



**National Council Meeting Minutes
Saturday 5 July 2014
Radisson Blu Hotel
Stansted**

The National President warmly welcomed everyone to the first Council Meeting of his year.

1 **PURPOSES AND OBJECTS** **GS**
Was recited by Godwin Stewart (GS) (Region 8 National Councillor).
President Jim thanked GS for his rendition.

2 **APOLOGIES** **MM**
Tom Atkins National Councillor Region 15
Des Fulcher National Councillor Region 17
Simon Thomas (ST) National External Communications Officer.

Sean McCormick (SM) apologised that he would be leaving early to continue as one of the organising and stewarding officers at the Saffron Walden Round Table 8 day weekend event. There had been 1,473 attendees at the first night of the event on Friday.

JS congratulated SM on his and Saffron Walden Round Table's efforts.

JS gave National council an update on ST's health.

3 **Guests and Observers** **JS**
Ian McKenzie Past President 2006 – 2007
Graham Smith Region 20 Deputy National Councillor.

4 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** **JS**
The minutes of the 229th meeting held on Saturday 26 April 2014 at The Royal Bath Hotel, Bournemouth, were approved. Proposed Andy Waite (AW) Seconded GS. Carried.

5 **MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES** **JS**
None.

6 **FORWARD PLANNING REPORT UPDATE – Terry Cooper** **TC**
TC announced the Review Committee Team Members and why they were chosen. SM commended TC on the choice of membership.

TC stated that he was responsible for drafting the 2015 – 2018 plan which **TC** was problematic since it really needed to be based on the recommendations of the Governance Review Report (if approved by National Council, and the membership at the 2015 AGM).

Following the lost resolution (at the AGM) on Electronic Voting – the live video **TC** streaming would not continue. TC proposed that Videoing of the AGM be **DC**



carried out and the recording embedded in the website following the event. **MM**
Seconded PE. **Following some discussion this proposal was Carried.**

Immediate Past President Martin Green (MG) made a presentation on the 70th Anniversary to be held at the Armoury, Leeds at a cost of £60 a head. There was much debate and discussion. MG then made two proposals:-

1. **That the Logo shown be adopted for all material relating to the event. Carried** **MG**

2. **That the event is a Lunch – dress code – Lounge suits. Carried** **MG**

International Officer Dave Campbell (DC) asked if this event was open to International Guest. MG replied Yes. TC asked DC to push the event Internationally and everyone else to push it Nationally. **DC All**

7 HONORARY MEMBERS REPORTS **JS**

Honorary Solicitor Paul Cammiss (PC) said he had had a good Committee meeting with the Honorary Secretary and looked forward to an equally entertaining National Council Meeting.

Honorary Archivist Hugh Milward (HM) stated his report was as printed and urged the National Council and all members to visit Marchesi House and view our Archives.

8 PHOTOS PRESENTATION – NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER – Ray Hill **RH**

RH gave a presentation on what constitutes a good photo for publication and what does not. He wanted 'ACTION PHOTOS'.

SM stated we had better photos on Facebook than in the Magazine or Newsletter.

JS stated that we want content we can shape

9 NATIONAL COUNCILLORS REPORTS **NCs**

THE SECRETARY HAS REMOVED ALL REPORT UPDATES and ADDED THEM TO THE NATIONAL COUNCIL REPORT. ONLY DECISION MAKING ITEMS HAVE BEEN RETAINED. **MM**

Region 4 National Councillor Colin Steen (CS) had received an e-mail from Duncan Kennedy (DK) re an EX-Tabler looking for a Club in his Region to join. CS was concerned because though there were 7 Clubs in the area of the Ex-Tablers address there were none he could recommend as an Active Club. Perhaps it was an idea to hold back on potential 41ers until there were sufficient numbers to start a new Club. JS suggested he just be introduced into a Club where he could change its outlook from within. **CS**

National Councillor Region 17 Des Fulcher (apology) had talked about the **JS**



development of a Louis Marchesi Room in Suckling Hall (Norwich) where Round Table Number 1 first started meeting. The management committee of Cinema City (that owned the premises) were appealing for redevelopment funding. **The Board had proposed a sum of £500 to be donated to this venture solely to fund the Louis Marchesi Room aspects of the refurbishment. After much discussion this was Carried.**

10 **ANTHONY NOLAN BONE MARROW – Laura Watts & Ian McKenzie**

JS

Through our efforts 8 people have joined so far.

Laura Watts (LW) asked us to encourage clubs to fundraise and distributed individual cans for us to collect monies in.

The video will be linked into our website.

The target donor is between the ages of 16 to 30 preferably male (more stem cells). Potential Donors can register simply by going online. They are sent, by post, a phial to spit into and post back.

Doctors requiring a bone marrow transplant for one of their patients (internationally as well as nationally) contact the Anthony Nolan Laboratories. The database is searched, if a match is discovered, the potential donor is contacted to ascertain if they are still happy to proceed. The Potential Donor goes to their doctor for a blood test to confirm health and suitability.

The recipient is called in and eradicated to kill of all blood defence systems.

The Donor is given one injection a day for three days prior to the transplant this increases stem cell production. On day three they go into hospital and their blood is taken out and recirculated for 4 hours (get a good book) during this process the stem cells are harvested. The Donor goes home and back to work the very next day. They may be called back for a shorter harvesting procedure lasting between 1 and 2 hours.

