

# Minutes of Annual General Meeting of IBM Retiree Club (Greenock) at 2 pm on Wednesday 16 January, 2019

**Venue:** 175 Social Club, Kelly Street, Greenock

<b>Attendees:</b> Willie McQuarrie	Chairman
Jean Benson	Secretary
Val Deeney	Treasurer
Margaret Bleasdale	General Committee
Mary McBride	General Committee
Tom More	General Committee
Terry Pollock	General Committee

42 Members and 15 Guests per sign in book

1. **Welcome:**

Willie McQuarrie welcomed everyone and wished them a Happy New Year. He hoped that any first time visitors would enjoy the proceedings. Willie reminded everyone that only Full Members had voting rights.

2. **Apologies:**

Jimmy Grant, Jimmy Canning, Jim White, Jim McLelland, Bill Dow, Jim Brannigan and George Northey.

3. **Minutes of Previous AGM:**

Jean Benson read out the Minutes of the 2018 AGM held on 31 January. These were accepted as a true record of the meeting, Proposed by Elaine Freeman and Seconded by Alex Houston.

4. **Chairman's Report:**

Willie McQuarrie said that looking back over 2018 the thing that struck him most was that, for the first time for him, we had had to cancel meetings because of bad weather. However, we did not let it get us down, on the contrary it strengthened our resolve to carry on as usual.

It was a good year. We had a good variety of interesting speakers and some very talented musicians who tried to persuade us to get up on the floor and dance. Sadly, he thought it was maybe time to look for an MC to lead us and encourage us to get up, or as Doris said, maybe a new pair of legs.

Our outings were worthy of mention, with Jesus Christ Super Star, The Kelpies, The Royal Concert Hall and of course the holiday at Monaghan in Ireland which was very good.

The second half of the programme had been very entertaining right up to our Christmas Lunch in the Tontine Hotel.

He felt overwhelmed when he considered the quality of our programme and it made him realise

the standard and quality of our Committee. He said he worked with them and they were tops. We had two main members, Jean Benson and Val Deeney who controlled the Secretarial and Financial affairs of the Club, they were the stalwarts and Willie asked everyone to thank them for the tremendous work they did on the Club's behalf. They also had the unstinting support of the rest of the Committee.

Willie said that he was very proud of the Committee and thanked them all for the support they had given him over the past year.

#### 5. **Treasurer's Report:**

Val Deeney had made available copies of the Accounts, prepared by Welsh Walker Chartered Accountants, as at Year End 2018. These had been approved by the Committee at a meeting on Monday, 14 January 2019.

Val said that, as we had been advised we should spend funds to save further decreases in the Grant from IBM, we finished 2018 with only £636 in our account. As our Grant from IBM had been £2,700 and then a further £3,000 by mid year, we were struggling financially. We were therefore delighted when we were advised that, due to an anomaly, we would receive a further £5,000. We had used this to support a trip to the Theatre and our Christmas Lunch and had ended 2018 with funds of £3,669.72.

Looking at Income and Expenditure, Income from IBM, as previously mentioned, had increased from £7,622.28 to £11,549.32. Outings income had increased by £10,000 due to our trip to Monaghan in Ireland being more expensive than our trip to Garve in Scotland in 2017.

Expenses were very similar to 2017 with Outings again showing the biggest difference for the reason given above.

Going into 2019 we looked forward to receiving the Grant from IBM and to planning events, day trip and a holiday for the benefit of our IBM Retirees.

There being no questions, the Accounts were Approved, Proposed by Dan McLean and Seconded by Flora More.

