



NATIONAL COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
SATURDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> JUNE 2013  
9.30 A.M. OXFORD SPIRES  
FOUR PILLARS HOTEL

The National President warmly welcomed everyone to the first Council meeting of his year. He also welcomed the following:

Paul Cammiss	Honorary Solicitor
Hugh Milward	Honorary Archivist
Ken Bowden	Past Association International Officer
Graham Smith	Wokingham 41 Club
Peter Manley	Past President Round Table Great Britain and Ireland

1 **PURPOSES AND OBJECTS**

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Frank Venables (FV) delivered a word perfect oratory.

2 **INVESTITURE OF HONORARY ARCHIVIST**

President Martin (MG) invested Hugh Milward (HM) with his Chain of Office.

He asked National Council to welcome him. A Round of Applause followed.

MG announced that the Agenda item on YAP would not be discussed at the meeting as the Board had voted not to proceed with YAP at this current time.

3 **APOLOGIES**

David Smith	IPP
Lars Scholander	Region 7
Paul Molley	Region 11
Lawrence (Las Vegas) Bamber	Region 12
Noel Tyler	Region 15
David Brown	Region 23

4 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the 225<sup>th</sup> meeting on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April at the Imperial Hotel, Llandudno were approved. Proposed Phil Ellis (PE) Seconded Duncan Kennedy (DK). Carried.

5 **MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES**

None.

6 **NATIONAL PRESIDENT**

MG stated that his report was as published.

7 **NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT**

Jim Smith (JS) stated that his report was as published.

8 **IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT**

David Smith - apology for the meeting.



9 **NATIONAL SECRETARY**

Manny Martins (MM) stated that his report was as published – additionally he asked that all those National Councillors who had not submitted a risk grading report join him after the meeting for a short workshop session on how to prepare and submit such reports.

10 **NATIONAL TREASURER**

Mark Fairchild (MF) stated that his report was as published and asked for expense claims to be forwarded to him by midday the following Monday for his approval and payment prior to his departing on holiday.

11 **COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER**

Ray Hill (RH) reported that the next issue of the magazine would be in July.

He would be printing 500 Calendars this year in anticipation of raising £1,000 for the Presidential Charity.

There has been an issue with Issue (the free Internet publishing software) which added links to similar magazines when viewed on line. This included references to Gay Magazines which had resulted in RH receiving a small number of complaints from our Members. He had responded to these members and would continue using this publishing media. The Webmaster David Hewitt (DH) explained how to overcome this issue. He will draft a short piece on this which will be e-mailed to our members.

With the departure of Paul Molley (at his own request) to the Membership Committee RH was considering a different option for a newsletter editor.

RH was developing the Association's Marketing Plan fully costed to identify and recruit new Members. This would be more fully presented at the October meeting. A quick highlight of content included:-

- Identifying not just recent ex-Tablers but those who had left Table sometime in the past
- Concentration on Major Cities & Towns where no 41 Clubs existed today by drawing on records and memories to draft list of past members of Round Table
- Poster & Radio campaign following the President's successful radio interview

National Councillor's Liaison Officer Terry Cooper (TC) endorsed this approach saying that this had been part of the National Councillor discussions the previous day.

12 **NATIONAL COUNCILLOR'S LIASION OFFICER**

TC stated his report was as published.

13 **ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONAL OFFICER**

David Campbell (DC) reported that that the French were no longer setting up an alternative organisation to 41 Club International. They were back peddling because of lack of support. They were promoting a website [www.planet41club.org](http://www.planet41club.org) trying to induce member countries to join.

DC had attended the 41 International AGM in Interlaken and all the resolutions previously discussed had been passed. Hence all County Associations with 3 Clubs or less were in but did not have a vote. No fees had been set as yet.

14 **FELLOWSHIP OFFICER**

Ken Donald (KD) Gave an update on the Regional Golf Events. KD encouraged all National Councillors to organise a Golf Event. This would lead to the Golf Finals on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2013 and Entry Forms for the Cochrane Cup would be out soon.

