



NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
FRIDAY 25TH APRIL 2014
MARBELLE SUITE
ROYAL BATH HOTEL, BOURNEMOUTH

The National President warmly welcomed everyone to the Last Council Meeting of his year.

- 1 **PURPOSES AND OBJECTS** **DB**
Was supposed to be Recited by David Brown (DB) (Region 23 National Councillor) but he forgot he was doing it and had no written word to fall back on.

- 2 **APPOINTMENT OF NATIONAL COUNCILLOR** **MG**
President Martin presented Sean McCormick (SM) National Councillor for Region 18 (and Caretaker Region 17) – with his Jewel of Office.

Des Fulcher stated that SM, as Caretaker National Councillor Region 17, had reappointed him as his Deputy for Region 17.

- 3 **APOLOGIES** **MM**
Tom Atkins National Councillor Region 15

- 4 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** **MG**
The minutes of the 228th meeting held on Saturday 8th February 2014 at the Hillscourt Conference Centre, Rednal were approved. Proposed Terry Cooper (TC) Seconded Dave Campbell (DC). Carried.

- 5 **MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES** **MG**

At the last Council Meeting we had agreed the disaffiliation of Dartford 41 Club at their own request. Vice President Jim had attended the Chartering of Dartford Round Table and had spoken to representatives of Dartford 41 Club who informed him that they were rethinking their disaffiliation from the Association.

- 6 **GUESTS AND OBSERVERS** **MG**
President Martin acknowledged the following observers:-
RTBI National President Stephen Sprod and his wife Karen
Past International Officer – Ken Boden
Deputy National Councillor Region 20 Graham Smith

- 7 **AGM** **MM**
Elections
National Secretary Manny Martins (MM) stated that he had received the following nominations for National Board posts :-

National Vice-President (President Elect) - Terry Cooper
Association International Officer - David Campbell (2nd term)
National Communications Officer - Ray Hill (2nd term)

MM stated that he had received the following nominations for National Councillor re-elections – 2nd term :-



Region 2 – Ken Donald
Region 4 – Colin Steen
Region 6 – Andy Waite
Region 18 – Sean McCormick
Region 23 - David Brown

MM stated that he had received the following nominations for National Councillor 1st term elections :-

Region 15 – Tom Atkins – Nuneaton
Region 17 – Des Fulcher – Kings Lynn) Hence Election required
Richard Turner – Dereham & District)
Region 25 – John Alford – Medway

AGM Resolutions

MM stated that there were 4 Resolutions to be considered and went through each one in turn.

Resolution 1 was an ‘enabling resolution’ to allow Electronic Voting in 2015 if successful at the 2014 AGM.

Resolution 2 was the shortening of the timescales for National Councillor elections and the stopping of postal ballots – allowing the use of more modern communication techniques.

Resolution 3 was the deletion of an out of date rule regarding regional changes.

Resolution 4 had been submitted by Bournemouth 41 Club and proposed the abolishment of National Council. Subsequent to the mailing of the AGM Agenda and Order Paper to all Constituent Clubs an amendment had been received within the 7 day time limit. This amendment had been submitted by Haverhill & District 41 Club and was seconded by Calpe 41 Club. The amendment consisted of changing one word in the original Resolution – replacing the word abolish with review.

There followed a full and comprehensive discussion on the amendment. It was agreed that the National Council was constantly reviewing its structure and purposes. For the sake of brevity only one comment is included – Tom Abbott (TA) – National Councillor Region 19 – stated that as a ‘new’ National Councillor he had found that we were constantly in the process of review and no National Councillor had obstructed the workings of the National Council.

The options on whether or not to support the Resolution were presented by President Martin and a vote for each taken. The vote found in favour of supporting it. On this basis it was agreed that National Councillors’ Liaison Officer Terry Cooper (TC) would speak to the motion ‘once it became the substantive motion’.

Honorary Members

MM asked the National Council to agree that the following individuals be appointed to post and recommended at the AGM for the forthcoming year:- MM

Honorary Archivist – Hugh Milward
Honorary Solicitor – Paul Cammiss
Honorary Webmaster – Not Appointed to at this moment in time.

