



41 Club
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**MINUTES OF THE SEVENTY FIRST
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF THE
ASSOCIATION OF EX-ROUND TABLERS'
CLUBS**

**CITY OF BIRMINGHAM SYMPHONY
ORCHESTRA CENTRE**

BIRMINGHAM

ON

SATURDAY 16 APRIL 2016

**MINUTES OF THE 71 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
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1. Welcome

At 09.00am National President Terry Cooper declared the AGM open and welcomed members and guests to the meeting.

Formal Notice

The National Secretary Manny Martins confirmed that the notice convening the meeting had been given in accordance with the National Rules.

Notice approved.

2. Purposes and Objects

All stood while David Sinclair - Chairman of City of Birmingham 41 Club recited Purposes and Objects.

National President Terry introduced the National Board:

Immediate Past National President Jim Smith – Bishops Stortford 41 Club
National Vice-President – Barry Durman – Shirley Late Knights
National Secretary Manny Martins - Hamble Valley Stick and Kingston upon Thames 41 Clubs
National Treasurer Mark Fairchild – Exeter 41 Club
National Fellowship Officer Andrew Mackereth – Lancaster and Dragons 41 Clubs
National Councillors' Liaison Officer Phillip Ellis - Bangor 41 Club
National Membership and Round Table Liaison Officer Duncan Kennedy – Barry 41 Club
International Officer Dave Campbell - Westerham and Riff-Raff 41 Clubs
National Communications Officer Ray Hill - Northwich and Dragons 41 Clubs

The National President asked the National Councillors present to rise and be recognised by the meeting for their work on behalf of the Association during the year.

The National President introduced and welcomed, Hugh Milward, Honorary Archivist - Ashby-de-la-Zouch 41 Club, Paul Cammiss, Honorary Solicitor - Haverhill & District 41 Club, and Dave Barker, Honorary Webmaster – Rhyl and District 41 Club.

The National President welcomed and introduced the Past National Presidents in attendance:

Geoff King	1996-1997
Gordon Macnab	2000-2001
John Bellwood	2001-2002
Paul Cammiss	2002-2003
Mike Fitchett	2005-2006
Ian Mackenzie	2006-2007
Keith Howard	2007-2008
Drew Cochran	2008-2009
Richard Matthews	2009-2010
Malcom Lockey	2010-2011
David Smith	2012-2013
Martin Green	2013-2014
Jim Smith	2014-2016

They were greeted with acclaim by all at the meeting.



In Memoriam

The National President asked the meeting to stand for one minute's silence in recognition of those members who had died during the previous year.

Secretary's Announcements

Procedural Notices and a Health & Safety announcement were read out by the National Secretary Manny Martins. Additionally, he asked that mobile phones be silenced and explained the procedure for delegates, members and visitors to speak.

3. Apologies for Absence

The National Secretary, Manny Martins, read out the apologies for absence which had been received from the following:

John Mellor -	National President 1992-1993
Alan Reynolds	National President 1994-1995
George Douglas -	National President 1997-1998
Ian Mackenzie -	National President 2006-2007
Des Fulcher -	National Councillor Region 17
Hugh Milward -	National Honorary Archivist
Michael Lawrence -	Vice-Chairman Hamble Valley Stick Club
Alan Derby -	Shepshed 41 Club

4. Tellers and Scrutineers

The National Secretary Manny Martins gave details of the members proposed as Tellers and Scrutineers:

Mike Foley	Moseley	Senior Teller
Tom Atkins	Nuneaton	
David Brewin	Shirley Late Knights	
Ian Brown	Moseley	
David Elliot	Moseley	
John Haines	Moseley	
Graham Jones	Wythall	
Peter Kemp	Moseley	
John Newbold	Moseley	
Paul Stanley	Shirley Late Knights	
Fred Titley	Moseley	
Paul Wood	Moseley	

The National President asked for a vote to approve their appointment.

Vote Carried.

5. Minutes of the 71st Annual General Meeting Saturday 16th April 2015 in the International Centre, Harrogate

The Minutes of the 70th Annual General Meeting held on Saturday 18th April 2015 in Harrogate were approved by the meeting without amendment as a true and accurate record and they were accordingly signed by the National President.

Approved.

6. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

7. National President of Tangent & Ladies Circle

National President Terry stated that he had enjoyed his year, especially working within the Round Table Family and welcomed on to the stage President of Tangent Alex Voller and President of Ladies Circle Zoe Gaskill.