David Leach (DL) gave an update on Wider Wallet (Barry Durman stated that you have to be either 'Rich or Bonkers' not to participate) which was ideal for poor and sane members. Currently 63 members have actively joined it. He had submitted copy on this to the magazine. In the last three months he himself had saved £60.00 nearly 5 times his annual subscription. Jim Smith (JS) endorsed this initiative saying that he himself had saved a significant amount of money.

Conference & Sales web pages had been updated.

2016 Conferences bids were required.

Council Meeting weekends – bids received from Londonderry and Yorkshire. PE announced that funding from the Irish Government was available for organising events such as the Council Weekend – PE to investigate.

2014 Council Weekend may be held in Yorkshire to facilitate attendance at the White Rose Dinner.

Barry Durman (BD) urged support for the Moulin Rouge Cycle Challenge from Birmingham to the Moulin Rouge (France).

Paul Ankcorn would like to organise a 41 Club ramble in his Region. Agreed he should.

At this point MG welcomed Round Table National President Stephen Sprod to the meeting.

## 15 **MEMBERSHIP OFFICER**

DK announced that he and JS had met with Cait Allen (CA) (CEO of Round Table) and some of the items discussed would be going on to the Round Table Board Agenda.

Round Table are launching a Round Table Supporters initiative and asked the Association to promote it to our membership which Board had agreed to.

There was a good feeling that Round Table & 41 Club could work together.

DK's committee was working well.

DK thanked RH for delivery half of his (DK's) report in his (RH's) report.

We had initially to concentrate our efforts on the 127 Round Tables with no 41 Clubs.

There were lots of informal, unaffiliated Clubs that we needed to bring into the fold. An example of this was Grantham – recently affiliated after existing for 53 years. Torquay was due to apply for affiliation.

PE spoke about the Irish revival. He had for the last 3 years been working on the Irish problem. At their AGM 2 years ago Dublin Round Table number 203 closed. It had operated as a Ghost Club for a year before finally disbanding. Phil had put an update through LinkedIn about the demise of Table in Ireland to which a young man by the name of Ken had responded saying he would like to restart the club. A meeting with Dublin 41 Club (who wanted to help and support such an initiative) was held. Invited and in attendance were CA and Steve Glaister (Round Table Membership Officer) who were impressed with Ken's enthusiasm and drive taking him back with them on the following day to Marchesi House for advice, training and information gathering. 12 new prospective members have made themselves known so far and 5 of those were now regular attendees at the initial meetings. The next meeting of Dublin Round Table was programmed for 11 July 2013 and 8 attendees were already booked in. – all in their 20s.

Social Media – 1,670 individuals were reached in first week, with a further 60-100 additional people being reached every day. This is helping to raise our profile.

PE was pleased to announce that his son was joining Belfast Round Table.

Cardiff Round Table (via LinkedIn) had indicated they wanted to visit Dublin.

DK distributed Membership Leaflets for Round Tablers and ex-Tablers only – not current 41ers.

#### 16 **ROUND TABLE CHILDRENS WISH (RTCW)**

Peter Manley (PM) presented on RTCW as a Trustee of that Charity. He stated that every year about 41 wishes were granted costing about £2,500 each. Each wish had a big impact on the children suffering from such illnesses as Leukaemia. Each wish was about bringing harmony and joy to the family as a whole and never about money.

He was here today to talk about encouraging individuals to undertake Ambassador Roles, creating business networks and contact enabling wishes to be made, for instance contacts were now established with Alton Towers, Chessington Park, JLS. The roles were about oiling and assisting the fulfilment of wishes.

