Quiz & dinner – Paris 24, Jávea.
- ❖ 11 May – Padel Tennis and Build your Burger – Paris 24, Jávea.
- ❖ 19 June – Hobie Cat Day – Les Bassetes.
- ❖ 24 June – San Juan parade, dinner and fireworks – Jávea old town.
- ❖ 28 August – Hobie Cat Day – Les Bassetes.
- ❖ 8 September - Virgen de Loreta, Montañar 1 beach near Restaurante Amare, Jávea.
- ❖ 9 December – Christmas Dinner Dance, Abordo, Jávea Club Náutico.

Javea Presentations (Jávea Players' Studio Theatre)

- ❖ 01 April – Piloting Concorde & Jumbos (Peter Carrigan).
- ❖ 03 June – Underwater Experiences (Neil Robertson).
- ❖ 30 September – Single handed sailing in the Far East (Rosalind Miranda).
- ❖ 25 November – Nautical Quiz (Tanya & Peter English).

Peter confirmed that the Nautical Quiz in November is a placeholder in the absence of a presenter being available and he encouraged contributions from anyone who had a topic for a presentation.

15. Strategic Plan

Hugh highlighted the progress of the CBYA Strategic Plan, introduced to monitor and tackle issues the club wants to address: increasing the proportion of active sailing members and attracting younger members to ensure the club's continued growth.

Target

The club aims to increase the percentage of active sailing members (ie skippering or crewing a yacht/motorboat more than 3 times in a year) to 50% by 2020. In 2017 the sailing members were 32%, in 2018, 42%, so we are heading towards that target.

How did we do in 2018?

Successful:

- Introduced the TOMs Ladder event.
- Re-launched the Dinghy Section – we now have 5 dinghies available.
- Ran a one-week charter cruise to Formentera.
- Ran a very successful charter cruise holiday to Croatia.

Less successful:

- Improve raft-up attendance.
- Increased involvement of CBYA member-owned motor boats in sailing events.

Plan for 2019

- Appoint a Boating Officer. The club needs more help with running the sailing activities. Currently an increasing number of activities and events are being managed by a reduced number of Committee members.
- Target younger members. This is underway with the club's new association with Xábia International College (XIC), and planned approach to Lady Elizabeth school. Principal of XIC, Richard Wijeratne is very enthusiastic about encouraging the children and their parents to become involved with the local community and our sailing activities. Hugh and Rachel will do a presentation at the school in April. They have also spoken with Antonio at RCNC and he has agreed to run a week-long Summer Sailing School for the pupils of XIC. The CBYA will not take responsibility for children during our events, so the parents will also be encouraged to join the CBYA, and be present during sailing events. This should be a good route to highlight the benefits of the club, and gain access to the younger members that we wish to recruit.
- Plans for a second CBYA charter cruise holiday in Croatia in September are underway with good interest being generated.
- The aim of improved raft-up attendance will continue.
- As outlined earlier by Kiran Kapur, we plan to increase involvement of motor boats in CBYA events and activities.

16. Membership Updates

Rachel's tireless efforts have given us our Master Membership List which, along with the Xero accounting system, has provided excellent management of the club's membership.

It is important that this is kept up to date and that longer-term members who may have originally entered their details in paper format, are fully up-to-date on the online system. This can be done on the website using the secure form at <https://cbya.org/membership/> and select "Member Application Form", and "Member Update" from the drop-down at the top of the form.

Rachel requested that everyone who had not already entered information online, or whose information has changed since they had last done so, provide their information online now.

17. Nominated Charities for 2019

Four charities were nominated last year to receive the support of the club in 2018/2019 and the total raised of €1000 was split between them. Since this resulted

in a small amount of money given to each, the Committee presented their opinion that the number of charities should be limited to two. There was some discussion on the pros and cons of preventing all the charities receiving at least some money against a larger sum for just two. It was felt that it was rather embarrassing that a club with membership as large as ours should donate such small amounts and it was agreed that each member at the meeting would be allowed to vote for 2 charities, and the 2 charities that received the highest number of votes would be selected. Account would also be taken of those who had presented a specific nomination in advance of the meeting if they were not able to attend.

