

**IBM RETIRED EMPLOYEES CLUB (SOUTH HANTS)
MINUTES OF THE AGM – 7th October 2020 via Zoom**

Meeting Opened at 11am

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

Proposed by Viv Hoyle

Seconded by Ray Clark

Chairman's report –

Dave welcomed everyone and explained that IBM had allowed SHRETS to run the AGM later than usual and to use Zoom. We will run the 2021 AGM on Thursday 4th March via Zoom

Events - Dave spoke about the 2019 events.

20 events ran and there were 5 cancellations

The highlights were the Welsh Highlands trip and the C&V trip to see Phantom of the Opera with dinner included

Only one event ran in 2020, which was Tutankhamun. This was oversubscribed by a large number.

The two events which were cancelled at the last minute were a theatre trip to see the show Wicked, with dinner and the AGM.

All refunds were obtained and paid back to members

The rest of the 2020 programme was cancelled

Some of the planned 2020 events have been carried over to the 2021 Programme

Car parking at North Harbour. Dave reminded members that we have now been allocated Car Park A, which is much easier. We are also allowed to stay for up to 12 hours without notifying security.

Dave thanked The Committee for all their hard work, especially Ron, the Treasurer and Ann, The Secretary.

Dave reminded members that The Committee Members are all volunteers and pay the same full price for trips as other members. The only advantage Committee members get is to sit at the front of the coach. Dave also mentioned that any free places given are added into the calculations to determine a trip price for members.

Coronavirus – IBM are happy with the Club's approach to the situation. They have agreed that we may book events for 2021 as long as we have no financial commitment at this stage. Three events have therefore been booked for 2021 – AGM, 4th March, Leonardslee Gardens, 27 April, and Longleat Festival of Light, 14 Dec.

The situation is being reviewed continually and the Committee continue to have monthly meetings via Zoom. A monthly statement is then added to the SHRETS website

Financial Report -

Ron presented the accounts for 2019

Ron showed the first chart and explained the overall situation. He explained that if there is too much money left in the account at the end of the year it may be removed by IBM and distributed among other Clubs. As a result Ron has to manage the accounts very carefully. IBM has also changed the way it calculates the subsidy to the Clubs and this is to our advantage.

The accounts are now submitted to The IBM Financial Steering Committee so we no longer have to have the accounts audited.

The second chart showed the Committee expenses

The third chart showed year on year expenditure

The fourth chart showed year on year trip data, ie. Member attendance rates

Acceptance of Accounts

Proposed by Ray Clark

Seconded by Julie Mills

Q & A Session

Q – Does the Committee expenditure figure include mileage for visits to venues prior to booking?

A – No, Most of the research and booking is done by the internet and by phone. If a Committee member wishes to visit a venue prior to booking then it's usually at their own expense

Dave thanked Ron

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),
Sue Clark, Richard Munday, Keith Wright, Julie Mills, Dave Smith

Proposed by – Dave Whitmore

Seconded by – Viv Hoyle

AOB

None

The new 2021 Plan will be added to the SHRETS website and the first event will be the AGM on 4th March via Zoom. It is hoped that we should be able to take questions on the day

Meeting closed at 11:30am and was minuted by Sue Clark