

**IBM RETIRED EMPLOYEES CLUB (SOUTH HANTS)
MINUTES OF THE AGM – 2nd March 2017**

Meeting Opened at 2:30pm

Richard Munday welcomed everyone and introduced the guest speaker The Rev Colin Chambers

Rev Chambers gave a very interesting and informative talk about his time as chaplain on Robben Island during Nelson Mandela's imprisonment there. His presentation was supported by pictures of the prison layout and of Nelson Mandela's cell. He also spoke about his release from prison and his life after his release. He ended by showing us the new South Africa flag and played us the new National Anthem, explaining the background to both and Nelson Mandela's contribution.

Richard thanked Rev Chambers on behalf of the members.

There was a short interval for coffee

Matters arising from previous AGM – no matters arising and the minutes were accepted
Proposed by Richard Swaine
Seconded by Colin Burnell

Chairman's report –

Events – Barbara thanked the Rev Chambers for his talk

Barbara spoke about the 2016 events. We ran 33 and cancelled 7. She asked the members if they had any ideas why we cancelled so many. She asked for more support for the events we run and asked members to check the website regularly instead of waiting for Ann's email as often things are added mid-month. The trips are now monitored to make it fair to everyone.

The most popular trips seem to be River trips, Theatre trips and anything involving a meal. Overall the club is very strong.

Barbara thanked the Committee for all their hard work, especially Ann for her work on the website, which has been copied by other clubs. They also copy many of our trips.

Barbara spoke about how in the past IBM wanted to merge the Retiree clubs with the Main Clubs and how she fought to keep Shrets. She said she had a good team and thanked them for all their support.

Barbara retired from the committee and asked that everyone continue to support Shrets.

Barbara reminded everyone that there were still places available for Adam's Farm, and Hampton Court and Fontwell would be advertised in the March newsletter.

John Hadley thanked Barbara on behalf of all the members.

Subsidy – This has dropped from £25 to £14:50 over the last few years. The cost per head for the coach is £13

Financial Report -

Ron presented the accounts for 2016

The subsidy has been reduced by 12%

The 1st chart showed the 2016 accounts which have been signed off as true and correct by

Graham Churchill and Chris Marshall. As well as the reduction in the IBM grant previously mentioned this chart also showed reductions in receipts, event costs and coaches. This is the effect of the reduction in the number of events.

The 2nd chart showed the committee expenses. Whilst we see an increase YOY this can be attributed to an expense claim due in 2015, but not processed until 2016. Had this claim been on time we would actually see a small reduction in committee expenses YOY.

The 3rd chart compared the 2015 and 2016 accounts and these showed a very similar pattern. Overall the numbers of members using the club are going down.

Question – Do we get any new retirees

Answer – There are some new retirees, but most of the movement is caused by members changing clubs and to a greater degree spouses replacing late husbands/wives/partners.

The acceptance of the financial report was proposed by Paul Utting and seconded by Brian Wallis. The auditor's report was proposed by Doreen Caddick and seconded by Peter Renshaw. The room approved the re-appointment of the auditors for the next year.

Richard thanked Ron

Committee

New Chairperson – Dave Whitbourne

Proposed by Shirley Cail

Seconded by John Hadley

Treasurer –

Ron Bunce

Proposed by Paul Utting

Seconded by Sue Clark

Secretary -

Ann Reid

Proposed by Shirley Cail

Seconded by Julie Mills

Rest of the committee – Richard Munday, Dave Smith, Shirley Cail, Sue Clark, Keith Wright, Julie Mills

Proposed by Richard Swaine

Seconded by Harry Biden

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Dave Smith spoke about how much work Barbara has done for Shrets. In recent years IBM has taken more interest in the running of the Retiree Clubs and require them to demonstrate we have the correct processes in place.

He spoke about Vendor Testing and how Barbara and Chris Marshall met with IBM who agreed that our processes were good and auditable.

Dave presented Barbara with a John Lewis gift voucher and flowers on behalf of the club.

Barbara thanked everyone for the gifts and promised to let us know what she buys with the voucher

Meeting closed at 4:15pm and was minuted by Sue Clark