8 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND CHARTERING

MG

President Martin acknowledged the entrance and attendance of John Payne (JP) - Past National President 2011 – 2012 Round Table Great Britain & Ireland.



President Martin then presented JP with the Charter Certificate for Coventry 41 Club.

JP responded to President Martin stating that there were three Round Tables in Coventry but there had not been a 41 Club. He wanted to be in 41 Club and was pleased the Club had been formed and was now chartered. He said there was more to the 41 AGM and Conference than socialising as witnessed by this Council Meeting.

BOARD REPORTS

9 NATIONAL PRESIDENT

MG

President Martin – Report as Published.

President Martin stated that his Presidential Charity was approaching £50,000 for the year and the full amount would be reported at the following President Banquet and Ball.

10 NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT

JS

Jim Smith (JS) - Report as Published.

He informed the Meeting that he did not have any functions booked for Regions 4, 8, 9, 15, and 24 in his diary – he awaited invitations.

JS went on to say he was attending the Round Table Conference in May – where he would be doing a Fire Walk – solely for the purpose of raising sponsorship for his Presidential Charity.

JS

11 IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

DS

David Smith (DS) – Report as Published.

He said that he had had a fantastic year – one of many great years enjoying the Friendship and Fellowship of the National Council.

During the year he had visited Clubs by request sometimes on behalf of the National President at a cost of £1,500 - £2,000. He had thought that his position was to provide Wise Council when asked – but during the whole year no one had asked anything of him

He did wonder if the position of Immediate Past President was really necessary on National Council? He proposed that this item be put on the agenda of the next Forward Planning Committee Meeting.

TC

12 NATIONAL SECRETARY

MM - Report as Published.

He informed the Meeting that not all Club Chairmen had emails, and he had spent a large amount of time phoning Chairmen or, in the case of these individuals not having even a telephone number, 'other' members of that Club. It was time consuming. He asked all National Councillors to help him by ensuring that by next April there would be a Chairman for each Club with a non-bouncing email address.

NCs

MM discussed the second phase of video streaming the AGM, with the addition of trialling Electronic Voting. In April all Club Chairmen were given an access code to a website that will provide both a video stream of the AGM (in small screen format) whilst screening the proposals, resolutions and elections at the appropriate times during the AGM and asking the Club Chairman to vote.

Comment was made from the floor that inadequate information had been set out.

- 13 **NATIONAL TREASURER** **MF**
Mark Fairchild (MF) - Report as Published.
- 14 **MEMBERSHIP OFFICER**
Duncan Kennedy (DK) - Report as Published.
- He had identified 38 target locations for new Clubs for next year.
- Swindon 41 Club seems to have disappeared from CAS. David Hewitt (DH) managed to reinstate them.
- 15 **COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER** **RH**
Ray Hill (RH) - Report as Published.
- He asked all the Council members to promote the Classic Car Rally. **ALL**
- RH spoke of the inappropriate use of Facebook - there is an investigation into the latest incident – very embarrassing to the Association and opening us up to criminal prosecution.
- Phillip Ellis (PE) stated that we are an Association of Clubs and as such it is not a governance issue but a local Club problem. He went on to say that there seemed to be no Round Table Family 'Club' policies. We needed to have a policy in place and develop and undertake Social Media training. The training for Club members should be a 2 year programme suitably titled – 'How to stop yourself being harmed by Social Media'.
- PE proposed that he led a team to develop a policy and training package. This did not lead on to any discussion or vote.
- Simon Thomas (ST) said that he could see the need for this with the new Website accommodating 800 plus Editors.
- JS suggested we make sure we have a co-ordinated approach to all aspects of Social Media alongside web usage.
- President Martin stated that he would look into it. **MG**
- JS asked RH for a WOW factor in the next issue of the Magazine – the last few issues all had 'motor' stories or events – there was a need for a 'motor free' issue. **RH**
- 16 **ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONAL OFFICER** **DC**
Dave Campbell (DC) - Report as Published.
- Additionally 20 41ers, including the National President and National Secretary, had gone on the Transmanche to Calais.
- He and 3 fellow members of Riff Raff 41 Club had attended the 20th Charter of Brasov No 1 in Romania. The weekend also included the chartering of a new Round Table, Bucharest No 16. The event was well attended with over 120 people at the Gala Dinner.

