



Item Number	Title and Discussion	Action
1	<p>Chairman's Welcome President Jim Smith (JS) welcomed all to the Council Meeting. JS then welcomed:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eric Peacock (EP) Deputy National Councillor Region 4 • Andrew Mackereth (AM) Deputy National Councillor Region 5 • Nick Morcumb (NM) Deputy National Councillor Region 11 • Dave Barker (DB) Deputy National Councillor Region 12 • Michael Edwards (ME) Deputy National Councillor Region 14 • Graham Smith (GS) Deputy National Councillor Region 20 • Paul Rawlinson (PR) Deputy National Councillor Region 24 • Paul Cammiss (PC) Honorary Solicitor • Hugh Milward (HM) Honorary Archivist • Ian Mackenzie (IM) Past National President 2006 - 2007 	JS
2	<p>Purposes and Objects President Jim asked Tom Atkins (TA) National Councillor Region 15 to recite the Association's Purpose and Objects which he did word perfect.</p>	TA
3	<p>Apologies Duncan Baldwin Region 5 Paul Cooper - Region 9 Lawrence Bamber – Region 12 David Brown - Region 23</p>	MM
4	<p>Minutes Minutes of the meeting Saturday 15 November 2015 were discussed. Approval proposed by Godwin Stewart (GS) National Councillor Region 8 – Seconded by Andy Waite (AW) National Councillor Region 6. Carried.</p>	JS
5	<p>Matters Arising from those Minutes None</p>	JS
6	<p>National Councillor's Questions and Responses President Jim reminded all that some National Councillors had asked a number of questions on current issues and initiatives through the National</p>	JS



Councillor's Liaison Officer. President Jim had responded by issuing a very comprehensive reply. He asked if there were any further questions on this matter. There were none so he reviewed a number of issues explaining that these had been previously discussed in National Council Meetings and minuted.

President Jim stated that there were 40 Clubs with a risk grading of 6. Frank Venables (FV) National Councillor Region 20 said that according to CAS only 4 of his 33 Clubs had no feeder Round Table, yet, as he visited around his region he had identified that only 12 of his Clubs had feeder Tables. There was a problem in CAS.

GS added that CAS is reliant on Clubs updating their own information, if Clubs do not update their information then CAS is out of date.

Martin Green (MG) Immediate Past President stated that part of the problem is that Councillors inserted words like None or Closed in the window asking for Feeder Table hence CAS thought that there was a feeder table. This would require the National Councillors to amend their Clubs details to set the records straight.

NCs

Duncan Kennedy (DK) the National Membership and Round Table Liaison Officer corrected the previous statement re risk register stating that there were only 4 Clubs with a score of 6 and 40 Clubs with a score of 4 and above. He advised all that if they felt the information concerning a Club was wrong then we should visit and get up to date information. He advised National Council that only 9 out of 23 risk registers were up to date.

There followed much discussion on ageing members and failing Clubs, and agreement that no one knows the true age profile of the Association. At this point Manny Martins (MM) National Secretary asked Colin Steen (CS) National Councillor Region 4 if rather than going to the National AGM as a member of the National Council and ask the AGM to instruct the National Council to carry out a Membership Survey he would like to make the proposal now. CS then proposed that 'A Membership Survey of every recorded member is carried out to ascertain their ages. Seconded by Phillip Ellis (PE) National Councillor's Liaison Officer.

Carried.

7 Hospitality Guaranteed Presentation

BD



Barry Durman (BD) National Fellowship Officer made a PowerPoint presentation of the background to the recommendation that Hospitality Guaranteed is used to book all future events. John Alford (JA) National Councillor Region 25 had a 'hissy fit'.

There was much discussion about this proposal taking away free choice from event committees. EP stated that he had been the individual who had introduced Hospitality Guaranteed into the Association. They worked with accurate systems and delivered a good quality product.

PC our Hon Solicitor added that there had been an exchange of emails and telephone calls between Hospitality Guaranteed and the Association. This implied that a Contract was in place.

Much more discussion followed then Dave Campbell (DC) the Association's International Officer proposed 'Each event Committee will make a choice whether to use an events management organisation or not'. Seconded PE.

Carried.