The Round Table National Board has stopped the annual Presidential Charity in favour of local individual Round Table based needs and initiatives. PM's role was to promote RTCW on visits, encourage individuals to become Ambassadors and networking not necessarily about Fund Raising thought was still required. He was looking to raise awareness, source Business Leads and Corporate sponsors. He recommended that as an organisation we tweet and retweet RTCW. Anyone requiring further information can contact their HQ by emailing [Karen@rtcw.com](mailto:Karen@rtcw.com)

MG thanked PM for his presentation and presented him with a gift and his Personal Banner. He also presented PM with the Charter for the OBE Club. (Old Bored Executives) of which PM was Chairman.

#### 17 **THREE MONTHS FOCUS**

TC announced that following his National Councillor's (NCs) Meeting and listening to individuals in future any NC's meeting would be on a Sunday morning allowing those who needed to work on a Sunday.

The previous day's meeting had proved most useful – looking at the NC's role.

PE stated that there had been enough negativity – no one wanted to join a failing organisation. We had many positives behind us, Anthony Nolan Appeal, RTCW we needed to provide solutions not problems.

TC continued that it was of paramount importance that we find our ex-Tablers who had not joined 41 Club and entice them to join.

TC went on to say that the NCs had agreed the importance of Deputy NCs and defining their role. To this end he distributed a job description for both NC's and Deputy NCs and a free flow reporting sheet for future Council reports.

#### 18 **NATIONAL PRESIDENT ROUND TABLE GREAT BRITAIN & IRELAND**

Stephen Sprod (SS) brought the meeting exciting news of his organisation – Round Table was a growing organisation having increased its membership by 5% from the previous year having 4,200 members as of 1<sup>st</sup> April 2013. Anyone interested in joining had only to text 60066join and their postcode to start the process.



Round Table was focused on Recruitment and Retention part of that was effort was changing public perception and that was one of the main reasons for discontinuing the Presidential Charity. Another string to the recruitment process was the drive to remove old members that were hanging on – there was a need to get ‘old’ guys out.

Round Table had launched the ‘Supporters Club’ information on [www.supportersclub.co.uk](http://www.supportersclub.co.uk) to enable those who wanted to maintain contact with Round Table to do so.

The emphasis was on Recruitment and retention and that was where the monies were being focused on.

MG thanked SS for his attendance and update and presented him with a gift and his Personal Banner which SS reciprocated.

## 19 THE MILLENIUM WAY WALKS

Chris Taylor (CT) (CEO) gave a high speed talk using PowerPoint on the Millennium Way Walks. There were 350 miles of Circular Walks which had been 13 years in the making and maintenance. Started by Solihull 41 Club initially it now involved a dozen 41 Clubs working together to publicise and maintain it.

There was a need for more members of the public to view the website, publicize the walks and take part in them.

There were a large number of walk from ones which took a couple of hours to walk right through to those that could easily comprise a walking tour taking several days.

CT urged all present to publicize the walks and take part to maintain these county walks open for generations to come.

MG thanked CT for his enthusiasm and dedication to a great 41 Club initiative and pledged that the 41 Board would consider what they could do to help. It was suggested that 41Club should have a Millennium Way Ambassador on the team.

## 20 NATIONAL COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Regions 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 stated that their Reports were as printed.

Region 6 – Andy Waite stated that he had 2 Clubs who wanted to change Regions so they could be in their old Table Areas.

Region 8 Deputy NC Godwin Stewart reported the Chartering of a new Round Table in Liverpool. All his Clubs had paid their Capitation.

Region 7 No Report.

Region 9 – Paul Cooper (PC) reported that he had received a phone call from the McMillan organisation concerning organising a Coffee morning in September and would shortly be receiving a pack to help. MG said that they would be doing this with all Council members.

Region 10 – Peter Good stated that he had a Regional cluster arranged for 20<sup>th</sup> September details on the website. Next week he would be at the Arboretum weed killing.

Regions 11 and 12 apologies for the meeting.

Region 14 MM Report as printed.

Region 15 apology for meeting 'Not much going on' stated BD.

Region 16 No report.

Region 17 Sean McCormick (SM) was organising a Regional Clay Pigeon shoot details to follow.

Region 18 JS Report as printed.