Tangent National President

Alex Voller, Tangent National President addressed the meeting, bringing greetings to The Association and personal thanks to National President Terry. She had enjoyed working with the Round Table Family at the top level and asked individual members to embrace the concept and work with the all four Associations. She presented Terry with a gift.

Ladies Circle National President

Zoe Gaskill, Ladies Circle National President brought greetings from her Association and thanked President Terry for his support throughout the year. She entreated all 41 Club members to encourage their young female family members, friends or associates to join Ladies Circle. She also presented Terry with a gift.

8. Iain Kelso Award

The National President reminded the meeting that the Iain Kelso Award for the most outstanding contribution to the AGM would be presented at the end of the day's proceedings. Jim Smith as Immediate Past President would be the judge.

9. Quorate

The National Secretary confirmed that 102 voting delegates had registered together with 15 members carrying a proxy vote, making a total of 117 voting delegates out of 778 voting clubs. 40 voters are required, therefore the meeting was quorate.

10. Adoption of the National Council's Report for 2015.

The National President confirmed that the National Council Report for 2015 was as printed in the Notice and Agenda and were now submitted to the meeting. He invited the National Officers in rotation to update their individual reports. There were no updates.

The National President proposed that the National Council Report for 2015 be received.

Proposal Carried.

The report was opened for discussion and the National President invited questions on the individual Officers' reports, which he took Officer by Officer.

The National President proposed that the National Council Report be approved.

Proposal Carried.

11. Birmingham Conference Committee

The National President invited Andrew Mackereth – National Fellowship Officer to introduce the Birmingham Conference Chairman Andy Ventress to the meeting. Andy individually introduced his Conference Team and presented an overview of the Conference. The National President thanked all the Conference Team for their hard work in producing such an excellent conference.

12. International

National President Terry welcomed all our International visitors in particular the President of 41 International, Makarios Charalambides from Nicosia in Cyprus.

The International President Makarios Charalambides brought greetings from his member's countries and spoke of 41 International's goals to bring new countries into the Association, to strengthen ties with Round Table and Round Table International, and the success in forging a Memorandum of Understanding with Round Table International.

He enjoyed being in England, being at the Conference and revelling in the fellowship.

13. The Association Strategic Plan 2015 – 2020

National Vice-President Barry explained the background to the Strategic Plan stating that it was to carry on from the last plan which ended a year ago at the 2015 AGM. The membership had asked for the new plan to be reviewed and hence he was here today to do just that. The new plan was to take the Association forward over the next four years to slow down the decline in membership and increase participation and enjoyment of all members. The National Vice President then made the presentation.

14. Governance Review

National President Terry stated that last year at the AGM in Harrogate this plan had been presented at the AGM. The membership had stated that the review had not achieved what they had wanted and asked it be looked at again. A considerable amount of time had been spent by the National Board and National Council on discussing these issues and the draft resolutions that had been published. The introduction of any new governance is dependent upon a clear mandate from the membership. Over the following twelve months a forum of volunteer clubs from the 2015 AGM and a membership survey had taken place and had informed the plan. He was therefore pleased to present the fully developed plans, refined as appropriate, for information.

15. Resolutions

RESOLUTION 1 - (Honorary Members)

National Council Propose:

To amend Rule 4.1 by adding:

‘save that no capitation fee shall be payable for any member until the financial year in which he attains the age of 46 years’.

Rationale:

Complementary National Capitation of 41 Club for current full members of Round Table from 1 January 2017

Arising from the Strategic Plan this resolution is to provide a seamless and cost effective transition from Round Table into 41 Club. This will contribute to the growth of the membership. Round Tablers will have up to 5 years to meet, greet, get to know and enjoy the fellowship of their future 41 Club. It will help clear the mystique of us and them and reinforces the Round Table Family concept. This resolution will help to improve the conversion rate of leavers from Round Table into 41 Club

The National President invited Duncan Kennedy – National Membership and Round Table Liaison Officer to formally move the Resolution. Duncan did so, explaining that this opened up the Association to Round Tablers under 45 years of age encouraging future membership.

The Resolution required a two third majority to be carried.

Following a short debate:

THE RESOLUTION WAS CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2 – (IRO)

National Council Propose:

That the title of the Association's 'International Officer' is changed to 'International Relations Officer' (National IRO).

Rationale:

This title change will bring our Association into line with all other 'National Associations' under the 41 International umbrella.

