



**MINUTES OF THE SIXTY NINTH  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
OF THE  
ASSOCIATION OF EX-TABLERS' CLUBS**

**THE LIFE CENTRE  
BOURNEMOUTH**

**ON**

**SATURDAY 26<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2014**

**MINUTES OF THE 69th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
HELD ON SATURDAY 26<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2014  
AT THE LIFE CENTRE, BOURNEMOUTH**

At 09.25 the National Board was sitting at their places on the stage when the National Vice President Jim Smith asked the National Secretary Manny Martins if he had seen National President Martin Green. There followed an opening sequence - a Mission Impossible style video depicting the search for National President Martin Green, Martin was found, making an entrance in an MG sprite amidst a blaze of pyrotechnics that almost gassed the IT staff!

**1. Welcome**

At 09.30 am National President Martin Green declared the AGM open and welcomed members and guests to the meeting. Martin gave a vote of thanks to the film crew, in particular Dave Campbell.

The National President stated that electronic voting was being trialled at this AGM and asked the National Secretary Manny Martins to explain the process. The National Secretary stated that only the votes cast by delegates present in the AGM venue would count. Votes cast electronically from individual Clubs would not count this year. A resolution was to be presented later to the AGM

He then thanked the IT staff managing the process today: David Leach (National Councillor Region 24) and Godwin Stewart (National Councillor Region 8).

The National President introduced the National Board:

National Fellowship Officer Barry Durman - Shirley Late Nights 41 Club  
International Officer Dave Campbell - Westerham and Riff-Raff 41 Clubs  
National Membership and Round Table Liaison Officer Duncan Kennedy – Barry 41 Club  
National Councillors' Liaison Officer Terry Cooper - Clevedon and Isis Area 41 Clubs  
National Communications Officer Ray Hill - Northwich and Dragons 41 Clubs  
National Secretary Manny Martins - Hamble Valley Stick and Kingston upon Thames 41 Clubs  
National Treasurer Mark Fairchild – Exeter 41 Club  
National Vice-President Jim Smith – Bishop's Stortford and Eastern Promise 41 Clubs  
Immediate Past National President David Smith - Long-Eaton 41 Club

Formal Notice

The National Secretary confirmed that the notice convening the meeting had been given in accordance with the National Rules.

**Notice approved.**

**2. Purposes and Objects**

All stood while Brian Hendry Vice Chairman (in the absence of David Wattin – Chairman) of Bournemouth N° 5 41 Club read Purposes and Objects.

The National President asked the National Councillors present to rise and be recognised by the meeting for their work on behalf of the Association during the year.

The National President then introduced and welcomed, David Hewitt, Honorary Webmaster - Whitchurch & District and Three Steps Behind 41 Clubs, Hugh Milward, Honorary Archivist - Ashby-de-la-Zouch 41 Club, Paul Cammiss, Honorary Solicitor - Haverhill & District 41 Club.

The National President then welcomed and introduced the Past National Presidents in attendance:

Frank Bull	1987-1988
Geoff King	1996-1997

Paul Cammiss	2002-2003
Mike Fitchett	2005-2006
Ian Mackenzie	2006-2007
Drew Cochran	2008-2009
Richard Matthews	2009-2010
Vaughan Harris	2011-2012
David Smith	2012-2013

They were greeted with acclaim by all at the meeting.

### In Memoriam

The National President asked the meeting to stand for one minute's silence in recognition of those members who had died during the previous year. The names scrolled across the screen.

### Secretary's Announcements

Procedural Notices and a Health & Safety announcement were read out by the National Secretary. Additionally, he asked that mobile phones be silenced and explained the procedure for delegates, members and visitors to speak.

### **3. Apologies for Absence**

The National Secretary read out the apologies for absence which had been received from the following:

David Payne -	Chairman Hamble Valley Stick
John Mellor -	National President 1992-1993
George Douglas -	National President 1997-1998
Ernest Husson -	National President 1998-1999
Gordon Macnab -	National President 2000-2001
John Bellwood	National President 2001-2002
Iain Kelso -	National President 2003-2004
Keith Howard -	National President 2007-2008
Malcolm Lockey -	National President 2010-2011
Shepshed 41 Club	
Dublin 41 Club	

### **4. Tellers and Scrutineers**

The National Secretary gave details of the members proposed as Tellers and Scrutineers, all from Bournemouth 41 Club. The National President asked for a vote to approve their appointment.

