

IBM Retirees Club (Midlands) Committee Meeting – 3 February 2020

Present : Gary, Ray, Terry & Richard

Apologies: John, Michael & Paul

Treasurer's Report

At the end of January we have just over £4,000 in the bank
The annual account summary was sent to the oversight manager and approved by our FSC contact.
Our retained capital was below the 15% target this year. The target has been reduced by Oversight to 12.5% going forward. The updated budget spreadsheet now reflects the lower 12.5% target.
The annual Separation of Duties form has been completed and sent to Oversight.

Secretary's Report

Ray asked Dave Compton whether he would consider joining the committee in the role of Chairman but he was not willing to do this owing to family commitments.
Ray bought a bottle of Chablis for Dave Clarke as a thank you for room booking for us.

Membership Report

Currently 437 members. February figures not yet received.

Newsletter

Details of the optional £26 payment to the IBM Midlands club to gain the full subsidy for their events were included in the January newsletter.
Articles etc. for the February newsletter should be sent to Michael by **Saturday 15 February** (All)

Rambling Club

The Rambling Club newsletter was produced and distributed by Terry last week.
The annual subs of £5 per person are now due and payable to Brian.
First 2020 walk being organised by Gordon on Sunday 23 February.

2020 Events Update

Month	Event	Organiser
February	Evening Meal	Terry
	16 people have booked for The Sabai Sabai restaurant in Leamington.	
March	Annual General Meeting	Ray
	Venue – British Legion in Knowle. Similar format to last year's with buffet lunch. Ray will write article for the February newsletter.	
March	Triumph Motorcycle Factory Tour	Richard
	Richard has received 15 bookings for the first tour he has organised for 11.30 on Wednesday 18 March. He has 10 further bookings for a second tour which will start at 10.30 on the same day. He may invite guests from Probis to fill the other 5 slots if no further IBM members wish to come.	

April	Spring lunch	Gary
	Gary has booked this at the Oak Hotel for 2 April. Chris B. has suggested that Ginny Davis (lawyer & actress) would be a good speaker. Gary has arranged this and the negotiated cost is £85 for the speech. Gary is expecting 36 to 40 to attend.	
May	Pete's Place	Gary
June	Visit to house and gardens	Organiser needed
	John can no longer spare the time to organise this so a volunteer is needed.	
July	River cruise with lunch on board	Michael
August	Railway trip with lunch	Paul
	Paul has investigated several alternatives including Severn Valley. Best option is the Gloucester Flyer from Cheltenham. This offers a 14 mile rail journey with lunch for £25.	
September	Cornwall sightseeing & walking	John & Ray
October	Visit to a Gin & Whisky distillery	Ray
November	Skittles	Paul
December	Christmas Lunch	Ray
	Ray has made a provisional booking with Walton Hall for Thursday 17 December.	

AOB

Richard queried whether anyone knew how many retirees just belonged to the IBM Midlands Club and did not get details of the retirees events. Gary stated that we do not have any info on this or ways to find this out from our database. Richard queried this as it would not cost any more to be Retirree Club members.

Next Meeting - Monday 9 March 2020 at British Legion Club after our AGM