In the future Tangent will be involved in the decision making over the location of conferences which will be badged as joint conferences.

8 AGM Elections MM

MM reported the following nominations received by the closing date of 1 February 2015. MM

- One nomination for National Vice President – Barry Durman
- One Nomination for National Secretary – Manny Martins
- One nomination for National Fellowship Officer - Andrew Mackereth
- Two nominations for National Treasurer - Mark Fairchild
- Eric Peacock

MM had received nominations for the following National Councillors to be re-elected unopposed for a second term:-

- Nick Lawton Region 1
- Lawrence Bamber Region 12
- Tom Abbott Region 19



A Number of National Councillors are retiring at this 2015 AGM and MM had circulated their Regions for nominations to replace them:

Leaving

Paul Molley Region 11
Frank Venables Region 20
Ray Jones Region 21

Joining

Nick Morcumb - Whitchurch
Derek Knowlden - Isis
No nominations received

MM also circulated the Regions with no National Councillors – achieving one response:

Region 3 No response
Region 13 Stephen James - Pontypridd
Region 14 No response
Region 22 No response

Resolutions.

MM had received the following nominations, each one of which was discussed in detail and then a vote taken as to whether to Support, Oppose or have no view.

RESOLUTION 1 - Honorary Members:

Proposed by Retford 41 Club – Seconded by Chorley Rural 41 Club

Retford 41 Club propose:

Honorary members who have (i) accrued two or more years as honorary members, and (ii) have attended 10 or more 41 Club programme events, may at the discretion of their Club be invited to become full members.

As a result of this the following rules will need to change:

Rule 2.1 and Rule 4.2

RATIONALE:

Many clubs are getting close to closing down or have closed down or have been forced to disaffiliate from the Association because their feeder table has closed and hence their traditional supply of new members has dried up. Initiatives taken by Round Table have not ceased or reversed this trend. Existing membership rules are inflexible and prohibitive and in themselves, unless modified to provide new sources of membership, are likely to cause



the demise of remaining clubs and ultimately the demise of the association itself. It is frustrating for many existing members to witness this demise happening.

Active honorary members often provide invaluable support for their local 41 club's activities and are usually well known by their active local 41 club members. They are unique in this way and many are likely to provide a suitable alternative source of (full) membership if this proposed resolution is granted. Honorary members usually are ineligible for Round Table because of their age.

This resolution if granted would permit honorary members, who have met the attendance and time requirements and if thought suitable by club members, to transfer to full membership. This resolution would also provide a route for prospective (full) membership.

NATIONAL COUNCIL SUPPORT THIS RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION 2 - Selective Membership (Non-Feeder-Table Dispensation Rule):

Proposed by Retford 41 Club – Seconded by Chorley Rural 41 Club

Retford 41 Club propose:

Clubs without feeder tables (and therefore having no dependable source of recruitment) to be allowed to induct not more than two 'non-ex-tabler' recruits annually as full members.

As a result of this the following rules will need to change:

Rule 2.1 will require amending.

A new rule, Rule 4.10 will be created.

RATIONALE:

Many clubs are getting close to closing down or have closed down or have been forced to disaffiliate from the Association because their feeder table has closed and hence their traditional supply of new members has dried up. Initiatives taken by Round Table have not ceased or reversed this trend. Existing membership rules are inflexible and prohibitive and in themselves, unless modified to provide new sources of membership, are likely to cause the demise of remaining clubs and ultimately the demise of the association itself. It is frustrating for many existing members to witness this demise



happening.

This resolution proposes an opportunity for those clubs without feeder tables to induct not more than two suitable non-ex-table recruits annually. This may provide a potential life-line for clubs that have lost their feeder table and would otherwise be forced to close or disaffiliate and that know of suitable local non-ex-table nominee(s) wishing to join them. The nominees are likely to be suitable in character but ineligible to join Round Table because of their age, aside from not living or working in an existing Round Table's catchment area. The limitation of only two non-ex-table(s) annually is a compromise intended to save the club from closing and preserve a clubs immediate character.