Region 19 Tom Abbott (TA) declared himself the Biggest Loser in South Herts having lost 4 Stone but gaining a Hernia. He had organised a Team challenge for the 13<sup>th</sup> October. Was organising a Cluster Meeting. Had attended a meeting with Royston 41 Club where he had been introduced into Geocaching.

Region 20 FV had received a veiled threat from Maidenhead that they were going to disaffiliate. They were going an AGM on the evening of the email. He attended and managed to persuade them to stay affiliated. He had a potential Deputy in mind.

Region 21 Ray Jones (RJ) Report as printed.

Region 22 Paul Ankcorn (PA) is attending the Round Table National Sporting weekend.

Region 23 David Brown apologised for meeting.

Region 24 DL had been notified by Chichester 41 Club that they were considering disaffiliation. They have 33 members. DL attended their meeting and spoke of the benefits of the Association. Was asked to leave the dining room. On being asked to re-enter was informed the Club was staying affiliated. The Association's insurance policy swung the day in our favour.

Region 25 Simon Green (SG) was pleased to declare that he had a Deputy in Phil Douce who was very active in the Region. SG was organising a Cluster meeting in the West of his region and another in South east London.

## 21 HONORARY WEBMASTER

DH announced that the website was up to date. He had 400 followers on Facebook and 600+ followers on Twitter which was growing daily.

The International Map is worth a visit.

All National Councillors' Reports were taken as read with the following additions:

He wished to thank National Council for the honour of making him a Life Honorary Member – he could not believe that National Council had been able to maintain that secret for six months. He was most grateful.

He presented MG an early Birthday present and JS a 41 Club Car Badge he had managed to purchase on eBay for his forthcoming Birthday on the following Monday. Happy Birthday was sung to MG.

## 22 HONORARY SOLICITOR

Paul Cammiss (PC) announced that he was pleased that the National Board had decided against proceeding with YAP. He had become concerned with YAP some 6

years earlier. He had advised about the Legal Implications and was therefore pleased it had again been taken off the Agenda.

If any member of National Council at any time had a legal issue he would be pleased to assist just e-mail or phone him.

## 23 HONORARY ARCHIVIST

HM stated that his Report was as printed. Additionally he wished to report that he had had a successful handover from David Addison (DA) and had last Saturday emptied DA's garage transferring the boxes to Marchesi House. He was dealing with all Obituaries and was up to date posting them on the website.

He was still updating the archives from 2000 onwards and was looking to identify any missing artefacts.

## 24 APPROVALS Affiliations

Bideford 41 Club R22 5 Members

Bootle & Crosby R8 (3rd Time) Has been disaffiliated 3 times for non-payment of capitation.

Carried

## 25 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

BD had several issues of the first 50 years of 41 Club and suggested that HW update the book and bring it up to date. DH suggested that HM self-publish on Kindle. MG suggested that there already was an author in the room. Frank Venables (FV) had had a book entitled 'Only 2 girls can write'. FV agreed to review the book and update.

RH informed Council that there were two domain names with the number/name 41 club in them available. He suggested that the Association purchased them - agreed

DK stated that the membership leaflets he had distributed were for current Tablers only.

AW informed the meeting that apart from MG both he and PG also had birthdays on Monday.

JS distributed a table of Charters for 2015 and asked all to put the dates of events in their Regions and attempt to assist in the organisations of these events.

PE stated that he had followed MMs teachings over the years and had appointed two Deputies in Ireland and was looking for a further one on the middle of his patch.

PA presented MG with a cheque for the Presidential Charity which had been raised at an Oakenhampton 41 Club event.

DH reminded all that he was taking photos after the meeting.

MM reminded the NC's that he was running a Risk Grading teach in after the meeting.

## 26 DETAILS OF NEXT MEETING

SATURDAY 12 October 2013, Market Harborough at 9.30

27 **APPROVAL**

Signed as a True and Accurate Record

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Date: .....

Martin Green – National President  
2013 – 2014

