

Minutes of the 2013 ACIP AGM

held on September 23rd at the Tennis Club, Le Bugue.

The president Robert Brereton welcomed 79 members, a record number. Apologies were received from a further 22 members. 22 proxy votes in favour of Dominique Bacon, Robert Brereton, John Kuppens and Jenny West were received.

Minutes of the 2012 AGM

These were read and a motion to approve them was proposed and seconded. The proposals were agreed by the meeting and the Minutes were duly signed by the President and Secretary.

Treasurer's report

The treasurer reported that ACIP is now in a healthy financial position with available funds of 3594.72 euros (as compared to 1196 euros last year). A copy of the report is on the ACIP website. He then presented an outline Budget for 2013-4. A proposal to accept the accounts as presented was made, seconded and agreed by the members present.

The ACIP Statutes

Robert Brereton presented the case for seeking a change to the ACIP statutes to enable members to vote for their committee, even when this was not strictly required by the statutes. Detailed papers making out the case for change were circulated before the meeting. The Committee felt the change would be more democratic and make sure that the incumbents of officer committee roles had a mandate from members to make decisions on their behalf. Following a short debate, it was decided to leave Articles 11 and 12 unchanged. The change to Article 9 was passed with a vote of 65 in favour and 14 against. The Statutes are available on the Acip website. An election for committee officer roles was duly held and the present incumbents of these roles were voted in by a resounding majority.

The new Committee therefore consists of:

Officer roles – elected at AGM

President	Robert Brereton
Vice-president	John Kuppens
Treasurer	Alan Reeves
Secretary	Jenny West

Committee members - nominated

Gwyneth Green – Group co-ordinator
Christine Dumaux – Translation Co-ordinator

It was agreed that at our first social of the new ACIP year to be held on 11th October an extraordinary meeting would be held prior to the social and the new committee would be presented for approval by members.

Venue move

Jenny West, Acip Secretary, presented the case for and against a move from the campsite venue, La Brasserie, to Le Bastion in the heart of Le Bugue. Detailed papers were circulated before the meeting laying out the case. While there was no perfect solution, the committee recommended that, on balance, moving to Le Bastion was the preferred option. A vote was held and the recommendation was accepted with a majority of 65 in favour of moving and 15 against.

The committee announced that work would begin immediately – carried out by ACIP member volunteers - to make the necessary improvements to the venue, with a proposed move around Xmas or in early January. The Tennis Club and Salle Eugene le Roy would also be used for socials giving a flexibility that Acip had not enjoyed before.

Subscription fees

To ensure that the move to Le Bastion was on a sound financial footing, Robert Brereton recommended that the membership subscription fee be raised to 25 euros, still remarkable value for all that Acip offers its members. Members present agreed the increase.

Volunteers

The Committee needs more volunteers to support its work. Charts were displayed for the different volunteer activities needed and 30 members signed up as volunteers.

Refreshments

There being no other business, the president closed the meeting with an invitation to join him and the Committee for drinks and nibbles and wished members well for the coming ACIP year.

Jenny West - Acip Secretary