



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"> • Mike Fitchett (MF) 41 Club Past President • Ian Mackenzie (IM) 41 Club Past President • Hugh Milward (HM) Honorary Archivist • Paul Cammiss (PC) Honorary Solicitor • Bob Sturgess (BS) Chairman LOTS • Kevin Chard (KC) 41 Club • Steve Glaister (SG) RTBI National President • Jason Thomson (JT) RTBI Past President • David Barker (DB) RTBI Past President 	JS
2	<p>Purposes and Objects President Jim asked Andy Waite (AW) National Councillor Region 6 to recite the Association's Purpose and Objects which he did word perfect.</p>	AW
3	<p>Apologies None</p>	MM
4	<p>Minutes Minutes of the meeting Saturday 7 February 2015 were discussed.</p> <p>Approval proposed by Duncan Kennedy (DK) National Membership and Round Table Liaison Officer – Seconded by Mark Fairchild (MF) National Treasurer. There was much discussion and dissent which resulted in a vote of 10 for and 10 against – National President Jim Smith (JS) having the casting vote – vote FOR.</p> <p>Carried.</p>	JS
5	<p>Matters Arising from those Minutes</p> <p>JS stated that Jill Harris had Chosen the winner of the Vaughan Harris Trophy.</p> <p>Des Fulcher (DF) National Councillor Region 17 stated that he had nominated Richard King for the Vaughan Harris Trophy for his relentless efforts on the Marchesi Room Project – the fund now stood at £4K.</p>	JS



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6 AGM MM

Manny Matins (MM) National Secretary asked the National Council to accept five proxy voting forms (from Billericay, Region 3, Norwich, Trowbridge and Horley) that were incorrectly submitted but were genuine in sentiment. Seconded DF.

MM

Carried.

MM carried out an AGM Election Speaking Order for the post of National Treasurer. Eric Peacock (EP) was nominated to speak first and MF second.

EP
MF

7 2015 – 2020 Strategic Plan & Governance Review JS

Colin Steen (CS) National Councillor Region 4 announced that at the National Councillor's Meeting earlier this morning the National Councillors had voted to reject approval of the Strategic plan and Governance Review. The vote had been:

- 14 for non-approval
- 2 for approval
- 1 abstention

There followed a long discussion on the history of the strategy and review formulation since the 2014 AGM. JS agreed to make a statement at the AGM tomorrow that the Strategic Plan and Governance Review were still works in progress and would involve input from a wider audience.

JS

CS went on to say that there had been a division between the Board and National Councillors in that the Board had acted beyond its remit in regard to IT. He proposed that a subcommittee should be set up (to include National Councillors) to review IT expenditure. Seconded Lawrence Bamber (LB) National Councillor Region 12.

Carried.

JS
TC

8 Additional Welcomes JS
JS welcomed:

David Hewitt (DH) Past Honorary Webmaster





Kevin Lovett (KL) Deputy National Councillor Region 8

Marcus Jones (MJ) RTBI National Vice President

**9 Questions on National Board Reports
Membership**

All

DK thanked all for their feedback on the Prospects database.

Since 31 March 2015:

63% of Clubs have paid their capitation.

That consisted of 46 less members a fall of 0.23%.

DK informed National Council that so far through the enquiry section of the website he had received 4 ex- Tablers had applied to join 41 Club.

Communications

Ray Hill (RH) National Communications Officer stated that Nicole Carroll at Marchesi House had reviewed the costs associated with the production of the Magazine. The result was a proposed cost reduction in the region of £200 which did not allow for the postage costs Internationally. Another suggestion had been moving to an A5 format – making it too small for most of our members to read.

Fellowship

Barry Durman (BD) National Fellowship Officer announced the addition of 'Utility Warehouse' to the platinum privilege's portfolio and distributed leaflets to that effect. Utility Warehouse guarantees to reduce the 'bundle' price of telephone and home energy bills.

ALL

BD asked David Leach (DL) National Councillor Region 24 to give a presentation and statistics on Wider Wallet. Which he did. Details at Appendix A.

National Vice President

Terry Cooper (TC) National Vice President promoted:



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The June 2015 National Council Meeting in Bristol.

The 70th Charter Event in Wakefield.

The 70th Anniversary Dinner in Leeds.

International

Dave Campbell (DC) the Association International Officer promoted the International Half Yearly Meeting (HYM) in October 2015 in Birmingham - informing all that they had to register online for accommodation and packages.

10 Questions on National Councillors Reports

Phillip Ellis (PE) Caretaker Region 3 stated that there would be a special event occurring in Londonderry tomorrow. Area 11, 26 and 52 Table were inducting 15 new members. Belfast 53 Round Table was to be re-chartered.

Duncan Baldwin (DB) National Councillor Region 5 reported that following a number of encouraging and supportive conversations he was staying on as National Councillor.

Andy Waite (AW) National Council Region 6 promoted the White Rose Dinner on 16 October 2015. Guest Speaker is Gerard O'Herlihy, Past President RTBI and Round Table International President.

JS announced that Paul Molley (PM) National Councillor Region 11 had managed to increase the membership in his region by 9% - this was against all current trends and showed what a dedicated National Councillor could achieve. PM passed on Nick Morcumb (NM) Deputy National Councillor Region 11 apologies for the meeting.

Frank Venables (FV) National Councillor Region 20 wished to thank Graham Smith his Deputy for all his help and assistance as they were both retiring as of the AGM.

11 Honorary Members

HM
PC

The Honorary Members had 'Nothing To Report'.





12 Anthony Nolan

JS introduced Nancy Gray from the Anthony Nolan Trust.

Nancy thanked JS for choosing Anthony Nolan as his presidential Charity for the year. She thanked all of National Council for the selling of Badges and collecting of monies on their behalf.

Nancy went on to say that the Trust would not be the same or flourish without the dedicated support of both Round Table and 41 Club.

The total raised to date would be announced at the Masked Ball.

13 2017 Conference Presentation Blackpool

KL made a presentation on Blackpool Conference 2017.

BD recommended Blackpool for the 2017 Conference and AGM. Seconded by Martin Green (MG) Immediate Past President.

Carried.

BD

14 Birmingham 2016 Conference and AGM

Andrew Ventress Conference Chairman gave a talk on next year's Conference in Birmingham.

15 Retiring National Councillors Comments

JS

PM said how much he had enjoyed his three years on National Council. He saw positive move forward in the National Council working together for the benefit of the membership.

Frank Venables (FV) thank National Council for their Friendship over his 5 years in the post of National Councillor. He had thoroughly enjoyed his time. He also thanked his Deputy - Graham Smith, who was also retiring, for his support and dedication. He went on to thank all the members in his region for the fellowship over the years.



Ray Jones (RJ) thanked National Council for the great time he had had in their company and the work they had delivered together. He wished all the best for the future.

16 AOB

JS thanked Martin Green for his 12 years on Council and wished him well in his retirement from the National Board and Council. There followed a round of applause.

TC proposed that we advertise, interview and appoint an Honorary Webmaster. Seconded BD.

MG to train and support the new Honorary Webmaster.

Carried.

TC

JS to draft a job description.

TC made a presentation to JS on behalf of National Council. JS thanked all saying it was something he had always wanted.

20 Date of Next Meeting

JS

Saturday 15 June 2015 – Bristol Hotel, Bristol at 11.00 a.m.

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.