



41 Club
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THE ASSOCIATION OF EX-ROUND TABLES' CLUBS



**MINUTES OF THE 74th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
SATURDAY 6th APRIL 2019 @ 9.00 A.M.**

**Forum Hall
Riviera International Conference Centre
Chestnut Avenue
Torquay
TQ2 5LZ**

MINUTES OF THE 74th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD ON SATURDAY 06 APRIL 2019
AT THE FORUM HALL, RIVIERA INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE CENTRE, TORQUAY

1) Welcome

National President Phillip Ellis opened the meeting and welcomed all present to the 74th 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 74th 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, Jill Harris, and President of the National Association of Ladies' Circles, Jo Hudson, who both brought greetings to the meeting.

3) Purposes and Objects

Mark Fairchild from Exeter 41 Club read Purposes and Objects.

President Phill 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 David Smith (Long Eaton)

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

- 1996 – 97 Geoff King
- 2000 – 01 Gordon McNab
- 2001 – 02 John Bellwood
- 2006 – 07 Ian Mackenzie
- 2007 – 08 Keith Howard
- 2012 – 13 David Smith
- 2013 – 14 Martin Green
- 2014 – 15 Jim Smith
- 2015 – 16 Terry Cooper



- 2016 – 17 Barry Durman
- 2017 – 18 Dave Campbell

In Memorium

President Phill 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 loop system in place for the hard of hearing.

As with all public buildings, smoking and vaping is not allowed under UK law.

Meeting advised no lunch break would be taken and an anticipated finish to the meeting of 2.00.

4) Apologies for Absence

Mike Fitchett – Past National President 2005 to 2006
Malcolm Lockey – Past National President 2010 to 2011

5) Tellers and Scrutineers

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

Reg Nuttall, Mike Morrisroe, Dick Smith, Brian Neville, Tony Holland and John Clark from
Newton Abbot 41 Club
Peter Hanford from Kingsbridge 41 Club
Richard Taylor and Dr Ken Mills from Tiverton 41 Club
Bill Gater from Exeter 41 Club
Chief Teller and Scrutineer, reporting to National Honorary Solicitor: Kevin Lovett from Cheadle
& Gatley and Dragons 41 Clubs

Approved

6) Quorate

The secretary announced that voting delegates from more than 5% of constituent clubs were present, and so the meeting was quorate.

7) Minutes



Minutes of the 73rd AGM held in Belfast 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 Phill 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 Dave Campbell would be the judge.

10) Adoption of the National Council's Report for 2018

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

National Secretary Sean McCormick wished to add to his report by thanking Past President Martin Green for the work he had done in reviewing the Association rules, and going back over motions brought to AGM over the last ten years.

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 Phill asked all International Visitors to stand and be recognised by the meeting. President Phill then welcomed the President of 41 Club International, Dr Ulrich Suppan from Sankt Veit an der Glan 41 Club in Austria to the stage who brought greetings from 41 Club International.

12) 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 Phill welcomed Andrew Mackereth of Lancaster 41 Club as the 74th National President for 2019 – 20.

Election of National Officers 2019 – 20

National Vice President

2 Nominations received:

Peter Good (Ashby de la Zouch 41 Club)



Ray Hill (Northwich 41 Club)

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

Ray Hill
Peter Good

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

Post of National Communications and IT Officer

3 Nominations received:

Graham Sloan (Lytham St Annes 41 Club)
Donal Mullane (London Old Tablers Society)
Des Fulcher (South Norfolk 41 Club)

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

Graham Sloan
Donal Mullane
Des Fulcher

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 Phill invited delegates to vote.

Post of International Relationships Officer

2 Nominations received:

Andy Ventress (Moseley 41 Club)
Bruce Bennett (Leicester De Montfort 41 Club)

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

Andy Ventress
Bruce Bennett

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

Post of 41 International Vice Presidential Candidate

Fellowship Officer Steve James introduced the post “41 Club GB&I is a well-respected member of the International Association of 41 Clubs. Our views are carefully considered and we take an active role in International meetings. The last time we hosted the Presidency of 41 Club International was when our own John Bellwood was President in 2009 – 2010.

