

# Minutes of Annual General Meeting of IBM Retiree Club (Greenock) at 2 pm on Wednesday 12 January, 2022

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

<b>Attendees:</b> Tom More	Chairman
Jean Benson	Secretary
Val Deeney	Treasurer
Maureen Gallacher	General Committee
Mary McBride	General Committee
Catriona Walker	General Committee

23 Members and 4 Guests per sign in book

**1. Welcome:**

Tom More welcomed everyone to our Annual General Meeting and on behalf of the Committee wished everyone a Happy & Prosperous New Year. He hoped they would enjoy the meeting and reminded everyone that only Full Members had voting rights.

**2. Apologies:**

Maureen Hanley, Jim and Margaret Duncan, Dick and Betty Logsdon, Margaret Cunningham, Senga Hart, Sadie Oetegenn, Henry and Ellenor Gillan, Agnes Kemp, Anne Weston, John and Margaret McGroarty.

**3. Minutes of Previous AGM:**

Jean Benson read out the Minutes of the 2020 AGM held on 15 January 2020

These were accepted as a true record of the meeting, Proposed by Flora More and Seconded by Catriona Walker.

**4. Chairman's Report:**

Tom More said that 2021 had been an unfortunate year in respect of the Covid pandemic with our activities having had to be curtailed for the first half our year's meetings.

Fortunately we were able to continue from August with our annual holiday to Llandudno from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> which was enjoyed by all who attended.

We also had a day's outing on 22 September with a sail on Loch Lomond and light lunch in the Winnock Hotel, Drymen followed by musical entertainment. Fortunately we were able to continue with our programme of events to the year end.

During the year the Committee had met regularly to ensure the continuity of the Club.

Tom thanked the Committee and the Club members for their support to him as Chairman which was very much appreciated. He paid special thanks to Jean and Val for the work they carried out as Secretary and Treasurer, two very important positions within the Committee, in keeping the affairs of the Club in good order. He also thanked Catriona for ensuring we had a syllabus of topics for our meetings.

Tom thanked everyone for their attention and attendance at the Annual General Meeting.

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

Val Deeney had made available copies of the Accounts, prepared by Welsh Walker Chartered Accountants, as at Year End 2021. These had been approved by the Committee at a meeting on Monday, 10 January 2022.

Val said that it had been another very difficult year for everyone and for the first half of 2021 we were unable to meet up with family, friends or at our Club.

As Tom had mentioned, we were unable to hold any of our planned Outings during the first half of the year, however, some of us did manage to travel to Llandudno for a very successful annual holiday, enjoy a trip to Loch Lomond and Winnock Hotel and our meetings were able to begin in September.

Our income for the year was £15,427.97 which almost entirely consisted of payments towards trip to Llandudno and Christmas Lunch where outgoings were £19,574.14. The difference was subsidy paid for Members from Club funds. IBM did not provide the normal grants during 2022 but in December did pay £1005.97 into our Account. With very little grant from IBM our expenditure was much greater than income but as we had started the year with £10K in our account we were financially stable.

Expenditure was £21,969.69. Again, the trip and Christmas lunch accounted for the majority of this spend with other main expenditure being hire of the 175 Club and payment for entertainment.

We began 2022 with funds of £3,599.37. £1,000 of this would be used for the trip to Barrfields Theatre in March and the remaining £2500 would be used to support first half syllabus. We had not had confirmation of a Grant for 2022 from IBM and would keep Members advised of the situation.

Val asked the members, if no Grant was forthcoming and a Day Trip in May and holiday in August was arranged, would they be willing to pay the full amount with no subsidy. The majority of the attendees said that they would. She would ask the question again at the next meeting on 26 January when hopefully more members would be in attendance.

The Accounts were Approved, Proposed by Margaret Preston and Seconded by Dan McLean.

## 6. **Election of 2022 Office Bearers and Committee**

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

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

One nomination for the General Committee had been received:-

Cathie Grant – Proposed by Catriona Walker and Seconded by Maureen Gallacher

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

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

Minutes submitted by: Jean Benson, Secretary

Approved by:

Tom More, Chairman