NATIONAL COUNCIL HAS NO VIEW ON THIS RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION 3 - Conflict of Interest

Proposed by Holywood 41 Club - Seconded By Bangor 41 Club

Holywood 41 Club propose:

Prior to any decision being made by the Board and/or Council members of National Council (for the avoidance of doubt this includes National Officers) must declare any interest or personal involvement in the decision and/or the person or organisation being awarded a contract or receiving any benefit.

As a result of this the following rules will need to change:

Rule 6.2 will require amending.

Rule 10.8 will be added.

RATIONALE:

As you were tasked in Bournemouth to review governance of the association, we would find it prudent that a Declaration of *Interests be included in the rules*. It is a prudent Governance.

Of course this will not exclude anyone from holding office or is it design to do that, but to task each individual on National Council and Board to be accountable. If you have an interest in "Publishing" for example, then you declare your interest. That standing committee, Board or National Council will decide whether or not a conflict of interest has or could occur and make



recommendations. But this is only possible if the individual, clearly states before the committee or discussion that a conflict of interest may occur.

NATIONAL COUNCIL SUPPORT THIS RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION 4 – Inclusion of Northern Ireland in describing the Association

**Proposed by Bangor 41 Club - Seconded by Holywood 41 Club
Holywood 41 Club proposes:**

The inclusion of the words “Northern Ireland” in the constituent club definitions of the Rules.

Rule 2.0 will require amending.

RATIONALE:

This rule might seem trivial, but in these days of insurance companies looking for any excuse or ambiguity to “**not**” support a claim. This change will clearly remove any ambiguity in the definition of the GB&I, changing it to UK&I. The “current” definition clearly states, that Northern Ireland is an “Overseas Clubs” and therefore in the definition interpretation, is not a part of the British Isles. This is supported by the use of GB&I in any promotional material used by the Association. Although this is seen as an oversight as none of the members of 41clubs in Ireland have any issues being in one region. This change will put Northern Ireland back into the map of the Association of Ex-Round Tablers' Clubs of the UK & Ireland.

I therefore recommend that these changes are made at the seventieth Annual General Meeting in Harrogate.

NATIONAL COUNCIL SUPPORT THIS RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION 5 – Reserves Policy

Proposed by Party Tyne 41 Club – Seconded by North Berwick 41 Club

Party Tyne 41 Club propose:

Provision should be made in the forthcoming Financial Budget for 2015 and each subsequent year that the Association’s Assets/Reserves in the form of “Cash” should be no less than a minimum of six months but preferably twelve months of the Annual Total Expenditure of the Association.

The role of the National Treasurer shall be enhanced to being one of



having oversight over expenditure and the authority to veto any expenditure which is not consistent with maintaining expenditure within the above parameters, even if this requires curtailing expenditure already budgeted.

Also maintaining income from Capitation at a level consistent with the expected decline in overall numbers without exceeding an increase of 4% (£0.50) to each Member per annum.

Where the National Treasurer has to employ these new powers the matter(s) must be reviewed at the next combined meeting of the National Board and the National Council Members, even if a special meeting has to be convened.

The National Council Members will continue to have the ultimate power in financial decision making on behalf of the National Association.

RATIONALE:

Due to the inevitable drop in 41 Club Membership over the next five years, Capitation Income will reduce unless Membership Fees are significantly increased. In order to avoid both unacceptable increases in capitation and the Association becoming insolvent, it is necessary that a close day-by-day control be kept on expenditure.

BALANCE SHEET

The only significant item on this is the Cash Assets- as below

- In 2008 the £112K Cash Asset represented 72% of Total Expenditure.
- In 2013 the £112K Cash Asset represented 50% of Total Expenditure.

If what we are being told the figure for Cash Asset in 2014 has dropped to £80K, then this represents 37% of Total Expenditure

Income

1. This has increased year on year against a declining Membership by increasing subscriptions.
2. In 2008 = £150K, 2013 = £211K, Budget for 2015 = £224K
3. Other income apart from Sales is insignificant, and can Sales be maintained at £6000.

Expenditure

This has gone up from £156K in 2008, with a significant jump in 2011 to £198K and a Budgeted figure of £233K in 2015, which represents an increase of 49% in 8 years at 6% per annum.



At an average cost of £19K per month in Expenditure, then unless Capitation comes in very quickly in 2015 the Cash available will only last 4 months.

