

# Minutes of Annual General Meeting of IBM Retiree Club (Greenock) at 2 pm on Wednesday 15 January, 2020

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

<b>Attendees:</b> Tom More	Chairman
Jean Benson	Secretary
Val Deeney	Treasurer
Willie McQuarrie	General Committee
Mary McBride	General Committee
Jim Duncan	General Committee

38 Members and 11 Guests per sign in book

1. **Welcome:**

Tom More welcomed everyone and wished them a Happy & Prosperous New Year on behalf of the Committee. He hoped that first time visitors would enjoy the meeting and reminded everyone that only Full Members had voting rights.

2. **Apologies:**

Terry Pollock, Robert and Agnes Bryson, Margaret Cunningham, Elaine Freeman and Maureen Gallacher.

3. **Minutes of Previous AGM:**

Jean Benson read out the Minutes of the 2019 AGM held on 16 January. These were accepted as a true record of the meeting, Proposed by Flora More and Seconded by Dan McLean.

4. **Chairman's Report:**

Tom More said that it didn't seem that a year had passed since our 2019 AGM. 2019 had been another eventful year with a full and varied programme of events arranged by the Committee. Visits to Sister Act at Barrfields with High Tea at the Willowbank. A days outing to Dundee V&A Museum with lunch and time in St Andrews. The annual holiday to Southport in August. Christmas Lunch at the Tontine and concert at the Royal Concert Hall with dinner at Ingliston Equestrian Centre were all enjoyed by members and friends and rounded off a very successful year.

During the second half of the year, changes had had to be made to the tea/coffee facilities due to the two tea ladies retiring. Committee members, with assistance from the members, took over this important part of the afternoon's programme. Tom thanked everyone for their assistance with this task.

Tom thanked the Committee and our Members for their support to himself in his first year as Chairman. He paid special thanks to Jean and Val for all their work as Secretary and Treasurer, two very important positions within the Committee, keeping the affairs of the Club in good order. Tom thanked Terry Pollock, in her absence, who was stepping down from the Committee this year, for all of her hard work as a Committee member.

Tom paid special mention for the loss of Margaret Bleasdale, Committee member, Greta McGowan at 102 years of age, Jimmy Grant, a stalwart of the Club since it's inception, and Alex McClure. He said all would be sorely missed.

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

Val Deeney had made available copies of the Accounts, prepared by Welsh Walker Chartered Accountants, as at Year End 2019. These had been approved by the Committee at a meeting on Monday, 13 January 2020.

Val said that, during 2019 we had a total income of £36,000 with expenditure of £35,300 so from our annual income we had a surplus of £700. As we had started the year with £3,669.72 in our Account, at 31<sup>st</sup> December we had funds of £4,183.03 remaining.

The estimated Grant from IBM for 2020 would be in region of £9,000 so this would allow us to run our fortnightly meetings and also subsidise our theatre trips, outing and summer holiday.

Expenditure during 2019 was very similar to 2018. The increase in Outings expenses could be attributed to 60 people attending the Annual Holiday which was to Southport. This was the largest number to have attended.

Val said that going into 2020 we look forward to receiving the Grant from IBM and to planning events, day trip and holiday for benefit of our IBM Retirees.

Val asked for questions and, there being none, asked anyone to contact her by email, vdeeney@gmail.com if they thought of something after the meeting.

The Accounts were Approved, Proposed by Harry Gillen, Seconded by Catriona Walker.

**6. Election of 2020 Office Bearers and Committee**

The Committee members were asked to leave the floor and Flora More took the chair.

Terry Pollock had indicated that she would be stepping down from the Committee.

The following Committee members had indicated that they were willing to serve for another year – Tom More (Chairman), Val Deeney (Treasurer), Jean Benson (Secretary), Willie McQuarrie, Jim Duncan and Mary McBride.

At the Committee meeting on 13 January, it had been agreed to reinstate the position of Vice Chairman and Jim Duncan had been put forward and accepted this position.

Nominations for Committee members had been received:-

Catriona Walker – Proposed by Flora More and Seconded by Jean Benson

Maureen Hanley – Proposed by Val Deeney and Seconded by Tom More

There were no further nominations and Flora was thanked for her assistance.

**7. Tom More concluded the business of the AGM as there was no other competent business.**

Minutes submitted by: Jean Benson, Secretary

Approved by: Tom More, Chairman – 24 February 2020