



41 Club
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THE ASSOCIATION OF EX-ROUND TABLES' CLUBS



**MINUTES OF THE 73rd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
SATURDAY 14th APRIL 2018 @ 9.00 A.M.**

**Hall of the Spires
Presbyterian Assembly Building
2-10 Fisherwick Place, Belfast
BT1 6DW**

**MINUTES OF THE 73rd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD ON SATURDAY 14 APRIL 2018
AT THE HALL OF THE SPIRES, PRESBYTERIAN ASSEMBLY BUILDING, BELFAST.**

1) Welcome

National President Dave Campbell opened the meeting and welcomed all present to the 73rd Annual General Meeting of the National Association of Ex-Round Tablers' Clubs. The President declared the Annual General Meeting to be in session at 9am and called upon the National Secretary to deal with the approval of the notice to convene the meeting.

Formal Notice

National Secretary stated that the notice convening the 73rd AGM of the Association was on Page 3 of the Agenda paper. It had been communicated to all constituent clubs in accordance with the national rules.

Housekeeping notices were given.

Notice of the meeting was approved.

2) National Presidents of Tangent and Ladies' Circle

The President welcomed National President of Tangent Clubs, Melodie Brookes, and President of the National Association of Ladies' Circle, Ginette May, who both brought greetings to the meeting.

3) Purposes and Objects

Jack Watson, MBE, from Bangor 41 Club read Purposes and Objects.

President Dave requested the following stand to be recognised:

- All National Councillors
- Honorary Webmaster Ray Hill (Northwich and Dragons)
- Honorary Archivist Hugh Millward (Ashby de la Zouch)
- Honorary Solicitor Paul Cammiss (Haverhill & District)

President Dave welcomed Past Presidents and asked for them to be recognised

- 1991 – 92 Jim McCollum
- 2000 – 01 Gordon McNab
- 2002 – 03 Paul Cammiss
- 2005 – 06 Mike Fitchett
- 2006 – 07 Ian Mackenzie
- 2008 – 09 Drew Cochran
- 2012 – 13 David Smith
- 2014 – 15 Jim Smith
- 2015 – 16 Terry Cooper
- 2016 – 17 Barry Durman

In Memorium

President Dave reported that a number of 41 Club members had died during the year and asked the meeting to stand and remember them.

Secretary's Announcements

National Secretary announced the procedural matters in respect of H&S and actions in the event of a fire alarm.

Guidance for speaking at the meeting was given. All speakers should address the meeting from one of the lecterns and give name, club and region prior to speaking. Stewards would be controlling the lecterns. There is a traffic light system in place. GREEN light – start speaking; AMBER – one minute remaining; RED – speaker will be cut off. Speakers are allowed 3 minutes unless given leave by the meeting to extend this period.

National Secretary advised that the meeting was being recorded to enable accurate minutes to be taken.

National Secretary advised that there was a portable T block system in place for the hard of hearing.

Meeting advised no lunch break would be taken and an anticipated finish to the meeting of 3.00.

4) Apologies for Absence

John Bellwood – Past National President 2001 to 2002
Iain Kelso – Past National President 2003 to 2004
Keith Howard – Past National President 2007 to 2008
Martin Green – Past National President 2014 to 2015
Ingelbert Friedsam – IPP 41 International
Stuart Thomson – National Councillor Region 3
Peter Milburn – National Councillor Region 4
Martin Lines – National Councillor Region 16
David Addison – Past Honorary Archivist & Life Honorary Member

5) Tellers and Scrutineers

Tellers and Scrutineers appointed in accordance with Standing Orders and voted for by the meeting:-

Jack Watson & Roy Wilson from Bangor 41 Club
Kevin Lovatt from Cheadle & Gatley 41 Club
Des McLaughlin from Holywood 41 Club
Don Hanley from Newtownards 41 Club
Paul McGarvey, Tom Craig & Tony Henderson from Londonderry 41 Club

Approved

6) Quorate

The secretary announced that we had 113 recorded voting delegates & that as we needed only 37 (being 5% of 728 clubs) we were quorate.

