



## **CRETAN INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY**

### **BOARD MEETING**

**Held at Chocolat, Rethymno, Monday 6 November 2017 @ 11.45**

#### **Present:**

Ralph Krueger	(RK)	President
Ingo Dietrich	(ID)	Vice president
Stuart Walsh	(SW)	Secretary
Peter Winterink	(PW)	Treasurer
Willy Van Bellegham	(WVB)	Membership Secretary & Board Member

#### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

1. RK declared the meeting open at 11.45, all Board members present.
2. SW had circulated minutes of the last meeting held on 02.10.2017 and these have been published on line. They were unanimously approved as a true record.
3. PW queried if it was necessary for the games and social afternoon to require a Board member present to go ahead. After some discussion it was agreed this was desirable as the number attending was not known in advance, if any, and it is good practice to do so.
4. RK – no report, matters covered elsewhere.
5. ID – no report, matters covered elsewhere.
6. SW – no report.
7. PW – current financial statement reviewed and passed unanimously for auditing purposes. This is considered as confidential information and not openly published. A copy is available to any paid up member by e-mail on request.
8. WVB confirmed a paid up membership of 85, and passed to PW €70 in respect of membership income. SW requested the membership database needs to be cleared up as the last current mailing list he was sent is about 150 recipients. WVB and ID to look at tidying this up.
9. ID and SW had met to work on a suitable translation from Greek to English and German as 'working documents', sticking as close to the Greek original in format so as not to distort any meanings. There were a couple of small areas, in particular to do with the section referring to an

Audit Committee, where we need further clarification from the attorney, One area that will require alteration is record keeping. Currently this is done electronically and a decision was taken some years ago that minutes etc. were to be formally approved by the Board instead of being printed off and signed as an economy measure. Under the new Articles all records will require printing off, signing as appropriate also stamped, filed and indexed.

10. SW – asked if we can formally set a date for the 2018 A.G.A. in order for the required advanced paperwork to be prepared. The first Monday in January is 01.01.2018, New Year’s Day a public holiday. The date was set to the following week Monday 08.01.2018. SW to prepare draft paperwork and circulate to all Board members.

11. Events:

a. **October**

- i. Coffee morning at Camping Elizabeth, we will return for summer 2018 May onwards.
- ii. Games and social afternoon – not held as no Board member was able to be present. Also noted under item 3.
- iii. Joint meal – well organised and a very popular venue.
- iv. Bus excursion – 18 members and guests, an excellent well enjoyed day out. Some good comments from participants on Facebook.

b. **November**

- i. Games and social afternoon, not held for the same reason as October. Also see item 3.
- ii. Coffee morning – held earlier today. Venue is too noisy and felt it would be unsuitable in colder weather. See discussion under item 12.
- iii. Social evening 17.30 on Tuesday 14.11.2017 at Billias in Rethymno, darts, snooker etc. available. RK to mail members.
- iv. Joint meal – Sunday 19.11.2017 at Kexigias, currently about 6 signed up.
- v. Bus excursion – RK/ID to look at possibilities, Sunday 26.11.2017 and advise.

c. **December**

- i. Coffee morning 04.12.2017, venue TBA, see item 12
- ii. Joint lunch – Sunday 10.12.2017 at Il Camino in Panormo. ID/RK.
- iii. Bus excursion – not felt viable to run for December.

d. **January**

- i. Annual General Meeting, (A.G.A.), Monday 08.01.2018 at 11.00, venue subject to confirmation but likely to be Ena kai Ena in conjunction with the monthly coffee morning.

12. A.O.B.

- a. PW informed the Board he will not stand for re-election as treasurer in 2018.
- b. SW asked that content for the Facebook page be kept relevant for all members and not personal information, otherwise he felt it would become less effective as a general communication tool. Agreed.
- c. SW had mailed RK and ID last week enquiring if it was within the remit of the CIC for him to address the coffee morning with an item concerning the UK leaving the EU. This had been agreed by both. The background was that the UK Ambassador to Greece was making a visit to Crete explaining the current position and to take feedback from UK citizens living on Crete. SW was aware of a meeting in Chania, and had completed a feedback form on line requesting to be informed if an event was scheduled for Rethymon as he felt this would be of significant interest to a large number of our members. He has been advised that the Ambassador did visit Rethymno within the past

two weeks but was not aware or had no details of either the purpose or any outcome. When raised at the coffee morning earlier nobody was aware of the visit. Had this related to any public forum concerning Brexit the UK members present, plus a couple of non UK ones too, would like to have attended. SW has e-mailed the Consulate in Heraklion requesting details and is awaiting a reply.

- d. All – winter coffee morning venue. Following a lengthy discussion and a look at several alternative venues the Board have decided to return to Ena kai Ena for winter 2017/8. RK to check if re-decoration will be completed in time for the next meeting.
13. Next meeting provisionally arranged for 11.45 at Ena kai Ena. See item 12,c.
14. RK thanked everyone for attending and their input then declared the meeting closed at 13.45.

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