

## **IBM Retirees Club (Midlands) Committee Meetings – 1 February 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 attended the Northern Retirees Club Committee meeting just before this meeting to exchange ideas. John said the Northern members would be welcome to attend the Midlands club PC Technology sessions on Zoom. The Northern committee will advise their members of this opportunity.

### **Treasurer's Report**

No payments made in January so bank account balance remains unchanged at £5,179.38. The financial reports have been prepared for the March AGM. These will be available with the February newsletter.

### **Membership Report**

February figures not yet received from IBM.

There are 38 members who do not have email addresses. It was decided to write to them to ask whether they wish to receive communications from the club. If they reply by post we will keep them on a postal mailing list. Ray will draft a letter which John will review and Gary will produce and post the letters.

### **PC Technology Group**

John unwrapped his latest purchase – an Apple Mac Mini with the latest M1 processor. About 10 members Zoomed in to watch him unwrap and setup this new system.

At the February meeting Gary will explain how he has installed a camera into an IBM Thinkpad.

### **Planned Events Update**

#### **E2101PHO - Photo Competition – Winter Theme**

18 photos have been entered for this competition. Committee members will choose the best 3 photos and rank them in order 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> and points will be allocated. Their choices are to be emailed to Ray who will add up the points and announce the winner. Best pictures will be published in the February newsletter.

#### **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**

Suggestions for future virtual events were: Meal; Quiz; Spring Photo competition.

It was too early to consider live events as the easing of current restrictions was unknown at this time.

### **Newsletter**

The February newsletter will display the best 3 winter photos and provide a link to the Dropbox containing all 18 competition entries.  
It will include the agenda for the AGM in March and provide links for the AGM Zoom meeting and also to the Treasurer's Report. It will also have a link to the minutes of the 2020 AGM.

#### **AOB**

1) Paul suggested that our monthly committee meetings move to the second Monday of the month rather than the first. This gives time for the end of month bank statements to be ready and also gives more chance for the monthly membership details to be received from IBM. This was agreed.

2) John raised the question of renewing the annual professional Zoom licence so we could continue to hold our monthly committee meetings and PC Technology meetings via this method. As we are holding our mandatory AGM via Zoom instead of outside venue it was thought this cost can be attached to the AGM event for accounting purposes. This was agreed.

**Next Official Meeting - Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 10.30 at home via Zoom**