National President Terry invited Dave Campbell Association's International Officer to formally move the Resolution. Dave did so.

The Resolution required a two third majority to be carried.

Following no discussion:

THE RESOLUTION WAS CARRIED.

RESOLUTION 3 – (Term of Office)

National Council Propose:

Taking effect from the 2018 Annual General Meeting, all members of the National Council (with the exception of the National President, National Vice-President and the Immediate Past National President) shall be elected for a three-year term at the Annual General Meeting and the service in that office is limited to that three-year term unless there is no candidate to replace that Council Member. If there is no candidate for his replacement, then the incumbent Councillor or Officer may stand for re-election for a period of one year, repeatable once if there is still no candidate for his replacement after the one-year extension of his term.

Rationale:

National Council needs to regenerate itself and introduce new blood on a regular basis. It is believed that the present five years allowed in post (an initial 3 year term followed by a second term of 2 years) is too long. It is believed that the shorter overall term will encourage more members to take on these roles. It will help disperse the myth that Officers are in post for long periods, distracting members from putting forward their nominations.

National President Terry invited National Vice-President Barry Durman to formally move the Resolution which he did.

The Resolution required a two third majority to be carried.

Following little discussion:

THE RESOLUTION WAS CARRIED.

RESOLUTION 4 – (Disciplinary and Performance Policy)

National Council Propose:

Should any member of the National Council not perform satisfactorily in his duties, or any member of the Association be found guilty of a serious criminal offence, then they shall be subject to the Association's Disciplinary Policy.

Rationale:

This Resolution has arisen out of the Governance Review and past incidences within the wider membership. There is no robust policy or guidelines in place to ensure uniformity and consistency in approach. This is an enabling clause within Rule 10.9 that allows the drafting of a policy and its annual review by National Council to ensure it is fit for purpose.

National President Terry invited National Councillor' Liaison Officer Phill Ellis to formally move the Resolution which he did.

The Resolution required a two third majority to be carried.

Following little discussion:

THE RESOLUTION WAS CARRIED.

RESOLUTION 5 – (Budget Monitoring)

Tredegar 41 Club Proposes:

(To replace current rule 20.7 with the below)

20.7 The National Board and Council shall manage the Association's affairs within the budget agreed at each AGM for the financial year following. The National Treasurer shall report to the membership ahead of each Council Meeting, the progress made against the budget. Any additional expenditure, not presented to an AGM or contained within the budget shall not be authorised without prior approval of the membership at a General Meeting. In the event of an emergency, National Council may approve additional expenditure up to an amount not greater than 1% of the overall budget during the financial year with the membership being informed through the email system

Rationale:

In the financial year ending 31st December 2014, expenditure was authorised by National Council that was not presented to the membership for their approval and resulted in the reserves being depleted by forty thousand pounds.

The current rule 20.7 was used to extricate National Council from the possibility of the authorisation process being proved invalid thereby rendering National Council open to the possibility of replacing the Association funds themselves.

Current rule 20.7 is ambiguous and could be challenged legally if an instance of this nature should arise again. New rule 20.7 gives clarity regarding what authority is bestowed on the National Board and National Council by the membership.

National President Terry invited Mike Fitchett of Tredegar 41 Club to formally move the Resolution which he did.

The Resolution required a two third majority to be carried.

Following an interesting discussion:

THE RESOLUTION WAS CARRIED.

RESOLUTION 6 – (Reserves Policy)

Tredegar 41 Club proposes:

A new rule 20.9

20.9 The Association's reserves shall be maintained at a level agreed at a General Meeting of the Association.

Rationale:

New rule 20.9 ensures that reserves are maintained at a level agreed by the membership.

National President Terry invited Mike Fitchett of Tredegar 41 Club to formally move the Resolution which he did.

The Resolution required a two third majority to be carried.

Following little Discussion:

THE RESOLUTION WAS LOST.

16. Election of Officers 2016 - 2017

Under Rule 6.4 Barry Durman of Shirley Late Knights, being National Vice-President was declared the 71st National President 2016-2017.

There had been only one nomination for National Vice President 2016 – 2017, to become automatically National President Elect for 2017 – 2018. Thus Dave Campbell of Westerham and Riff Raff 41 Clubs was duly elected.