NATIONAL COUNCIL HAS NO VIEW ON THIS RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION 6 – Deferment of Budget approval

Proposed by Gosforth 41 Club - Seconded by: Newcastle 41 Club

Gosforth 41 Club propose:

Acceptance of the budget for the year ended 31st December 2016 should be deferred pending the membership being given a thorough analysis, i.e. details of, and explanations for, all of the categories of income and expenditure in excess of £2,000 shown in both the income and expenditure account set out in the 2016 budget and of not only the expenditure but of also the balance sheet items in the accounts for each of the years ended 31st December 2012, 2013 and 2014.

Furthermore, there should also be made available for scrutiny a monthly cash flow forecast for the current year, ending 31st December 2015, which must provide a similar explanation of the expenditure, highlighting where the Association has contractual commitments, and setting out the assumptions made regarding income from capitation.

As all of this information is historic, there should be no undue delay in making it available by the end of September 2015 when the Membership of the Association must be given an opportunity to revisit the budget for the current (2015) year and that for 2016.

RATIONALE:

There is currently no policy setting out a minimum level of cash reserves to ensure adequate funding for the Association having regard to its stated objectives. There has, however, been a significant reduction in cash reserves in the year just ended. There has also been a reduction in membership which, apart from sundry income from sales and advertising, represents our only source of income.

Given that the accounts presented to the AGM do not provide an acceptable level of information concerning either the decline in capitation, nor the major categories of expenditure, nor what contractual commitments have been entered into, there is a regrettable lack of transparency that can only be addressed by undertaking a comprehensive review of the accounts in recent years and the budgets for this year and next to ensure that the Association is, and will continue to be, adequately funded for the foreseeable future.



NATIONAL COUNCIL HAS NO VIEW ON THIS RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION 7 – Removal of IPP post?

Proposed by Cheadle & Gatley 41 Club – seconded by Lancaster 41 Club

Rhetoric

In the last three years there has been an unprecedented increase in costs of the National Executive and National Council and what have they achieved.

1. They have not increased the 41 Club membership – the only people who can join are ex-Round Tablers
2. They have not stopped our numbers decreasing – possibly due to us getting older
3. They have not substantially increased the number of people joining Round Table – it's not the same type of organization we remember.
4. They have not significantly increased the number of retiring Round Tabler's joining 41 Club – there are not enough of them leaving to make any significant difference.
5. They have not increased Members interest in national affairs – Members just want to meet friends and socialize.
6. They have not achieved very much with the extra money they have spent.

RESOLUTION

That no Past President or Immediate Past President should hold a post on the National Executive or have any voting rights on the National Executive for at least 3 consecutive years after being President.

RATIONALE:

To allow new blood to become involved with possibly new ideas to take the organization forward.

Presidents have been involved for at least 3 years before their year of office and to have further years in office with the same views and objectives cannot be good for the organization.

NATIONAL COUNCIL HAD NO VIEW ON THIS RESOLUTION

A week after this meeting this Resolution was withdrawn by the Proposing Club.

As mentioned earlier CS had a Resolution regarding a Membership Survey re



age of members. Even though it had been agreed by National Council he was unsure as to if he should withdraw the AGM Resolution and throughout the meeting kept trying to agree the methodology.

Honorary Members

President Jim explained that each year the National Board proposed the appointment of Honorary Members for National Council ratification and then recommendation to the AGM. To this end he proposed;-

Paul Cammiss for Honorary Solicitor

Hugh Milward for Honorary Archivist

Carried.

9 Awards

Paul Molley (PM) as outgoing National Councillor for Region 11 proposed John Grint MBE from 41 Club for the Association Award. The Awards Committee and National Board supported this proposal. Discussion followed and a vote taken.

Carried (unanimously).

10 2014 Income & Expenditure and Balance Sheet

Mark Fairchild (MF) National Treasurer presented the 2014 accounts for approval.

Colin Steen (CS) National Councillor Region 4 raised a number of questions and expressed his opinions. He was unhappy with the capitalisation of the IT spend stating that there seemed to be no control of expenditure. He was very worried about the drawing down of reserves – not being consistent with diligence over financial control. He was totally unhappy with the cost of the Round Table Contract stating that he could get the same level of work carried out at a fraction of the cost.

