

41 Club
CONTINUED FRIENDSHIP

**NATIONAL COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
SATURDAY 12TH OCTOBER 2013
THE ANGEL HOTEL
MARKET HARBOROUGH**

The National President warmly welcomed everyone to the second Council meeting of his year. He also welcomed the following:

Andrew Mackereth	Conference Chairman Llandudno 2013
Des Fulcher	Deputy National Councillor Region 17
Graham Smith	Deputy National Councillor Region 20

1 PURPOSES AND OBJECTS

Recited by Noel Tyler (NT) (Region 15 National Councillor).

2 APPOINTMENT OF NATIONAL COUNCILLOR (to be ratified at AGM)

President Martin (MG) invested Godwin Stewart (GS) with his Jewel of Office as National Councillor Region 8.

He asked National Council to welcome him. A Round of Applause followed.

3 APOLOGIES

Sean McCormick	Region 17
Paul Ankorn	Region 22

4 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the 226th meeting held on Saturday 22nd July 2013 at the Oxford Spires Four Pillars Hotel were approved. Proposed Terry Cooper (TC) Seconded Andy Waite (AW). Carried.

5 MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

Lawrence Bamber, National Councillor Region 12 had been unsuccessful in his attempt to set up a new 41 Club in Las Vegas.

6 NATIONAL PRESIDENT

MG stated that his report was as published. Additionally, he added that he had been to Ireland and had been royally entertained by Phil Ellis (PE) National Councillor Region 3 and his wife Sandra. He attended a healthy gathering of 41 Clubs and Members on the Sunday. He had to give credit to PE for all his hard work. The Council showed their agreement with a round of applause.

7 NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT

Jim Smith (JS) stated that his report was as published. Additionally, he updated the Council on the Honorary Webmaster post. Following the advert in The Magazine, two Nominations had been received, both with excellent credentials. Following discussions at Board the previous day, the two candidates are to be invited to attend the Forward Planning Committee meeting in November for a formal interview and assessment. An offer would be made by the end of November 2013. Agreement will be sought from Council in February 2014 and an appointment at the 2014 AGM.

JS

JS went onto report on a meeting he and Duncan Kennedy (DK) National Membership and Round Table Liaison Officer had held with Cait Allen – Chief Executive of RTBI and the Round Table National Board.



CURRENT POSITION

We make an annual donation of £5,000 to Round Table for membership development, this agreement is due for review at the end of this year – 2013. The following is the proposal negotiated and subsequently approved by the 41 Club Board yesterday:-

41 Club will give:-

- 41 Club becomes a Round Table Platinum Supporter, for an initial period of 3 years, at £5k per year, commencing 1 January 2014.
- A Stand at the 41 Club Conference with one night paid accommodation for the CE to attend and man the stand on the Friday
- An advert in the 41 Club magazine to help promote the Marchesi House meeting room facility once a year for the three year period.
- A paper mailing (within 41 Club hours and with costs covered by 41 Club) to all its members asking them to refer a friend to RT. Letter to be sent with Magazine.
- Access to 41 Club member data should RT wish to carry out their own activities to target its members.
- 41 Club will email its members each year and put an article in its magazine each year about the Round Table Supporters Scheme.

41 Club will receive

1. The benefits of the Platinum Supporters Club which are:
 - A dedicated page in the Support section of the Round Table public website
 - An exhibition stand at our National Big Party Weekend in May
 - A full page advert in each edition of Tabler magazine
 - Two postings in the Round Table monthly e-newsletter
 - Two postings a year on our Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter – dates and times to suit 41 Club
 - A subscription to Tabler magazine
2. Round Table will send an annual letter to its retirees, wording to be mutually agreed, by email.
3. Round Table will email each of its past members (once) to encourage them to join 41 Club.
4. Round Table will contact all of its retiring members every year to notify them that it will be passing on their data to 41 Club unless they opt out by a certain date.
5. Round Table will hand over its members contact details to 41 Club when they reach retirement age.

There are some one off costs i.e. the letter to all past Tablers on the database, the letter from Round Table in our magazine. This is probably one of the most important agreements ever in the history of the relationship between Round Table and 41 Club. This is a massive opportunity for us to develop our membership. We have both agreed to create Data Protection Policies but in future all new applicants to Round Table will know that at the end of their time in Round Table their data will be passed to 41 club.

Finally JS wished to give a big thank you to Cait Allen and the Round Table Board for their help in this negotiation

Following discussion, JS tabled the Board proposal to ratify this agreement. Carried JS Unanimously.

8 IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

David Smith (DS) - discussed the plans he had been working on and that had been accepted by the Board - regarding the Association's 70th Year Anniversary. Though the Anniversary fell in May 2015 it was be too close to the AGM for attendance purposes. To avoid a clash he proposed that Anniversary event be held in the weekend of the October 2015 National Council Meeting. Additionally he proposed that it not be a luncheon but an evening Gala Dinner on Saturday 24 October 2015. There would be

another event planned for the same weekend by the Association's International Officer (to follow later).