7) Minutes

Minutes of the 72nd AGM held in Blackpool had been circulated in accordance with Rules and Standing Orders and agreement was requested that they should be signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting. The President requested if any amendments had been received. The Secretary confirmed no amendments had been received.

Meeting approved the Minutes and they were signed by the President.

8) Matters arising from those Minutes

There were no matters arising.

9) Ian Kelso Award

President Dave announced that there would be a presentation under Any Other Business of the Ian Kelso Award to the most outstanding speaker on the day. Past President Barry Durman would be the judge.

10) Adoption of the National Council's Report for 2017

Annual Report of the National Board is printed in the Agenda Paper. President Dave invited any Officers who wished to update their report to do so.

None did.

Meeting asked to accept the Annual Report. Carried.

Annual Report opened for discussion. There were no requests for clarification on any reports and the meeting voted on the adopting of the report. **Unanimously carried.**

11) International Guests

President Dave asked all International Visitors to stand and be recognised by the meeting. President Dave then welcomed the President of 41 Club International, Bruce McKay from Bloemfontein 41 Club in South Africa, to the stage who brought greetings from 41 Club International.

12) National Vice President reported on the progress of the Four Year Strategy Plan presented in 2017

Plan to grow membership

- Under the direction of the Membership Officer, teams have called ex-Tablers to encourage them to join 41 Club. To date we have 622 people who have either joined or have indicated they will be joining. He thanked Duncan Kennedy & the volunteers for their time on the project.
- Membership as at 1st January 2018 was 15,449, an increase of 2.5% from 2017.
- We have 728 clubs, during the year 2017 we had 24 clubs disaffiliate and 5 new clubs affiliate.
- Of the 75 Round Table leavers, 18 have joined 41 Club and as at 1/1/18, that still only equates to 28%.

To increase local activity, fellowship & reinforce Round Table Family concept

- We continue via our National Councillors to support all Clubs & Regions throughout the Association. He also asked that not just he, but all National Officers attend to requests from Clubs & Regions to attend functions & give an insight into their roles in the Association.

To develop more events locally & nationally.

- Introduction of NSSW
- Caravanning & Camping weekend
- 41 Club classic Car weekend
- National Golf Competition
- 41 Club Cruise

To support voluntary Community Service in the regions.

- Millennium Way
- President's Charity, The Prince's Trust
- Santa Sleighs, etc

To improve communication, locally & Nationally

- Our communication systems are ever-changing & remain under constant review for improvement.
- Over the last year we have had a lot to deal with, which will affect how we communicate in the future. The Database or Central Administration System (CAS) as we call it, will be central to these changes. With GDPR being the driver for us to make the changes now, we had held back from any major development during the last 12 months. We have agreed that the monthly newsletter should continue in its current form but with some additions to keep you all interacting. We consider our efforts on social media are about right for our demographic.
- Last year we incorporated into the Communications Team, the brief for IT. This was necessary at the time, but during 2018-19 I will work with Godwin to separate these two offices, but please be assured NO new positions to the Board will be made to cover these changes.

It will be on the National Board & Council Agenda for a progress report at every meeting and annual progress will be reported at each AGM.

- As we do today, we will report back to you on progress, as we do at each quarterly meeting of the Board & Council.

Complimentary National Capitation of 41 Club for current full members of Round Table from 1st Jan 2017.

- This has been implemented, but requires Clubs to advise which members fall into this category.

Honorary Members to be charged full Annual Subscription from AGM 2018.

- Current rules don't allow this to happen, I will review & bring a solution to you in Torquay.

To improve the conversion rate of leavers from Round Table.

- Although we have improved our conversion rate to 28% (being 18 of the 75 Round Table leavers in 2017), we are continuing our efforts to improve on this.

