

IBM Retirees Club (Midlands) Committee Meetings – 4 January 2021

Present : Gary, John, Ray, Michael, Paul, Terry and Richard

Apologies from Sheila

The previous meeting minutes were approved and there were no matters arising.

Chairman's Report

John will attend the Northern Retirees Club Committee meeting this evening.

Treasurer's Report

The end of 2020 year bank account balance was £5,179.38.

There is one outstanding cheque of £111.65 for the cross charge to the IBM Club which means the MRC's net balance at year end is £5,067.73.

The financial reports are being prepared for the March AGM.

Membership Report

Since the December meeting Gary has produced a summary report showing where our club members live and it shows many of our members no longer live locally.

Three errors were found in postcodes and Gary has emailed users to confirm their correct addresses and has informed Jayne Cutler of these changes.

Gary will let us know how many members do not have email addresses and therefore can only be contacted by post or phone.

PC Technology Group

More Raspberry Pi topics were discussed at the December meeting.

John has ordered the latest Mini iMac from Apple. This contains their new M1 processor. He will do another unwrapping session for this when received which could be in either the January or February meeting of the Technology group.

Use of IBM BOX

John added this item to the agenda to check whether anyone was currently using it. It appears not.

Planned Events Update

E2101PHO - Photo Competition – Winter Theme

The Drop box will be used for photo storage and viewing. This is already accessible via the newsletter. Photos will firstly be sent to Ray to record and rename before being moved to the Drop box. Michael will create a new gmail account within the Drop box for the competition photos.

If the Winter Photo competition is successful further seasonal competitions for Spring, Summer and Autumn photos will be arranged.

E2103AGM – Annual General Meeting

The AGM will be held on Wednesday 17 March starting at 10.30 for the committee and at 11.00 for members. Members need to be given at least one month's notice of the AGM so should be informed no later than 17 February and the AGM agenda will be shown in the February newsletter.

2021 Event Planning

The committee will discuss potential 2021 events next Monday 11 January at their regular informal meeting.

Newsletter

The January newsletter will remind members to submit their Winter photos by the end of the month. The proposed AGM date of Wednesday 17 March at 11 a.m. via Zoom will be announced.

AOB

None

Next Official Meeting - Monday 1st February 2021 at 10.30 at home via Zoom