Following discussion DS tabled this Board proposal – Carried Unanimously.

DS

9 NATIONAL SECRETARY

Manny Martins (MM) stated that his report was as published – he asked that all those National Councillors who had not submitted a risk grading report join him after the meeting for a short workshop session on how to prepare and submit such reports.

MM went on to say the AGM in 2014 will see the next stage in opening up the AGM to individual Clubs. The video streaming will continue as last year based on using the Life Centres Broadband facilities with 4G backup. The online voting will be internet based offering the same agenda online as in the Order Paper but for this year the online votes will not count. Additionally there will be rule changes to incorporate the new form of voting whilst removing the need for proxy voting (the rule changes dependent on a successful trial). The total budget for this second phase being £6,000 which is contributed to by no longer carrying out two AGM mailings but using Email and the website instead. MM tabled this Board proposal. After discussion this was carried.

MM

10 NATIONAL TREASURER

Mark Fairchild (MF) stated that his report was as published and asked that all expenses up to end of year be submitted to him no later than 20 December 2013.

The latest quarter Financial Report was published on the website.

11 COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER

Ray Hill (RH) had had printed 500 Calendars which he had with him for distribution to be sold on Club visits etc. in anticipation of raising £1,000 for the Presidential Charity.

Following successful articles in The Magazine RH suggested the holding of a Classic Car Rally in June 2014 that he would be willing to organise.

RH

Relating to the electronic mailing of the Newsletter he had received over a thousand e-mail bounce backs. He had corrected over 400 of these himself and asked the National Councillors to deal with those in their Regions. He also asked that the National Councillors look at the fictitious addresses on CAS and contact Clubs to fill in the correct address details.

NCs

RH continued with a review of his Marketing Plan and its Action Plan that he would be circulating in the near future for comment prior to implementation.

RH

12 MACMILLAN UPDATE – STELLA KRAJEWSKI

Stella Krayewski (SK) started her update by thanking everyone for their efforts. She mentioned that Bournemouth 41 Club had stepped in as Marathon Runners when she had been let down by another group of volunteers, this was covered in a Newsletter article.

So far this year £9,000 had been raised by 41 Club. £2,000 of that had come from Mallorca 41 Club.

SK stated that she had worked for Macmillan for 5 years and was now leaving to join the Sue Ryder Charity. In the interim Lizzie Musgrove would continue to steward the 41 Club relationship.

Barry Durman (BD) Fellowship Officer announced that the Moulin Rouge Cycle Ride had raised £7,000 for charity of which £2,314 would go to Macmillan Cancer Support.

President Martin presented SK with a personal gift from him and his personal thanks for the support and cooperation given by her during his year.

13 **UNDER SHERRIF OF LEICESTERSHIRE**

President Martin introduced Martin Hill (MH) the Under Sheriff of Leicester.

MH addressed the National Council giving a brief overview of himself (originally from Luton) and the role (deputising for TWO Sheriffs) in detail, the history of Market Harborough (established circa 1100's). It's present Claim to Fame (an X Factor contestant who is a Prison Officer at the local Gartree Prison). He welcomed all to Market Harborough. President Martin awarded MH (same initials as the town) with his personal Banner and gifts.

14 **NATIONAL COUNCILLOR'S LIASION OFFICER**

TC stated his report was as published (which Marchesi House had not included but the National Secretary had included in full on the presentation slides).

15 **ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONAL OFFICER**

David Campbell (DC) reported that his report was as published.

DC had copies of the International Directory for distribution.

DC had circulated members of the Board and received positive feedback regarding making a submission to host the 41 International Half yearly meeting in October 2015. This would coincide with the 70th Anniversary of the formation of 41 Club to be held in Birmingham.

Following much discussion DC tabled the Board proposal to host the 2015 HYM. DC Carried.

Tangent are hoping to launch Tangent International in Denmark and form a Tangent Club in Zambia.

There is a meeting arranged for next week at Marchesi House with Englebert Friedsam of German Old Tablers to discuss how they have increased their Round Tabler transition to 41 Club rate to 83%. DC

16 **FELLOWSHIP OFFICER**

Barry Durman (BD) stated that his report was as published. Additionally:-

Conferences

Bournemouth 2014

David Brown (DB) reported that there had been some adverse comments on Trip Advisor regarding the Royal Bath Hotel. He had booked into the hotel incognito, and reported good room, helpful staff and excellent meals. He had no reservations recommending the hotel.

The Curtain Raiser (pretour) was well in hand with Lawrence Bamber (LB) Frank Venables (FV) and David Brown (DB) guiding the tour. The pretour was for both International Visitors and GB&I Members. It could be booked as either a full 3 day tour or 3 individual 1 day events.

The International Banner Exchange would take place on the Friday night.

Harrogate 2015



To be held in the ICC

2016 Birmingham Presentation Team asked to resubmit. Which they have.

BD tabled the Board proposition to hold the 2016 Conference in Birmingham. Agreed.