To obtain a minimum of 300 new members using the Round Table historic database

- Under the direction of the Membership Officer, we have had teams of volunteers making calls from Marchesi House. I am pleased to report that we have 622 new members & 120 possibilities. Thank you again Duncan Kennedy & helpers.

Update Membership Database

- GDPR has caused us a delay, but we are close to inviting tenders from independent companies for the new CAS 2.

Maintain a current & dynamic website with links to local sites

- Our website is under constant review & our Webmaster has done a great job, thank you Ray Hill.

Use Social Media more

- We look at social media under the direction of Graham Sloan, our National Councillor for region 5.

Promote National Activities

- We do this through Magazine, Newsletters, email blasts, via National Councillors, etc, this is all set to continue.

Promoting Brand

- I believe that we as an Association & its members, wear our badge with pride and I am assured by Paul Sankey in National Sales, that this is set to continue.

Ensure access to a magazine

- Everyone who requests a magazine, gets one, whether we need to move entirely into the digital era, I am not sure. We have the Newsletter for this mode of delivery & it is doing extremely well, but we always need you to provide us with copy – your stories - for publication.

Use of PR for promotion

- I think all methods of PR currently being used must be working as our numbers are rising and we are attracting a number of new clubs, but we can't afford to be complacent.

Develop & improve communications through training

- Tom Atkins, our NCLO, has continued training of the Councillors & Officers and we are all now seeing the benefits in a better informed Council.

Working Together

- 4 club family meetings are now well established, they provide a forum for ideas to be exchanged and explore areas that may be for our mutual benefit.

Best Practice

- We all agree that together we can achieve a better deal with a greater demographic.

Community Service

- A policy was put together by Past President Terry Cooper, this year it has been under the direction of the IPP Barry, I and the Council have had concerns over where this has been going as it was intended to be voluntary & local. Recently, we have had to discuss a trip to Moldova for a Xmas parcel delivery promoted by the Rotary Clubs of Germany supported by 41 Club. This is an international event, not local and therefore should not be supported by us at a National level, Council have backed me in this. We will need to look at this again this year.

Generally

I am slightly stealing President Dave's thunder here, but it is no secret there will be a hand-over later. Paul Cammiss is today stepping down as the Association's Honorary Solicitor and I would personally like to thank Paul for all the service you have given. David Smith, Past National President 2012-13, has agreed to accept the position. Our National Archivist and National Webmaster remain as Hugh & Ray respectively – and I also would like to thank them for their continued service.

As has been reported previously, we have transitioned the National Councillors to 3 year posts, it keeps Council fresh and promotes new ideas & opinions. We have split a too big Region 17 (East Anglia) back into Region 16 (Mid Anglia) and 17 (East of England) and two new Regional Councillors have been appointed. I have asked Tom Atkins (NCLO) to re-visit Scotland and as a result at our Council meeting yesterday the Region has been split North/South as opposed to East/West currently.

Our Admin contract with Marchesi House remains in force as a 3 year deal, but has been slightly re-worded as we had some concerns should RTBI have chosen to out-source any element of our work. We needed to make sure we had a say in how our work is managed.

As I mentioned before, we are looking to re-write and modernize our Membership Database, within agreed budget, over the next twelve months.

13) Election of Officers (where more than one candidate is standing for a post, all other candidates leave the room and remain outside the meeting prior to each candidate addressing the meeting)

Rule 6:4

National Vice President as President Elect shall be declared National President prior to election of other Officers. President Dave welcomed Phil Ellis of Bangor 41 Club as the 73rd National President for 2018 – 19.

Election of National Officers 2018 – 19

National Vice President

1 Nomination received:

Andrew Mackereth of Lancaster 41 Club

There being only one nomination. President Dave officially congratulates Andrew for standing and pronounces him National Vice President or President Elect for the year 2018-19

Post of National Membership & Round Table Liaison Officer

2 Nominations received:

Steve Bolter (Somerton & District and Wareham 41 Clubs)

Nick Morcumb (Whitchurch 41 Club)

Candidates addressed the meeting for up to 3 minutes and spoke in the in the following order:

Steve Bolter

Nick Morcumb

President invited delegates to vote. A simple majority is required.

