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Annual Report 2018

A lot happened in the past year of the association.

In April we were informed of the dissolution of the voluntary fire brigade. One of the reasons was the aging of the assets and the absence of new people. The fire department was founded in 2001 by AVIB after the big fire in August. In 2004, the independent club "Bomberos Voluntarios Cumbre del Sol" was founded. The main reason for the separation of the AVIB fire brigade was that we as AVIB could not insure the firefighters. I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to all firefighters and in particular to Commander Dieter Munkelt for their dedication in all these years. They have several times saved our urbanization from worse by their courageous intervention.

On April 21, I organized a wine tasting with tapas in the market hall of Benitachell. 21 members took part and we spent a very comfortable afternoon.

On June 13th, 24 cooking enthusiasts met for a tapas cooking class. Since we were too many people I had to form two groups, which made at the same time to the different recipes. As a result, the schedule got mixed up - especially because we could not use the oven and the stove at the same time. But it was a very cozy afternoon and evening, where we could then "destroy" our creations.

We started a collection of signatures for the asphaltting of our dilapidated streets. By the 10th of June, 737 valid signatures were collected, which I submitted to the community.

Unfortunately, the foreigner-friendly government was overthrown in October by a vote of no-confidence by the opposition. The new government sought contact with us and organized several meetings with me to express our wishes. A few concerns have been met, including the installation of air conditioning in the multipurpose room where we hold our meetings. But our roads are still in the same bad shape as ever.

The previous government requested a subsidy from the provincial administration to repair at least a few streets. A subsidy of 195,000 Euros was granted. Then, the new government made the request to use this amount elsewhere in the broadening and repair of a road outside our urbanization, but this was rejected. So far, nothing has happened and we do not know if the money is still available for the original purpose - the government says yes - the opposition, however, says that the subsidy has expired.

In September, the newly elected cashier Elena Bernhardt informed us of her immediate resignation. The reason was that she was not able to spend enough time working on the business and the children. For us this meant that we now had to do this work in addition to our tasks. Jürg Ettinger and I spent countless hours learning about BBVA's online system. To make matters worse, we were not supported by our branch employees because they did not know the system. Clarity brought then the bank director of BBVA Moreira, who helps us even today if need be. Thank God Jürg

Ettinger was able to make contact because he is a customer in this branch. At the last annual general meeting Paul Regez was elected as a cash auditor. Jürg asked him if he could take over the office of treasurer, which he affirmed to our delight. He installed a new, well-organized accounting program and took over the accounting, which could not be continued since May. As a cash auditor Hansjörg Meyer was available.

On the 23rd of September we organized the AVIB fiesta. As in previous years, the community provided us with a large tent, tables and chairs. Also, they took over the costs for the FFLA band, whose appearance our club member Bongo Stauffacher had organized. He himself is a drummer in the band. In addition, we commissioned the duo "Los Juanes", which played in the summer in the Moraig Bay to make music. The 2 groups harmonized great and they delighted our numerous audience. I once wanted to attend a party where people from Benitachell also took part and therefore made it possible for all those who have a shop in the market hall to also offer their goods for sale. Also staff from the restaurant Beniasia, Rest. Como en Casa of the Cumbre and the bakery of Moraira (those of Benitachell did not want) offered their specialties for sale. So was next to our grill sausages and homemade meatballs a versatile offer for the many guests. The party was a great success although unfortunately we did not see many faces of Benitachell in the tent. We divided the net proceeds of 820.92 Euros into 500 for the Centro Social and 320.92 for the Animal Welfare Association APASA, which provided us with some festive items.

From 16-20 October I organized a trip to Andalusia in which 30 people participated. We spent unforgettable days in Seville, Cordoba and Granada.

Our monthly club meetings were also visited during the past year of the club. Dirk Rheindorf usually participated - even after he was in opposition - and informed us about the events in the community and answered questions from our members. For the subsequent dinner, which is still prepared by our club cook Peter Kaps, stayed on average 30 people.

On December 7, I organized a visit to the Benidorm Palace show with dinner. We were a small group of 17 night owls driven by a minibus paid by the community. The show was great, the food unfortunately not quite this time

In the middle of December, I again presented € 1,000 to the Centro Social for the "Escuela de Navidad". This time more than 80 children whose parents are working have been cared for over the holidays.

On the 6th of January, as in previous years, we invited all AVIB members to join us for the New Year and for the subsequent lunch - as always excellently prepared by our chef Peter.

At this point a big thank you to Peter for his fine menus and to Regina and Franci for their use behind the counter. And not to forget my husband Willi, who does all the shopping and helps me organize the events.

Also a big thank you to Bongo Stauffacher for his commitment to the new homepage. Unfortunately, our first choice of a "specialist" for setting up a new homepage turned out to be a mistake. Bongo was available to manage the homepage, which turned out to be much too complicated and sometimes impossible. Therefore, we decided to have the homepage developed by a professional recommended by Bongo. We like the result very much - but we will continue to expand it.

My special thanks to my fellow board members for the great cooperation. It was a very labor-intensive year, mainly due to the failure of our cashier. Then my heartiest thanks to Paul Regez, who was and is our savior in distress! He has a new accounting program installed and worked the whole year - a huge task!

At this point I would like to mention that all of us: Jürg Ettinger, Reinhard Beckers, Paul Regez, Bongo and I work free of charge and spend very, many hours to ensure that our club stays alive! With the help of our members is always welcome

All our members a big thank you for their loyalty to the club.

In this sense, I finish my annual report and look forward to many cozy hours with you all in the new club year!