



<b>Item Number</b>	<b>Title and Discussion</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Chairman's Welcome</b> President Terry Cooper (TC) welcomed all to the Council Meeting. TC then welcomed:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Neal Lowe – Nuneaton Round Table</li><li>• Bosco Townsend – Beeston 41 Club Region 10</li><li>• Jason Thomson – RTBI IPP – Saffron Walden RT &amp; 41 Club</li><li>• John Handley – past RTBI General Secretary – Solihull 41 Club</li><li>• Gerard O'Herlihy – past RTBI President – Dublin 41 Club</li><li>• John-Paul Horton – Sleaford 312 RT</li><li>• Frank Venables – Ex National Councillor Region 20 – Farringdon 41 Club</li><li>• Marcus Jones – RTBI President</li></ul>	<b>TC</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Purposes and Objects</b> National President Terry (TC) asked Tom Atkins (TA) National Councillor Region 15 to recite the Association's Purpose and Objects which he did word perfect.	<b>TA</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Apologies</b> Nick Lawton            Region 1 Ken Donald            Region 2 Duncan Baldwin      Region 5 Clive Thompson      Region 14 Jim Smith              IPP	<b>MM</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>New National Councillors</b>  Following the recent election Kevin Lovett (KL) was ratified in post as National Councillor Region 7. KL presented TC with a cheque for £80 from the Glossop and District 40 <sup>th</sup> Charter Night.	<b>TC</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Minutes</b> Minutes of the meeting Saturday 13 June were discussed. Approval proposed by National Treasurer Mark Fairchild (MF) – Seconded by National	<b>TC</b>



Membership Officer Duncan Kennedy (DK).

**Carried.**

**6 Matters Arising from those Minutes TC**

TC reported that he had no further response following his report at the last meeting on the Annual Invitation sent to those leaving Round Table to join 41 Club.

**7 Webmaster TC**

In Immediate past President Jim Smith's (JS) absence TC proposed we accept the Honorary Webmaster Committee's recommendations of:

1. Appointing David Barker (DBa) from Rhyl and District 41 Club as Honorary Webmaster

Proposed National Communications Officer Ray Hill (RH). Seconded National Councillor Region 18 Sean McCormick (SM).

**Carried.**

2. Appointing Sean Clarke (SC) from Sandbach 41 Club as Assistant Honorary Webmaster.

Proposed National Councillor Region 8 Godwin Stewart (GS). Seconded National Councillor Region 11 Nick Morcumb (NM).

**Carried.**

**8 ICT Report PE**

The National Councillors' Liaison Officer Phillip Ellis (PE) tabled the report as issued and opened it for discussion.

National Councillor Region 17 Des Fulcher (DF) asked if there was cohesion between CAS and the website. Vice President Barry Durman (BD) answered



that CAS is not updating the website. GS stated that the website cannot update the website due to the need for an API Bridge which had been discussed and agreed at an earlier meeting. There is an incapability between them.

TC stated that he did not want to wait any further, it was an embarrassment to the Association.

DF stated that the website was over engineered – will the proposed API Bridge cause a knock on?

TC replied that CAS is 13 years old, it is envisaged that there would be a CAS2 in the future, until then we need to fix CAS1, the new website works, we just need them to link together and work together. This should not cause any adverse knock ons.

DF proposed that we focus on our database – we need to communicate with our members.

National Councillor Region 20 Derek Knowlden (DK) proposed that we allocate a amount up to £1,000.00 to repair the ABI bridge. Seconded National Councillor Region 23 David Brown (DB).

**GS**

**Carried.**

National Councillor Region 21 Kevin Chard (KC) proposed a vote of thanks to the ICT Review Committee for their diligent work.

**Carried.**

**9 Board Reports**

**TC**

**National President**

TC stated that his report was as printed.

**National Vice President**



BD stated that his report was as printed. Additionally he brought to the National Council's attention that (Ex National Councillor) Frank Venables' (FV) book 'Friendship Continued – 41 Club at Seventy' was available for sale at a most reasonable price of £10.00. This book had been especially commissioned for the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration year. **BD**

TC thanked FV for his work on compiling the book.

SM asked if it was available on Kindle. FV replied that it was on a Memory Stick for £15.00.

**Immediate Past President** **JS**

In his absence JS's (IPP) report was taken as printed.

**National Secretary** **MM**

National Secretary Manny Martins (MM) stated his report was as printed. Additionally he had received a late nomination for the post of National Councillor Region 3 – Ireland from Stewart Thompson of Dublin 41 Club. MM proposed that this late nomination be accepted therefore filling this vacant post. Seconded MF. **MM**

**Carried.**

**National Treasurer**

MF stated that his report was as published on the website.

MF asked if any his proposed budget cuts were to be actioned?

GS said that we needed to keep the Magazine.

