

IBM Retirees Club (Midlands) Committee Meetings – 13 & 20 April 2020

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

These meetings were held using Zoom over two 40 minutes sessions.

The previous meeting minutes were approved.

Chairman's Report

John welcomed everyone to this new format meeting. He explained some basics for using Zoom including how to mute and unmute the microphone by holding down the space bar etc. He also demonstrated use of the whiteboard for showing financial and other information.

Treasurer's Report

The March end account balance was £6664.78

The adjusted registered balance allowing for refunds due etc. was £5,056.78

Paul has raised refund cheques for the cancelled Triumph factory visit and the Spring lunch. These cheques were sent to Michael who has countersigned and posted them to members.

About half the cheques have now be cashed.

Refund of £600 has now been received from the Triumph factory following an excellent letter sent by Sheila.

Membership Report

Currently 433 members.

Gary has sent an email enclosing a copy of changes to the IBM database on a month by month basis.

Gary's program has revealed that Steve Sanderson has been added to the database. Ray will write to welcome him to the club.

The distribution list was originally created by Alan Palmer as a Google group. This has many restrictions and Gary would like to consider changing this to a Label list. To be discussed further with Michael who is the prime user.

Newsletters

It was decided that there wasn't sufficient news or events at present to justify issuing monthly newsletters but Michael would just use an email to communicate with members if needed.

Purchase of Zoom Pro

It was decided worthwhile for John to purchase an annual subscription for Zoom Pro so that we would not be restricted to 40 minute meetings. Cost may be £10 per month plus VAT. John would also need this version to host PC Group Technology meetings.

Rambling Club

All walks cancelled owing to lockdown.

Terry sent an email to the ramblers advising the walks he and Paula were doing and had a good response from other members advising of their walking adventures.

2020 Events Update

All events planned for May to September are cancelled.

Richard said that the Triumph factory visit could be considered again for November.

It was suggested that Zoom meetings could be arranged for members to participate so that some social contact within the club could be maintained.

John suggested that we all look online to see how Zoom could be used in a creative way for entertainment and social contact. We will review ideas at a committee meeting next Monday.

| Month | Event | Organiser |
|--------------|------------------------------------|------------------|
| October | Visit to a Gin & Whisky distillery | Ray |
| November | Triumph factory tour | Richard |
| December | Christmas Lunch | Ray |

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Next Meeting - Monday 27 April 2020 at 10.30 at home via Zoom