The following were elected unopposed:

National Communications Officer	Godwin Stewart	Dragons 41 Club
International Relations Officer	Peter Good	Ashby-de-la-Zouch

There were two candidates for the post of National Membership and Round Table Liaison Officer. The order in which they would address the meeting was determined by a draw. First would be Duncan Kennedy – Barry 41 Club, Region 13, followed by Jason Thomson – Saffron Walden 41 Club, Region 18.

The National Secretary then addressed the meeting explaining that with two candidates a simple majority was required to determine the winner – no transferable vote system was required.

The result was announced later, with the National President confirming that the National Membership and Round Table Liaison Officer 2016 – 2018 was Duncan Kennedy and thanked Jason Thomson for his commitment in standing.

Awards

The National President stated that he had taken great pleasure in announcing a special award at this meeting. John Carberry of Bangor 41 Club had been awarded the Association Award. Due to his ill health the Award had already been presented

Malcolm Lockey Award

The National President invited the Immediate Past President Jim Smith to announce the winner of this year's Malcolm Lockey Award. As this is an award for Community Service the award went to Chris Taylor for his outstanding work and commitment to the Millennium Way – 360 miles of work for all promoted and maintained by maintained by Chris and his team.

Citation:

The design of this enormous undertaking was put together by members of Solihull 41 Club led by Chris Taylor 16 years ago and has been continually maintained, monitored and developed since. The main walk is 100 miles from Middleton Cheney, near Banbury, up via Meriden and back down to Pershore. In addition to the main walk there are now 44 circular walks, including a recent one specifically designed for the disabled, giving a grand total of 370 miles. You know it's a 41 club project because every section of the walk and all the circular walks pass at least 1 pub. Whilst Solihull is still the dominant force the team now has over 60 wardens and walks monitors from 13 other clubs to help. All the walks are on public footpaths or bridleways and the way markers all display the 41 club logo.

The award was received by Chris Tayler.

Vaughan Harris Fellowship Trophy

National President Terry introduced the Vaughan Harris Fellowship Trophy to be awarded, by the National President of Round Table Great Britain and Ireland, to the 41 Club member or Club that had most helped Round Table during the past year.

In May 2016 at the Round Table AGM – Barry Durman the then National President of 41 Club will make the reciprocal award to the Round Tabler or Round Table that had most helped 41 Club during the past year - Penistone Round Table for their marvellous collaborative work with Penistone 41 Club on turning round a family house that had been catastrophically affected by a fire.

Citation:

In October 2014, Claire Throssell lost her two sons in a fire deliberately started by her ex-husband in the family home. The ex-husband also died in the fire which destroyed the house.

Martin Scothern – The Penistone 41 Club Secretary was appointed to head up the campaign tasked with starting a fund to help raise money to sort out the property as the mortgage was still outstanding and the insurance was cancelled / not paid. He engaged the RT Family of Penistone who as well as been personally generous spread the word far and wide to help Clare Throssell. One of the 41 Club members made a suggestion that as well as fundraising, the RT Family should get involved and see if we can go and do it. The rest of the Family then got behind the initiative and a working party met at the property to assess and scope out the works.

In essence they have re built the house from a burnt out mid terrace devastatingly taking two young lads lives and their Dad in the most tragic of circumstances to a saleable 3 bed mid terrace that will be a home for the future.

The Penistone RT Family have a very simple aim - looking out for each other and their community - is at their very heart - this project encapsulates all that is good about us.

They are nearly there - the house is 95% done with carpets going done in Wk3 April.

This could not have been achieved without the support from Round Table. Hence the well-deserved nomination.

National President Terry invited Round Table President Marcus Jones to make the recipical award to the 41 Club that had most helped Round Table during the past year.

President Marcus announced the winner – Peter Noble of Great Dunmow 41 Club, who received the award.

Citation:



'The members of 41 club supported their Round Table with their community events such as fireworks, carnival etc. but the link between the two clubs was a little remote and very few Ex-Round Tablers joined 41 club. That has all changed. A succession of active chairmen have changed the face of the club. They built strong links with their Round Table, they started to include a more active events, they joined with other local 41 clubs for events, they encouraged Round Tablers to attend their meetings and some 41ers attended Round Table meetings when invited. This year they took over the running of a very successful concert night in the town running an 80's disco, sold out 300 tickets before the event, made a profit for charity of around £6,000 and their event was supported by round table and enjoyed by the community of Great Dunmow. The AGM was a fun affair with lots of brilliant banter, agreement to distribute funds raised in the community and apart from the majority of the 41 club members attending 8 members of Round Table did so as well. In his inaugural speech chairman Peter said "we are one club with two different age groups". In short it was a great night with a club that has succeeded by working together, playing together, doing community and above all they have changed.'

