

IBM Retirees (Midlands) Club AGM - 9 March 2020

Held at The Royal British Legion Club, Knowle starting at 10.30 a.m.

Present:

Committee:

John Rickman (chair)
Paul Gover (treasurer)
Ray Bradshaw
Michael Fabianski
Gary Wooding
Richard Short
Terry King

In total there were 34 members and guests.

Apologies received from Brian Chilver, Simon Barratt, Ken Hope, Rosemary Wiggins, Phil Dalton and Peter Managhan who were unable to attend.

Welcome by Chairman

John welcomed everyone to the club's AGM and showed the agenda for this meeting.

John thanked the committee for their work over the past year in organizing the many events that were held. He thanked Paul for looking after the club's finances, Ray for the secretarial work, Michael for producing the monthly newsletters and Gary for maintaining the membership database. Richard Short and Terry King were also thanked for their committee work.

There are now 435 members of the Midlands club.

John briefly reviewed the 2019 events held since March which included:

April – Spring lunch held at Nailscote Hall with a talk on the Archaeology of Historic Gardens
May - Open day at Pete's place for steam railway and boat trips
June - Visit to two private gardens in Northamptonshire
July - Summer lunch on the Countess of Evesham sailing from Stratford upon Avon
September – Trip to Spain to sample Rioja wines
September – Coach trip to Bath with a guided City Tour
November – Skittles and Supper at the Snitterfield Sports Club
December – Christmas Lunch held at Walton Hall.

2019 AGM Minutes

The minutes were approved and there were no matters arising.

Treasurer's Report

Paul gave a presentation on the club's finances. Highlights of this presentation were:

- Balance sheet shows end of year 2019 balance of £3,860.64
- Balance is £734.23 more than last year's.
- Biggest events funded were the Rioja Wine Tour and the Christmas lunch
- Overall subsidy rate of 21% was well below IBM's limit of 50%

- IBM grant is being reduced each year meaning smaller event subsidies in future
- Retirees have the option of paying £26 to The IBM Club to get an increased subsidy for the IBM Club organized events such as Theatre outings.
- The Club's insurance policy cover is only for third party public liability arising from organizing events.

Paul's full presentation is in a separate document.

Election of Officers

The existing committee were willing to serve another year and were duly re-elected. Sheila Short volunteered to also join the committee and was duly elected.

Ratify Constitution

The draft version 13 of the Club's constitution had been distributed to all members by email. It was verified by the members present at this AGM. The chairman will confirm this to the IBM Oversight manager responsible for the clubs.

Overview of Planned 2020 Events

Ray gave details of the planned events for this year but said that the coronavirus crisis may mean we will not be able to go ahead with all these. Full details and booking forms will be included in the monthly newsletters. The planned events at present are:

March 18th - Triumph Motorcycle factory tour. Fully booked for 30 people.
 April 2nd - Spring lunch at the Oak Hotel with guest speaker Ginny Davis
 May - Pete's Place for steam railway and lake boat for children of all ages
 June - Guided tour of Mallory Court gardens followed by a cream tea.
 July - Thames river cruise at Oxford with lunch on board
 August - Railway trip on the Gloucester Fryer with lunch on board
 September - Coach trip to Cornwall with 4 nights in hotel for sightseers and walkers
 October - Tour of Cotswolds Gin Distillery with lunch after
 November - Skittles and Supper at Snitterfield Sports Club
 December - Christmas lunch at the Walton Hotel in Wellesbourne

The Meeting closed at 12 noon and a light buffet lunch provided for attendees.

