



MINUTES OF THE SEVENTIETH

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

OF THE

ASSOCIATION OF EX-TABLERS' CLUBS

THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE CENTRE

HARROGATE

ON

SATURDAY 18 APRIL 2015

**MINUTES OF THE 70th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD ON SATURDAY 18 APRIL 2015
AT THE INTERNATIONAL CENTRE, HARROGATE**

At 09.00am the National Board was introduced one at a time by Toast Master Tom Abbott (National Councillor Region 19) in accompaniment to specifically chosen songs and took their places on the stage.

The National Board were:

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

Jim gave a vote of thanks to the film crew, in particular Dave Campbell.

1. Welcome

At 09.15am National President Jim Smith declared the AGM open and welcomed members and guests to the meeting.

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 National President Jim (in the absence of Phil Totty Chairman of Harrogate 41 Club) recited 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 introduced and welcomed, Hugh Milward, Honorary Archivist - Ashby-de-la-Zouch 41 Club, Paul Cammiss, Honorary Solicitor - Haverhill & District 41 Club, and Simon Thomas Co-opted External Communications Officer.

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

Frank Bull	1987-1988
Geoff King	1996-1997
Gordon Macnab	2000-2001
John Bellwood	2001-2002
Paul Cammiss	2002-2003
Mike Fitchett	2005-2006
Ian Mackenzie	2006-2007
Drew Cochran	2008-2009
Richard Matthews	2009-2010



Malcom Lockey 2010-2011
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 including two past Presidents – Arthur Kennedy OBE (1981 – 1982) and Vaughan Harris (2011 – 2012). The names scrolled up the screen.

Secretary's Announcements

Procedural Notices and a Health & Safety announcement were read out by the National Secretary Manny Martins. 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, Manny Martins, read out the apologies for absence which had been received from the following:

Geoff White -	Chairman Hamble Valley Stick
John Mellor -	National President 1992-1993
Alan Reynolds	National President 1994-1995
George Douglas -	National President 1997-1998
Ernest Husson -	National President 1998-1999
Iain Kelso -	National President 2003-2004
Keith Howard -	National President 2007-2008
Shepshed 41 Club	

4. Tellers and Scrutineers

The National Secretary gave details of the members proposed as Tellers and Scrutineers:

David Weaver	Wakefield (No 4)	Senior Teller
Mike Foley	Moseley	
Owen Pointon	Rhyl	
Andy Waite	Wakefield (No 4)	
Mark Warr	Harrogate	
Ian Richards	Harrogate	
Barry Smith	Harrogate	

The National President asked for a vote to approve their appointment.

Vote Carried.

National President Jim stated that he had enjoyed his year, especially working within the Round Table Family and welcomed on to the stage President of Tangent Janice O'Neill and President of Ladies Circle Claire Wevell.

Tangent National President

Janice O'Neill, Tangent National President addressed the meeting, bringing greetings to The Association and personal thanks to National President Jim. She had enjoyed working with the Round Table Family at the top level and asked individual members to embrace the concept and work with the all four Associations. She presented Jim with a gift.

Ladies Circle National President

Claire Wevell, Ladies Circle National President reported that Ladies Circle was in good health with over 1100 members in 130 Clubs including three new ones opened this year. She entreated all 41 Club members to encourage their young female family members, friends or associates to join Ladies Circle. She also presented Jim with a gift.

Vaughan Harris fellowship Trophy

National President Jim announced a new award – the Vaughan Harris Fellowship Trophy to be awarded, by the National President of Round Table Great Britain and Ireland, to the 41 Club member or Club that had most helped Round Table during the past year.

In May at the Round Table AGM – Terry Cooper the then National President of 41 Club will make the reciprocal award to the Round Tabler or Round Table that had most helped 41 Club during the past year.

National President Jim invited Jill Harris and Round Table President Steve Glaister to make the award.

Jill gave a most passionate speech on Vaughan's enjoyment and views on Round Table. She urged all those hangers on in Table to leave ensuring these Clubs were young looking and attractive to potential Tablers. She announced the winner – Ashby de la Zouch – who according to their Round Table were always there to help their Table. Gill and Steve then presented the Trophy to Peter Good a member of that 41 Club (and Regional Councillor Region 10).

Jill challenged Peter to drink the contents in conjunction with his Round Table, refill it and bring it back for next year.

Jill thanked all those that had helped her over the past very hard six months.

Induction in 41 Club

National President Jim then inducted Round Table President Steve into ABC 41 Club.

Quorate

The National Secretary confirmed that 107 voting delegates had registered together with 29 members carrying a proxy vote, making a total of 136 voting delegates out of 778 voting clubs. 40 voters are required, therefore the meeting is quorate.