- 17 **NATIONAL COUNCILLOR's LIAISON OFFICER** **TC**
Terry Cooper (TC) - Report as Published.
- TC thanked the Council for their guidance which would allow him to prepare a response to the Haverhill Amendment or Bournemouth Resolution depending on the situation. **TC**
- TC further reported that the proposed 70th Charter + International HYM + National Council weekend had proved too costly to deliver.
- He therefore proposed that the International HYM and National Council Meeting go ahead packaged into the National Council weekend in October 2015. **TC**
- The 70th Anniversary celebration Lunch/Dinner would be held in September 2015 somewhere north of Birmingham. **TC**
- This was seconded by DC and Carried.
- TC went on to say he had enjoyed his 2 years as NCLO and looked forward to continue working with everyone in his new post if elected!
- 18 **NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OFFICER** **BD**
Barry Durman (BD) - Report as Published.
- Conferences
- Bournemouth 2014 - David Brown (DB) (Region23) stated that there were 517 bookings for the weekend.
- Harrogate 2015 – there were 120 booked in already. The Conference HQ Hotel was filling up. Only those delegates booking a 3 day package could book into the Conference Hotel. Anyone requiring a 2 day package only would be accommodated in other hotels.
- Birmingham 2016 – looking at Jury's Inn or the Hyatt for the HQ hotel.
- BD was open to offers for 2017.
- He would like all the Sales Boxes back asap. **NCs**
- National Arboretum – BD had been asked to liaise with Lichfield 41 Club (who had initially set it up) over the management of the Arboretum. They had indicated to him that they would be willing to let the 'Round Table Family' becoming more strongly involved. JS said that they would discuss this at the next National Council meeting in July. **BD/JS**
MG
- 19 **EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION OFFICER** **ST**
Simon Thomas (ST) - Report as Published.
- 20 **NATIONAL COUNCILLORS REPORTS** **NCs**
Region 1 Nick Lawton – Report as Published.
- Region 2 Ken Donald - Report as Published.
- Region 3 Phill Ellis – Report as Published.
- Region 4 Colin Steen - Report as Published. The Prince Bishop's Dinner in March had lacked Round Table attendance and there was no support at local level for the event. There had been endorsement of the Round Table Family Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

JS said he had heard it was a good do. The MOU is at National level and will slowly permeate downwards. It is really down to individual 41 Clubs to get their respective Round Table's to come along to events. The President assured Colin that the event had been a great success mainly due to his hard work.

Region 5 Duncan Baldwin - Report as Published.

Region 6 Andy Waite - Report as Published.

Region 7 & 8 Godwin Stewart, Report as Published, additionally Ormskirk 41 Club which is unaffiliated is closing down – Lee Collier the Membership Officer for Southport Hesketh 41 Club is trying to recruit them into his Club.

Region 9 Paul Cooper - Report as Published.

Region 10 Peter Good - Report as Published, additionally whilst working locally he had dropped into the National Arboretum to look at the broken Sundial. He saw it could be removed easily, which he did, to take away to a blacksmith for repair. As he was leaving he was chased by the onsite Security believing him to be stealing it. He explained what he was doing and was allowed to take the Sundial away for repair.

Region 11 Paul Molley - Report as Published, additionally he presented a cheque for £700 to President Martin for Macmillan Cancer Support from Cheadle and District 41 Club. He advised that a further £50 from Stafford 41 Club was in the post.

Region 12 Lawrence Bamber - Report as Published, additionally he had attended Llandrindod 41 Club on 9th April – a very Active Club – at which Tangent did an interruption.

At the Rhyl and District 41 Club AGM last Tuesday Richard Mainon had been elected Vice Chairman at the age of 41 – surely the youngest VC to date? TC would be attending the Rhyl 50th Charter Nite on 30 October 2014 (says 24th on website).