Post of National Fellowship Officer

1 Nomination received:

Steve James (Pontypridd 41 Club)

There being only one nomination. President Dave officially congratulates Steve for standing and pronounces him National Fellowship Officer for 2018-21

Post of 41 International Vice Presidential Candidate

International Relations Officer Peter Good introduced the post “We have not hosted the 41 International Presidency for a number of years. The hosting of the event means that we have the choice of 41 International President. The post is one that lasts of a period of 5 years, 2 years as Vice Presidency, one as Elect, then President to finally Immediate Past President.”

3 Nominations received:

Lawrence Bamber (Poynton 41 Club)

Barry Durman (Shirley Late Nights 41 Club)

Marcus Jones (Beeston & District 41 Club)



Candidates addressed the meeting for up to 5 minutes and spoke in the in the following order:

Marcus Jones
Lawrence Bamber
Barry Durman

The National Secretary then explained the transferrable voting system as more than two candidates meant that a simple majority was not enough to win the nomination. President Dave invited delegates to vote.

Election speeches were now announced completed

14) Resolutions

There were only 2 Resolutions for consideration. All the Resolutions are potential Changes of Rules under Standing Rule 10:1. No amendment can be received unless 7 days prior notice is given.

The National Secretary reported that no amendments had been received within the notice period and the President confirmed that no amendments can now be accepted.

Resolutions that affect rules require a two thirds majority to be carried.
Resolutions that do not refer to rules require a simple majority vote to be carried.

Resolution No. 1

Resolution 1 is proposed by National Council and hence requires no seconder.

The National Council Propose:

To change the title of Rule 6 and the wording of Rule 6.2:

To change the title of Rule 6 from National *Officers* to National *Board*.

Rationale being: to make it clear that Section 6 only relates to Board Members.

To change the wording of Rule 6.2 to:-

“Taking effect from the 2018 Annual General Meeting all members of the National **Board** (with the exception of the National President, National Vice President and the Immediate Past President) shall be elected for an initial 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 **officer**. If there is no candidate for his replacement then the incumbent **Officer** may stand for re-election for a period of one year, repeatable once if there is still no candidate for his replacement after one year extension of his term. The National Vice President shall serve a period of one year prior to becoming National President.”

Rationale being: a minor changing of the wording to make clear to whom the rule applies.

Vote taken and President announced that the **Resolution was carried**.

Resolution No. 2

Resolution 2 is proposed by National Council and hence requires no seconder.

The National Council Propose:

To change Rule 9, specifically Rule 9.3.1 and 9.8:

Currently Rule 9.3.1 says:-

“Each Councillor shall be elected for three years and take office immediately after the Annual General Meeting which follows his election except as provided in Rule 9.8. A National Councillor standing for re-election (please see Rule 6.2) shall continue in office and carry on his duties including being a member of the National Board until the result of the election is declared by the National Secretary. As far as is possible the National Council shall arrange for one-third of the total number of Councilors to be elected annually.”

Which will change to:-

“Each Councillor shall be elected for three years and shall take office immediately following his election/appointment until the conclusion of the appropriate National Council Meeting following the three year anniversary of his election/appointment. The appropriate Council Meeting shall be the Council Meeting corresponding to the first Council Meeting he was eligible to attend as a Councillor even if the three year period has not been completed. Service in that office shall be limited to a period of three years unless there is no other candidate to replace that Council member, If there is no candidate for his replacement then the incumbent Councillor 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. A National Councillor standing for re-election shall continue in office and carry on his duties until the result of the election is declared by the National Secretary.

Rationale:- We are changing the rule to clearly specify the term of office of National Councilors (to a three year period from next eligible Council meeting to the corresponding Council meeting 3 years hence).