5. Minutes of the 69th Annual General Meeting Saturday 26th April 2014 in the Life Centre, Bournemouth

The Minutes of the 69th Annual General Meeting held on Saturday 26th April in Bournemouth were approved by the meeting without amendment as a true and accurate record and they were accordingly signed by the National President.

Approved.



6. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

7. The Association Strategic Plan 2015 – 2020 and

8. Governance Review

National President Jim explained the background to the Strategic Plan stating that it was to carry on from the last plan which ended today at the AGM. The new plan was to take the Association forward over the next five years to slow down the decline in membership and increase participation and enjoyment of all members.

National President Jim then stated that last year at the AGM in Bournemouth the Membership had tasked the National Board with a Review of its Governance. A considerable amount of time had been spent by the National Board and National Council on discussing these issues and the draft proposals that had been published. The introduction of any new governance is dependent upon a clear mandate from the membership. Over the following twelve months we shall be taking into account your responses and feedback to these initiatives, so that we can present to you at next year's AGM, the fully developed plans, refined as appropriate, for your approval.

National President Jim and National Vice-President Terry then presented both plans and opened the subject for discussion. There was much discussion on these plans.

David Garrett – Henleaze 41 Club. I have just been stimulated by what I have just heard. I was 40 when I spoke at a Round Table AGM and will be 70 in a few days speaking at a 41 Club AGM. The Resolutions today are scuppered by the Strategic Plan stating that we are going to Open Membership. Let's make it Open Membership and have done with it.

Steven Way - OBE 41 Club. The preparation and execution of these plans is flawed. I understand Change is necessary but there is no link between Governance, the Strategic Plan or the review. National Council did not agree with the plans. The membership has not been consulted other than 4 lines in a magazine. The magazine said this was agreed 6 weeks ago but the plans were not on the website for all to see until 2 weeks ago. The National Board reviewing the National Board it sounds wrong.

Richard Matthews – past President 2010 – 2011, Bournemouth, and Showtime 41 Clubs. I have to speak because after all it was our Resolution that started this. It WAS proposed that the National Board carried out the Review. There are plurals in the original Resolution the plans presented today are single minded with no alternatives. I expected a recommendation 1 and an alternative 2 and 3. I would like the review done again, with a structure to deliver our objectives and lots of fine detail.

Peter Manley – Portsmouth and Southsea and OBE's 41 Clubs. I seconded the Resolution to abolish the National Council. I am today of a different mind. The National Council has stopped the National Board in implementing its Strategic Plan and Governance Plan. The National board has been forced to listen to the National Council.

Dave Barker – OBE's, Dragons and Rhyl 41 Clubs. We need to restructure the National Board, revisit our purposes – not say the same things again and again. The National Board should consist of National President, National Vice-President, Membership Officer, Membership Officer, Membership Officer

Paul Cammiss – Haverhill and District 41 Club. It was a junior member of their 41 club that wanted the Bournemouth Resolution discussed at their club meeting and at the AGM. Haverhill 41 club realised that there were genuine concerns expressed in the Resolution but that to abolish the National Council was a step too far. There are both good and bad ideas in the plans, overall

Haverhill is happy with the result. Thank you to the National Council for the hard work and looking forward to the good ideas moving forward.

Delegate (Richard Matthews) stated that there had been no consultation or discussion with the membership over these plans. He suggested that a forum/pilot group be organised with say 10 Clubs attending and these clubs contribute to and assist in the formation of these plans. This was supported from the floor of the AGM.

National President Jim took on Richard's suggestion and asked for volunteer clubs to assist in these plans. Clubs volunteered from the floor and a note was made of their names. National President Jim and National Vice President Terry stated that a forum would be organised from the clubs who had volunteered to make recommendations to the National Council.

International

National President Jim welcomed all our International visitors in particular the President of 41 International, Carsten Flink.

The International President Carsten Flink brought greetings from his member's countries and 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 forge a Memorandum of Understanding with Round Table International.

He asked why it was that Round Table International had 56 member countries whilst 41 International only had 21.

He enjoyed being in England and drinking our beer.

Past RTBI Presidents

National President Jim recognised Jason Thomson of Saffron Walden Round Table and past RTBI President and congratulated him on his year as Round Table International President. He then asked all the other RTBI past Presidents to be upstanding and be recognised. The membership showed their appreciation with a round of applause.

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. Martin Green as Immediate Past President would be the judge.

9. Adoption of the National Council's Report for 2014.

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. There were no updates.

The National President proposed that the National Council Report for 2014 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 Treasurer's Report – Mike Fitchett (past President 2005-2006) stated that the spend of £40,000 on the website was not in previous budget approved by the membership and its expenditure was then unauthorised. Also the cost could not be capitalised as shown. National Treasurer Mark replied that all decisions made on the website spend had been

presented to both National Board and Council and voted on. He had capitalised the cost in accordance with advice from the Association's external auditors.

