

Midlands IBM Retirees Club - Committee Meeting – 13 February 2023

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

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

Chairman's Report

Nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report

End of January balance was £3,540.57 and is now in the new Lloyds Bank account. NatWest account closure process now completed.

Paul stated that as we have over £3,000 in funds it may be worth considering a small subsidy for an event like the Xmas lunch. This was supported by the committee.

Paul showed the quotation for the proposed club liability insurance and the committee agreed to go ahead with this.

Membership Report

Membership stable at 128 members.

New members were not receiving the monthly newsletter. It appears that Michael was not using the latest distribution list maintained by Gary. Updated list to be used for future newsletters.

Technology Group

Paul will give the February presentation on automated controllers and governors.
John will give the March presentation on latest developments in AI including ChatGBT.

Planning for 2023 Events

The following events are planned for the first half of 2023:

E2302EVM - Ethnic lunch on Tuesday 15 February at Giggling Squid. John has 19 people for this.

E2303RAM – Ramble with lunch at end of March (Terry)

E2304LUN – Spring Lunch at end of April (Ray)

E2305GWR – Railway trip with fish and chip lunch (Paul)

E2306PPL - Pete's Place booked for Thursday 1st June (Gary)

The following are potential events for the second half of 2023 :

Canal trip in self drive day boats

Factory Tour – possibly Morgan Cars in Malvern or Land Rover in Solihull

Amazon Fulfilment Centre – either Banbury or Coventry

Walks in Summer and Autumn with lunch

Batsford or Westonbirt Arboretums in July

Xmas lunch in December

Newsletter

Potential items for the February newsletter are:

Report on the Giggling Squid lunch with photo. (John)

Details of the March ramble and lunch if available in time. (Terry)

Note: Gary's latest distribution list to be used

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Process for selling IBM shares to be discussed after meeting closed.

Next Committee Meeting - Monday 13 March 2023 at 10.30 a.m.