

IBM Retirees Club (Midlands) Committee Meeting – 5 August 2019

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

Treasurer's Report

Current balance at 31 July is **£16,632.91**. This includes the second half year grant and member income towards the Rioja trip.

Next year's first half grant is being estimated at £2,384 which is 20% less than this year's first half grant. Based on this estimate Paul has produced a new Event Planning spreadsheet which goes up to June 2020.

Membership Report

Currently 443 members. August figures on Box will be available next week.

John has been contacted by Jayne Cutler about whether personal information is stored on Google drives as we should be using Box for all membership data storage. The committee all use the Gmail service for contacting members from time to time so John will discuss this directly with Jayne.

Newsletter

Articles etc. for the August newsletter should be sent to Michael by Friday **16 August** (All) Gary to write article regarding survey results.

Rambling Club

Richard organised a ramble based on the Fleur de Lis pub in Lowsonford on 16 July. Eight ramblers did the 4 mile walk and 5 ramblers did 9 miles.

Next ramble being organised by Rick on Saturday 17 August around Wooton Waven.

Completed Events

E1907SUM 34 members attended the Summer Lunch, organised by Michael, aboard the Countess of Evesham starting from Stratford upon Avon.

2019 Events Update

E1917AUM Terry now has 20 people booked for the evening meal at Momenti's on 7th August.

E1912RJO 1 September. There are now 11 people going on the 10 day Rioja Wine Trip to Spain.

E1913BTH Richard has 22 people interested which now makes the coach hire and trip viable.

E1915SKI Paul will ask Dave Dagley if he would like to organise the Skittles evening for us.

E1916XML Christmas Lunch. Ray will investigate potential venues for this.

Planning 2020 Events

Gary presented the results of the survey carried out in July. 58 people responded. Most popular events are: Railway Trip with lunch; River cruise with lunch; Summer lunch and Christmas lunch. Also four other events were suggested by members: European River trip; Jazz event; Cornwall trip including Eden Project and gardens of Helligan; Multi day sight seeing trip based on Harrogate. Gary will put the survey results in the August Newsletter. Further 2020 event planning based on survey will continue at our next meeting.

Next Meeting - Monday 30 September at 10.30 at IBM Warwick

The meetings scheduled for first Mondays of September and October are being replaced by the single meeting above as several committee members are going on the Rioja trip.

Ray will ask Dave Clarke to rebook meeting rooms.