Midlands IBM Retirees Club – 2023 Annual General Meeting

The meeting was held via Zoom at 11 a.m. on Monday the 14 August 2023

Present

John Rickman (Chairman), Ray Bradshaw, Gary Wooding, Michael Fabianski, Richard Short, Paul Gover, Terry King, Dave Compton, Fred Edgar, John Milton and Anthony Philips

Apologies received from Julie Rickman who was unable to attend

Chairman's Report – John Rickman

Good morning everyone. Welcome to our second AGM since the new club was founded. Thank you for supporting the club by attending this online Zoom meeting.

Our members are geographically widely scattered, and for those who are closer, reluctance to drive, the high cost of fuel and impact on the environment were factors leading to a decision to use Zoom again rather than meeting in person·

The Committee

I would like to thank the committee which has seen very little change in five years·

Ray Bradshaw	secretary
Paul Gover	treasurer
Gary Wooding	membership
Michael Fabianski	newsletter and website
Terry King	rambles
Richard Short	our man in the North

Membership

In February 2022 under the old constitution we had a total of 443 members. When we formed the new club we started from scratch and asked people to join anew. The results were very encouraging and we attracted a membership of about 120· This has since been boosted by members of the Warwick club which closed recently. Our total membership is now over 140. (149)

Events

We have run a number of live events over the past year including:

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September   Self drive canal boat excursion
November    Triumph motorcycle factory trip
December    Christmas lunch
February    Ethnic lunch
March       Ramble with lunch
April       Spring lunch
June        Pete's Place
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Weekly social Zoom   open to all members.

The Midlands Retirees Committee meets every Monday morning on Zoom. Formally once a month and in between, socially along with other members. Anyone can "drop in" to the meetings where you will be made welcome. The Zoom link is the same every week.

Monthly Newsletter   sent to all members

PC Technology Group

Meets every month on the third Friday except during the summer. Meeting are open to all members. There is no fee, and no obligation to attend every meeting. Just tune in if you have a technical problem you would like to discuss. We have a number of regular "experts" who are very willing to help.

Treasurer's Report 1st Jan 2022 to 5th April 2023

This report covers an extended period as we have changed to use the usual UK accounting year ending on 5th April. I gave an interim treasurer's report at the last AGM on 12th September 2022, which covered the 6 months to 30th June 2022, the end of our time as part of the IBM Club organisation.

This report period covers the move of the club's bank account from NatWest to Lloyds. That incurred no costs (nor benefits), and does not affect this report. We made a few test transactions to show the correct operation of transfers between these accounts, but they were all reversed, so their net effect was 0 and they do not appear in this report.

The Rambling club ceased to be a separate subsection with its own account during last year. The remaining funds were transferred to us, as shown in the income and expense sheet.

Events in the first part of 2023, the ethnic lunch at the Giggling Squid, the ramble lunch, were all self-funded, and money neither entered nor left the club account.

Paul Gover Treasurer 5th July 2023

(Paul's full report with figures is held in associated file named:

Treasurers Report AGM.pdf)

Election Of Officers

The existing committee, apart from Richard Short, were willing to serve another year and were duly re-elected.
The committee thanked Richard for all the work he had done while on the committee over the past several years.

Summary of future 2023 Events Planned

E2308CAN - Canal trip in self drive day boats

Paul has booked the boats for 23 August. So far 16 people have expressed interest and the cost is £10 per head after a small contribution from the club funds.

E2309CFS – Railway trip

Paul is booking this for the 5 September and has 16 people interested. The GWSR trip is from Toddington to Cheltenham . The return fare is £15.30. Paul is also contacting the Flag and Whistle Pub to pre book lunches. He will be shortly emailing attendees with the lunch options.

E2310RAM – Autumn Ramble with lunch in October

E2312XML - Xmas lunch in December