#### **Vote Carried.**

The National President asked whether the meeting was quorate. The National Secretary confirmed that that 73 voting delegates had registered together with 11 members carrying a proxy vote, making a total of 84 voting delegates out of 778 voting clubs. 40 voters are required, therefore the meeting is quorate.

### **5. Minutes of the 68<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2013 in at Venue Cymru, Llandudno**

The Minutes of the 68<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting held on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April in Llandudno were approved by the meeting without amendment as a true and accurate record and they were accordingly signed by the National President.

### **6. Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

#### Tangent National President

Karen Durie, Tangent National President addressed the meeting, bringing greetings to The Association and personal thanks to National President Martin. She had enjoyed working with Martin. During her term of Office she had chartered 7 new Tangent Clubs. She presented Martin with a gift.

#### Ladies Circle National President

Ruth Curry, Ladies Circle National President reported that during her term of office there had been 307 new members of Ladies' Circle. There had been 534 enquiries of which 59 had had no local Ladies' Circle. She praised Phillip Ellis the National Councillor - Region 3 for his work reviving Ladies Circle in Ireland. She thanked 41 Club for their help throughout her year.

National President Martin added that Ruth's apparent difficulty in climbing the steps to get on to the stage was down to her cycling from Southport to Skegness for her charity - Whizz Kidz, the previous weekend.

#### Iain Kelso Award

The National President reminded the meeting that the Iain Kelso Award for the most outstanding contribution to the AGM would be presented at the end of the day's proceedings. David Smith as Immediate Past President would be the judge.

### **7. Adoption of the National Council's Report for 2013 - 14.**

The National President confirmed that the Officers' reports for 2013 – 14 were as printed in the Notice and Agenda and were now submitted to the meeting. He invited the Officers in rotation to update their individual reports. National Membership and Round Table Liaison Officer Duncan Kennedy stated that since completing the end of year report there had been 6 more 41 Club affiliations with a potential 38 more possibilities. There were no other updates.

The National President proposed that the National Council Report for 2013 – 14 be received.

#### **Proposal Carried.**

The report was opened for discussion and the National President invited questions on the individual Officers' reports, which he took Officer by Officer.

Question arising from the National Membership and Round Table Liaison Officer's report - John Alford - Medway 41 Club, Region 25 pointed out that two Round Tables that supposedly had no Club were in fact feeder Tables for Medway 41 Club and that there never was a Medway Round Table. He also stated that the two new 41 Clubs formed in Region 25 are a problem for existing clubs because they are competing for the same members. The Vice President replied saying that the existing Clubs had been asked about their position on accepting new members and had agreed their formation. New 41 Clubs are formed when the existing ones are disconnected from Round Table.

The National President proposed that the National Council's annual report be approved.

#### **Proposal Carried.**

The National Fellowship Officer called for entries into the fancy dress competition to be placed into his special post box before 12.00 pm.

#### Bournemouth Conference Committee

The National President invited David Brown, Taunton 41 Club, National Councillor Region 23 and Conference Committee Chairman, to introduce the Bournemouth Conference team: Kevin Toon (secretary), Richard Dyson (catering and accommodation), John Kennedy (registration), Richard Matthews (treasurer), Mike Lovegrove (transport), Ken Griffiths (entertainment), Penny Toon (Tangent representative).

The National President thanked them all for their hard work in producing such an excellent conference and presented them with their Conference Jewels including one for the ex officio committee member Ray Hill (National Communications Officer). The National President also presented the Conference Chairman with the Conference Chairman's Conference Chain for the year.

An interruption by members of Tangent then took place that included a list of tasks to be undertaken set by the President's wife Maria once he's no longer National President or working with the National Conference Committee!

### International

The National President welcomed all our International visitors in particular the President of 41 International, Christoph Hänsler.

The International President spoke of 41 International's goals to bring new countries into the Association, to strengthen ties with Round Table and Round Table International, and to set up a 4-year agenda for continuity. He praised International Immediate Past President Krishna Kumar for his work resulting in Malta about to join, and the Netherlands, Poland, Bulgaria and Sri Lanka showing interest in joining. 41 International and Round Table International held a joint meeting in Valence in August where agreements to work closely together were made.

