

 Chairman's Welcome At 11:30am President Terry Cooper (TC) welcomed all to the National Council Meeting. TC then individually welcomed:- Englebert Friedsam (EF) – 41 International VP 	TC
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 EF hoped to see as many of us at the 41 Intl AGM He took us over the MOI (Memorandum of Understanding) between the clubs He bought up the subject of 'naming', are we 41, Ex-Tablers, Actives, Old Tablers, etc? Martin Lines – deputising for Des Fulcher, Region 17. Jason Thomson – RTBI IPP – Saffron Walden RT & 41 Club Ray Jones – standing in for Kevin Chard, Region 21. 	
Purposes and Objects Clive Thompson (CT), National Councillor Region 14, recited the Association's Purposes and Objects.	СТ
Apologies Nick Morcomb Region 11 Des Fulcher Region 17 Kevin Chard Region 21 Paul Cammiss Honorary Solicitor Hugh Milward Honorary Archivist	ММ
4 Business Interests National President Terry (TC) asked if any of those present had any personal or business interests of which the meeting ought to be made aware. Nobody said anything & there were none volunteered.	TC
Minutes Minutes of the meeting on Saturday 6 February 2016 in Rednal were discussed. Approval proposed by National Councillor Region 12 Lawrence Bamber (LB) – Seconded by National Councillor Region 10, Peter Good (PG).	тс
Carried.	



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6 Matters Arising from those Minutes

TC

There being no matters arising from the previous minutes, TC moved onto the draw for speakers for contested positions at the AGM. Duncan Kennedy was to speak first, Jason Thomson second, for the position of National Membership & RoundTable Liaison Officer.

7 Website, ICT & Technology Issues

TC/GS

We had asked Toucan to provide a quote (no information has been received from Technos) and this has not moved on. We have still not had a price and we will now have to wait until next week before we can think about getting sorted.

TC – CAS2, not only do we have budget constraints, but we also have the change-over of Communication Officer (Ray Hill (RH) to Godwin Stewart (GS)). He appreciates and understands members & council's frustration over this but please bear with us. Manny Martins (MM), National Secretary, suggests that a team under Dave Campbell (DC), National IRO & only candidate for National Vice President, be charged with looking into issues & getting sorted. This is seconded by LB, Vote 23 for, 2 Abst, 0 against.

DC

Carried

8 Approval of Annual Policies of the Association

MM/TC

Health and Safety Code of Practice Confidentiality Data Protection Website

All Carried

Reserves Policy

MF

National Treasurer, Mark Fairchild (MF), said that our Reserves Policy is



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clearly stated amongst his documents on the National Website.

- Colin Steen (CS) (National Councillor, Region 4) and Eric Peacock (EP) (Deputy National Councillor, Region 4) again revisited the Resolutions tabled at the 2015 AGM and their non application.
- Manny Martins (MM) National Secretary showed EP where the policies and constitution were on the website to EP's satisfaction.

Call on vote for Reserves Policy. 22 for, 1 Abst, 2 Against.

Carried

Disciplinary Policy

Duncan Kennedy (DK), National Membership & RT Liaison Officer, email had been sent out to all & other than a very small amendment, there had been little feedback.

- David Leach (DL), National Councillor Region 24, said this had been discussed in a recent meeting of his 41 Club with members & he had some amendments to make. MM informed him he was out of time for amendments to be made.
- IPP Jim Smith (JS) to contact Paul Cammiss (PC), Honorary Solicitor, prior to AGM.
- Steve James (SJ) (National Councillor Region 13) seconds policy wording. 17 for, 2 Abst & 5 Against.

Carried

JS, then clarified – 10.1 Rule Changes/amendments, minimum 7 days' notice, 10.2 President may require an amendment, but it requires notice in writing. We need comments from floor at AGM. DL asks for his points to be shown on overhead projector JA seconds For 23, Abst 2, Against 0.

DL

DK

Carried

** Meeting welcomed Marcus Jones, RTBI National President & David Barley, RTBI Chief Executive **



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- Question What is progress with (combined) member database?
 They've gone out with questions to members, trying to read into the Market Place what is wanted.
- They have a budget proposal going into RTBI AGM, they do want support that includes both organisations. It won't please all, but it should appease the majority. Looking at October & budget of 45K.

** TC welcomed Dave Barker, National Honorary Webmaster, who joined us straight from another meeting **

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.

BD

Immediate Past President

JS

JS brought the meeting up to date on the project regarding re-opening Round Tables. He then asked Richard to address the meeting:-

** Meeting welcomed Richard Holland (RH), RTBI Membership Officer

- RH ran briefly through the initiative where we are looking to reintroduce Tables where there used to be one, but now only the 41 Club remains.
- He asked for volunteers to help on the project & that they contact him/DK or JS.
- He then spoke on recruitment, membership initiatives & most importantly the news that RTBI membership had actually grown in real membership numbers. New members exceeded those leaving & graduating. This is certainly unheard of in recent memory (12-15 years) & is testament to the very hard work, advertising, social media, etc that has been going on to promote RTBI.