Induction in 41 Club

National President Terry then inducted Round Table National President Marcus into 41 Club.

17. Adoption of National Treasurer's Report & Accounts to 31st December 2015

The National Treasurer, Mark Fairchild, submitted his report and the audited accounts, as shown in the Notice & Agenda, for adoption

The National President proposed that the Accounts be received.

Proposal Carried.

The National Treasurer detailed the expenditure over the last year and took questions which he answered.

The National Treasurer then proposed that the Report and Accounts for 2015 were approved.

Proposal Carried.

18. Presentation of Budget for 2017

The National Treasurer spoke on the budget for 2017 and explained the makeup of the budget reviewing future expenditure and the anticipated income thus deriving the proposed Capitation, page 40 to page 44 of the order paper.

19. Approval of Budget for 2017

The National Treasurer proposed that the budget for 2017 be approved.

Proposal Carried.

20. Appointment of Independent Examiner

The National Treasurer proposed that Duncan & Toplis be retained as independent examiners of the accounts for next year.

Proposal Carried.

21. Presentation of Trophies and Appreciations

Trophies

The *National Fellowship Officer Andrew Mackereth* presented the following Trophies:

The Ladies Trophy was won by Sue Evans – Tangent

The Men's Trophy was won by Mike Clarke (Shirley Late Knights, Region 15).

The Millennium Golf Trophy (Cochran Cup) was won by Shirley Late Nights.

The Kiwi Klub Trophy is awarded to the Club with the largest number of members present having travelled the furthest to attend. The award went to Southend-on-Sea and District 41 Club.

The *Association International Officer Dave Campbell* presented:

The Jim Parkes Trophy (for overseas travel) was awarded to Tom Atkins (Nuneaton 41 Club).

The 41 Club Biplane European Travel Award – The Thomas Hodge/Victor Michitsch Award (for outstanding International contribution) was presented to Claudio Matasci (Switzerland)

The *National Communications Officer Ray Hill* presented the Press Awards.

The David Smith Trophy for the Best Newsletter was awarded to Leicester St Martins.

The David Hewitt Trophy for the Best Website was awarded to Calpe, Costa Brava.

The Photographic Trophy for the best photograph was awarded to Stephen Batts (Rugby Webb Ellis).

There had been 180 entries.

The awards for best fancy dress were to be awarded that evening at the Fancy Dress Ball.

Appreciations

The National President thanked the National Council for all its hard work during his year, and then asked the National Councillors' Liaison Officer to both say a few words about their terms of office and present the past National Councillor's Jewels on their retirement to:

Ken Donald	National Councillor Region 2	2011 - 2016
Colin Steen	National Councillor Region 4	2011 - 2016
Andy Waite	National Councillor Region 6	2011 - 2016
Peter Good	National Councillor Region 10	2011 - 2016
David Brown	National Councillor Region 23	2011 – 2016
Duncan Baldwin	National Councillor Region 5	2013 – 2016
Paul Cooper	National Councillor Region 9	2013 – 2016

National President Terry awarded the past National Officer Jewel Medal to Dave Campbell after having served five years as the Association's International Officer – Dave had earned the title Mr International and the National President was very pleased that Dave would be National President in a year's time.

National President Terry awarded the past National Officer Jewel Medal to Ray Hill after having served five years as the National Communications Officer – Ray had raised the bar for Magazines and Newsletters to an all-time high.

The National President gave the resume of, and paid tribute to, the Immediate Past President Jim Smith on his leaving the National Board. He presented him with the Past National President's Jewel and Medal.

Immediate Past President Jim Smith addressed the meeting. He said with due deference to his good friend Geoff Morgan who told a story of his being asked to speak at the Annual General Meeting of the Association of haemorrhoid sufferers and started by saying 'are you sitting comfortably. Gentlemen' you will be pleased to know that this is my final speech as a member of the National Council and you only have a few minutes more to suffer.

Last week he had the pleasure to attend his last club meeting as a member of the National Council. He attended the 41 Club AGM of Great Dunmow a club you have already heard a bit about from Round Table President Marcus when he presented the Vaughan Harris award to their chairman Peter Noble. It was important to IPP Jim because during his time as National Membership Officer for 4 years he worked hard to encourage change because we had developed into a community of dining clubs who were growing more and more remote from our membership source, Round Table.