At this point President Martin introduced Andrew Mackereth (AM) the Llandudno 2013 Conference Chairman who wished to address the National Council with regard to 'his' Conference. AM exhorted the smooth running and enjoyment afforded the Membership at the 2013 Conference. He then went on to present gifts of a bound book of 2013 Conference photographs to:-

Immediate Past President DS for his participation and Chairmanship

Fellowship Officer BD for his coordination of the Conference

National Councillor Region 5 Duncan Baldwin for his role as Registration Secretary

National President MG for his liaison, contribution and ideas.

President Martin thanked AM for his gifts and a well-run Conference.

Council Meetings

July 4/5 2014 Gala Dinner on the Saturday - Stansted Airport

October 10/11 2014 at Shrigley Hall Macclesfield to accommodate the Red Rose Dinner.

Golf

BD thanked Ken Donald (KD) for the organisation of the National Golf Competition.

The social half weekend was cancelled due to lack of take-up.

The Caravan Rally will now take place in conjunction with the Classic Car Rally in April 2014. BD
RH

The website is working brilliantly and President Martin is to receive his long awaited 100 '41 Club badges' and 50 'Four Family Badges'. The National Councillors are not selling enough products at Club meetings – sales are down from previous years.

5,000 Wider Wallet brochures were available for all to take on Club visits and distribute. NCs

17 MEMBERSHIP OFFICER

DK announced that his report was as published.

18 THREE MONTHS FOCUS

TC announced that the next three months focus for National Councillors would be:- NCs

1. Solve and clear up bounced Emails
2. Start selling and increase sales at Club Meetings
3. Distribute Wider Wallet Leaflets and promote membership of it

19 NATIONAL COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Region 1 Nick Lawton – as published

Region 2 Ken Donald – as published

Region 3 Phil (Ray) Ellis – as published

Region 4 Colin Steen – as published

Region 5 Duncan Baldwin – as published



Region 6 – Andy Waite (AW) stated that his report was as published, additionally:-

The White Rose Dinner is arranged for 21st November 2013

Region 7 Lars Scholander (LS) apologised for his lack of efforts to date due to domestic problems but stated that he would be back on track within a few weeks.

Region 8 Godwin Stewart – as published

Region 9 Paul Cooper – as published

Region 10 Peter Good (PG) stated his report was as published, additionally he had been carrying out the same work as JS and DK. He was working with his Round Table Area Chairman on identifying Table retirees. They had identified 35 Tablers who were to retire this year and PG was going to visit each one and ensure their seamless transition into respective 41 Clubs. PG

Region 11 Paul Molley stated his report was as published.

Region 12 Lawrence Bamber – as published, he then presented a cheque from Tywyn and Aberdyfi 41 Club for the Presidential Charity.

Region 13 Duncan Kennedy (DK) – no report but DK brought apologies from Newport 41 Club who had raised £200 but had not sent a Cheque. DK

Region 14 Manny Martins – as published

Region 15 Noel Tyler – No Report

Region 16 No National Councillor - No Report

Region 17 Sean McCormick's deputy, Des Fulcher (DF), stated the report was as published, additionally a new Club - South Norfolk Active 41 Club will be launched on 28th January 2014. DF

Region 18 Jim Smith – as published

Region 19 Tom Abbott – No Report

Region 20 Frank Venables (FV) reported that he had made many good Club visits and introduced his deputy – Graham Smith who was looking after Clubs in Berkshire whilst FV would look after Clubs in Oxfordshire and Gloucestershire.

Region 21 Ray Jones – as published

Region 22 Paul Ankcorn – No Report. Mark Fairchild (MF) reported that his Exeter 41 Club had held their usual Annual 41 Club Cricket Match at which he set up and ran the BBQ raising £195 which he presented to President Martin for his Presidential Charity.

Region 23 David Brown – as published

Region 24 David Leach – as published

Region 25 Simon Green (SG) – No Report – SG Presented President Martin a cheque for £250 from Bexhill Round Table for 41 Club's support in their Charity Fundraising Events.

20 HONORARY MEMBERS



Webmaster David Hewitt stated that this was three Council Meetings away from his retirement and he wanted to start thanking everyone for their friendship over many years.

Archivist Hugh Milward – as published

21 **APPROVALS**

DK

To Affiliate

Selby FortySwan 41 Club – 10 Members

Torquay 41 Club – 5 Members

Disaffiliations

Axe Valley & Lyme Regis – 14 Members (Age)

Proposed AW Seconded MF, Carried.

22 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

BD had two boxes of the first 50 years of 41 Club which were surplus to requirements and were free to all.

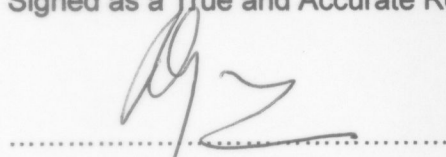
LS reported he had taken part in the London Marathon and had raised £4,219.50.

23 **DETAILS OF NEXT MEETING**

SATURDAY 8 February 2014, Rednal, Birmingham at 13.00

24 **APPROVAL**

Signed as a True and Accurate Record



Date: 8/2/14

Martin Green
National President
2013 – 2014