## **8. Resolutions**

### **RESOLUTION 1 - (ELECTRONIC VOTING)**

**National Council propose that: 'Subject to the National Board being satisfied that the electronic web voting system tested at the Bournemouth AGM in April 2014 is a viable tool for future use, it is empowered to change the necessary rules to implement the system for the AGM in Harrogate in 2015 and thereafter'.**

**I can advise the meeting that no amendment have been received from anyone within the timescales of 7 days prior to the meeting.**

The National President invited National Secretary Manny Martins to formally move the Resolution. Manny did so, explaining that this opened up the management of the Association to all constituent Clubs giving them the opportunity to both watch the video streaming of the AGM and vote on resolutions and proposals directly from their homes.

Discussion:

John Livingston, Stratford-upon-Avon 41 Club, Region 15. Spoke against the Resolution. Those who wished to have a voice should attend the AGM, see what is happening and vote in full knowledge of the proceedings. The Resolution was undemocratic because the Board alone decides if the system is viable and therefore has the power to alter the structure of 41 Club. Insufficient information given in advance. How secure is the system? What testing and audit procedures are in place? What attention to system procedures? This would encourage delegates to stay at home and press a button instead of going to AGM because they no longer needed to travel to vote.

Michael Daley, Turriff 41 Club, Region 2. Travelled 545 miles to attend AGM but here along with all the other delegates present. The Conference Committee must be incensed at being told they don't have to turn up when they've put so much work in. Meeting is the essence of Table and 41 Club.

Peter Manley, Portsmouth & Southsea 41 Club, Region 23. It was said that the introduction of proxy voting would lead to a decline in attendance of AGM. That didn't happen. Electronic voting will not lead to such a decline either. It will empower the National Board to gain greater input, to allow more debate to take place and take power away from that dozen or so National Councillors who turn up, proxy vote and take over every Resolution. We're getting stuffy and Tablers don't want to join, so we need to move forward.

John Alford, Medway 41 Club, Region 25: Good idea but how do we know that the person casting the electronic vote has a mandate from his club? Minutes from each club or someone voting as he alone sees fit? Undemocratic.

Ian Slocombe, Bishop's Stortford 41 Club, Region 19. Aware of the cost of attending AGM. Electronic voting would allow more to participate. Maybe give the National Board the opportunity to clarify security and procedures.

National Secretary Manny took the right of reply: There was only a only a minority of proxy votes here today - 11. They will not "take over" any Resolutions. Some had pointed out that electronic voting would render the process undemocratic but there are only 95 votes out of almost 800 here today. How is that democratic now? Fears that someone sitting at home will not vote according to his Club's wishes are unfounded because we can state the same of the delegates present. The AGM needs opening up to a wider audience if we want more members to become interested and involved, and this is the way to do it.

The Resolution required a two third majority to be carried.

### **THE RESOLUTION WAS LOST**

#### **RESOLUTION 2 – (SEEKING NOMINATIONS FOR NATIONAL COUNCILLORS)**

**National Council propose that: 'Rule 9.4 is amended: This is achieved by deleting the words 'not less than eight and not more than twelve' and insertion of the word 'five'**

**In their place in the two separate sentences and deletion of the word 'postal' after 'a' before the word 'ballot'.**

The rule will then read:

**The National Secretary shall give constituent clubs five weeks' notice of an election in their Region. Nominations accompanied by the written consent of the nominee and relevant details in accordance with Rule 6.6 shall be submitted to the National Secretary by the notified closing date. In the event of there being more than one nomination the National Secretary, or such other person appointed by the National Council, shall arrange for a ballot to be conducted, the closing date of which shall be five weeks after the ballot papers and relevant details of the candidates have been circulated. Canvassing for election as a Councillor is prohibited save that a candidate may submit to the National Secretary for circulation by him an election address in such format as shall be approved by the National Council. The National Council shall decide if any prohibited canvassing has taken place in which event that candidate shall be disqualified from that election.**

**This to take place with immediate effect. This involves wording changes to Rule 9.4**

**I can advise the meeting that no amendment have been received from anyone within the timescales of 7 days prior to the meeting.**

The National President invited National Secretary Manny Martins to formally move the Resolution. Manny did so, explaining that with the developments in IT and with our current electronic database it is possible to reduce the intervals between seeking nominations and elections for National Councillors to a more reasonable time period and eliminate the need for postal voting.

Discussion:

None.

The Resolution required a two third majority to be carried.