Mold and District 41 Club are to have their AGM on the following Monday where they will be undertaking a Disaffiliation Ballot.

Region 13 Duncan Kennedy - Report as Published.

Region 14 Manny Martins - Report as Published.

Region 15 Tom Atkins - No report.

Region 17 Deputy National Councillor Des Fulcher (DF) - Report as Published, additionally he had been liaising with the management of Suckling Hall in Norwich (where Louis Marchesi started Round Table), they are naming one of their rooms – The Louis Marchesi Room. He has been 'given' by a member of Norwich Wensum and Yare 41 Club a 'Chairman's Chair' (made in solid wood recovered from the stripping out of a bank for refurbishment) for donating to the Marchesi Room.

Region 18 Sean McCormick - Report as Published, additionally he recommended that the National Council members elongate their stay at the July Council Meeting and support Saffron Walden Round Table and 41 Club in their fund raising week, even as the National Council Meeting is taking place. On the Monday the Round Table is organising a charity 50 mile cycle ride on part of the Tour de France route. Between £60-70,000 is raised for Charity over the charity week.

On Tuesday 8th July the Eastern Region Golf day is taking place

Brentwood 41 Club is celebrating its 50th Charter on 25 July.



Region 19 Tom Abbott – Report as Published.

Region 20 - Frank Venables - Report as Published, additionally he reminded the Council that he had been asked to write the sequel to 'Continued Friendship – Sixty Years of FortyOne. He had submitted a short project brief estimating that this would take between 6 – 9 months of work, the Front Cover would be in the 70th Anniversary Livery and 41 Club logo - the contents would bring the history of the Association up to date. He had also estimated the cost of publishing

The Regional Golf was postponed.

Oxford College Dinner will be at Somerville College.

Region 21 - Ray Jones - Report as Published.

Region 22 - Mark Fairchild - Report as Published, additionally not only is Dawlish Train Station now open following the landslide but a Dawlish 41 Club is being formed.

Region 23 - David Brown - Report as Published.

Region 24 - David Leach - Report as Published.

Region 25 - Simon Green (SG) - no report. SG thanked everyone for the fellowship over the last two years.

- 21 **HONORARY WEBMASTER** **DH**
David Hewitt (DH) stated that this was his last National council meeting. He thanked everyone for their website contributions and will say more at the AGM tomorrow.
- 22 **HONORARY ARCHIVIST** **HM**
Hugh Milward (HM) stated that his report was as published.
- 23 **HONORARY SOLICITOR** **PC**
Paul Cammiss (PC) thanked everyone for another enjoyable Council meeting.
- 24 **ROUND TABLE GREAT BRITAIN & IRELAND NATIONAL PRESIDENT** **SS**
Stephen Sprod brought greetings from RTBI and said how he and President Martin had worked well during the year and he looked forward to joining 41 Club in the future.
- 25 **APPROVALS** **DK**
Clubs to be Affiliated
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| Colchester XRT | Region 18 |
| Livingston Round Table | Region 1 |
| Tarporley and District | Region 11 |
| Showtime! | Region 23 |
- 27 **CHARTERING** **MG**
President Martin chartered Showtime! 41 Club presenting the charter to David Brown Conference Chairman.

28 **AOB** **ALL**
Having found a copy of the Purposes and Objects of the Association David Brown then recited them.

Terry Cooper presented President Martin with his 41 Club Pin Board as a Gift from the National Council at the end of his Presidential Year. There were other gifts but none as well received as the Board. The President thanked everyone for his gifts.

Ray Hill wished to thank Vice President Jim for arranging a fantastic weekend party for his 64th birthday on 5th July 2014.

President Martin then asked for the Master at Arms to reveal himself. Immediate Past President David took centre stage and fined nearly everyone for their misconduct during the meeting – monies to the Presidential Charity.

29 **DETAILS OF NEXT MEETING** **MG**
SATURDAY 5th JULY 2014 - 11.00 a.m.

Radisson Blu Hotel, Stansted.

30 **APPROVAL** **MG**
Signed as a True and Accurate Record

..... Date:

Martin Green – National President
2013 – 2014