Question arising from the National Membership Report – Steve Richardson from Retford 41 Club asked specific questions on the net loss of membership this year – 376 as opposed to those Tablers who have left Round Table this year - 110. He asked if we could verify that all these retiring Tablers had indeed joined 41 Club. The National Membership Officer said that it was very difficult if not impossible to prove this as only 60% of clubs shared their membership information – he estimated that only 20% of retiring Tablers joined 41 Club.

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

Proposal Carried.

Harrogate Conference Committee

The National President invited Barry Durman – National Fellowship Officer to introduce the Harrogate Chairman Eric Peacock to the meeting. Eric presented a video of the Conference and thanked all members for their support, fellowship and attendance. National President Jim presented Eric with a badge for the Conference Chairman's Chain of Office.

The National President thanked them all for their hard work in producing such an excellent conference.

10. Resolutions

RESOLUTION 1 - (Honorary Members)

Retford 41 Club proposed that:

Honorary members who have (i) accrued two or more years as honorary members, and (ii) have attended 10 or more 41 Club programme events, may at the discretion of their Club be invited to become full members.

The National Secretary advised the meeting that no amendment had been received from anyone within the timescales of 7 days prior to the meeting.

The National President invited Steve Richardson of Retford 41 Club to formally move the Resolution. Steve did so, explaining that this opened up the Association to like-minded men giving member Clubs the opportunity to remain open and flourish.

The Resolution required a two third majority to be carried.

Noel Tyler – Market Harborough 41 Club. As long as I have breath in my body I will oppose Resolutions like this. It diminishes the Brand. We are here to support Round Table we should be growing their membership. We cannot be the Association of Ex – Round Tablers if we have members who are not Ex – Round Tablers. I oppose the Resolution.

Godwin Stewart Chorley Rural and Leyland 41 Clubs. If we do not admit these outsiders in they will not see and experience the fun and fellowship we do. This will enable these new members to encourage their sons to join Round Table. We are the only Association that does not have open membership. That is a frame of mind we need to change. I support the Resolution.

Peter Manley – Portsmouth and Southsea and OBE's 41 Clubs. If this Resolution succeeds we are breaking our promise to have a future club for Round Tablers. If Clubs want this they can disaffiliate and start their own club. Do not change this Association.

Roger Spensley – Clitheroe 41 Club. We have a large Round Table and 41 Club. At our 41 Club meetings we have 30 plus in attendance. This Resolution will not help recruitment in my club. This is not a long slow process of switching off the lights – maybe we should start switching off the lights.

Frank Seville – Riff Raf 41 club. We should ask ourselves three questions:

Do we want 41 to die?

Do we want 41 to live?

Do we care?

We should recruit only Round Tablers, but if 41 clubs want to take on open membership they should be allowed to. If Louis Marchesi was alive today he would say Adopt, Adapt and Improve. If we shirk our responsibility to keep our clubs going we have let them down.

Ken Boden – Billericay, Southend and Three Steps Behind 41 Clubs. I am opposed to this Resolution. You cannot improve on being a Round Tabler. Round Table should be the only natural path to 41 Club. I am against changing the rules – you cannot improve on perfection.

John Jolly – Algarve 41 Club. My Club supports this Resolution. We do not have a Round Table so we find many like-minded men who support our community service and fund raising. We need access to prospective 41ers, then exposing them to the Round Table experience. We do this by recruiting Honorary Members.

Andrew Hornby – Brackley and District 41 Club. When I was in Round Table there was a recruitment problem. This was overcome by extending the age rule. This is our source – we need to recruit through Round Table. We need to get to our Round Table and keep up its membership.

John Livingston – Stratford upon Avon. I am speaking against this Resolution. The Association was formed 70 years ago for Ex – Round Tablers. This Resolution will ensure that the past 70 years is lost. My club has 43 members – 40 % of them we have recruited from Ex – Round Tablers who have moved into our catchment area.

Richard Matthews – Bournemouth and Shaftesbury and Gillingham 41 Clubs. In Bournemouth Round Table we kick out our Tablers from 45 to 50 years of age, in Shaftesbury Round Table they hang on to their Ex-Round Tablers – they have 10 of those at present. How can Round Table help us? Reduce the age rule back to 40 and kick out honorary members – we can then support Round Table. I vote for this Resolution.

John Alford – Medway 41 Club. You need to get real. Round Table have Life-time membership. Clubs with members who will not leave are not real Round Tablers. This Resolution is not mandatory, I have non ex-Round Tablers in my club. If you want your club to live you have to get real. Clubs are disaffiliating because they cannot take in non ex-Round Tablers.