The National Councillors' Liaison Officer Phillip Ellis (PE) said that we needed funding to educate the National Councillors and the movement as a whole. There was a need to develop a Training Manual and distribute it. Selected members of Clubs needed to be invited to attend training sessions. He thought that Club Vice Chairman training would be useful & similar to what Round Table did.



TC said that in 2017 we needed to budget for this.

DF said that funding was necessary to search for and identify new National Councillors and Assistants.

PE said we needed to communicate more, for instance there was no representative from Scotland at the meeting.

National Councillor Region 25 John Alford (JA) said that he was not into Twitter or Facebook but with training that could be different.

SM stated that Round Table had a training programme where 4 classes were running simultaneously allowing trainees to be instructed in smaller numbers and rotate classes.

**10 RTBI President Marcus Jones (MJ)**

**MJ**

MJ announced that RTBI had joined the NCVO opening up the possibility of funding up to a maximum of £400,000. This also aligned them with 11,000 other organisations.

MJ proposed that 41 Club and RTBI invest in a shared database that would contain accurate information about our members.

MJ said that he taken an initiative of contacting 1,100 ex-Round Tablers.

84% had responded.

64% had brought in 1 or 2 new members.

10% had brought in 10 or more.

Only 15.46% joined 41 Club on leaving Round Table.

90% were still involved in Round Table.

The majority say that there should be a middle club (we call them Active Clubs) along the lines proposed by 41 Club a number of years ago (then



called Marchesi Clubs).

379 Tablers retire next year, 379 the year after, and, finally 692 in year 3.

It had been decided to change the format of saying goodbye and thanking retiring Round Tablers. The response from the ex-Tablers was that they were angry about being dropped by Round Table by email and letter. They were resentful. So it is proposed to hold a Graduating Ceremony to say goodbye.

RT are launching a new initiative which was to start Round Tables in Uni's in the 18–22 year old group – the only drawback being that Uni's are co-ed.

At present there are 1,473 Honorary's in Round Table and it is being considered to charge them the full subscription charge.

The Round Table Executive work 40 hours a week on behalf of Round Table, they have held 17 Forums around the UK and have recruited 470 new members so far this year.

MJ said that in 2020 Round Table would be reviewing the age rule, looking to reduce it back to 40.

The average age of a new Round Tabler joining is 31.2 in some Areas it is 27 and they are therefore having many more years in Round Table than previously. A current Table Chairman has on average only been in Round Table for 3 years.

National Councillor Region 4 Colin Steen (CS) said that by charging membership of Honorary members it is legitimising their position and they will never leave Round Table.

National Councillor Region 13 Steve James (SJ) said we should be working with Round Table to get the Honorary's out of Round Table and into 41 Club.

DK asked if there was a rule regarding Honorary's in Round Table.

MJ answered that the rule was 6 including the Round Table President.

GS asked if MJ should show leadership by joining 41 Club.



MJ stated that he will, of course, be joining 41 Club.

TA said that we should listen to what retiring Ex-Round Tablers say. One of his 41 Clubs had started a new younger 41 Club for its retirees.

**11 Board Reports Continued**  
**National Membership Officer**

(DK stated that his report was as printed. He discussed the different levels of progress on the Prospectives Database by individual National Councillors. DF proposed they left it to clubs to undertake on their own behalves. He was informed that last year the National Councillors had proposed that Clubs were not up to it and they would do it themselves. KC proposed that DK email all the National Councillors and ask them if they required any assistance to complete this task by the end of the Association year. **NCs**  
**DK**

DK further proposed to recirculate the latest list of graduating Tablers to all National Councillors so they could progress those as well. **DK**

DK will lead on the Prospectives Database and Graduating Tablers and will contact all National Councillors for updates. **DK**

A new list of Graduating Tablers will be coming out in the New Year and DK will circulate it to National Councillors for action as usual. **DK**  
**NCs**

JT suggested Clubs inviting the Graduating Tablers to their next Club meeting. **All**

DK said that he had been tasked earlier in the year with reviewing Rule 10.2 which he had carried out in conjunction with the Honorary Solicitor Paul Cammiss (PC). The result was as printed in his report for approval.

PE said he was against it.

DF proposed the Rule was scrapped. Seconded PE. The vote was tied the Chairman cast his second vote.

**NOT Carried.**



Following further discussion DK proposed the amended rule as printed. **DK**  
Seconded National Councillor Region 23 David Brown (DB).

**Carried.** (20 for, 3 against, 2 abstentions).

**National Communications Officer** **RH**

National Communications Officer Ray Hill (RH) gave a presentations on the Electronic Survey. TC thanked RH on the work undertaken and number of responses obtained.

RH has had 360 calendars produced based on the photos from the National Photographic Competition. He urged all to take at least ten each to sell for £5.00 of which £2.00 would go to the Presidential Charity. KC was in charge of distribution and returns.