MM replied that prior to 2012 there had been no published or drafted Reserves Policy. On taking up post in 2012 the Mark Fairchild (MF) National Treasurer had produced such a policy and had proposed the levels which had been agreed. This policy was available on both SharePoint and the website as he had informed CS previously. MM had also sent CS all the information he had stipulated in a resolution for the AGM concerning the 2012, 2013 and 2014 budgets. If anyone wanted information they only had to ask not



complain that they did not know. MF then answered the questions on capitalisation and advised CS that he had carried out a Benchmarking Exercise on the admin contract that had shown the contract value to be compatible to commercial rates and enterprises.

CS then started querying the I and E and Cash Flow. MF explained the principles he had worked to and David Leach (DL) National Councillor Region 24, an accountant by profession, stated that he was happy with the Reserves Policy and cash flow. John Alford (JA) National Councillor Region 25 said that all 41 club members were like him 'thick' so would benefit from a separate Cash Flow document. MF proposed that he would produce a Cash Flow spreadsheet for the Agenda and Order Paper seconded DL.

MF

MF proposed the approval of the 2014 I & E and Balance Sheet, seconded DL.

Carried.

11 Strategy Plan

TC

TC presented the Strategy Plan 2015 – 2020.

The Aims of the Strategy Plan

- Slows down the current trend of declining membership
- Increases local activity
- Increases more of a 'presence' in every area
- Develops more events locally and nationally
- Introduces an element of Community Service to provide a purpose and a sense of belonging
- Improves communication

Strategy – Membership

- By 2018 AGM we will become an Association of 'Individual Members' rather than an 'Association of Clubs'.
 - Individual membership can lead to continuous membership from Round Table.
 - Introduce a membership card
 - Allocate Clubs in 41 Club a Club Number
 - Consider a virtual Club
 - Membership Benefits package
- Introduce Open or Selective Membership from the 2016 AGM.
- Free National Capitation of 41 Club for Round Tablers or Ex-Round Tablers in the 40-45 age bracket with effect from 1st January 2016



- Obtain a minimum of 300 new members using the Round Table historic database by 2017.
 - Contact all members on the database
 - Run trial in first Region and pass details to Regional Councillor and Clubs
 - Following successful trial roll out across all UK

Strategy – Communications

- To develop a National infrastructure to enable direct communication with all members by 2018
 - Update CAS to support this
 - Maintain a current and dynamic website with links to local sites.
 - Use Social Media, Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn.
 - Promote National activities
 - Promoting brand e.g. wear the badge with pride
 - Ensure everyone has access to a magazine – either digitally or physically.
 - Use of PR
- To develop a local infrastructure to enable direct communication with all members in Regions by 2018
 - Promote local activities
 - Regional events
 - Newsletters
 - Promoting brand e.g. wear the badge with pride
 - Use of PR
- Communicate, reinforce and promote the purposes of the Round Table Family Memorandum of Understanding at National and local level during 2015.
 - Working together for membership development within the four Associations.
 - Share best practice for commercial advantage
 - Encourage interaction at all levels

Strategy – Events and Fellowship

- Develop targeted support for local multi-club events to achieve 4 events per year in each Region
 - Joint activities with Round Table
 - Round Table Family events
- Develop annual National & International Events
 - National Sporting Weekend for 41Club
 - Number and twinning events



- Specials such as Classic Car, Caravanning
- Competitions
- To develop and deliver a Community Service Programme consisting of a major National Project, and ten annual local projects, starting from 2015.
 - Develop and disseminate a Community Service Policy and Strategy
 - Develop Joint working with Round Table on Community Service projects
 - Develop and distribute local Community Service project guidelines

During discussion it was agreed:

1. To add 'To identify our members' as a bullet point under the Aims of the Strategic Plan.
2. To add 'National Councillor Training' as a bullet point under Strategy – Communications
3. To add 'Local Cluster (Clubs near each other not necessarily in the same region etc.) as a bullet point under local infrastructure

TC

Action for DK chase why David Barker was not in the Round Table database.

