

IBM Retirees Club (Midlands) Committee Meeting – 4 February 2019

Present : John, Paul, Ray, Gary, and Chris

Apologises : Michael, Dave, and Terry

Finance

Closing EOY 2018 bank balance was £3126.41

First half 2019 grant not yet received and the amount is unknown.

Our working capital should be around half the annual grant.

Paul has sent our accounts to the IBM oversight manager for checking.

The rambling club accounts have been received from Brian Dunston.

Membership and Secretarial

John, Ray and Dave met at Dave's house in January to prepare for handover of his duties and the online files.

Newsletter

Articles etc. for the February newsletter should be sent to Michael by **15 February** (All)

The 2019 AGM Agenda is to be updated. (John)

The newsletter should ask for member's AOB items they wish to have on the AGM agenda. (Michael)

Spring lunch details to be included. (Gary)

Rambling Club

The next ramble is being organised by Gordon Jones. It is planned for Sunday 24 February and based around Market Bosworth.

Completed Events

None in January

2019 Events Update

E1901JAM John is booking an ethnic meal at The Saffron in Warwick for 21 February. About 16 members are expected to come.

E1902AGM All existing committee members are willing to carry on their present roles apart from Dave and Christine. The draft agenda will be updated by John and included in the February newsletter.

E1903SPR Gary has now booked the Spring lunch at the Nailscote Hall for Thursday 28 March.

E1904DAR Paul had received no bookings for this "Day at the Races" event by the closing date of 1st February so it was decided to cancel this.

E1908GDN Only 6 bookings have been received so far for this June gardens event so it does not appear economical at present to hire a 30 seat coach at £465. If numbers remain below 20 the plan will be to make this a car sharing trip starting at IBM Warwick. (Ray & Chris)

The schedule of **2019 events** is shown in a separate document.

Any Other Business

Paul has discussed the subsidy which should be given to retirees when they book on IBM Club events such as Theatre trips with Dave Clarke and Andy Smith. Normally retirees will be entitled to a half subsidy (tier 2), covered by the retirees club, for these events. However they have the option of paying £26 per annum to the IBM Club which will entitle them to the full subsidy (tier 1). Gary will draft an article for the February newsletter explaining this and it will also be covered by John at the AGM. (Gary & John)

It was suggested by our former chairman, Alan Bridgman, that it would be nice to continue our tradition of giving Dave Clarke a bottle of wine for his help in room bookings and control access etc. This was proposed and agreed at this meeting.

In view of the two events we have had to cancel John suggested it may be better to allocate the subsidy by event rather than by members attending. Paul thought this would be workable although the actual event pricing would not be known until the event booking closing date. John will cover this at the AGM.

Next Meeting: AGM on Monday 4th March at 10.30 at the British Legion in Knowle