

COM.IT.ES. Meeting– Monday 26 February 2019, 6:15pm

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

MINUTES:

1. **Welcome & apologies**

- Present: Christian Verdicchio, Gianna Vorrasi, Mark Quaglia, Andrea Ramon, Michael Donato, Martina Matta (video conference), Antonio Rosato (video conference).
- Apologies: Alessandro Ragazzo, Angela Scarino, Tony Piccolo, Frank Salzano.
- Consular Rep: Apology
- Guest: Vittorio Petriconi, President Com.It.Es. Western Australia.

2. **Conflict of Interest**

None.

3. **Confirmation of the agenda**

None.

4. **Confirmation of November Minutes**

Michael Donato moved, seconded Mark Quaglia and carried.

Business arising

- 4.1.1 Frank Salzano accepted his nomination as a coop-tee.
- 4.1.2 Updated Prima Fermata
- 4.1.3 Youth Conference in Palermo, Maria Grazia Panetta is a person of interest.
Com.It.Es. will support her nomination.

5. **Reports**

5.1.1 President's – Christian Verdicchio

President report tabled. Highlights:

- 1. Paolo Nespoli Event . Thanked everyone, the event was a success.

2. **Com.It.Es. Funding 2019.** Com.It.Es. has received communication from the Italian Consulate regarding the funding for 2019. There has been a major cut, about \$10,000 less than last year and this will have an impact to finish projects. Cuts have been applied to all Com.It.Es. around the world. However Com.It.Es. can apply for extra funds by 31 May 2019.
3. **Italian Language in Aged Care.** Bene Aged Care has not yet confirmed to a second edition of the course. Dante Alighieri is prepared to do an advanced course.
4. **Carnevale/Italian Festival.** There will be no festival this year; it should take place in 2020 probably in November. A public meeting took place last night and ideas and plans have been presented. CIC will have a meeting to decide; resource and feedback will be available.
5. **Intercomites.** It has been proposed to have an Intercomites meeting in Perth on Saturday 23 March.
Armed Forces. Tabled letter sent to Father Allan Winter from 'Le Associazioni delle Forze Armate Italiane Adelaide', signed by Roxanna Bianco (Carabinieri President). Discussion followed about the contents of the letter; briefly summarized issues of the 2 Carabinieri Associations going back to 2012 (see letter from The National President Gen. Libero Lo Sardo). It is the opinion that the Armed Forces shouldn't have written to Father Allan Winter but should have discussed it only with Com.It.Es. Question was raised on the wreath, whether to consider having it laid also by the Armed Forces.
Action: Christian Verdicchio to talk to Father Allan Winter; Christian Verdicchio and Mark Quaglia to contact both Roxanna Bianco and Joe Scalzi; keep the Liberation Anniversary event as usual.

President's Report moved Mark Quaglia, seconded by Michael Donato, all in favour.

5.1.2 Secretary's – Martina Matta

- Invite Reggio Calabria – Martina Matta
- Invite Multicultural SA – Martina Matta

5.1.3 Treasurer's – Mark Quaglia

Cap. 3106 has changed the wording for the daily allowance (diaria), it will now be expences for accommodation and meals. The auditors are Gildo Marveggio e Paolo Aromataris and have checked the accounting records, income and expences. The auditor nominated by the Italian Consulate is Roberto Affortunato. Marylisa Fabian was thanked for her service.

Mark Quaglia moved to accept and approve the 'consuntivo' presented, seconded by Gianna Vorrasi, all in favour.

FILEF/Nuovo Paese.

Nuovo Paese has submitted a request for funds to the Italian Consulate. Based on the current legislation Nuovo Paese meets the criteria by having articles in Italian for more than 50% and the magazine is printed 11 times a year.

Mark Quaglia moved to approve and accept the request from Nuovo Paese, seconded by Gianna Vorrasi all in favour.

Donation.

Received letter from the Umbria Association. The club is closing due to the ageing members and the lack of interest from young people and therefore is donating \$11,100.00 to Com.It.Es. Briefly discussed the possibility in using the donation for new projects.

Michael Donato moved to accept the donation, seconded by Gianna Vorrasi, all in favour.

Action: Christian Verdicchio will send a thank you letter.

Michael Donato moved to accept all reports presented, seconded by Andrea Ramon, all in favour.

6. Sub-Committees Reports

6.1.1 Community Engagement and Public Relations – Christian Verdicchio

- Liberation Day April 25th. Ceremony at the Payneham Mausoleum and lunch at Fogolar Furlan. Booking for the lunch directly to the club.
- New Arrivals Seminar. Same format as last year to be held around July.
- Prima Fermata Update. No more printing is needed for now.
- Associations. Only 2 associations are left to meet, Campania Club and Casa D’Abruzzo e Molise. Then a report can be drafted

6.1.2 Education and Research – Angela Scarino

- None

7. Consular Report

None

8. Other business

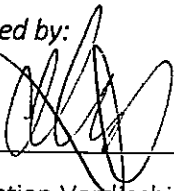
Application to MAECI for extra funds. Marylisa Fabian to prepare the necessary documents to be approved at the next meeting, the request is for the Scarino project, and send the Com.It.Es. finance rules of procedure for the use of the Italian funds.

New projects. Christian Verdicchio will organise a planning day to discuss.

9. Meeting Close 8.00 pm

Next meeting 14 May 2019 at 6:15pm

Signed by:



Christian Verdicchio

President



Martina Matta

Vice President & Secretary