DK

MG pointed that if the first two resolutions (or even one of them) then the proposed Open Membership by 2016 target will not be required but will have been achieved.

NM proposed that one of the primary targets should be 'To improve the conversion rate from 17% of those who leave Round Table to join 41 Club.' Seconded DK.

TC

Carried.

TC

It was proposed by DF seconded AW that there would be a review point at each National Council Meeting.

Carried.

TC

The Strategic Plan was well received and discussed. It was agreed that it was a good step forward. TC proposed that the 2015 – 2020 Strategic Plan be approved by National Council, seconded PM.

Carried.

TC



12 Governance Review

JS

President Jim presented the Governance Review that the Board had been working on for 8 months so far. He explained that it was not a National Council decision to agree this – the Bournemouth Resolution had charged the National Board with developing the future Governance and reporting back to the AGM.

Governance

- Restructure of Board – to deliver strategy
- Restructure of Regions to improve communications
- More local support and focus
- Systems
- Administration

National Board

- National President
- National Vice-President – President Elect
- Immediate Past National President
- National Secretary
 - Honorary Archivist, Honorary Solicitor
- National Treasurer
- National Membership Officer
 - Membership, RT Liaison, Benefits
- National Fellowship & Events Officer
 - Events, Conference,
- National Community Service Officer
 - Support CS Events, National Charities
- National Communications Officer
 - Magazine, Newsletter, Social Media, Webmaster, Honorary ICT Officer
- Regional Councillors Liaison Officer
 - Manage and guidance of Regional Councillors, Region reviews
- Association International Officer

Regions

- 50 Areas – based on Round Table Areas
- An 'Area Deputy' in each area
- A Regional Councillor covering an area of their own and 'supervising' an average of 3 other Areas.
- A total of 50 Area representatives of which 12 are Regional



Councillors

- Structure within Region to use strengths of individuals for key tasks
- Reduction of travelling distances
- Reduction of Clubs for each individual to work with
- Less work may make it easier to recruit
- Councillor co-ordinates and represents Region on Council
- Larger pool of expertise for Committees

North of England Structure – Example 60 Clubs

REGIONAL COUNCILLOR REGION X & AREA 10 15 CLUBS	AREA DEPUTY AREA 20 15 CLUBS
AREA DEPUTY AREA 21 15 CLUBS	AREA DEPUTY AREA 34 15 CLUBS

Honorary Members

- Honorary Solicitor
- Honorary Archivist
- Honorary ICT Officer
 - Technical & IT Strategy, CAS, Development of systems

National Council

- National President
- Vice President (President Elect)
- Immediate Past President
- National Secretary
- National Treasurer
- National Membership Officer
- National Fellowship & Events Officer
- National Community Service Officer
- National Communications Officer
- National Councillors Liaison Officer
- International Officer
- 12 Regional Councillors
- 3 Honorary Members

Total 26



Terms of Office

- All roles excluding VP, President, IPP to be: 3 years with an optional extension of 1 year

Administration and Systems

- Review Administration Contract with Marchesi House after Round Table decide future of CEO and when contract due to end – currently 31st December 2016.
- Review and align systems to new structure including CAS & Office requirements and to complement new website.

There was much discussion. Godwin Stewart (GS) National Councillor Region 8 stated that the Regional Structure should change but not necessarily so much. The majority view was that more National Councillors were required not less. There followed a number of different National Council Structure proposals but no consensus. It was suggested that the National Board had sprung this upon the National Council without allowing enough time to review it.

President Jim said the timelines for this as shown in the November Council Meeting had always been for presentation at this meeting. There was nothing for the National Council to approve as the Governance would be taken by the National Board to the AGM in accordance with the Resolution. In the light of some relevant comments he agreed to take it back to the National Board for discussion on those items and would recirculate a final version to the whole of Council during the following week.

JS

13 Budget 2016 v1 & 2

MF

MF discussed the two budgets and stated that since the Governance Review had not been finalised it was not feasible to discuss its associated budget so he proposed that the existing status quo budget only be discussed and approved. Seconded JA.

Carried.

MF

MF then went into detail on the different lines of the budget their implications and impact. Following little discussion he proposed the 2016 budget as proposed was approved. Seconded JA.