Magazine production costs are down to lower than 5 years ago. RH has had an approach from a publisher who wanted to print our magazine at a lower cost than at present. RH intended to try them out on a one off basis to evaluate their performance and costs.

RH reported that the next edition of the Magazine would be the last one carrying Obituaries' (which are edited and produced by the Honorary Archivist Hugh Milward (HM)). In future the 'Book of Remembrance' on our website would be available for Club Editors to upload their own Club Members obituaries and comments on their and other Member's obituaries.

**Carried.**

**National Councillor' Liaison Officer** **PE**

PE stated that his report was as published.

**National Fellowship Officer** **AM**

National Fellowship Officer Andrew Mackereth (AM) stated that he was **AM**  
launching a new Platinum Privilege – Travel Insurance. He was expecting a 7% take-up across the Association – this privilege offers 10% discount to our Members.





AM announced that SJ and David Bestest (DB) were looking into launching the 41 Club National Sporting Weekend (NSW). Much research had taken place - whether it should be stag or couples, venue, timing etc. To date the proposals centred on a venue of Oakehampton Manor (who ran up to 60 sporting activities) in October 2016. More information to follow.

**SJ**  
**DB**

AM announced that the Birmingham 2016 booking early bird offer ended at the end of October 2015.

AM asked PE to make a presentation on Belfast as a proposed venue for the 2018 AGM and Conference. Following the presentation AM proposed that the 2018 AGM and Conference be held in Belfast. Seconded Association International Officer David Campbell (DC).

**AM**  
**PE**

**Carried.**

#### **Association International Officer**

DC announced that his report was as published - plus for information - the 41 International AGM would be held in landshut Germany (near Munich).

**All**

National Councillor Region 10 Peter Good (PG) on behalf of the Association thanked RTBI National President Marcus Jones for his assistance in opening up Marchesi House to the International Visitors and for his help and that of his members and staff over the weekend.

## **12 Strategic Plan**

**BD**

BD gave a verbal update on the amended and proposed Strategic Plan. He proposed:

**All**

- The Agreement of an International Memorandum of Understanding
- Free Membership for 40-45 year olds
- Charging for Honorary Membership at the full rate
- Training for National Councillors and Club Vice Chairman
- Communication
  - Maintain the new website
  - Keep the Magazine
  - Keep the Newsletter
  - No Regional Changes or reduction in National Councillors



**13 Governance Review**

**TC**

TC gave a verbal update on the amended and proposed Governance Plan. He proposed:

- Board posts unchanged
- Council posts unchanged
- Term of Office reduced to 3 years

The feedback from the Forum of Clubs was:

- The Forum wanted further meetings
- They agreed that the National Council was doing OK
- There was no cohesive disaffections

BD proposed that another Club Forum be held in 6 months. Seconded TA.

**Carried.**

National Vice President RTBI Mark House (MH) brought greetings from Round Table. He made a presentation to the meeting regarding the existing strategy of Round Table focusing on 4 areas:

Marketing  
Communications  
Recruitment  
Retention

MH spoke about things looking positive, the increase in new Club enquiries and the upward trajectory of membership. He spoke on Engaging and Developing Tablers, Growing Round Table, Developing an Infrastructure and looking to the Future.

The presentation was well received invoking a large number of questions.

TC thanked MH for his presentation and support.

**14 Questions on National Councillors Reports**

**NCs**

Reports taken as read.



Region 2 TC thanked National Councillor Region 2 Ken Donald (KD) for all his hard work in organising the National Golf Competition.

Region 9 Graham Smith is organising a 60<sup>th</sup> Charter on 12 March 2016.

Region 15 TA stated that he had under-estimated the work involved in being a National Councillor

Region 17 DF reported on the Marchesi House Project. A member of his associated Round Table was making a display cabinet to contain all the artifacts associated with Louis Marchesi and the room. DF also reported that North Norfolk Active 41 Club was progressing well.

Region 18 SM was taking part in the Great South Run in memory of past President Vaughan Harris.

Region 20 DK reported that Region 20 held a great Regional Golf Day

Region 21 KC also reported a great Regional Golf Competition.

Region 23 DB reported that New Milton 41 Club had decided to disaffiliate - that was a shame because one of their members – Colin Christmas usually organised and ran the Regional Quiz.

Region 25 JA reported that the National President of France 41 Club (Bruno) had informed him that their Association wished to re-join 41 International. JA reported that TC had been their Guest Speaker for the 70th Anniversary of Canterbury and had raised £275.00 for the Presidential Charity and presented TC with the cheque.

Region 26 DC reported that Gdansk have pulled out of our Association and have formed their own Association, joining 41 International. Also Rimihami in Finland have left our Association to join 41 International in their own right.

**15 Approvals**

**DK**

**Disaffiliations**

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