Geoff Morgan – Brentwood 41 Club. We do not have a Feeder Table. We will accept men who have not been ex-Round Tablers. These men have the same characteristics and abilities of Round Tablers like-minded. It works. Support this motion.

Steve Glaister – ABC 41 Club. We are told to recruit. You already non round tablers as guests. I cannot work out what the question is!!!

Following this long and interesting debate:

THE RESOLUTION WAS LOST (82 for 68 against)

RESOLUTION 2 – (Selective Membership (Non-Feeder-Table Dispensation Rule)

Retford 41 Club proposed that:

Clubs without feeder tables (and therefore having on dependable source of recruitment) to be allowed to induct not more than two 'non-ex-tablers' recruits annually as full members.

National Secretary Manny advised the meeting that no amendment had been received from anyone within the timescales of 7 days prior to the meeting.

National President Jim invited Steve Richardson to formally move the Resolution. Steve did so, explaining that this resolution would enable 41 Clubs with no feeder Round Table to survive. It is easier to start a Round Table with a 41 Club in existence. With many clubs on the brink of failure and disaffiliation this could be the solution.

The Resolution required a two third majority to be carried.

David Hewitt – Whitchurch, TSB. This is the first resolution under a different name, it has the same spots, looks like a duck, walks like a duck, and quacks like a duck and therefore is a duck. I urge you to go straight to a vote.

Dave Barker – Rhyl 41 club. Clubs that would disaffiliate will disaffiliate no matter what we do. As far as I know Louis Marchesi was never in 41 Club. 41 Club is the only Association that does not have open membership. Tangent introduced open membership and it did not help them. Round Table own the name we own the experience.

Peter Lloyd – Bristol 41 Club. I hope this Resolution is defeated. I am sorry that this debate keeps coming up. We used to be in Round Table. Let these Honoraries be Honoraries. Enjoy your 41 Club do not change the rule.

Bob Sturgess – Wantage, LOTS, and Riff Raff 41 clubs. I have long been in favour of this resolution. Here we do not represent the membership of 778 there are only 150 voters in the room. In every club I have attended there were Honoraries or Officers who have never been in

Round Table. Get real with clubs who have non-tablers, formalise what already exists. Support the motion.

Chris Burrows – Beverley 41 Club. If the Resolution had been passed it would have been good for failing 41 Clubs. It did nothing to support Round Table. It is the kiss of death of Round Table.

Paul Cammiss – Honorary Solicitor – Haverhill 41 Club. The National President has indicated that he would like to curtail this discussion under rule 9.4 (f) of Appendix 2 of the rules. “That the question be now put, provided that the Chairman shall have discretion not to accept such Resolution if he considers that the question has been insufficiently discussed”.

Proposed Paul Cammiss, seconded Des Fulcher – Norwich 41 Club.

The Resolution required a two third majority to be carried.

Carried

Following the above.

THE RESOLUTION WAS LOST.

RESOLUTION 3 – (Conflict of Interest)

Hollywood 41 Club propose that:

Prior to any discussion being made by the Board and/or Council members of National Council (for the avoidance of doubt this includes National Officers) must declare any interest or personal involvement in the decision and/or the person or organisations being awarded a contract or receiving ant benefit.

National Secretary Manny advised the meeting that no amendment had been received from anyone within the timescales of 7 days prior to the meeting.

National President Jim invited Hollywood 41 Club to formally move the Resolution. Sean McCormick of Saffron Walden stated that he had been asked by Hollywood 41 to withdraw the Resolution. National President Jim informed him that was not possible without the agreement of the meeting

The proposal to withdraw the Resolution (under rule 9.3 No resolution or amendment shall be withdrawn without the consent of the Meeting) was put to the meeting and **LOST**.

Sean McCormick formally moved the Resolution stating that he had experienced instances in Round Table where members with a business interest in the subject under debate and to be voted on had not declared such an interest.

Richard Matthews – Bournemouth 41 Club. Can I suggest whatever Paul Cammiss just did we did it again?

Des Fulcher – Kings Lynn, Norwich, and Nerja 41 Clubs. Louis Marchesi set up Round Table as an alternative to Rotary. Let's not turn into them.

The Resolution required a two third majority to be carried.

Following little Discussion:

THE RESOLUTION WAS CARRIED.

RESOLUTION 4 – (Inclusion of Northern Ireland in describing the Association)

Bangor 41 Club propose that:

The Inclusion of the words “Northern Ireland” in the constituent Club definitions of the Rules.

National Secretary Manny advised the meeting that no amendment had been received from anyone within the timescales of 7 days prior to the meeting.

The Resolution required a two third majority to be carried.

