

IBM Retirees (Midlands) AGM Monday 13th March 2017

The Royal British Legion Club

Warwick Road, Knowle

Present: Alan Bridgman (Chair)
Phil Dalton (Treasurer)
Brian Long (Secretary & Minutes)
Dave Dagley
Michael Fabianski
Tony Mancell
Gary Wooding
Terry King (Rambling Section)

Apologies: See list of attendees and apologies

The meeting was opened by the Chairman at 10.35, welcoming the members and thanking them for their attendance. Following on from last year's non-attendance of the IBM UK Clubs Oversight Manager, the position now appears to be covered by some 5 individuals!

2016 Minutes were circulated to all attendees. Alan Palmer proposed and Dick Hodges seconded the motion to adopt them.

Treasurer's Report:

Phil Dalton gave a review of the 2016 events. 13 of the 16 were completed. The IBM Grant had been reduced by 7.7% and Phil presented a breakdown of the impact on reductions over previous years to the monies allocated as subsidies/grants to members for events. He gave a detailed breakdown as to how these monies had been allocated across the 13 events in 2016. Attendance numbers had declined from 399 to 356.

The Grant for 2017 has been cut 9.9% over 2016!

The anticipated impact of inclusion of DC members has not materialised.

Local agreement in place for Retiree Club members to attend main Midland's club events for an annual payment of £18 (was £20).

Introduction of online event booking and payment by EFT will be available for future events.

Copies of the presentation available from Phil Dalton and filed with minutes.

Membership Report:

In the absence of Dave Compton (apologies received) the Chairman read out his report.

During 2016 the membership declined to 446 including 2 Associate members.

The monthly Newsletter now goes to 283 email addresses and Dave stressed the importance of keeping him and IBM informed of any address/contact changes. Please let Dave know of any retirees you may know who may not be on our membership list. He is more than happy to check!

Rambling Section:

Terry King gave a history of the Rambling Club in Warwick (the section celebrating its 40yrs existence), starting as family trips out by coach at weekends to the present day where it is primarily retired adults and week days (with a pub lunch!). 9 walks planned with an annual combined walk/tour with the other retiree club members, 2016 was to Norfolk and 2017 it will be Tenby. 31 members in 2016 with one less this year so new members most welcome. Contact Terry King.

Chairman's Report:

Alan Bridgman highlighted that the Committee has lost 25% of its members and none had been replaced. Impact will be seen in the inability to run all events planned for 2017.

Regarding DC Retirees, the constitution has been modified to accommodate them but IBM management has gone quiet!

2018 Events – normal poll of interest and then input to annual planning meeting becoming less viable as financial factors for up front deposits from hotels and travel companies become the norm. Use of 'shared' trips offered by travel agents likely to grow. Await details on how this year's planning will progress.

Election of Committee Members:

Brian Long conducted the election of both the Officers and Committee.

Officers:

Alan Bridgman	Chairman
Phil Dalton	Treasurer
Brian Long	Secretary
Dave Compton	Membership
Michael Fabianski	Newsletter Editor

All proposed by Fred Edgar and seconded by Richard Short

Committee Members:

Dave Dagley
Gary Wooding
Tony Mancell
Terry King (Rambling Section)

Matters Arising/AOB:

Brian Chilver made a request for an IBM Executive to attend next year's meeting to give an insight into IBM's world wide strategy going forward.

Alan Bridgman gave notice that he will be standing down from the role of Chairman at next year's AGM.

Formal Meeting closed 12.00