Now, because of the aforementioned change, we would like to change Rule 9.8 to:-

“In the event of a Councillor resigning his seat a fresh election shall be held and the successful candidate shall take his seat immediately upon his election for a period as specified under Rule 9.3.1.”

Rationale:- We have removed the words “from the preceding Annual General Meeting” as these are no longer applicable.

Discussion then took place which included an amusing speech being given by Geoff Morgan of the Brentwood 41 Club.

Vote taken and President announced that the **Resolution was carried.**

15) Election Results

The President announced the election results as follows:

National Membership & Round Table Liaison Officer: Nick Morcumb
41 International Vice-Presidential Candidate: Barry Durman

The President thanked all the candidates who had stood and worked hard to prepare their presentations.



16) Malcolm Lockey Community Service Award

The President called upon Immediate Past President, Barry Durman to announce the winner of the award.

The Malcolm Lockey Community Service Award is presented annually to an individual or club by the Immediate Past President. This year's Finalists were:-

- **Wokingham 41 Club – Charity Theatre & Gardening**
- **Moseley 41 Club – Support of Table (nominated by Table)**
- **Mark Powell of Northwich – Schools in Myanmar**
- **Ponteland 41 Club – Organising Wheelbarrow Race**
- **Houghton 41 Club – Support of Meningitis Research Foundation**
- **Basingstoke 41 Club – Carfest South for Children in Need**
- **Ebor 41 Club – Cycling for York Against Cancer**
- **Alsager 41 Club – Grand Variety Show**

Barry presented the Malcolm Lockey Community Service Award for 2018 to **Ponteland 41 Club** for keeping alive the town's New Year's Day Wheelbarrow race after their Round Table folded.

17) Vaughan Harris Award

Not awarded this year.

18) Presentation by Steve Grew, National President of Round Table 2017-2018

President Dave welcomed Steve Grew (Derby Merlin Round Table) to the stage & inducted him into 41 Club. After the induction, audience were upstanding & offered applause. Steve then went on to address the meeting, bringing greetings and news of the activities of RTBI during his year.

19) Presentation of Accounts for the Year ended 31st December 2017 (pages 40-41 of the Agenda Paper)

The National Treasurer, David Leach moved that the report be received.

The meeting received the accounts.

David Leach (National Treasurer) (Kingston Upon Thames 41 Club)

He ran through the various lines of Income and Expenditure, providing detail on individual items if they had materially changed from the previous year or were largely over, or under, budget

The Treasurer reported that they have been examined and this is stated in the report.

No further questions were asked.

The Accounts were unanimously adopted & approved by the meeting.

20) Presentation of Budget for 2019 (pages 42 – 43 on the Agenda Paper)

National Treasurer, David Leach was invited to speak about the Budget. David invited questions on the Budget as printed in the Agenda Paper.



The President asked if the Budget is scheduled to make a surplus or deficit. The National Treasurer reported that it was scheduled to make a 'nil' position.

Capitation is to remain at £14.50. The budget will take effect from 1st January 2019.

No amendments were received.

The Budget was proposed and voted on.

The Budget for 2019 was carried.

21) Appointment of Independent Examiners

The National Treasurer proposed that Duncan & Topils be re-appointed as Independent Examiners for the year 2018.

The vote for the Independent Examiners Duncan & Topils was **carried**.

22) Presentation of Trophies and Appreciations

National Fellowship Officer, Andrew Mackereth presented the Golf Trophies as follows:-

The Millennium Team Men's Golf Trophy was won by **Banbridge 41 Club**.

The Ken Reed National Conference Individual Golf Trophy Competition had taken place the previous day and was won by **Robert Gordon** of Banbridge 41 Club.

Kiwi Klub Trophy awarded to the most attending from the greatest distance. The trophy was won by **Market Harborough 41 Club**.

Andrew then went on to present **Pauline Omerod** with a special award for all the work she had done on the various Conference Teams she had been a part of.

International Relations Officer, Peter Good presented two trophies.

Jim Parkes Trophy presented to **David Illingworth** for his support & continued attendance at International Events.

