

**IBM RETIRED EMPLOYEES CLUB (SOUTH HANTS)
MINUTES OF THE AGM – 8th March 2018**

Meeting Opened at 2:30pm

Julie Mills welcomed everyone and introduced the guest speaker, The Rev Colin Chambers

The Rev Chambers gave the second part of his 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. This time he spoke about his daily life in a High Security Prison. 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.

Julie thanked Rev Chambers on behalf of the members.

There was a short interval for tea and coffee

Matters arising from previous AGM – no matters arising and the minutes were accepted

Proposed by Shirley Cail

Seconded by H Ravel

Chairman's report –

Dave Whitbourne, the new Chairman opened the meeting and started by talking a little bit about himself

Events - Dave spoke about the 2017 events. We ran 25 events and 2 were cancelled. He mentioned some of the events on the 2018 Programme, including 42nd Street and Brick lane (both matinee shows), the Edinburgh Tattoo and Kempton Park. Dave spoke about the 22% reduction in the 2018 subsidy, equating to £11:40 a head. As a result, the cost of the 2018 Christmas lunch will be increased to £7. It was agreed that we would keep the same number of events. Dave mentioned the amount of work that goes into organising trips, even those that don't run. We had over 200 suggestions at the planning meeting which had to be reduced down to around 50. These were investigated further before deciding on the final number. He also reminded everyone that the Committee members are all volunteers.

Membership Eligibility – Dave explained the change in membership eligibility criteria.

From 1st April 2018 members must have 10yrs service and must be old enough to draw a pension, currently 55. They do not need to be in receipt of an IBM pension. Associate members will no longer need 25yrs service to be eligible. Details will appear on the website as soon as they are supplied by IBM.

General Data Protection Regulation – we are not allowed to keep personal data on members without their permission

North Harbour Car Parks – Members now have to use car park A for all trips. IBM security now require members' car registration numbers if the car is left over 12 hours.

Dave mentioned that from time to time he gets spouses of members bending his ear saying, they don't get on many trips or they are full when they apply. He said to them 'our website is not restricted, anyone, including them can view events'. Dave checked up on the ones he was asked about and found that the member hadn't even applied!!!

Financial Report -

Ron presented the accounts for 2017
The subsidy has been reduced by 22%

The first chart represents receipts and payments for the year 2017. Ron explained that the year end balance was down, approaching £4k as we did not want to carry too much surplus. IBM grant was down 11% last year. Receipts from events were down mainly due to a lack of a foreign event in the year. On expenses, Ron again put the reduction in events down due to a lack of a foreign event. Coaches were static and committee expenses were down and would be explained on the next chart.

The second chart showed the breakdown of the committee expenses. Although there was no year on year comparison on the chart Ron explained that Phone and Computer charges were down due to a smaller committee. Mileage was also down for the same reason and a rate reduction in the year. Meetings were shown on the chart whereas previously been included in the Miscellaneous at the request of the auditors.

Ron showed the attendees a copy of the I&E report which had been signed as true and correct by the by the auditors, Graham Churchill and David Jones.

Question – Why has IBM reduced the subsidy?

Answer – We don't know why. There is no direct contact with the decision makers

Barbara Clark suggested that if IBM keep reducing the subsidy then the chairmen of all the IBM clubs should get together and demand a meeting. If the subsidy becomes too low then the clubs could fold.

The acceptance of the financial report was proposed by Tony Cose and seconded by John Hadley. The auditor's report was proposed by Steve Quigley and seconded by Pat Meech
The room approved the re-appointment of the auditors for the next year

Julie thanked Ron

We had some questions from our members relating to trip selection:

Question – What is a Ballot?

Answer – Julie explained that it's a 'lucky dip'

Question – Is there an allowance for people who consistently don't get on trips?

Answer – Dave explained that we do monitor this closely to make it fair for everyone.

Question – Do we treat single ticket applicants differently?

Answer – No. They are treated the same as everyone else

Election of the Committee – the current committee members are happy to stand for another Year. Their names are:

Dave Whitbourne (chairman), Ron Bunce (treasurer), Ann Reid (secretary),

Shirley Cail, Sue Clark, Richard Munday, Keith Wright, Julie Mills, Dave Smith

Proposed by – Barbara Clark

Seconded by – Steve Quigley

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Pat Meech thanked the Committee for doing a fantastic job in organising the trips which are always enjoyed.

John Hadley asked if we had any members without computers. Dave said that we did, but they usually asked friends or family for help with providing the information and printing

Meeting closed at 4pm and was minuted by Sue Clark