

## President's report

### Two opening remarks

1. Some members have been complaining that the AGM is being held too late. The constitution states that the meeting must be held by the 31<sup>st</sup> March, so therefore there is no infringement of the statutes. Besides, we must have the time to prepare all the necessary information, particularly the accounts relevant to the previous year. Who would be in a position to present the details of a year ending on 31<sup>st</sup> December by the 2<sup>nd</sup> January? It seems that some members complained about the lack of precision contained in certain communications. The decision was taken to present structured and complete information. To do that takes time. One cannot foresee what possible consequences could befall the club if the legally binding AGM is held sooner rather than later.
2. It also seems some people who have not yet renewed their membership would like to take part in the debate and discussion of the AGM. This is against the statutes and against logic; one cannot be, at the same time a member to participate in debates and decisions on the future of the club, and on the other hand not be an active, fully paid up member. The thought that it could be possible to renew membership only if satisfied with the outcome of the AGM, does not confer any statutory rights on a 2015 member.

The outcome of the Extraordinary meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015 was for the Club to put in place the following

1. Concerning the CAF funding
  - The suspension of this grant funding. This has now been done – after a meeting with the CAF representative, a letter was sent cancelling the agreement which was in force at the time. The CAF told us that they would consider renewing the partnership in the future, if our activities met with CAF requirements for social integration, and if the club wanted to. Also The CAF recently invited us to take part in a presentation meeting of their strategies and activities.
  - Put in place new activities financed by the reserves accumulated from the CAF funding. This process has been started, with modest outcomes to date. But we must say that the committee has not been overwhelmed with suggestions from the membership on how to spend the money.
    - Refurbishment of the tennis court in partnership with Montaigu's Mairie and opening it up to a wider public other than just club members
    - Beginning a new badminton class which could have started sooner without the problems of delivery of equipment.
    - We are still considering the implementation of the following projects: introduction to horse riding, cultural visits (Agen and Montauban museums), introduction to astronomy (mobile planetarium) if possible in partnership with the school in Montaigu.

## 2. Concerning the accounts

As agreed at the EGM, the 2014 accounts will be presented during this AGM after the auditors (Phil Jones & David Howat) have presented their findings. It will be the same for the 2015 accounts, audited by Lia van de Sande and Phil Jones.

For the rest: the various club activities are continuing as usual with a few exceptions

- The IT classes have changed format. It is now a sharing workshop where members come with their own computer and their IT queries to resolve. The club has returned the IT equipment which had been issued to the Club by the Mairie for TAP use.
- The organisation of walking trips and holidays lacks a coordinator
- There are no Zumba classes due to a lack of instructor. We are trying to find a Zumba teacher, but we will certainly have to charge members

The current committee is very well aware that gaps exist in the running and the organisation of the life of the club (for example the production of an information bulletin has only just started) but we would like to emphasise that we are just 8 members, which is small compared to the previous 15 – members who are also new to the role, which is, in itself, a handicap. Therefore we appeal for willing volunteers to join and strengthen our team.