**THE RESOLUTION WAS CARRIED.**

### **RESOLUTION 3 – (DELECTION OF AN OBSOLETE RULE)**

**National Council propose that: 'Rule 9.10 is deleted'**

**Rule 9.10 reads: 'In the event of a Region being restructured prior to the 2008 Annual General Meeting any serving National Councillor in office following the 2007 Annual General Meeting shall automatically become the National Councillor for the Region in which his club is situated but his length of service shall be deemed to have commenced from his original election'.**

**This to take place with immediate effect. This involves wording changes to Rule 9.10**

**I can advise the meeting that no amendment have been received from anyone within the timescales of 7 days prior to the meeting.**

The National President invited National Secretary Manny Martins to formally move the Resolution. Manny did so, explaining that Rule 9.10 relating to the 2007 restructuring of Regions is obsolete, does not relate to current practice and is hence not required.

Discussion:

None.

The Resolution required a two third majority to be carried.

**THE RESOLUTION WAS CARRIED.**

### **RESOLUTION 3 – (ABOLISHMENT OF NATIONAL COUNCIL)**

**Bournemouth 41 Club propose that 'The role of National Council and the position of National Councillor be abolished as soon as possible and in any event by no later than the end of the seventieth Annual General Meeting of the Association in 2015 and that the National Board be instructed to make timely recommendations for the future governance of the Association with a view to the new governance being introduced from the end of the seventieth Annual General Meeting'**

**It should be noted that National Council OPPOSE THIS RESOLUTION**

Kevin Toon, Bournemouth 41 Club, Region 23: Formally moved the resolution.

Peter Manley, Portsmouth & Southsea 41 Club, Region 23: Seconded the resolution.

**The National Secretary stated:**

**I can confirm that an amendment has been received from Haverhill 41Club seconded by Calpe Club**

**The amendment is the same as the original proposal with the word 'abolished' removed and the word 'reviewed' inserted.**

Ian Mackenzie, Haverhill & District 41 Club (past National President 2006-2007), proposes and speaks to the amendment. Ian formally proposed the amendment. He had discussed the original Resolution within the Club, they found abolishing the role of National Councillor to be too radical a move. They would rather the role be reviewed followed by suggestions for improvement.

Vaughan Harris, Calpe 41 Club, Region 26, (past National President 2011-2012) seconds and speaks to the amendment.

**Discussion:**

John Kilshaw, OBE 41 Club, Region 15 said that "Something" was not working in National Council. Was it the National Councillors or the National Board? A review did need to be conducted but the AGM 2015 was far too late. A review of the length of tenure within National Council was needed and members of National Council needed to be younger in order to liaise effectively with Round Table and thus ensure longevity of 41 Club.

Peter Manley, Portsmouth & Southsea 41 Club, Region 23 urged delegates to reject the amendment outright. It was designed to water down the original Resolution and preserve the status quo.

Alan Culver, Loughborough & District 41 Club, Region 10 said he had intended to speak on electronic voting but was delayed by a call of nature! Did not know what this was all about! He lamented the low number of voting delegates present and hoped that this will be sorted by the time he reaches his 50th (or is it 60th?) AGM.

Keith Butler, Abingdon & District 41 Club, Region 20 stated that no review was needed, the original Resolution should be rejected because we have a structure that works. We should be looking outwards rather than inwards.

Terry Cooper National Vice President, Clevedon and Isis area 41 Clubs said he was for the amendment. Fundamentally what we're doing anyway but adds depth and accountability. Ray Jones (National Councillor Region 21), Phil Ellis (National Councillor Region 3) and Paul Molley (National Councillor Region 11) singled out as great National Councillors. Terry explained the review standards. He pointed out that National Councillors are being replaced when not meeting required standards.

David Kingsbury, Bournemouth 41 Club, Region 23: Ex National Councillor stated that nowadays, National Councillors are for the most part under-performing, there are, however, some doing a good job but we need more of those or we need to get rid of all of them. He was against the amendment.

Phillip Ellis National Councillor Region 3 – Bangor 41 Club said that the Resolution and the amendment are an insult to every National Councillor. Most of us and most of the Board wouldn't be here without National Councillors. They are the workhorses of 41 Club. A three-year tenure is not too long because of the review of the job, fact-finding from membership and implementation of membership's bidding, which all take time. Get rid of National Councillors and you might as well get rid of members too.

