



## **CRETAN INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY**

### **BOARD MEETING**

**Ena kai Ena, Misiria, Monday 6 February 2017 @ 12.10**

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 assumed the Chair following the earlier AGA, (minuted separately), and welcomed the Board elected for 2017, (see item 4), to the meeting then declared the meeting open at 12.10. All members were present and the meeting confirmed as quorate.
2. SW has circulated the minutes of the last Board meeting held 02.01.2017 in advance and they have been published on line. These were unanimously approved.
3. Any matters arising are covered elsewhere in the agenda.
4. The Board as detailed above was elected at the earlier AGA. RK asked if everyone was prepared to accept their roles, confirmed by all present. RK handed over to PW the financial records he has together with the cash assets held. The amount was checked against the current accounts RK had produced and the cash amount was confirmed by ID. (See item 7).PW will hand over records he held as President to RK at the next meeting they both attend.  
RK holds a small surplus accrued by bus excursions which he will continue to manage as a separate account with appropriate records. This enables better management of excursions, especially in the event of any no-shows etc.
5. RK - no report.
6. ID – items covered later in the agenda.
7. RK in his role as Treasurer had circulated the latest financial statement in advance to all Board members. These had been unanimously approved by the earlier AGA and this was endorsed by the Board for auditing purposes. It was agreed that all financial information is regarded as being confidential and will not be published on line but is available to any paid up member on request. (See also item 4).

8. WBV confirmed paid up membership as of today at 50, with a number of renewals anticipated. Discussion took place concerning renewals, especially for business members and those who do not live in Crete full time. It was proposed that Board members should take responsibility for those they personally know to confirm when renewals can be expected and to maintain their membership. Further discussion took place concerning membership lists. Presently there are a number of lists in use for mailings etc. (e.g. bus excursions, joint meals etc.), and there needs to be a central control and co-ordination. Also as to exactly what information needs to be held. ID proposed the use of a cloud base and that we should do some work in combining the various databases we hold. This item carried over to the next meeting. (See also item 11 AOB concerning membership payments). WBV handed to PW €70 in respect of membership fees.

9. Current and future events:

**a) January**

**i Games and Social Afternoon** – 04.01.2017 – about 8 members present and plenty to explore, very well received.

**ii Joint lunch** – 14.01.2017 at Cretan Flavour, about 14 members attended and a very successful venue confirming this was probably a great example of one which many members may not have visited independently but will definitely return to. In the summer they hold a traditional dance and music evening which we will look at organising a return to.

**iii Bus excursion** – 29.01.2017 - 12 participants and new places visited which was extremely popular. There has been very positive feedback on our Facebook page.

**b) February**

**i Games and Social Afternoon** – 01.02.2017 – about 10 members, games included chess, kniffel, backgammon and rhumikub.

**ii Joint lunch** – 12.02.2017 arranged for Taverna Mylonas at Roussospiti, details already circulated to members and published on line.

**li Bus excursion** – RK will be away from Crete during the month and the only available date clashes with Rethymno Carnival so it will not be possible to organise an excursion this month. Members were informed at the coffee morning held earlier.

**c) March and Future Months**

**i** We should publish details of events further in advance, although we may have to do so with details to follow to avoid potential clashes with associated groups. The usual pattern, subject to how the exact month pans out and public holidays etc. will be as follows:

First Monday – coffee morning\*

First Wednesday – games and social evening (winter months)\*

Second Sunday – joint meal (lunchtime winter months evenings summer months)

Third/Fourth Sunday – bus excursion

\*(NB please note the coffee morning and games/social evenings order can be reversed depending on the month layout as has happened Feb 2017).

**ii March 2017** – dates confirmed as follows:

Wednesday 01.03.2017 – games and social afternoon

Monday 06.03.2017 – coffee morning

Sunday 12.03.2017 – joint lunch

Sunday 26.03.2017 – bus excursion

10. SW had talked about some concerns raised by members at the coffee morning addressing the data required for founding members, the use and protection of confidential data, roll over of membership and member's liabilities towards the CIC. No further items had been raised during coffee. When asked ID confirmed those prepared to be founding members presently stood at 28 and rising.

ID had e-mailed members and potential members with a request for information and forms were available for completion at the coffee morning.

ID had told members earlier that he anticipated having a new constitution available for preview at the next coffee morning.

11. AOB – PW raised two points as follows:

i – Membership fees – could renewing members send him fees by post? Especially useful for those not permanent residents in Crete and/or infrequent coffee morning attendees. After discussion potential issues concerning the legality of posting cash in Greece combined with any problems should cash go missing en-route, it was felt this was not a viable proposition.

ii – Membership benefits – members enjoy a discount, currently €5, on bus excursions, and perhaps this should be extended to joint meals. After discussion although Board members agreed with the principal, it was felt that as taverna owners are paid directly by attendees this would prove difficult to manage.

12. Next meeting will be Monday 06.03.2017 following the coffee morning with a notional start time of 11.45. RK tendered his apologies, as he will be away from Crete, which were unanimously accepted.

13. RK thanked all members for their attendance and input then declared the meeting closed at 12.54.

**Stuart Walsh**

**Secretary**



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