He drew attention to his proposal that our best way of working in the community is to support Round Table by helping them to re-open clubs that have closed. The benefits are to create a bond at the outset with the new Round Table and ultimately encourage the new Round Table to benefit it's local community. He was delighted to say that after 6 months of work with his own 41 club trying to start Round Table again in Bishops Stortford.

He paid tribute to the support he had received from the membership. He said he was proud to be a member of 41 Club. He reminded the membership of the hard work in preparing the plans delivered today and the many hours to ensure a legacy for the future in terms of his Community Strategy and project to start new Round Tables. He was leaving with a heavy heart after twelve wonderful years on National Council and thanked Round Table for the opportunity. He wished to thank his wife Chris for her unending support. He gave his best wishes to incoming National President Barry Durman. He said it had been a privilege and honour to represent the Association over the past 12 years.

National President's Farewell

President Terry stated that his plan for the year had been to major on Fellowship and to visit all of the Regions and as many clubs as he could. He was pleased to say that he'd achieved that, attending over 150 events which included Clubs, Charters, Dinners, Balls, Ceremonies and Golf days. Travelled in excess of 26,000 miles and put on 10 lbs in weight! To be the National President of 41 Club, particularly in our 70th year, is a great honour and he thanked all for the opportunity of "living the dream" for this last year.

President Terry continued that being National President would be almost impossible without some help along the way and he'd had the best there was. His lovely wife Lin has been by his side throughout the year and organised everything in the way of his diary, travel and accommodation. His Club, Clevedon, have driven him where possible to events and even accompanied him on longer trips sometimes for several days. Both last year's Chairman Peter Brackstone and this

year's Chairman Barry Blakeley were here and he thanked both of them. There had been many others and he wanted to say a big thank you for going the extra mile for him.

The 70th Charter Lunch will always be the most memorable day for him and he thanked Past National President Martin Green for his excellent work on this event and for his support throughout the year

Martin along with Past National President Mike Fitchett are both founder members of his other main Club Isis Area 41 Club, which Chartered 20 years ago, and of which he had the honour of being the Founder Chairman. In all of those 20 years the Club has never had more than 20 members but it has provided the Association with 3 National Presidents, 5 National Officers and 4 National Councillors which is a pretty good record for such a small, and by some standards young Club, of which the Club was very proud.

He mentioned his Charity, the Stroke Association, Stroke have been an amazing charity to work with and after training as a Stroke Ambassador during his VP year he intended to continue to support them in the future.

He thanked National Council for their support throughout the year and he hoped that they had enjoyed the year as much as he had. He thanked the three other National President's he had shared his year with - Marcus, Alex and Zoe – they had had some great times!

He saw his role now as supporting next year's President his elder brother Barry.

President Terry ended up by saying farewell and thanking all for the opportunity of being our 70th National President.

He received a standing ovation.

22. Installation of National President 2016 - 2017

Retiring National President Terry invested Barry Durman of Shirley Late Knights 41 Club as the 71st President of the Association and gave him best wishes for his year in office.

The National Board left the stage and a delegation from Shirley Late Knights 41 Club gave National President Barry a rousing start to his year to the theme of 'Who is Barry Durman' a themed musical interlude trying to capture a multi-faceted personality.

National President Barry thanked Terry for his presidential year and presented Immediate Past President Terry with his Chain of Office. He then went on to present Lin Cooper with a bouquet of flowers in thanks for her support of Terry.

23. Installation of National Vice President 2016 – 2017

National President Barry congratulated National Vice President Dave Campbell of Westerham 41 Club, on his election and invested him with his Chain of Office.

National Vice President Dave thanked the meeting for their confidence in him. He said he had spent 10 years on National Council and wanted to bring that experience to the role of National President. He would like to see more elections to office in future.

24. Installation of Officers 2016 – 2017

The National President congratulated and invested the new members of the National Board, and welcomed with thanks returning to their roles for another year.

