

Midlands IBM Retirees Club - Committee Meeting – 9 January 2023

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

Apologies from Terry who was in bed in New Zealand

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

Chairman's Report

We will liaise with other IBM Retiree clubs in January to obtain shared Public Liability insurance. Present cover expires at the end of February. Paul will progress this with Harvey Schonfeld of the London Club.

Treasurer's Report

End of 2022 Year registered balance was £3,540.57.
Lloyds Bank account opened and above balance transferred to this new account.
NatWest account closure is to be completed by three signatories.

Membership Report

Membership has increased to 128 members.
Process for enrolling new members agreed. New members will be proposed and seconded at the monthly committee meeting. Proposed new member details will be circulated by email to the committee before the monthly meeting and Gary will confirm the request process to the proposed new member.

Technology Group

Continuing the Home Heating topic theme:

In January we plan to cover **Heating Pumps** and the latest **Utility tariffs**.

Planning for 2023 Events

The following six events are planned for the first half of 2023:

E2302EVM - Ethnic lunch on Tuesday 15 February. Venue to be decided. (John)

E2303RAM – Ramble with lunch (Terry)

E2304LUN – Spring Lunch (Ray)

E2305GWR – Railway trip with fish and chip lunch (Paul)

E2306PPL - Pete's Place booked for Thursday 1st June (Gary)

The following are potential events for the second half of 2023 :

Canal trip in self drive day boats

Factory Tour – possibly Morgan Cars in Malvern or Land Rover in Solihull

Brewery Museum – Burton on Trent

Amazon Fulfilment Centre – either Banbury or Coventry

Crown Derby Pottery tour

Iron Bridge Museum

Walks in Summer and Autumn with lunch

Batsford or Westonbirt Arboretums

City tour of Oxford

Xmas lunch

Newsletter

Gary has suggested that his son Mark could host our web site at minimal cost. However current contract has some time to run. To be discussed further before current contract up for renewal.

Potential items for the January newsletter are:

Details of the **February Ethnic lunch**.

Details of Tech Club meeting on 20th January if newsletter sent out before then.

Note: delete **E2305HOL – Weekend Away** from list of events as this has not been decided yet.

AOB

None

Next Committee Meeting - Monday 13 February 2023 at 10.30 a.m.