

IBM Retirees Club (Midlands) Committee Meeting – 6 January 2020

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

Treasurer's Report

The 2019 year end balance is £3,980.64

The oversight manager has a 17.5% year end carry over target.

The 2020 annual grant will be 20% down on last year and will be less than £5,000. This is partly because we had extra money last year when it should have been reduced by 10%.

It was agreed we should buy Dave Clarke a bottle of wine for doing the 2019 room bookings. (Ray)

Membership Report

Currently 437 members. Two less than last month.

Newsletter

Articles etc. for the January newsletter should be sent to Michael by **Saturday 11 January** (All)

It is earlier than usual as Michael is going on holiday the following week.

Rambling Club

No ramble was planned for December.

The club's AGM was held on Wednesday 4 December with dinner afterwards at The Cape pub.

The club's walks planning meeting will be held after the Retirees Club meeting today.

Completed Events

The Christmas Lunch organised by Ray was held on Wednesday 18 December at Walton Hall.

It was attended by 72 members and guests. The hall was nicely laid out for the lunch with Candelabras on each table. The lunch began with a drinks reception and after the meal coffee and mince pies were served in the lounge. Several members said how much they enjoyed the lunch and venue. Pictures were published in the December newsletter.

Event Funding

Paul has produced a spreadsheet breaking down the likely funding for the January to June events.

Lunches and one day trips will have a target subsidy of 30% and multi day trips will have a target subsidy of 10%.

Chairman's Report

John stated he wished to step down soon as chairman of the IBM Retirees Club (Midlands) due to other commitments including taking over the chairmanship of the IBM PC club from Mick Bernatek.

No other member of the present committee wished to take over as chairman at this stage so efforts will be made to find another chairman from our members. Ray will contact Dave Compton to see if he wished to come back on the committee and take this role.

2020 Events Update

Month	Event	Organiser
February	Evening Meal	Terry
	This has been provisionally booked at The Sabai Sabai restaurant in Leamington. There is a £24 menu offering a selection of starters, mains etc. Terry will write an article for the January newsletter with booking form.	
February	London Weekend	Paul ? (formerly John)

John no longer has the time to organise this so Paul may take this over otherwise this event will be dropped.

March	Annual General Meeting	Ray
	Venue – British Legion in Knowle. Similar format to last year's with buffet lunch. Ray will write article for the January newsletter.	
March	Triumph Motorcycle Factory Tour	Richard
	Richard has received 15 bookings for the first tour he has organised for 11.30 on Wednesday 18 March. He has had a further 3 booking requests and will organise a second tour on the same day if there are at least 2 more bookings. Richard will write a further article for the January newsletter to publicise this. Price is £15 per head.	
April	Spring lunch	Gary
	Gary has booked this at the Oak Hotel for 2 April. Chris B. has suggested that Ginny Davis (lawyer & actress) would be a good speaker. Gary has arranged this and the negotiated cost is £80 for the speech.	
May	Pete's Place	Gary
June	Visit to house and gardens	John ?
July	River cruise with lunch on board	Michael
August	Railway trip with lunch	Paul
	Paul has investigated several alternatives including Severn Valley. Best option is the Gloucester Flyer from Cheltenham. This offers a 14 mile rail journey with lunch for £25.	
September	Cornwall sightseeing & walking	John & Ray
October	Visit to a Gin & Whisky distillery	Ray
November	Skittles	Paul
December	Christmas Lunch	Ray

AOB

Following Andy Smith's email we need to contact our members to see if they wish to pay a £26 voluntary subscription to the main IBM Club so they can receive the full subsidy on IBM Club events such as Theatre trips. Michael will draft an article for the January newsletter for members and Paul will review this.

Next Meeting - Monday 3 February 2020 at 10.30 at IBM Warwick