

## **IBM Retirees Club (Midlands) Committee Meetings – 4 May 2020**

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

Apologies from Sheila

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

### **Chairman's Report**

John has now purchased the Pro version of Zoom at a cost of £144 for one year including tax. John will send an expenses claim form to Paul for reimbursement. This version of Zoom overcomes the 40 minute time limit of the free version for the licensed Host and can cater for a maximum of 100 attendees.

John has received an email from our oversight manager Jayne Cutler saying we can now use our own email ids for accessing the BOX database subject to certain security restrictions. John will forward Jayne's email to the committee.

### **Treasurer's Report**

The end of April bank account balance was £5,851.78

The adjusted registered balance allowing for 5 refund cheques not yet paid in was £5,656.78

Paul will shortly send a reminder to those with outstanding cheques to encourage them to cash them in with suggestions of ways to do this without going into the bank branch.

John suggested that if we run Quizzes we could offer a cash prize and Paul stated the club rules allowed this to be up to £50.

Paul has had an email from Jayne Cutler saying that they have not yet decided whether the IBM Clubs will get the second half year grant due in July.

### **Membership Report**

Currently 433 members. No further information received since April total given. When May figures received Gary will run his program to detect any membership changes.

### **Newsletters**

Ray will draft an article for distribution by Michael in the May Newsletter or alternatively sent as an email. This will cover our proposed use of Zoom for Quizzes and other events for retirees. This draft will be circulated to the committee first for review and revision as necessary.

### **2020 Events Update**

As noted above Ray will draft an article for the May newsletter to encourage our members to use Zoom for various online Zoom events including Quizzes, social contact and special interest groups.

<b>Month</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Organiser</b>
October	Visit to a Gin & Whisky distillery	Ray
November	Triumph factory tour	Richard
December	Christmas Lunch	Ray

**AOB** - None raised

**Next Meeting - Monday 11 May 2020 at 10.30 at home via Zoom**