We have presented our intention to host the Presidency again when the AGM and Conference take place in Brussels next month. I also understand that there are others who are also seeking to host the International Presidency. The successful candidate would be committed for 5 years. 2 years as Vice President (there being a second Vice President, then Vice President, a year as President Elect, year as President, to a year finally as Immediate Past). In Brussels there will also be an election to select the country who will host the Presidency. At our AGM today we have two members who wish to stand as the candidate who would represent GB&I”

2 Nominations received:

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
Barry Durman

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

Election speeches were now announced completed

13) Resolutions

There were only 2 Resolutions for consideration. No amendment can be received unless 7 days prior notice is given.

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 was proposed by Clevedon 41 Club and seconded by Isis 41 Club

“The Clevedon & Isis 41 Clubs propose a major new Community Service project to relocate the headquarters of the Association to a new location in the North of England. This significant project will guarantee the onward security of the club providing a catalyst to strengthen the fellowship element of the four clubs. It will also provide a method of supporting the more elderly members in the Association with continuing care by enabling longevity of their membership. This will enable 41 Club to maintain membership numbers and stabilize capitation.”

NATIONAL COUNCIL DO NOT SUPPORT THIS RESOLUTION

The President invited Terry Cooper from Clevedon 41 Club to formally move the Resolution. The President then invited Martin Green from Isis 41 Club to second the Resolution.

The President asked the National Secretary if any amendments to the Resolution had been received. The Secretary confirmed that one amendment had been received within the notice period. This amendment had been proposed by Bangor 41 Club and seconded by Dublin 41 Club.

“That Bangor and Dublin 41 Clubs propose moving Marchesi House to Belfast, Northern Ireland, as they have a large white building called ‘Stormont’ that currently lies vacant and is ready for immediate use.

There are many regular and varied flights from many parts of the UK and depending on the ‘back stop’ and which deal, or no-deal, we get could have easy access to and from the Republic of Ireland. If, however, there are thoughts that Belfast might not be a suitable venue & you would rather have a headquarters in Europe, then the suggestion is Dublin, where we shall purchase a small room within the Guinness Brewery. All work could be done in a harmonious atmosphere, with quick adjournments to Templebar to replenish our glasses.”

NATIONAL COUNCIL DO NOT SUPPORT THIS AMENDMENT

The President asked the proposer of the Amendment, Marcus Jones representing Bangor 41 Club, to confirm the Resolution as shown. Gerard O'Herlihy, as a representative of the seconding 41 Club, seconded the Resolution as shown. After confirming with the National Secretary that no amendments to the first amendment had been received, the President invited Gerard O'Herlihy to speak in favour of the Resolution as amended. Mr O'Herlihy delivered an amusing rationale as to why the meeting should vote in favour, despite being let down by the Riverdancers and the Irish Prime Minister.

The amendment to the Resolution was opened to the floor. David Leach (National Treasurer) spoke against the amendment. He was concerned about the impact of the move on the current staff of Marchesi House. A representative from Round Table stated that they had not received 41 Club's offer to purchase Marchesi House. Des Fulcher (South Norfolk 41 Club) suggested moving Marchesi House back to Norwich where it all began. Mark Gray (OBE 41 Club) suggested that the organization consider a wider range of deals, such as rondel-plated stairlifts, zimmer frames and suchlike. Tom Abbott (Harpenden and Royston 41 Clubs) spoke against the Resolution, on the grounds that the charity shops in the Birmingham area would be swamped with surplus artefacts and sales items, which he charmingly referred to as "tat". He also pointed out that Marchesi House was already in the north, or at least north of Watford Gap, which he felt was quite far enough north.

The President proposed a vote on the amendment to make it into the substantive Resolution, at which point it was withdrawn. The proposer and seconder of the original motion then proposed a move to Sellafield in Cumbria, with a sales pitch that suggested neither of them had ever made a living as estate agents. Keith Howard (East Dartmoor 41 Club) suggested that if the proposers really wanted to help our elderly members, they should look at where elderly members retire to, such as the sunny south-west. Nick Lawton (Inverness 41 Club) had a different idea of what "the north" was, and Dounreay would be a suitable alternative to Sellafield.

After much laughter and merriment, the substantive Resolution was **withdrawn**.

Resolution No. 2

Resolution 2 was proposed by National Council and hence required no seconder.

Proposal – An addition to the Standing Orders for General Meetings of the Association. This is under the Appendix under Rule 7.3 – Election for National Officers.

Currently Reads "These elections are held annually, balloting taking place at the AGM. Nomination forms are circulated to all affiliated Clubs with the statutory notice convening the AGM."

To add the following line "Video presentations or similar as whole or part of an election address shall not be allowed, any deviation from this rule can only be approved by majority vote of the National Council,"

The President invited the National Secretary to move the motion, and deliver the rationale.

