

IBM Retirees Club (Midlands) Committee Meetings – 10 January 2022

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

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

Chairman's Report

John confirmed with IBM that the MRC was still active and had 7 committee members.

Treasurer's Report

End of Year 2021 closing balance on bank statement was £3,957.90.

There was one outstanding payment of £59.00 creating a register EOY balance of £3,898.90.

IBM has granted us a payment of £525.29 for second half of 2021 and this was received in December.

Membership Report

Membership unchanged at 425 retirees. January update not yet received.

Technology Group

For the December meeting Paul talked about replacing his central heating timer with a more sophisticated control from a Raspberry Pi computer.

For the January meeting John will talk about network control via a Raspberry Pi using it for ad blocking and Spy blocking.

Annual General Meeting

The AGM will be held via Zoom on Wednesday 16 March starting with coffee at 10.30 with the formal meeting starting at 11 a.m.

All members of the existing committee are willing to serve another year in their current positions.

Early notification of the date and time of the AGM will be given in the January newsletter.

Full details of the meeting agenda and details of joining the meeting will be given in the February newsletter. This will also include a link to the minutes of the 2021 AGM. We will also ask members for any motions they wish to include in the AGM.

Richard will contact Robert Tickell, the joint chairman of the IBM Pension Scheme, to see if he could give us an update, at the AGM, on the Pension Scheme following scheme changes since last year.

Potential 2022 Events

Rambles – Starting in March (Terry)

Restaurant meal in April. (Ray)

Pete's Place possibly in May school half term. (Gary)

Visit to historic gardens including lunch in June (Ray)

Gloucester Warwickshire Railway trip with a fish and chip supper in July (Paul)

Summer lunch cruise on Thames in August (Paul)

Rambling away trip to NE England or Scilly Isles or Channel Isles in September (Terry)

Triumph Motorcycle factory and museum tour in October (Richard)

Christmas Lunch in December

Newsletter

To notify members of date and time of March AGM via Zoom.

To give an outline plan of potential events to be held in 2022 as shown above.

AOB

1. A refund of £80 is expected from the hotel for the wine shortage at the Xmas lunch. Refunds of £77 have been claimed from members who paid extra for wine at the lunch. Paul will advise Gary by email how these amounts are to be processed in our accounts.

2. Paul suggested a Skittles evening with evening meal should be considered as a further event.

Next Committee Meeting - Monday 14 February 2022 at 10.30 a.m. via Zoom