

THE BASQUE CLUB OF NORTH QUEENSLAND – AUSTRALIA, INC

COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes for Tuesday, September 14, 2010

- Present: B. Bengoa; P Mendiola; A. Urberuaga; D. Larrazabal; R. Jauregui; P. Balanzategui
- Apologies: M. Arrate; J Larrazabal
- Meeting opened: 5.35 pm
- Chair: Pedro Mendiola

Ratification of Previous Minutes:

- Previous minutes from August 10 were ratified
- Moved: B. Bengoa
- 2nd: P Balanzategui

Treasurer's Report:

- Pedro Mendiola read the balances – withdrawals and deposits and details of the club's accounts (these records are attached to these minutes).
- Membership fees are approximately \$2100 so far (for year 2010-1011)
- From here on, all members will have the option of paying membership through direct debit (Pedro will arrange for next year's invoices to include this option) A summary of the Sunday function (September 5) is included with these minutes.
- Expenses have been paid
- Timber has been bought for the restoration of the interior window of the clubhouse
- The function made approximately \$934 profit (a good result)
- Moved: Pedro Mendiola
- 2nd: A. Urberuaga

Incoming and Outgoing Correspondence:

- All incoming correspondence has been filed and when needed, distributed to the relevant parties.
- Several new members have joined the club (Amaia U. has a list of these and the club's data file will be updated)
- Moved: B. Bengoa
- 2nd: P. Mendiola

General Business:

- An email will be sent to all members informing them of the new committee. Amaia U. will be named "Events Coordinator"
- Amaia Urberuaga will investigate the possibility of taking all cans to a recycling centre. The last function had a special receptacle for such items and most people placed the rubbish in the correct area. This process will be continued at further functions and piles will be disposed of regularly.
- Amaia U. has purchased seersucker tablecloths for the club.
- Peter Balanzategui informed the committee that the handball players (from Adelaide) have contacted the club and subsequently he (Peter) has contacted the Australian Federation of Basque Handball to arrange a gathering of players from both areas to play in Trebonne.
- If the AFOBH is interested, Amaia U will email an invitation to all members of the Basque Club
- Dolores L. has been approached by a member to make approximately 300 kroketak and enquired of the committee what she should charge for the products. The committee decided that a container of 20 should sell for \$15
- A suggestion was made that these kroketak could be sold at future functions

Events Coordinator's Report:

- Amaia U. proposed that the functions for next year remain the same as the email (attached) which was sent earlier this week.
- Amaia would like to get a group of children together to teach them "la tamborrada" (a drumming ceremony) to involve the children. Peter Balanzategui will ask his daughter, Jess if she would like to assist with the tutoring. Amaia will send an email asking for expressions of interest .
- Plastic cups for wine will no longer be used at functions; instead, glass will be used from now on.
- A number of plastic cups will be bought for catering purposes.
- The function on Saturday, the 23rd of October (Mrs Pla's 90th) will include several people working:
 - Bar: Amaia
 - Cooking: Dolores; Mari; Antonia
 - Clearning: **Begoña**
 - A fee of \$ 400 + \$30 (per head) will be charged for this function
 - More members will be invited to assist in all areas

Items for Action:

- The secretary will send a thank you email/card to Gure Txoko (Basque Club) of Sydney for the generous congratulatory plate sent by its members. An accompanying cookbook will be sent at a later date.
- Pedro Mendiola will investigate the possibility of a recyclable bin (from the council).
- The committee will host the annual Christmas Party; parts of future committee meetings will be devoted to organising the details of this event.

- Quotes for rendering are still under investigation. The painting/refurbishment of the exterior will be undertaken (by Jose Larrazabal) after that.

Meeting Closed: 6.28pm