Tom Hodges & Victor Michitsch Trophy was presented to **Bruce MacKay** from Bloemfontein, South Africa.

National Communications & IT Officer, Godwin Stewart presented the Press/Newsletter (David Smith) Trophy to **Northampton Nene 41 Club**.

Godwin announced the winners of the Photographic Competition:-

3rd) **David Brown**.

2nd) **Gary Foster**.

1st and winner) **Colin Wright-Farnborough**.

Godwin announced the winner of the Website (David Hewitt) Award to **Calpe 41 Club**.

Retiring Regional Councillors

The NCLO commented on the work of the retiring Regional Councillors and the President presented them with their jewels.

Region 1 – Scotland West - **Nick Lawton** (Missed from 2017 AGM)

Region 11 – Cheshire & North West Midlands – **Nick Morcumb**

Region 13 – South Wales – **Steve James**

Region 20 – Thames Valley - **Derek Knowlden**

Terry Cooper Shield

Terry Cooper presented the Shield to winner, Nick Morcumb, National Councillor Region 11 - Cheshire & North West Midlands.

President Dave presented jewels to retiring members of the National Board.
Duncan Kennedy retiring National Membership & Round Table Liaison Officer
Andrew Mackereth retiring National Fellowship Officer

President Dave then invited Past National President 2006/7 Ian Mackenzie onto the stage to say a few words about retiring National Honorary Solicitor Paul Cammiss.

President Dave then asked Paul Cammiss to join him on stage where he was awarded not just his past officers jewel, but Honorary Life Membership of the Association – the highest award that can be awarded. Paul gave an amusing, but emotional speech.

President Dave Campbell gave his farewell speech.

23) Installation of National President 2018-2019

President Dave Campbell then presented the new National President, Phillip Ellis, who is the 73rd President of the Association with the President's jewel.

There followed an interruption by Phill's family and members of his local 41 Clubs.

The new President, Phill Ellis then presented jewels to members of the new Board who were present.

National Secretary – **Sean McCormick**

National Treasurer – **David Leach**

National Councillor's Liaison Officer – **Tom Atkins**

National Communications & IT Officer – **Godwin Stewart**

National Membership & Round Table Liaison Officer – **Nick Morcumb**

National Fellowship Officer – **Steve James**

Association International Relations Officer – **Peter Good**

24) Installation of National Vice President 2017-2018

President Phill Ellis announced that **Andrew Mackereth** had been elected as the new National Vice-President and would automatically become the President Elect for 2018-19. Phill then presented Andrew with his chain of office.

25) Vacancies for Regional Councillors

The President made mention that vacancies for Regional Councillors remain in:-

Region 1 – Scotland South

Region 3 – Ireland

Region 9 – Lincolnshire

Region 11 – Cheshire & North West Midlands

Region 13 – South Wales

Region 14 – West Midlands

Region 20 – Thames Valley

Region 22 – West of England

26) President's Charity

President Phill announced his chosen Charity for the year as **Muscular Dystrophy UK** and Nic Bungay from the Charity addressed the meeting.

27) National Vice-President of Round Table.

Richard Holland brought greetings and addressed the meeting.

28) Iain Kelso Award

The President invited Barry Durman to present the Iain Kelso Award for the best contribution to the AGM. The award was presented to **Geoff Morgan** of Brentwood 41 Club.

29) Destruction of Ballot Slips

The President formally moved that all Ballot Papers be destroyed and this was carried.

30) Any Other Business

President Phill asked if there was Any Other Relevant Business. No further business was raised.

31) Time, Date and Place of the 74th Annual General Meeting

President Phill then announced that the next AGM would be held on Saturday 5th April 2019 at the Riviera International Conference Centre, Chestnut Avenue, Torquay.

He then declared the 73rd Annual General Meeting closed at 13:17.

Approval

Signed as a True and Accurate record:

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Phillip Ellis
National President
2018 - 2019

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Date



