

# Minutes of IBM Hursley Retirees' Club AGM 14 March 2022 held via Zoom

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### 1. Welcome and Apologies:

The meeting was opened by the Chair, Eric Bodger. Eric explained to the 62 participants that the first speaker would be Nyree Spencer, the Lab Manager. Eric passed on apologies from Merv Quick, Beth Roberts and Joy Matthews.

### 2. Hursley Laboratory Update:

Nyree took over Lab Operations from Paul Kettley last year and also has Development Responsibilities within the Lab. Unfortunately, due to difficulties with the remote meeting technology, no presentation material could be shown for this talk.

Nyree spoke extemporaneously and enthusiastically about the activities at the Laboratory, painting a very positive view of the present and future. The site is gradually opening up to its employees with more working on site each month.

### 3. Pensions News:

Eric thanked Nyree for her upbeat presentation and continued by introducing Robert Tickell the co-chair of the IBM UK Pensions Trustee Board.

Robert explained his role as Chair of the board and as a Member Nominated Director. He said that we should expect new elections next year for the MND's.

Robert said that we should expect a discretionary pension increase in April this year, details will be available on the Pensions Website this week.

The outsourcing of Pension Management to XPS had a rocky start but things are improving. The pension fund has little exposure to Russia and the overall position shows our funds in a good position financially.

Robert talked about an IBM corporate instruction to look at the role of clubs within IBM. Robert has highlighted to HR the need to involve the Retirees in this process.

There followed a number of questions from the audience which Robert covered in detail. He is very happy to communicate with members and his contact details are: e-mail [Robert\\_tickell@talk21.com](mailto:Robert_tickell@talk21.com) Mobile 07711 058 782. Robert hosts occasional on-line pension updates, see IBM UK Pension website News section for details.

### 4. Election of Officers and Committee for 2021-22

The officers and committee members who were standing again were proposed, seconded and appointed *nem con*. The committee will therefore be:

	Role	Trip Organizers
Eric Bodger	Chair	Ingrid Bond
Richard Walker	Treasurer	Richard Hodgkinson
Pauline Bell	Secretary	John Jones
Merv Quick	eBusiness	Joy Matthews
Ron Wilks	Web	Alan Stubbs

## 5. Minutes of AGM on 16th March 2021

Eric thanked Robert for his presentation and for handling the election. The minutes of the previous AGM have been available on the Hurrec website during the year and the members present were asked to approve them. Proposed by John Jones, seconded by Ted Bell, and carried. There were no matters arising from the minutes.

## 6. Chairman's Report:

Eric began by showing two slides which showed the names of those members who had passed away during the year from March 2021. There were 52 we know about but are conscious that our communication paths with the company have been somewhat irregular during the past year.

Eric then reviewed the 2021-22 'improvised' programme, the Zoom talks we hosted, and the planned trips for this year. This showed a gradual return to a more traditional programme now coach transport is again an option.

Eric thanked the retiring committee members, Beth Roberts, Roger Marlow, and Ron Bowater. He thanked each of them for their individual contributions.

## 7. Treasurer's Report:

Richard presented his Treasurer's Report for the 2021. The report highlighted the different challenges of the year, where spending in our traditional way was curtailed by Covid and there was little subsidy from the company. The accounts are available on the club website.

The club had to address the new challenge to spend money. We succeeded, with a combination of Zoom talks theatre trips and a meal, to reduce our balance from around £20,000 to around £16,000.

In November we received a contribution of around £1,600 from IBM. What the future holds is unknown; the club is currently planning for the possibility of receiving no subsidy from IBM in 2022/23. Richard outlined the choices likely to face us in the near future: Dissolve the Club, run trips unsubsidised, or change to a subscription model.

## 8. Plans for 2022 Trips

These were discussed earlier in the meeting.

### Drive-yourself events confirmed

» Solent Sky Museum	22 March
» Fishbourne Roman Palace	25 April
» <i>Our Man in Havana</i> at the Watermill Theatre	28 April
» Romsey Abbey Tour	3 May
» <i>Cluedo</i> at the Mayflower	19 May

### Proposed Coach Trips

» Stansted Garden Show	10 June confirmed
» Bristol Harbour Festival	16 or 17 July
» Sussex Mystery Tour	around 19 July
» Kew Gardens	around 12 September
» Stourhead Garden (NT)	
» Free time in South Kensington	
» Thames trip from Marlow to Henley	

## 9. Any Other Business

Richard Hodgkinson brought to our attention two books with Hursley links: A thriller, *Treachery at Hursley Park House* by Clare Gradidge and *Never a Dull Moment: At Supermarine* by Denis Webb which covers Vickers at Hursley.

The meeting closed at 15:50