Ian Mackenzie used his Right of Reply: He was against making the blanket statement that officers at National level are useless. On the contrary, they deserve credit for what they do. In Haverhill we just want things to change, we don't necessarily want things scrapped.

Kevin Toon Bournemouth 41 Club wondered if "abolished" was the right word. Amendment would equate to kicking the resolution into the long grass. National Council would not have allowed this to be debated without the Resolution being tabled. He was against the amendment.

**The Review, was not a rule change, so a simple majority required.**

**THE VOTE ON THE AMENDMENT WAS CARRIED AND BECAME THE SUBSTANTIVE MOTION.**



Discussion:

Peter Manley stated that the National Councillors were only seeking to protect their roles. He wanted to see the result of the review, although reviews carried out in the past have yielded little in terms of progress. He was for the amended Resolution but had little faith in its effectiveness.

Richard Matthews Past National President 2009 – 2010 – Shaftsbury and Gillingham 41 Club said this was a serious issue. "Continued Friendship" is our ethos and the Structure as it stands is not conducive to this. The Structure not fit for purpose ("recipe for terminal decline"). Membership must come first. The Review is due because the current structure is unable to deliver. He was for the Resolution as amended.

Barry Durman National Fellowship Officer – Shirley Late Knights stated that the Membership was rejecting proposals for progress (electronic voting, open membership), but not the National Council. He queried if the review was really necessary? He would rather get on with Continued Friendship.

Phillip Ellis National Councillor Region 3 – Bangor 41 Club said that the speakers had been talking about the past, not the future. It's the Round Table Family that makes us stronger, not individual Clubs. National Councillors review their Regions constantly and do vote as their Clubs want even if it is against their own personal views, thus ensuring democracy.

Kevin Toon - Bournemouth 41 Club said that the Resolution will have instigated a wave of change that will be for the better. It was 'Nothing personal', since some National Councillors had done a sterling job.

### **THE AMENDED RESOLUTION WAS CARRIED.**

#### **9. Election of Officers 2012 - 2013**

Under Rule 6.4 Jim Smith of Bishops Stortford 41 Club, being National Vice-President was declared the 69<sup>th</sup> National President 2014-2015.

There had been only one nomination for National Vice President 2014 – 2015, to become automatically National President Elect for 2015 – 2016. Thus Terry Cooper of Clevedon 41 Club and Isis Area 41 Club was duly elected.

The following were re-elected unopposed:

International Officer	Dave Campbell	Westerham and District 41 Club
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National Communications Officer	Ray Hill	Northwich 41 Club
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There were two candidates for the post of National Councillors' Liaison Officer and the order in which they would address the meeting was determined by a draw. First would be Sean McCormick - Saffron Walden 41 Club and OBE's 41 Club, Region 18, followed by Phillip Ellis – Bangor 41 Club, Region 3.

The National Secretary then addressed the meeting explaining that with two candidates a simple majority was required to determine the winner – no transferable vote system was required.

The result was announced later, with the National President confirming that the National Councillors' Liaison Officer for 2014 – 2017 was Phillip Ellis and thanked Sean McCormick for his commitment in standing.

#### Awards

The National President stated that he had taken great pleasure in presenting two awards at the previous night's Presidential Ball.:

The Association Award to Jeff Peyton-Bruhl for enabling the collaboration with Hyundai,

Life Honorary Membership of the Association to Frank Bull (founder member of Whitby Round Table, Whitby 41 Club, Region 6, Past National President 1987-1988).

Frank Bull mounted the stage and gave a rousing acceptance speech.

#### Malcolm Lockey Award

The National President invited the Immediate Past President to announce the winner of this year's Malcolm Lockey Award.

The Immediate Past President stated that the Malcolm Lockey Award went to Linlithgow & District 41 Club. The award was received by Ken Donald, National Councillor Region 2, on behalf of the Club.

#### **10. Adoption of National Treasurer's Report & Accounts to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2013**

The National Treasurer, Mark Fairchild, submitted his report and the audited accounts, as shown in the Notice & Agenda, for adoption

The National President proposed that the Accounts be received.

##### **Proposal Carried.**

The National Treasurer detailed the expenditure over the last year and took questions which he answered very skilfully.

The National Treasurer then proposed that the Report and Accounts for 2013 were approved.

