# MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

# OF PUEBLO EVITA CLUB

# HELD ON MONDAY 11TH NOVEMBER 2024,

## **AT 1.00 PM CET**

# THE CLUBHOUSE, PUEBLO EVITA CLUB, BENALMADENA, MALAGA, SPAIN

Present:

Mr Ian Goddard

Developer/Founder Committee Member

Mrs Sara De La Rubia

Resort Manager

Mr. Max Goddard

Management Office Manager/Founder Committee

Member

Mr Paul Flynn

Ordinary Committee Member

Mrs Gillian Holmes

Absent, apologies sent.

Members attending: 5

Welcome and Introduction by Chairman Ian Goddard.

Mr. Goddard welcomed all to the meeting and thanked them for taking the time to come. He reported that we had a difficult time since March 2020 and didn't really see any significant recovery until 2022/23. He thanked Mariluz Lorente, Sara de la Rubia and Paco Gomez for their work during the pandemic, keeping the resort in good order and controlling costs. Also, praise goes to Sharon Eagle, who dealt with the challenging task of dealing with the confirmed reservations in that period.

He acknowledged that the government helped to ease the situation, but dealing with it was very challenging due to bureaucracy. Again, thanks to Mariluz for the endless hours dealing with it all.

Despite all that, improvements have been made to the apartments once again due to the fantastic work done by Mariluz, Sara and Paco.

There has been a great deal of work and expense (from Ian Goddard) to license the apartments for tourist use, and we are pleased to say this is all completed. This was not previously needed since we were a community of owners, but with the focus from the authorities on limiting the proliferation of private rentals, this was important. It has taken several years and thanks again to Mariluz and Sara for their tireless work

### REPORT FROM RESORT MANAGEMENT

This is a summary of the work gradually carried out since the last AGM in 2019.

For your information, updates have been made to the apartments in an effort to brighten and modernize them as much as possible within a low budget:

- Painting of apartments (white), it is especially noticeable in the elite units as they were all yellow at one time, it provides a much fresher look all round.
- New lighter curtains and the lining of existing ones in good condition, new bright cushion covers, and the addition of runners and valances to beds.
- Air conditioning units have been placed in all standard apartments, as well as air conditioning timers and electric meters in all units.
- Replacement of some air conditioning units in elite apartments when necessary.
- Replacement of some sofa beds, coffee tables, and bathroom accessories and instalment of new bathroom sinks with marble tops and shelves.
- Addition of free Wi-Fi and upgrade to digital TV channels in all units.
- The Main community staff have worked very hard to improve the common areas.

As mentioned in previous newsletters, please note that the reception team has been reduced following the retirement of our beloved receptionists, the sisters Carmen and

Asunción, who are now happily enjoying their well-deserved retirement. Similarly, the Housekeeping department has seen changes with the retirement of Merche, our Head Housekeeper, and her assistant, Lola. To support the reception department, we are pleased to have Sarah Harwood, formerly from the reservations department, assist on weekends and during holidays. Sarah has been doing an excellent job in her new role.

Since July 2023, María José González has been our Head Housekeeper, ensuring that the apartments are maintained to the highest standards. Additionally, Paco García, who has been our Maintenance Team Lead since 2020, continues to lead his department with great efficiency. Both teams have been running exceptionally smoothly under their leadership.

This brief summary of the work accomplished over the past few years would not have been possible without the outstanding dedication of the Pueblo Evita staff, as well as the invaluable support and guidance of Ian Goddard.

A special thank you is extended to Mariluz Lorente for her unwavering assistance and support throughout my tenure as Resort Manager—it is deeply appreciated.

#### 2. REPORT FROM THE CLUB PUEBLO EVITA COMMITTEE

- a. Gill Holmes has not been able to visit recently and sent her apologies.
- b. Paul Flynn had no written report other than to thank the staff for their continued good work and regaled those present about his trips by car through Spain over the years to escape the winter in the UK.

#### 3. REPORT ON CLUB ACCOUNTS.

Ian Goddard reported that the budgets have now been separated between Club and Commercial expenditures and incomes to provide a clearer picture. We had been adopting the legacy accounting style since the departure of Mike Bailey but decided that it was time to account separately. It was noted that the two entities are interdependent. Budgets and accounts will be made available on request by mail to general@richvaleresorts.com

## 4. TO ELECT TWO COMMITTEE MEMBERS OF THE CLUB

By rotation Paul Flynn was re-elected unopposed to the committee.

IG asked if anyone present wanted to stand for the committee, but with no takers in the room Mr. Kenneth Campbell was elected by a unanimous vote from the room and the proxy votes.

5. TO RATIFY CANCELLED MEMBERSHIPS PER CLAUSE 11.5.9 OF THE CLUB CONSTITUTION.

Max reported that the number of hand-backs governed by the agreement between the E.U. and the trade association the RDO has slowed. Each case is now decided on a case-by-case basis.

- 6. QUESTIONS SUBMITTED
- a) Sunbeds, who is responsible for checking that they are clean and safe?
  - The lifeguard checks the sunbeds. It is the responsibility of the general community of which we are part.
- b) Kids, what plans do you have to provide entertainment for the children?
  - We need licences to provide this and have run into trouble in the past. The chairman said that we can review some low-key things for the summer, but this will depend on some factors. Not least how we allow only our members and fee-paying guests to take part.
- c) Top pool, Do you have a plan for 2025 and beyond?
  - It's not a club expense. But will be open in the summer months.
- d) Can the table tennis table be reinstated?

We have the same challenges as the licencing issues and complaints about the noise from nearby apartments. Again, we will review.

e) Facebook group for Members.

This would depend on who administers the page and what it would be used for. It was mooted that it could be used for members exchanging or renting weeks. This has legal implications for the management company.

f) Reinstate water bottles into the starter pack.

We are placing in-line water filters in each apartment, so there is no need to supply bottled water.

Thanks to all who had taken the time to attend the meeting.

Meeting closed at 1.45pm

Ian Goddard