Ann briefly reviewed the charities; more details can be found on each link:

- **Make a Smile (Chris & Tammy de Boer, Hans Sleutjes, Chris & Sue Bell)**
The charity helps and supports children and disadvantaged youngsters in the local community, providing safety when necessary and food and other essentials primarily to the Emaús homes in the area. They proactively fund raise and have several local projects. See <http://makeasmile.es>
- **ISVH Bomberos - Jávea (Rachel Garnham & Barbara Priest)**
The volunteer fire service is Jávea's only fire brigade and more often than not, first on the scene of any fire or incident, providing phenomenal local rescue, safety and support, as has been evidenced by several severe fires in the local area. The station has 15 trained firefighters and 3 support crew, all volunteers, and needs in the region of €30,000 to function: to cover vehicle and personal insurance, equipment and uniforms. See <https://www.facebook.com/ISVHJavea/>
- **Guardian Angels (Chris & Tammy de Boer)**
Guardian Angels is a small local charity that supports single parents and their children; providing educational, training & employment help, mentoring and arranging events for the children. See www.facebook.com/GuardianAngelsSpain/
- **Todos Juntos Jávea (Brenda Bates)**
A multi national group whose aim is to give something back to the local community in Jávea, working with Social Services and local schools to address some of the unmet needs of the local population. They've raised €80,000 to date, all spent in Jávea, for instance providing occupational therapy equipment for Tapis, assistance with premises for Jávea Autism Society and improved facilities for the Betania Day Care Centre.
www.facebook.com/todosjuntosjavea/ and <https://todosjuntosjavea.com>.

Members voted on their 2 choices of charity with the following results:

Make-A-Smile	27
Bomberos	25
Guardian Angels	6
Todos Juntos	8

The two charities supported by the CBYA for the 2019/20 year will therefore be **Make-A-Smile** and **ISVH Bomberos**.

18. Sailing Awards for 2018

The formal presentation of prizes for 2018 was carried out at the annual Awards Dinner at the Nau Nau Restaurant on 21 January 2019. As a reminder, the following awards were presented:

Racing Trophy-Cruisers	Blade (Barry McCrae & crew)
Racing Trophy-TOMs	Hugh Epsom & crew
Crewing Award	Roger Roberts
Cruising Award	Richard Jones
TOMs Award	Keith Leary
Powerboat Award	Rosbif2 (Mike & Rosie Sparshatt-Worley)
Dinghy Award	Peter Knowles
TOMs Ladder Awards	1st place: Dave Reid
	2nd place: Barry McCrae
	3rd place: Keith Leary
Karlheinz Trophy	Richard Evett
Maurice Pilkington Award	Karlheinz Witte (presented posthumously)

19. Any Other Business

No other business for discussion had been submitted to the Secretary prior to the meeting.

Peter stated that he would like to see more people attending the annual meeting, since attendance of less than 40 with a membership of over 340 was a poor percentage. He raised the question of why the turnout is so low (too long, wrong venue or location, not interesting enough etc) and what we can do to improve it.

A final reminder was made to use the website as a main focal point of information and updates, to look at the commercial pages and the two Facebook groups – the public one (<https://www.facebook.com/CostaBlancaYachtAssoc/>) and the private one for members only (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/268317926843920>)

Brenda Bates gave a vote of thanks to the Committee for their ongoing efforts.

Hugh thanked Paul Nicholls for running the bar for the evening and thanked everyone for attending.

The meeting closed at 20:45 hours.

Appendix I - Apologies

John & Sue Allison
Kit Brewer
Keith & Jane Carmichael
Bruce & Debby Cowen
Tammy De Boer
Bob van Duijl & Helma Hermans
Richard Evett
Tim & Sandy Fawle
Gaby Ferenczy
Tristan & Diane Goodfellow
Paul & Marian Griffiths
Richard Jones & Shirley Lawrence
Bert Krekt & Boukje Krekt-Kuipers
Sandie Michel
Jacki Mudge
Peter & Deni Muir
Helen Nicholls
Barbara Priest
Jenny Rawle
Neil Robertson & Vicki Wyatt
Jaqueline Sleutjes
Martin & Kit Smith
Paul & Carolynn Smithard
Mike & Sue Swingler
Edo Volker & Marianne Timmermans
John Van Rooijen
Jacques Viville & Mary-Lou Boardman
Marilyn Ward