A contracted Courier Service transports the stem cells all over Great Britain.

For two years there can be anonymous communication, after that period they can meet up.

It costs £100 to get a person on to the register and there are currently 500,000 people on the register. Today transfers take place 80% of the time by blood as above or 20% by bone marrow depending on cases. There are more women than men on the database, older than young.

LW thanked the National Council for their support.

Ian Mackenzie (IM) is leading the 40/40 initiative on behalf of JS. IM said it benefits Round Table if we can attract these 16 to 30 year olds. To date 18



Clubs are organising a 40/40 challenge. It would be good to have 2 Clubs in each Region take part. IM strongly urged us all to contact our local Round Table to take part.

LW
IM

Copy of the online Form to be sent to the National Secretary.

PG

JS stated that Deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg's wife Miriam is a supporter of Anthony Nolan and lives in the Sheffield Hallam. National Councillor Region 10 Peter Good to contact.

National Councillor Region 5 Duncan Baldwin (DB) had run a full day programme in Rawtenstall – within the Leisure Centre, Town Centre and a local pub – with great success. 46 potential donors had signed up, 10 of those having a further interest in Round Table.

IM spoke about the 40/40 Challenge at ~~Bishops Stortford~~ Haverhill using a Costa Coffee shop.

National Councillor Region 19 Tom Abbott (TA) said his club Harpenden had run a 40/40 challenge at a local carnival He would also be talking on the subject of Anthony Nolan to 6 local School 6th Forms to get them interested to register.

11 BOARD REPORTS

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A **NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP AND ROUND TABLE LIAISON OFFICER –
Duncan Kennedy**
Report as Published.

DK

1. The email from Round Table to the Ex-Round Tablers with email addresses (approx. 11,000) went out in the 2nd week of June. The recipients have 20 days from then to say no to have their details being passed to 41 Club. So far there have been only 3 bounce backs.
2. After the 28 days we will send an email from 41 Club laying out the next step which is - a Telesales company will ring each Ex-Round Tabler giving them information on the Association and encouraging them to consider joining. The cost of this at c £6,000 has been approved by the Board. This will provide a list of 'hot tips'.
3. These hot tips will be passed to National Councillors and Club Chairman to close the deal and get them to join.
4. By the end of this year all hot leads to be converted to members.

There will be a test of the first 1,000 and then the other 10,000 Ex-Round Tablers. This is Phase 1.



Phase 2 will be next year consisting of those Ex Round Tablers with a telephone number but no e-mail again broken into sound bites.

A CAS MK2 Database depository is being prepared for the total 50,000 Ex-Round Tabler details at a cost of £4,000 approved by the board.

DK went on to say that he has been issuing past Charters for Clubs that have lost them or are being newly formed. JS asked all National Councillors and Officers who are presenting Charters to put them in a frame and make them more presentable.

B NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER – Ray Hill RH

Report as Published.

Two weeks ago the 2014 Classic car Rally With 20 show cars went well. There were over 2,000 spectators at Mallory Park. All the weekend events went well.

Godwin Stewart (GS) has taken over the Association's Facebook page. Duncan Baldwin (DB) has taken over the Twitter page and is looking at the use of Linked-In.

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DB
GS

GS is also researching the development of an App. He will shortly be asking members - What would you (a member) want in a 41 Club app?

The July Magazine will be signed off tomorrow.

ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONAL OFFICER – Dave Campbell DC

Report as Published.

Next International Meeting will be in Limassol, Cyprus in April 2015 – the venue may change due to cost (high).

DC had attended both the Cyprus AGM (19th – 22nd June) and the Austrian AGM (27th – 29th June 2014). They were great events to visit and the fellowship was second to none.

C NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OFFICER – Barry Durman BD

Additions to Late report published

Further to the report the board agreed to take the possibility of transferring management to the Round Table family to the upcoming family meeting

TC

The Millennium way – 44 circular walks encompassing some 350 miles needs assistance with their publicity. At present their website records 3,000 hits a

BD/
MM



month. We are going to talk to Marchesi House re allocating 25 hours of our time to the marketing of this.

Graham Smith (GS) said he is a Chairman of a local Ramblers Club and will liaise and assist where possible.

National Golf Final 22 September 2014.

Harrogate Conference 387 booking to date.

The 2014 Bournemouth Conference Committee have declared a profit of £101.50.

The first National Council meeting following 2015 Conference will be 12/14 June 2015 in Bristol.

12 **APPROVALS** **DK**
Clubs to be Affiliated

Dawlish Warren Region 22
South Norfolk Region 17

CARRIED

Clubs to be Disaffiliated

Topsham & District Region 22
Welwyn Garden Region 19
Streatham Region 24

CARRIED

13 **AOB** **ALL**
MF announced the World Cup Sweepstake winners of the worst performing teams.

In 3rd place winning £5.00 Martin Green

In 2nd Place winning £10.00 Hugh Milward

In 1st Place winning £20.00 Sean McCormick

14 **DETAILS OF NEXT MEETING** **JS**
SATURDAY 11 OCTOBER 2014 - 11.00 a.m.

Shrigley Hall, Cheshire.

15 **APPROVAL** **JS**

Signed as a True and Accurate Record



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Date:

Jim Smith – National President
2014 – 2015