Phillip Ellis – Bangor 41 Club. In all my time in Round Table and 41 Club all I have heard is GB&I when it should be UK & Ireland. Northern Ireland has not for over 100 years been part of GB. Northern Ireland is not mentioned, it needs to be included not excluded.

David Addison – Henleaze 41 Club. I bought a Reliant Robin so there was less wheel wear when I go kerb crawling. We have always called ourselves GB&I. I do not see the purpose of the question. I am against it.

Ken Nobles – Hutton & Shenfield 41 Club. I am for this proposal. Our definition is unfair on overseas clubs. You have got to consider the three Iberian clubs. I would like to have a reply to this.

David Hewitt – Whitchurch. There is an actual dictionary definition of GB which excludes all the Isles. Therefore we have to stick with the term UK.

Phillip Ellis – Bangor 41 Club. Within the 41 Club rule book Northern Ireland is not included in the definition.

Following a most interesting debate.

THE RESOLUTION WAS CARRIED.

RESOLUTION 5 – (Reserves Policy)

Party Tyne 41 Club propose that:

Provision should be made in the forthcoming Financial Budget for 2015 and each subsequent year that the Association's Assets/Reserves in the form of "cash" should be no less than a minimum of six months but preferably twelve months of the Annual of the Annual Total Expenditure of the Association.

The role of the National Treasurer shall be enhanced to being one of having oversight over expenditure and the authority to veto any expenditure which is not consistent with maintaining expenditure within the above parameters, even if this requires curtailing expenditure already budgeted.

Also maintaining income from Capitation at a level consistent with the expected decline in overall numbers without exceeding an increase of 4% (£0.50) to each Member per annum.

Where the National Treasurer has to employ these new powers the matter(s) must be reviewed at the next combined meeting of the National Board and the National Council Members, even if a special meeting has to be convened.

The National Council members will continue to have the ultimate power in financial decision making on behalf of the National Association.

National Secretary Manny advised the meeting that no amendment had been received from anyone within the timescales of 7 days prior to the meeting.

The Resolution required a simple majority to be carried.

Eric Peacock – Party Tyne 41 Club. This Resolution is to give the Treasurer power to veto expenditure not in his budget. There is a need to have someone accountable for expenditure. Last year £60,000 was spent on IT. National Council was asked to agreed £23k and then £33k.

Mike Fitchett – Tredegar 41 Club. National Council has the power to control the budget but not the expenditure.

Paul Cammiss – Honorary Solicitor. Mike sorry you are wrong. This meeting approves the budget. National Council can exceed the budget but answers to the members at the AGM. There is no sanction. The AGM can rap their knuckles.

John Alford – Medway 41 Club. I am at a bit of a loss. I must have advanced dementia. The discussion to date has had nothing to do with the Resolution. Can someone explain it all to me in simple terms.

Peter Manley – Portsmouth & Southsea, OBEs 41 Clubs. I urge you to support this Resolution. I would like to see the Treasurer accountable for expenditure. I would like to see more transparency. All we do is depreciate website costs we need to define actual costs. We need to upgrade the membership database and understand what VAT is.

David Garrett – Henleaze 41 Club. I am always worried when a Resolution is so complicated. I am reluctant to pass a resolution when I do not know what it means. The best thing to do is just give the Treasurer the power. Has this really been thought through? I am worried we are rushing into something that is really complex.

Mark Fairchild – National Treasurer – Exeter 41 Club. I am not hiding the expenditure, I am not trying to sweep it under the carpet. How many members have read my Q & A on the website – 4 members put their hands up. All the details are there in response to your questions. Accountability – the decision to spend on the website was approved by both National Board and National Council.

Eric Peacock – Party Tyne 41 Club. The Treasurers role needs to precede expenditure, he needs to ensure there is a proper contract in place, sufficient quotations received etc. These processes were not done. The Treasurer was not involved. We did not know what we were going to get on this one.

Following this most interesting debate.

THE RESOLUTION WAS CARRIED.

RESOLUTION 6 – (Deferment of Budget Approval)

Gosforth 41 Club propose:

Acceptance of the budget for the year ended 31st December 2016 should be deferred pending the membership being given a thorough analysis, i.e. details of, and explanations for, all of the categories of income and expenditure in excess of £2,000 shown in both the income and expenditure account set out in the 2016 budget and of not only the expenditure but of also the balance sheet items in the accounts for each of the years ended 31st December 2012, 2013 and 2014.

Furthermore, there should also be made available for scrutiny a monthly cash flow forecast for the current year, ending 31st December 2015, which must provide a similar explanation of the expenditure, highlighting where the Association has contractual commitments, and setting out the assumptions made regarding income from capitation.