Carried.

MF

MF proposed the Reserves Policy for 2015 to be set at £60,000 seconded DL.

Carried.

MF

MF proposed the Honoraria to Officers

V1 - £500 decrease from 2015

V2 - no change from 2015

This covers incidental expenses incurred by Board members (postage, stationery, telephone calls etc).

He proposed a small increase for most (Secretary & Treasurer to £200, from £180, other 6 Board members to £100 from £90 excludes President & International), but reducing the budget slightly by cutting the Presidents from £1000 to £500. The rationale behind this is that many of the items formerly covered by the Presidents Honorarium are now claimed for against his expenses. Seconded AW.

MF

Carried.

MF proposed that Duncan & Toplis be appointed as Auditors for 2015. Seconded Ken Donald (KD) National Councillor Region 2.

MF

Carried.

MF then proposed that the National Council Expenses for 2016 as submitted in his report and discussed under the budget above be approved. Seconded MG.

MF

Carried.

For Clarity it was actually at this point that Resolutions 6 and 7 were tabled and discussed as they related to both the Governance Review and the 2016 Budget approval and had to be considered after these presentations. They are shown in the Resolutions section to maintain continuity.

- 14 Questions on National Board Reports.
None but a number of updated.**



DC reported that the Half Yearly Meeting website would open the following week and distributed brochures asking all present to advertise the event. He then presented a cheque (raised at a local event) for £100 to President Jim for Anthony Nolan.

DK updated his Round Table Data Project. As previously reported, the trial of the data had been carried out in one region, Region 11. There were 222 contacts, of those a sample of 20 was chosen and TC phoned them. The result was:

- 4 were already in 41 Clubs
 - 2 are still in Round Table
 - 2 did not answer the phone
 - 2 had no interest in joining 41 club
 - 2 were interested and became prospects
- This was a 10% success rate.

During discussion on this subject it was stated that cold calling was not the way to carry this out. DK reported that all the contacts in the trial had been written to by Round Table then emailed informing them that they were to be telephoned shortly. It was discussed what would be done with prospects, some said that the National Councillor would deal with their attending a 41 Club, others said the contact details should be passed on to the 41 Club Chairman for them to deal with. No consensus was reached.

BD stated that Tangent have asked if they can run their meeting in parallel to ours during the October 2015 National Council Weekend Meeting. There was no discussion. BD presented President Jim with a cheque in the sum of £100.00 for Anthony Nolan (raised during a BBQ).

Frank Venables (FV) presented President Jim with two cheques in the sum of £68.00 and £58.18 from Clubs in his region for Anthony Nolan.

15 Malcolm Lockey – Community Service Award

MG

MG as co-ordinator for the Malcolm Lockey Award reported that from the overwhelming response for this trophy – one nomination – Shirley Late Knights he was at present unable to choose a winner. He awaited further nominations. BD objected to this stating that his Club had submitted their application in good time.

ALL

16 Questions on National Councillors Reports

JS



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None.

17 Questions on Honorary Members Reports JS

None.

18 Approvals DK
Disaffiliations

Sedgefield 41 Club Region 4
Ripon 2 – Region 6
Vale of Glamorgan – Region 13
Frome – Region 21
Chertsey 41 Club – Region 24
Deptford – Region 25

Carried.

19 AOB JS

President Jim announced that Jill Harris (Past President Vaughan Harris's widow) wished to introduce an Award at the AGM (and future AGMs) of 'The Vaughan Harris Trophy'. This award to be presented to the 41 Club that works most closely with its Round Table. To be presented at our AGM by the Round Table President and its mirror Award the Round Table who has worked most closely with its 41 Club to be awarded at the Round Table AGM by the 41 Club National President.

DC announced that Jill Harris also proposed to make similar awards at International level. **BD**

Agreed.

20 Date of Next Meeting JS

Friday 17 April 2015 – Harrogate – Majestic Hotel – 11.00 a.m.



41 Club
CONTINUED FRIENDSHIP

National Council Meeting Minutes

Saturday 7 February 2015

Hillscourt Conference Centre, Rednal

21 Approval

Signed as a True and accurate record:

JS

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Jim Smith
National President
2014 - 2015

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Date.