

COM.IT.ES. February Monthly Meeting– Monday 20 February 2017 6:00pm

Com.It.Es. SA – 262a Carrington St Adelaide

MINUTES:

1. Welcome & apologies

- Present: Mark Quaglia, Christian Verdicchio, Michael Donato, Gianna Vorrasi, Alessandro Ragazzo, Martina Matta, Marinella Marmo, Antonio Rosato.
- Apologies: Tony Piccolo, Andrea Ramon, Angela Scarino.
- Consular Rep: none

2. Conflict of Interest

None.

3. Confirmation of the agenda

None.

4. Confirmation of December Minutes

Christian Verdicchio moved, seconded Michael Donato and carried.

4.1.1 Business arising

None.

5. Letters of Resignations

5.1.1 Angelo Fantasia

5.1.2 Alessandro Vecchiarelli

Mark Quaglia as President spoke to both of them, Angelo Fantasia is overloaded with work and commitments and Alessandro moved to Mt. Gambier.

Michael Donato moved that a thank you letter be sent to both for their contribution, seconded by Christian Verdicchio, all in favour.

6. Reports

6.1.1 President's – Mark Quaglia

- Worked on the 'consuntivo' 2016, thanked Gianna Vorrasi and Marylisa Fabian for preparing all the documents and forms. The Consul has granted an extension of 10 days to submit the 'consuntivo'. Auditors are Gildo Marveggio and Paolo Aromataris.
- Received communication that Italian funding have been approved for 11.070,00 euro, subject to submission and approval of the 'consuntivo'
- Intercomites Adelaide 25 March. All Com.It.Es. Presidents in Australia, Sen. Giacobbe, Hon. Marco Fedi and Prof. Franco Papandrea will be attending. Lunch will be held in the SAIA hall. Other members of the Italian community (e.g. ARIA), parliamentarians, and businesses, will be invited to the afternoon meeting. Italian funds do not cover expenses for the lunch, looking at having it co-funded with SAIA-Quaglia.
- After having a long break from last year it is important the Sub-Committees continue to work in between meetings. At the moment there are 2 important events, the Intercomites and Liberation Day (25 April). The seminar for the new arrival to continue, also collating associations/clubs information and to look at other projects. Due to less funds it might be necessary to revisit the budget.

- Marinella asked about the projects. Gianna explained that the Italian Government funds are mainly for admin and will cover the seminars. For projects there are criteria and process to follow.

6.1.2 Secretary's – Christian Verdicchio

Submitted and tabled report.

- Changed meeting dates: 6 March; 15 May (Approve Nuovo Paese); 26 June (Approve Dante); 4 September; 6 November.

6.1.3 Treasurer's – Gianna Vorrasi

Current bank statement with a closing balance of \$344.75.=

- 2016 Consuntivo Approval. Antonio Rosato not present at the approval of the 'consuntivo'.

Gianna met with Antonio Accorso and he seemed to be satisfied with the documentation prepared.

Met with one of the auditors, Gildo Marveggio. Auditors have checked the accounting records, income and expences.

Gianna Vorrasi moved to accept and approve the 'consuntivo', seconded Christian Verdicchio, all in favour.

7. Sub-Committees Reports

7.1.1 Communications and Public Relations – Christian Verdicchio

- Website all up to date and functional along with Facebook
- Minor changes regarding layout, translations and security update until April: update \$180 and Security update for 4 months \$260.

Christian Verdicchio moved to approve the payments, seconded by Gianna Vorrasi, motion carried.

- Liberation Day 25 April. Christian Verdicchio proposed to not continue organising the lunch but leave it to a club to organise it.

Action: Christian Verdicchio to inform all associations/clubs about the change and invite clubs to host the lunch.

7.1.2 Community Engagement – Mark Quaglia

- Meeting with the associations/clubs will continue. Fogolar Furlan was invited to meet but there have been some changes at management level.
- A number of associations have approached Com.It.Es. (President) for a possible meeting, some are about to close and would like to create some discussion for the future.

Action: Mark to arrange and finalise meetings for the year with organisations.

7.1.3 Education and Research – Angela Scarino

None – Angela Scarino absent.

8. Consular Report

Not present.

9. Other business

- Christian Verdicchio proposed to provide cultural and language training to nurses and carers in the 2 Italian nursing homes, BENE and St. Hilarion, in cooperation with Co.As.It., Dante and SAIA.

Action: Christian will put together a proposal and submit to the committee.

Christian Verdicchio left meeting at 7.10pm.

- Marinella Marmo raised the issue of not having the Consul or a representative present at Com.It.Es. meetings. The Consul is invited to all meetings. Discussion followed about the importance to have a Consulate representative as there should be an exchange of information in particular with any initiatives from both sides. The Consul will be on maternity leave, and Vice-Consul Antonio Accorso will fill in the role during this time.
- Briefly discussed meeting quorum issues.

10. Meeting Close 7.40 pm

Signed by:



Mark Quaglia
President



Christian Verdicchio
Vice President & Secretary