Manny Martins	National Secretary
Mark Fairchild	National Treasurer
Duncan Kennedy	National Membership and Round Table Liaison Officer
Andrew Mackereth	National Fellowship Officer
Godwin Stewart	National Communications Officer
Peter Good	International Relations Officer
Phillip Ellis	National Councillors' Liaison Officer
Dave Campbell	National Vice-President

Re-elected National Councillors

The National President then asked the meeting to join him in congratulating the National Councillor who had been elected for a second term:

Region 24 South West London, Surrey & Sussex David Leach Kingston upon Thames

Newly Elected National Councillors

The National President then asked the successfully elected National Councillors who had been elected for a first term to join him on the Stage to receive their Chain of Office:

Region 3	Ireland	Stewart Thompson	Dublin
Region 10	East Midlands	John Lamb	Chesterfield
Region 23	Wessex and Channel Islands	Steve Bolter	Wareham

The meeting applauded each new National Councillor in turn as they received their Chain of Office.

The National President mentioned a number of National Councillor Vacancies. He highly recommended that members consider standing for these posts.

Region 2	Scotland
Region 4	NE England
Region 5	NW England
Region 6	Yorkshire
Region 9	Lincolnshire
Region 22	West of England

National President's address.

National President Barry said it was amazing that an ordinary 41 club member like him on joining could advance to become National President. As he had heard said in the Round Table Marketing – Anyone can do extraordinary things. He was pleased to start his Presidency in Birmingham his home town. He spoke of his plans for the year:

Chairing the National Board, Council and AGM with fellowship whilst doing all the good things. He wanted to ensure that 41 Club was the Club of Choice for retiring Round Tablers and focusing on the four objectives:

Fellowship which was good lots of events enjoyed by many.

International, lots of events where you met different nationalist and they became your lifelong friend.

Community Service, 57% of clubs already do this fundraising and carrying out community service.

The Round Table Family (he had designed and commissioned the 4 family badge) where we worked together and had great fun together too.

The National President went on to talk in depth of the Membership Benefits including Wider Wallet where he was saving his annual capitation every month to Hyundai who were giving us a 15-20% discount).

He wanted to overcome some of the hurdles to our Association's success:

41ers not standing for National Councillor – the building block of the Association

Only 15.5% of Ex Tablers joining 41 Club – we need to make ourselves more attractive.

Negative comments – we need to be positive and enthusiastic about our Association.

Lastly he thanked his wife Rachel for her support in advance, he informed the membership of her good looks and heart.

He received a standing ovation.

National Vice-President of Round Table Mark House.

National President Barry spoke of his friendship with the Round Table Vice-President Mark House and introduced him to the membership.

Round Table Vice President Mark said he was happy to congratulate President Barry on his Presidency and also thanked Past President Terry for his year stating that they all worked well together.

Vice President Mark spoke of doors. Doors that had opened introducing like-minded men into Round Table, the Community, new skills and fellow members.

Last year Round Table had raised £6 Million, entertained 200,000 at fireworks and Christmas Sleighs and yet they were still a well-known secret.

The door of friendship between Round Table and 41 Club was always open and well used. There was no rust at all

National President Barry thanked Vice-President Mark for his talk and said he would see him in Cardiff at the Round Table AGM.

Presidential Charity

The National President announced his Presidential Charity for the Year – Shelter. He introduced Rachel Pierce – Corporate Account Manager of Shelter.

Rachel presented the workings of the Charity, last year they had dealt with 4 and ½ Million people with housing issues and were campaigning and focused on ensuring everyone had a safe, secure and comfortable home. She showed a very emotional video. She went on to say that last Christmas 100,000 children had been homeless as shown in the video.

She thanked 41 Club for their support and looked forward to working with us.

National President Barry thanked Rachel and entreated all 41 members to donate a year's capitation each (about £250,000 in total) towards this charity and that he would do everything to raise its profile.

20. Iain Kelso Award

Immediate Past President Jim Smith presented the Iain Kelso Award for best contribution to the AGM to Keith Howard for his contribution to the debates and especially his talk on East Dartmouth 41 Club. This was met with a resounding ovation.

21. Destruction of Ballot Slips

The National President proposed the destruction of the voting Slips.

Proposal Carried.

22. Any Other Business

National Secretary Manny thanked the Honorary Solicitor Paul Cammiss and AGM Co-ordinator Mike Foley for their invaluable assistance throughout the day.

National President Barry thanked all Delegates and Observers for their attendance. He thanked all those that had contributed to the day including the National Council Members, the Shelter representatives and the staff of the CBSO.

23. Time, Date and Place of the 72nd Annual General Meeting

The National President gave notice that the 72nd Annual General Meeting of the Association would be held on Saturday 22nd April 2017 in Blackpool.

The National President declared the 71st AGM closed at 13.22

Approval

Signed as a True and Accurate record:

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Barry Durman

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