

Midlands Club for IBM Retirees - EGM - 27 June 2022

This meeting was held online via Zoom starting at 10.30 a.m.

Present:

Committee:

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

Retiree Club Members:

Dave Compton, Martin Ferrier, Peter Managhan, Adrian Ditchburn, Fred Edgar, and John Milton

Apologies received from : Michael Fabianski, Elizabeth Corkhill, Janie Kirkwood, Alan Palmer and Sandra Griffiths

EGM Agenda

1. Introduction by Chairman
2. Questions
3. Adoption of New Constitution

Introduction by Chairman

John outlined why it was necessary to form a new club as IBM were withdrawing their support for all IBM Clubs both main clubs for employees and retirees clubs. This support is being withdrawn on 30 June this year. To form the new club it is necessary to create a new constitution and this meeting has been called to review and hopefully approve the new constitution which will take effect from 1 July 2022.

John then displayed the new Constitution on his shared screen in order to review the thirteen paragraphs of this.

Comments were made on the following paragraphs:

3. Membership

It was pointed out that relatives and friends of existing IBM retiree members could become club members in their own right subject to the approval of the club committee.

Charges for membership will not be implemented this year but the constitution allows for charging in future years if needed. We have a fund of around £3,400 at present and annual costs for the Zoom licence, website and insurance of around £500 per annum. We have 419 IBM retiree members at present.

8. Annual General Meeting

The club AGM date has been changed to be no later than September each year. That means the new club's first AGM will be held no later than September this year.

As AGMs may be held online as well as in actual venues the sentence:

“Only Members **present** at the AGM may vote.”

could be changed to:

“Only Members **attending** the AGM may vote.”

9. Extraordinary General Meeting

An extra sentence is needed to say that all club members will be notified of the EGM.

13. Dissolution of the Club

The word “**present**” should be changed to “**attending**”. (As per para. 8)

Questions

Q1. What happens to the club funds on dissolution?

Answer:

This has not been specified in the constitution and will be up to the final committee to decide. The current thinking is that any remaining funds will be donated to charities.

Q2. What will be the official title of the new club?

Answer:

The committee have allocated a temporary name of:

Midlands Club for IBM Retirees

It was not possible to continue using the existing name starting with “IBM” as this still links the club to the IBM company.

This will be discussed further by the committee and members and should be notified to club members for ratification at the AGM.

The approved name of the club will be included in paragraph 1 of the constitution.

Paul will check with NatWest Bank how the name of our current bank account can be changed.

Q3. How will club guests be charged for events?

Answer:

They will be charged the same as club members as there is unlikely to be funds to subsidise future events and everyone will be paying the going rate subject to group discounts etc.

Q4. If a retiree partner becomes a member will the couple have to pay two membership subscriptions if subs are charged in future?

Answer :

A good question – to be decided by the committee if subs are introduced.

Q5: What type of events will the club organize in future?

Answer:

Similar events to those organized in recent years, primarily to give members a chance to socialise.

Adoption of New Constitution

All twelve members attending this meeting approved the new constitution and it was therefore adopted.

The meeting ended at around 11.30 a.m.

Above minutes created by Ray Bradshaw (Club Secretary)

