

IBM Retirees Club (Midlands) Committee Meetings – 9 May 2022

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

Apologies from Ray who was on holiday. Ray offered to do the minutes if the meeting was recorded.

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

Chairman's Report

Future of the Club

John gave an update on the present position regarding IBM removing club support from the end of June. John showed several emails exchanged between the chairmen of the several IBM retirees clubs and also with Karen who is project managing the withdrawal of IBM support.

John was expecting to have a further update from Karen on Friday 6 May but this did not take place. The next scheduled meeting of the chairmen with Karen is on Monday 16 May at 4 p.m.

No further info is yet available regarding any grant for 2022.

Paul suggested we consider combining with the other retirees clubs that wish to continue after June.

Constitution

John displayed the current constitution so the committee could discuss what changes would need implementing. The constitution will need a major rewrite with the references to IBM removed and also details which are no longer relevant deleted. Each section of the constitution was reviewed.

It was suggested we might have a new combined constitution with the other retiree clubs which wish to continue after the IBM support withdrawal at the end of June.

Treasurer's Report

End of April registered balance is £3,592.75 and there are two cheques totalling £96 to be paid in.

Membership Report

Membership stays level at **419**.

Technology Group

There was no meeting in April.

For the 20 May meeting Paul will be talking about publishing via Amazon.

Potential 2022 Events

E2205PPL Pete's Place

Gary has arranged this with Pete for Sunday 15 May.

E2206GDN Gardens Visit

Ray has not organised this event yet but hopes to do so later this year.

E2207GWR Gloucester Warwickshire Railway

Paul will be organising this trip with a fish and chip supper to be held in July

E2208SML Summer lunch cruise

Paul will be organising this lunch and cruise on the Thames to be held in August.

E2209HOL September Holiday

A holiday is being planned by Terry at the Holme Lacey Hotel in Herefordshire. This is a Warners Hotel. An initial booking of 5 rooms has been made for 4 nights from Monday 26 September. The initial bookings are for Terry, John, Gary, Ray and Paul. Meal times for breakfast and dinner have been agreed. The holiday balances are required to be paid by 2nd July.

E2210TFT Triumph Motorcycle factory

Richard will endeavour to organise a factory and museum tour in October .

E2212XML Christmas Lunch

Gary has offered to organise the Christmas lunch again. Venue and date to be decided.

Tribute for Alan Bridgman

Following the recent death of our well respected former chairman, John will write a suitable tribute with input from Terry. This will be published in a future club newsletter together with a photograph of Alan which Michael has.

Newsletter

IBM will shortly write to all retirees about the IBM withdrawal of club support. If the newsletter goes out before IBM makes this communication we will just say that IBM will shortly make a statement about their support for the IBM retirees clubs.

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None

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