

IBM Retirees Club (Midlands) Committee Meetings – 23 May 2022

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

Apologies from Terry & Michael who were on holiday.

Meeting Purpose

This was a special meeting called to discuss the future of our club following IBM's announced withdrawal of support from the end of June, 2022.

Email Update

John reviewed the many emails he has received on this subject over the past week. These emails were mainly from IBM's project manager Karen and from other retiree club club charmen. Karen had held a zoom meeting last Monday, 16 May, with the chairmen. The main discussions concerned the wording of the email that IBM would be sending to all club members. This was sent out on Wednesday, 18th May.

FAQs Review

The committee reviewed Karen's spreadsheet which held around 20 FAQs

There are still some open questions that need to be answered.

However it appears that we are insured until 28 February 2023 and that we can continue to use IBM in the club's name. We are assuming that we can continue to use our present funds for the new club.

Constitution

We had a very quick run through the present constitution to remind ourselves what we need to update.

Extraordinary General Meeting

We will hold an EGM probably in June to give our members a chance to express their views on the IBM support withdrawal and also to verify a new constitution.

Informing our members our Members

John and Ray plan to meet on Wednesday, 25 May, to draft an email to inform our members of the likely changes needed and to advise that we will hold an EGM to discuss these changes and introduce our new constitution. This draft will be circulated to the committee for their comments and any changes needed before being emailed.

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