

IBM Retirees Club (Midlands) Committee Meetings – 7 December 2020

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

Apologies from Sheila

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

Chairman's Report

Nothing new to report.

Treasurer's Report

The end of November bank account balance was £5,509.17

During November £240 was received for the Xmas lunch hampers.

A cross charge of £111.65 was paid to the IBM Club for Theatre subsidies etc.

Club expenses for the web site etc. of £182.08 were paid to Michael

Paul sent details of our cross charging agreement to Ken Griffith (Northern Club chairman).

Membership Report

Gary emailed Leslie Barnes to confirm correct email address on our database.

PC Technology Group

At the November Zoom meeting John gave an interesting demonstration of unwrapping and setting up his new Raspberry Pi 4. Problems encountered with the power source provided which John fixed by using a smartphone supply. Also firmware chip appeared missing but later found in wrapping. 14 people attended meeting.

Next meeting planned for Friday 18 December when John will talk further about the Raspberry Pi software including installing Zoom.

Planned Events Update

E2012XML Christmas Zoom Lunch – 17 December

All hamper contents purchased apart from cheese selections which are due to be delivered on Wednesday 9 December. Boxes for the hampers have been ordered from Amazon with a target delivery of Thursday. Ray & Chris plan to pack the hampers on Friday and deliver them to attendees on Saturday. Ray will contact attendees to arrange delivery times.

Ray will email attendees to provide: a list of attendees; login time and meeting id; details of how to select chosen room and room names.

E2101PHO - Photo Competition - January

This will be announced in the December newsletter. It will be for the best winter photo taken in January 2021. One JPEG picture per member and another from member's partner will be allowed. The committee will judge all pictures received by the end of January and best pictures published in the February newsletter. A prize for best picture will be offered.

E2103AGM – Annual General Meeting

Two options put forward for this meeting are:

- 1) Have a Zoom AGM in March.
- 2) Delay the AGM by say 3 months and have a live social event AGM as in the past.

John will contact Jayne Cutler, the Oversight Manager, to discuss these options.

Newsletter

The December newsletter will include photos and a short article on the Zoom Xmas Lunch. Ray will draft an article for the January Photo competition.

AOB

None

Next Official Meeting - Monday 4th January 2021 at 10.30 at home via Zoom