Rationale: There are two part to this, firstly, there are those of you that recall at our AGM in Blackpool in 2017 that National Honorary Solicitor, our recently departed Paul Cammiss, stated that in his reading of the rules that we should not allow a video presentation as "A participant shall be expected to stand when speaking & address the Chairman', then the audience. Obviously a side screen or TV cannot be expected to stand and turn. However, the meeting by majority allowed the video presentation to be shown, but it did leave an issue in our rules to be corrected, or allowed to be over-written by precedence.

Secondly, I and Council believe that a candidate for office should rightly be judged on his wit, delivery, diction and speech and not by the art of the video or movie makers skill. We also, quite

rightly in my opinion, understand that sometimes emergencies can come up that mean that a candidate really cannot attend the meeting & that is why we would ask that National Council be given discretion as to whether to allow exceptions, or not.

The President invited discussion.

Tom Atkins (Nuneaton 41 Club and NCLC) spoke against the Resolution. He asked what would happen in the event that a candidate was unavoidably prevented from attending the AGM in person for reasons beyond their control. He also pointed out that the expectation that a candidate should stand and face the audience discriminated against anyone in a wheelchair.

Andrew Hornby (Isis, Brackley and OBE 41 Clubs) also felt that it should not be necessary to stand or even to be present in person.

Des Fulcher (South Norfolk 41 Club) was also against the Resolution.

The National Secretary exercised the right to reply. He had not appreciated the implications of physically standing, but still thought it important that candidates be physically present when standing for election.

As the Resolution was a rule change, it required a two-thirds majority. Vote taken and President announced that the **Resolution was carried**.

14) Malcolm Lockey Community Service Award

The President called upon Immediate Past President, Dave Campbell, 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.

Dave presented the Malcolm Lockey Community Service Award for 2019 to **Mark Powell of Northwich 41 Club** in recognition of his many charity and fundraising initiatives. Some examples cited were teaching English to children in Myanmar, raising £6,900 for Macmillan Cancer Support by cycling round Anglesey, and collecting bedding and clothing for the homeless. The award was collected by Simon Clough on his behalf.

15) Election Results

The President announced the election results as follows:

National Vice President and President-Elect: Peter Good
National Communications and IT Officer: Donal Mullane
International Relationships Officer: Andy Ventress
41 International Vice-Presidential Candidate: Barry Durman

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

16) Vaughan Harris Award

The Award is bestowed on the 41'er or 41 Club that has most supported and assisted its Round Table in the current year and is chosen by Round Table. It is sponsored by Vaughan Harris' widow, Jill.



The President invited the National President of Round Table, Richard Holland, to present the award. It was awarded to Cormac Clancy of Dublin and District 41 Club, and accepted on his behalf by Gerard O'Herlihy.

17) Presentation by Richard Holland, National President of Round Table 2018-2019

President Phill welcomed Richard Holland (City of Birmingham Round Table) to the stage & inducted him into 41 Club. After the induction, audience were upstanding & offered applause. Richard then went on to address the meeting, bringing greetings and news of the activities of RTBI during his year.

18) Presentation of Accounts for the Year ended 31st December 2018 (pages 41 - 42 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.

Jim Smith (Bishops Stortford 41 Club) asked what was planned for the surplus. David Leach replied that this was being retained for the replacement of the Club Administration System (CAS)

The Accounts were unanimously adopted & approved by the meeting.

19) Presentation of Budget for 2019 (pages 43– 44 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.

Capitation is to remain at £14.50. The budget will take effect from 1st January 2020

No amendments were received.

Richie Minshull (Ellesmere Port 41 Club) asked what value members gained from the expenditure on National Council meetings. David Leach replied that expenditure on National Council meetings had increased due to two being held in Belfast and Aberdeen.

Alan Culver (Loughborough 41 Club) pointed out that the number of Regions in 41 Club had been increased several years ago to align with Round Table areas, which had significantly increased the costs of National Council. He was of the view that it should have been Round Table, with their fewer members and clubs, who should have realigned their Areas to match those of 41 Club.

The Budget was proposed and voted on.

The Budget for 2019 was carried.

20) Appointment of Independent Examiners

The National Treasurer proposed that Duncan & Toplis be re-appointed as Independent Examiners for the year 2019.