As all of this information is historic, there should be no undue delay in making it available by the end of September 2015 when the Membership of the Association must be given an opportunity to revisit the budget for the current (2015) year and that for 2016.

National Secretary Manny advised the meeting that no amendment had been received from anyone within the timescales of 7 days prior to the meeting.

The Resolution required a two third majority to be carried.

Colin Steen – Gosforth 41 Club. We need to ensure four items are in place:

Transparency

Sound Judgement

Inability of the National Board to face facts

The Budget



In the last year none of these have been in place and there are many examples of where these were not adhered to such as the Marchesi House Contract, spend on the website, no financial reserves policy reducing the over £100k previous Treasurers have accumulated to a mere £60k..

Manny Martins – National Secretary – Hamble Valley Stick Club and Kingston upon Thames 41 Club. I am speaking on the Marchesi House Contract. The costs were benchmarked and found to be good value for money. The staff there work every day on our behalf, sending out capitation requests which of course you all pay promptly without chasing, banking the money, updating CAS on a daily basis in response to your emails, telephone calls etc. They produced all the paperwork for this AGM, produce National Reports and much much more. I have much respect for the other Officers especially our Treasurer Mark Fairchild who on taking up post put in many systems including a Financial Reserves Policy that we approve on an annual basis.

Peter Manley – Portsmouth & Southsea, and OBE's 41 Clubs. If passed the budget is deferred and we will not be able to discuss it by approving the accounts. The Treasurer has prepared the accounts and they have been externally audited. Reject this motion and we can talk about the budget later on.

Following this passionate and well-structured debate:

THE RESOLUTION WAS LOST (21 for, 109 against)

11. Election of Officers 2015 - 2016

Under Rule 6.4 Terry Cooper of Clevedon and Isis Area 41 Clubs, being National Vice-President was declared the 70th National President 2015-2016.

There had been only one nomination for National Vice President 2015 – 2016, to become automatically National President Elect for 2016 – 2017. Thus Barry Durman of Shirley Late Knights 41 Club was duly elected.

The following was re-elected unopposed:

National Secretary	Manny Martins	Hamble Valley Stick Club & Kington upon Thames One Hundred 41 Club
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The following was elected unopposed:

National Fellowship Officer	Andrew Mackereth	Lancaster & The Dragons 41 Club
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There were two candidates for the post of National Treasurer and the order in which they would address the meeting was determined by a draw. First would be Eric Peacock – Party Tyne 41 Club, Region 4, followed by Mark Fairchild – Exeter 41 Club, Region 22.

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 Treasurer for 2015 – 2017 was Mark Fairchild and thanked Eric Peacock for his commitment in standing.

Awards

The National President stated that he had taken great pleasure in proposing a special award at this meeting. He asked Paul Molley of Sandbach 41 Club, Region 11 and National Councillor Region 11 to read the citation.

Paul Molley spoke at length on his recommendation of this candidate. John Grint of Alsager 41 Club. John had worked and was still working tirelessly in Table, 41 Club and the community on projects and has raised over £1 million for charities. He had been recognised by the Queen for his efforts in the community and awarded an MBE.

National President Jim said he took pleasure in awarding John Grint MBE the Association Award. He asked for confidentiality on this matter since John was not in attendance and the actual award would take place at his Club at their next meeting.

Malcolm Lockey Award

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

The Immediate Past President stated that the Malcolm Lockey Award went to Shirley Late Knights 41 Club, for their significant contribution to Blood Links, Downs Syndrome, Local Children's Home, Tangent and Anthony Nolan.

The award was received by Chris Head of Shirley Late Knights.

12. Adoption of National Treasurer's Report & Accounts to 31st December 2014

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 2014 were approved.

Proposal Carried.

13. Presentation of Budget for 2016

The National Treasurer spoke on the budget for 2016 and explained the makeup of the budget reviewing future expenditure and the anticipated income thus deriving the proposed Capitation, page 40 to page 44 of the order paper.

14. Approval of Budget for 2016

The National Treasurer proposed that the budget for 2016 be approved.

Proposal Carried.

15. Appointment of Independent Examiner

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

Proposal Carried.

16. Presentation of Trophies and Appreciations

Trophies

The National Fellowship Officer Barry Durman presented the Conference Golf Trophies and Kiwi Klub Trophy.

The Ladies Trophy was won by Sue Evans – Tangent

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

The Millennium Golf Trophy (Cochran Cup) was won by Shirley Late Nights.

The Kiwi Klub Trophy is awarded to the Club with the largest number of members present having travelled the furthest to attend. The award went to Clevedon and District 41 Club – accepted by the National Vice President – Terry Cooper.

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

The Jim Parkes Trophy was awarded to Alan Culver (Loughborough 41 Club).