##### **Proposal Carried.**

#### **11. Presentation and Approval of Budget for 2015**

The National Treasurer spoke on the budget for 2015 and explained the maths behind the charge for Capitations. He explained the rise to £13.50 due to diminishing membership. The existing 50p/head fund to be used to provide the National President with a vehicle. The National Treasurer proposed that the budget for 2015 be approved.

##### **Proposal Carried.**

The National Treasurer proposed that Duncan & Toplis be retained as independent examiners of the accounts for next year.

##### **Proposal Carried.**

#### **12. Presentation of Trophies and Appreciations**

##### Trophies

The National Fellowship Officer Barry Durman presented the Conference Golf trophies and Kiwi Klub Trophy. The Golf Competition had been rained off on the Friday.

The Ladies Trophy was won by Sylvia Paglia – Fareham Tangent

The Men's Trophy was won by Tim Brown (Shirley Late Nights, Region 15).

The Millenium Golf Trophy (Cochran Cup) was won by Shirley Late Nights. Kiwi Klub Trophy to the Club with the largest number of members present having travelled the furthest to attend. Would normally be Party Tyne but that is a special interest Club, so the award went to Market Harborough with 14 members present.

The Association International Officer Dave Campbell presented the Jim Parkes Trophy.

The Jim Parkes Trophy was jointly awarded to both Lawrence Bamber (Poynton 41 Club Region 8, Rhyl & District 41 Club and Dragons 41 Club Region 12, National Councillor Region 12), and Koos Koezens (South Africa).

The National Communications Officer presented the Press Awards.

Best Newsletter:

David Smith Award.

3rd place Harpenden 41 Club

2nd place Gordano Valley 41 Club

1st place by ½ point Lytham St. Annes. Should have been presented by David Smith to Duncan Baldwin, National Councillor for Region 5 but he was absent.

Best Website Award:

Tie for 2nd place both Shirley Late Nights and Scarborough

1<sup>st</sup> place (The David Hewitt Award) was Lichfield (Region 14) who were not present. The Trophy was given to Manny Martins Caretaker National Councillor Region 14, who subsequently attended a meeting at Lichfield and presented it to Mac Cummings.

Photographic competition:

There had been 120 entries:

3rd place Bill Miller (Larbert & Falkirk, Region 2)

2nd place David Brown (Northampton Nene, Region 15)

1st Chris Kean (Ringwood Ex-Tablers, Region 23).

The Award for best fancy dress was awarded that evening at the Fancy Dress Ball.

### Appreciations

The National President thanked the National Council for all its hard work during his year, and then presented jewels on their retirement to:

Noel Tyler	National Councillor Region 15	2012 - 2014
Simon Green	National Councillor Region 25	2012 - 2014
Terry Cooper	Past National Officer's jewel	2012 - 2014
Duncan Kennedy	National Councillor Region 13,	2009 - 2013
David Addison	Honorary Archivist	1995 - 2013

David Addison paid tribute to his predecessor Eric Miller. David had spent 17 years in the job. He was shocked and surprised to receive Honorary Life Membership. He gave a generous endorsement to Frank Bull's award and gave thanks for his Award.

David Hewitt	Honorary Webmaster	2004 – 2014
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David Hewitt declared his humility at receiving Honorary Life Membership and seconded David Addison's endorsement of the award to Frank Bull. He paid tribute to The National President's hard work and contribution to National Council.

The National President gave the resume of, and paid tribute to the Immediate Past President David Smith on his leaving the National Board. Presented him with the Past National President's jewel and medal.

Immediate Past President David Smith paid tribute to the support he had received from the membership. He said he was proud to be a member of 41 Club. He gave his best wishes to National Vice President Jim Smith. He said it had been an honour to represent the Association over the past 3 years.

### National President's Farewell

National President Martin then addressed the meeting with his farewell speech He said it had been a privilege to have the support from the National Councillors and National Board, membership, family and friends, and his nominated charity. It had been inspiring to work with the other 3 Associations in the Round Table Family. He was privileged to have been a member of Round Table. So much would not have happened if he hadn't joined Round Table. He finally gave thanks to the membership for that privilege.

He received a standing ovation.

### **13. Installation of National President 2014 - 2015**

Retiring National President Martin invested Jim Smith of Bishop's Stortford 41 Club as the 69<sup>th</sup> President of the Association and gave him best wishes for his year in Office.