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Richard received warm applause.

National Secretary

MM

MM stated that his report was as published

National Treasurer MF

MF stated that his report was as published.

- MF was then questioned. Resolution 6 He's in favour & has no issues – if we were to have to go to an EGM, cost would be circa 5K.
- CS, does IT budget of 17k include the CAS project? MF No.
- EP, would like suppliers to be mentioned.
- JS calls for round of applause for MF.

National Membership & RT Liaison

DK

DK stated that his report was as published

RH

National Media & Communications

- RH stated that his report was as published.
- He also spoke on his time as Councillor & Board Member. Enjoyed it & not regretted a single moment.
- TC calls for round of applause to thank RH for all his efforts over the years.

International Officer

DC ran through resolutions/rule changes coming before the International AGM. Rule 2) An additional objective 'to promote & perform services of an international nature'.

RH

• DC recommends, Kevin Lovett (KL), National Councillor Region 7, seconds.

Carried.

Rule 3) Voting rights re 'open' membership. DC does NOT recommend. No vote.

Carried

Fellowship & Conference Officer

AM



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Andrew Mackereth (AM) reminds those present & attending AGM and conference of timings, etc.

- Announcement that Blackpool AGM website is now up, running & taking bookings.
- AM then asks Steve James (SJ), National Councillor Region 13, to tell us about 41 Club NSW. Date of 11th Feb 2017, hotel costing at £130pp, but proposing a cost of £150 so that surplus can cover prizes,
- We will look to do the National Council meeting on the Sunday, please could he have some volunteers to help out.
- PE Has concerns over attendance at NC meeting if councillors did not want to do NSW. Is it viable, given the possibility of needing to take time off work, etc?. Went to the vote.

Carried.

** Meeting welcomed Makarios Charalambides (MC), 41 International President **

MC addressed the meeting, wished everyone well & hoped to see us in Landshut, Germany for 41 International AGM.

National Councillors Liaison Officer

PE

PE addressed the meeting and asked a question of MF over CAS, Can we expand upon CAS?. MF- Could do, but as ever there will be a cost.

10 **National Councillors Reports**

ALL

TC called upon those National Councillors who were retiring/stepping away from Council to say a few words.



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Councillors reports were taken as 'read' with the exception of:-

- Region 8, Godwin Stewart Briefly ran through his visits since Rednal
- Region 12, Lawrence Bamber (LB) mentioned membership initiatives, also Oswestry would like to be involved as well. LB presented President Terry with a cash collection from R12 and the NC and a Banner from 41 Club National President KK of Zambia.
- Region 15, Tom Atkins Has concerns over the quality of the data/information coming from the RTBI database, a lot of inaccuracies. Also points out faults/inaccuracies within our own CAS system.
- BD proposes that this is something that should be looked at within the membership team remit. JS seconds. No Abst or Against.

Carried.

Region 23, David Brown (DB) – mentioned possible new club in the region, more detail will follow next meeting.

11 Retiring Board Statements

RH said that he had already spoken when presenting his report, he didn't wish to speak again.

JS thanked all, but said his speech would wait until the AGM tomorrow & hoped all would be present to hear him.

12 National Webmaster

Dave Barker reported as follows:-

- Sean Clark (who was meant to be his assist/deputy, etc) hasn't been able to help out before now due to other pressures, however, it now sounds that he might now be able to put some time in & things are being worked out between him & GS.
- BD How many new items have been posted onto website? How many clubs have taken up the 'Micro-site' option?. DB – Can't tell you that right now, we need more manpower and that is now, hopefully, being resolved.

13 Approvals

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Bridport Region 23

Disaffiliations

Richmond & District Region 4

Hoylake & West Kirby Region 12

Tring & District Region 19

Downland Eastbourne Region 24

Isle of Sheppey Region 25

Carried.

14 AOB

Andy Waite – Please note copies of the Hinge available, please see on website, these should also have been emailed, let me know if you want copies.

Duncan Kennedy – Presents charity cheque to TC.

Barry Durman -

- 1) Cycle ride 'JOGLE' for his charity, Shelter.
- 2) Please let him know if you/clubs in your region would like him to visit (diary filling quickly).
- 3) Vote of thanks for Terry Cooper.

Vaughan Harris Award - TC would like to present this to Penistone for their marvellous collaborative work with RT on turning round a house/family that had been catastrophically affected by a fire.

15 Date of Next Meeting

Saturday 18 June, Holiday Inn, Stratford on Avon – 11.00 a.m.



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16	Approval		
	Signed as a True and accurate record:		
	Barry Durman		
	National President	Date.	
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