The 41 Club Biplane European Travel Award – The Thomas Hodge/Victor Michitsch Award was presented to Christoph Weimann – Germany Old Tablers Deutschland.

The National Communications Officer presented the Press Awards.

The David Smith Trophy for the Best Newsletter was awarded to Harpenden 41 Club. (Trophy not available at the time).

The David Hewitt Trophy for the Best Website was awarded to Shirley Late Knights.

Photographic competition:

There had been 180 entries, it was awarded to Arthur Robins of Ringwood 41 Club Region 24 – Richard Dyson accepted the awarded.

The Award for best fancy dress was to be 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 past National Councillor's Jewels on their retirement to:

Paul Molley National Councillor Region 11 2012 - 2015

National President Jim said that Paul had done a wonderful job in his Region, growing its membership by 9% bucking the National Trend, facilitating new Clubs and increasing awareness and participation in events.

Frank Venables National Councillor Region 20 2010 - 2015

National President Jim spoke of Frank's contribution in maintaining membership numbers in his Region organising fantastic events that were well attended.

Ray Jones National Councillor Region 21 2010 - 2015

National President Jim spoke of Ray's organisation and following. Ray organised the annual Regional Dinner that was sold out in 2 weeks. A fortnight later both Ray and Jim attended Cheltenham 41 Club where Ray was castigated for not selling them tickets to the Annual Dinner (because it was sold out) and then awarded him a Trophy for his dedication and Service to the Region.

Simon Thomas External Communications Officer 2014 - 2015

National President Jim spoke of Simon's co-option to the National Board. His development of the new website that now attracted three and half times more hits than ever before and his assistance in resolving technical issues and advising on the do's and don'ts of its operating system. National Vice President Terry awarded him a 70th Anniversary Charter Award.

National President Jim awarded the past National Officer Jewel Medal to Barry Durman after having served three years as the Fellowship Officer – the first one combining Sales and Conference (and a lot more). Barry had earned the title "Mr Sales" and the National President was very pleased that Barry would be National President in a year's time.

The National President gave the resume of, and paid tribute to, the Immediate Past President Martin Green on his leaving the National Board. He presented him with the Past National President's Jewel and Medal.

Immediate Past President Martin Green paid tribute to the support he had received from the membership. He said he was proud to be a member of 41 Club. He reminded the membership of the hard work in preparing the plans delivered today and the many hours to ensure a legacy for the future. He was leaving with a heavy heart after twelve wonderful years on National Council and thanked Round Table for the opportunity. He wished to thank his wife Maria for her unending support. He gave his best wishes to incoming National President Terry Cooper. He said it had been a privilege and honour to represent the Association over the past 12 years.

National President's Farewell

National President Jim addressed the meeting with his farewell speech. Twelve months previously he had started out in this role with pride, humility and shaking knees. He had spoken at over 100 functions about our legacy – the future of Round Table. He said it had been a privilege to have the support from the National Councillors and National Board, the membership, family, friends, and his nominated charity. It had been inspiring to work with the other 3 Associations in the Round Table Family, Steve, Janice and Claire at their heads – now friends for life. The Association was like the Titanic – it could not see ahead but had to keep moving forwards. He asked for two things – he

urged all members and Clubs to get closer to Round Table and support it and that younger 41'ers consider joining the National Board and bring fresh ideas. He was privileged to have been a member of Round Table. He thanked his wife Chris for her support and allowing him this once in a lifetime privilege.

He received a standing ovation.

17. Installation of National President 2015 - 2016

Retiring National President Jim invested Terry Cooper of Clevedon and Isis Area 41 Clubs as the 70th President of the Association and gave him best wishes for his year in Office.

The National Board left the stage and a delegation from Clevedon 41 Club gave National President Terry a rousing start to his year to the theme of "Motor Cycling" and "Born to be Wild" themed musical interlude.

National President Terry thanked Jim for his presidential year and presented Immediate Past President Jim with his Chain of Office. He then went on to present Chris Smith with a bouquet of flowers in thanks for her support of Jim.

18. Installation of National Vice President 2014 – 2015

National President Terry congratulated National Vice President Barry Durman of Shirley Late Knights 41 Club, on his election and invested him with his Chain of Office.

National Vice President Barry 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. He had attended both Round Table and 41 Club Annual Conferences without fail since 2008. He wished to thank the present Mrs Durman for her support especially as yesterday on her birthday she had worked all day on the 41 Club Sales Stand.