The National Board left the stage and a delegation from Bishops Stortford gave Jim Smith a rousing start to his year to the theme of "Rocky-horror" themed musical interlude to "Let's do the Time Warp Again". Jim was declared the winner of BAFTA (Bournemouth Amateur Farts and Transvestites Association) Award.

The new National President Jim thanked Martin for his presidential year and presented Immediate Past President Martin with his Chain of Office. He then went on to presents Maria Green with a bouquet in thanks for her support of Martin.

### **14. Installation of National Vice President 2014 – 2015**

National President Jim congratulated National Vice President Terry Cooper of Clevedon 41 Club, on his election and invested him with his Chain of Office.

National Vice President Terry thanked the meeting for their confidence in him. He said he had spent 11 years on National Council and wanted to bring that experience to the role of National President. He would like to see more elections to office in future.

### **15. Installation of Officers 2014 – 2015**

The National President congratulated and invested the new members of the National Board, and welcomed with thanks returning to their roles for another year.

Manny Martins	National Secretary
Mark Fairchild	National Treasurer
Duncan Kennedy	National Membership and Round Table Liaison Officer
Barry Durman	National Fellowship Officer
Ray Hill	National Communications Officer
Dave Campbell	International Officer
Phillip Ellis	National Councillors' Liaison Officer
Terry Cooper	National Vice-President

The National President addressed the meeting. He explained that Simon Thomas, Bishop's Stortford 41 Club and Toucan Internet has been given the job of developing the new website and is co-opted onto on to the National Board and National Council for the year as External Communications Officer. The National President said that as a Yorkshireman he did not do humility but was humble now. He had not wanted to leave Round Table but had to come to the realization that he was 41 and had to make the transition. He spoke on the meaning of our Purposes and Objects declaring his theme for the year to come was legacy.

### National Vice-President of Round Table Steve Glaister.

National Round Table Vice President Steve Glaister asked everyone present for a 'Personal' favour to look for people under 45 who are not quite normal, people who place themselves after others. He wanted us to send them to Round Table where they would develop them and send them back to us!

### Presidential Charity

The National President introduced his Presidential Charity for the Year – the Anthony Nolan Trust. He introduced trustee Lionel Cashin and community fund raisers Laura and Alex.

Lionel Cashin presented the workings of the Trust and explained its origins and function. There was a presentation from donor Kevin Spear, former member of Swanage Round Table. He finished by saying that if he could receive £100 from each 41 Club the Trust could type 700 potential donors.

The National President spoke on Anthony Nolan and 41 Club – introducing the 40/40 challenge. 4 aims: raising awareness of Anthony Nolan, help fund raising, looking for donors and encourage 41 Clubs to take on an active role in their communities. He wanted 40 Clubs with feeder Tables to each put forward at least 40 volunteers to sign up to the Anthony Nolan register. First club to do so was Rossendale on May 10th (Region 5).

### Installation of New National Councillors

The National President congratulated and invested new National Councillors with their Chain of Office.

Region 15	Tom Atkins	Nuneaton 41 Club
Region 25	John Alford	Medway 41 Club
Region 17: Election process in progress		

### Re-elected National Councillors

The National President congratulated the re-elected National Councillors and wished them well in their second term of Office.

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

### Vacancies

The National President expressed his regrets at the number of National Councillor Vacancies. He highly recommended that members consider standing for these posts.

Region 13	Duncan Kennedy is caretaker
Region 14	Manny Martins is caretaker
Region 22	Mark Fairchild is caretaker

### Harrogate Conference

There was an intervention by representatives for Harrogate 2015 "T' Party in 'Arrogate" "Welcome to t'Ouse of Fun"

### Iain Kelso Award

David Smith presented the Iain Kelso Award for best contribution to the AGM to Frank Bull.

### Destruction of Ballot Slips

The National President proposed the destruction of the voting Slips.

**Proposal Carried.**

**16. Any Other Business**

The Fellowship Officer advised all that entrants to the Fancy Dress Party are to arrive early at the party for judging. He looked forward to everyone in Harrogate next year. The venue for National Conference 2016 is Birmingham.

**16. Time, Date and Place of the 70<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting**

The National President thanked all concerned for their hard work in staging the AGM, and all those who attended the meeting.

The National President gave notice that the 70<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Association would be held on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2015 at the International Conference Centre in Harrogate.

The National President declared the 69<sup>th</sup> AGM closed at 14.24