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

21) Presentation of Trophies and Appreciations

National Fellowship Officer, Steve James, presented the Golf Trophies as follows:-

The Millennium Team Golf Trophy was presented to **Martin Hart** and **David Coakley**, both of Southend-on-Sea 41 Club, and **Jane Bizley**, of Dereham and District Tangent.

The Ken Reed National Conference Individual Golf Trophy Competition was won by **Martin Hart** of Southend-on-Sea 41 Club.

Kiwi Klub Trophy awarded to the most attending from the greatest distance. The trophy was won by **Southend-on-Sea 41 Club**.

Ron Ponsford (Gordano 41 Club) had organised the golf, and had booked Torquay Golf Club. He presented President Phill with a golf club, and regaled the meeting with amusing anecdotes of the President's lack of golfing prowess.

International Relations Officer, Peter Good, presented two trophies.

Jim Parkes Trophy presented to **Neil Lowe** from Nuneaton 41 Club..

Tom Hodges & Victor Michitsch Trophy was presented to **Roy Kroos** from the Netherlands.

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

Godwin announced the winners of the Photographic Competition:-

3rd) **Robert Lowes**.

2nd) **Andy Waite**.

1st and winner) **Satish Dhanjee**.

Godwin announced the winner of the Website (David Hewitt) Award to **Shirley Late Knights**.

Retiring Regional Councillors

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

Region 5– North-West – **Graham Sloan**

Region 6– Yorkshire – **Ian Burnett**

Region 10 – East Midlands – **John Lamb**

Terry Cooper Shield

Terry Cooper presented the Shield to winner, **Graham Sloan**, National Councillor Region 5 – North-West.



President Phill presented jewels to retiring members of the National Board.
Godwin Stewart, retiring National Communications and IT Officer
Peter Good, retiring International Relationships Officer

President Phill then gave a presentation to Immediate Past President Dave Campbell, who was leaving the Board after 11 years.

President Phillip Ellis then gave his valedictory address, and presented banners to members of the outgoing National Board.

22) Installation of National President 2019-2020

President Phillip Ellis then presented the new National President, Andrew Mackereth, who is the 74th President of the Association with the President's jewel. New President Andrew then gave his introductory address.

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

The new President, Andrew Mackereth, then presented Phillip Ellis with his past president's jewel.

23) Installation of National Vice President 2017-2018

President Andrew Mackereth announced that **Peter Good** had been elected as the new National Vice-President and would automatically become the President Elect for 2019-20. Andrew then presented Peter with his chain of office.

24) National Council 2019-20

President Andrew announced that three new National Councillors had been elected, and they were presented with their collarets. They were:

Region 6 -Wynn Parry

Region 10 – John Manley

Region 14 – Jim Conway

Vacancies for National Councillors existed in the following Regions:

Region 1 – Scotland North

Region 3 – Ireland

Region 5 – North-West

Region 9 – Lincolnshire

Region 13 – South wales

Region 23 – Wessex

25) President's Charity

President Andrew announced his chosen Charity for the year as **Royal National Lifeboats Association**, in partnership with Tangent President Sue Hill. Sophie Wood from the Charity addressed the meeting.

26) National Vice-President of Round Table.



Paul Agnew brought greetings and addressed the meeting.

27) Iain Kelso Award

The President invited Dave Campbell to present the Iain Kelso Award for the best contribution to the AGM. The award was presented jointly to **Terry Cooper** of Clevedon 41 Club and **Martin Green** of Isis 41 Club.

28) Destruction of Ballot Slips

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

29) Any Other Business

President Andrew asked if there was Any Other Relevant Business.

Ian Mackenzie (Haverhill and District, Eastern Promise and Calpe 41 Clubs) conveyed a message from Lynne Cammiss, widow of Past President Paul Cammiss, to thank 41 Club for all the support she had received following the untimely death of her husband.

Roy Arbon (Wokingham 41 Club) referred to the Joint President's charity, the RNLI, and suggested that each 41 club have a collection at each of their meetings towards the charity.

Studley X Tabler (OBE's 41 Club) promoted the Ripple Travel Fund, which was a 41 Club set up to assist current Round Tablers with the costs of international Tabling.

30) Time, Date and Place of the 75th Annual General Meeting

President Andrew then announced that the next AGM would be held on Saturday 4th April 2020 at the Sytner Lounge, SWALEC Stadium, Sophia Avenue, Cardiff.

He then declared the 74nd Annual General Meeting closed at 13:45

Approval

Signed as a True and Accurate record:

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Andrew Mackereth
National President
2019 - 2020

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Date