19. Installation of Officers 2015 – 2016

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
Andrew Mackereth	National Fellowship Officer
Ray Hill	National Communications Officer
Dave Campbell	International Officer
Phillip Ellis	National Councillors' Liaison Officer
Barry Durman	National Vice-President

Re-elected National Councillors

The National President then asked the meeting to join him in congratulating those National Councillors who had been elected for a second term:

Region 1 Scotland West	Nick Lawton	Inverness
Region 12 North Wales and the Wirral's	Lawrence Bamber	Rhyl Poynton
Region 19 London Chilton's	Tom Abbott	Royston Harpenden

The meeting applauded these National Councillors.

Newly Elected National Councillors

National President then asked the successfully elected National Councillors who had been elected for a first term to join him on the Stage to receive their Chain of Office:

Region 11 Cheshire and North West Midlands	Nick Morcumb	Whitchurch
Region 13 South Wales	Steve James	Pontypridd (not present)
Region 20 Thames Valley	Derek Knowlden	Isis Area (not present)
Region 21 Mid West, Severn & Avon OBE's	Kevin Chard	Norton Radstock &

The meeting applauded each new National Councillor in turn as they received their Chain of Office.

The National President mentioned a number of National Councillor Vacancies. He highly recommended that members consider standing for these posts.

Region 3 Ireland	Phil Ellis as caretaker and doing an excellent job
Region 14 West Midland	Manny Martins as caretaker and doing an excellent job
Region 22 West of England	Mark Fairchild as caretaker and doing an excellent job

National President's address.

National President Terry spoke about his early days in Oxford Round Table and the advice his Chairman gave him – whatever you put in will be rewarded tenfold and that had proved true. He was looking forward to the challenges and opportunities during his year. Protecting the legacy of the past and developing the future organisation. His mission to lead the National Council from its stormy clouds environment into the sunlight and create a stronger organisation to hand over to Vice President Barry. He was strong on fellowship and would like to promote it through his visits to clubs and regions.

National President Terry said he would be celebrating his Ruby Wedding Anniversary with his wife Lyn at the Half Yearly National Council meeting in Birmingham. He thanked Clevedon 41 Club for the interruption. He had attended the 4 way family meetings and found the benefits immense.

National Vice-President of Round Table Marcus Jones.

National Round Table Vice President Marcus Jones said that Round Table was the life and oxygen of 41 Club. He has just met (at the AGM) 400 guys who were Tablers and had achieved so much. Round Table was all about Community, Charity, Fun and Friendship.

The Round Table landscape was changing – Round Table was here to stay. Round Table had endured hard times and was now leaner, fitter and more optimistic than ever before. Round Table intended to be Market Leaders, the voice of youth with a voice in each community. They are resilient young men and thanked 41 Club for its continued support!

Birmingham Conference

There was an interruption by representatives for Birmingham 2016 “Wild West in ‘Birmingham”.

Date 14 -17 April 2016.

The Milky Bar Kid handed out Milky Bars and Wagon Wheels.

Presidential Charity

The National President introduced his Presidential Charity for the Year – the Stroke Association. He introduced Jim Swindles Director of Fundraising.

Jim Swindles presented the workings of the Association and explained its origins and function. He informed the meeting that 152,000 people each year suffered a stroke. It was the 3rd largest killer in the UK with over one million suffers today in Great Britain. Surprisingly it kills twice as many women as Breast Cancer. He stated that the Stroke Association was the leading charity on all round stroke issues and spent the most amount of money in research and rehabilitation.

He thanked 41 Club for their support and looked forward to working with us. He introduced Alistair Morley.

Alistair Morley introduced himself as a stroke survivor. He had started with a headache and after a couple of misdiagnoses ended up in hospital unable to see, talk or walk. He was correctly diagnosed as suffering from a stroke and due to the quality of care and staff at Harrogate Hospital made a full recovery. The Stroke Association had assisted his rehabilitation and facilitated his return to work. In this they had been instrumental in helping to achieve his recovery.

Iain Kelso Award

Past President Martin Green presented the Iain Kelso Award for best contribution to the AGM to Jill Harris for her work with both Round Table and 41 Club. This was met with a resounding standing ovation.

Destruction of Ballot Slips

The National President proposed the destruction of the voting Slips.

Proposal Carried.

20. Any Other Business

National secretary Manny thanked the Honorary Solicitor Paul Cammiss, AGM Co-ordinator Andy Waite and AGM Assistant Ian Mackenzie for their invaluable assistance throughout the day.

National President Terry thanked all Delegates and Observers for their attendance. He thanked all those that had contributed to the day including the National Council Members and the Stroke Association representatives.

21. Time, Date and Place of the 71st Annual General Meeting

The National President gave notice that the 71st Annual General Meeting of the Association would be held on Saturday 16th April 2016 at the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra training hall in Birmingham.

The National President declared the 70th AGM closed at 15.12

Approval

Signed as a True and Accurate record:

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Terry Cooper
National President
2015 - 2016

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Date.