



National Council Meeting Minutes
Saturday 15 November 2014
Hillscourt Conference Centre, Rednal

Item Number	Title and Discussion	Action
1	Chairman's Welcome President Jim Smith (JS) welcomed all to the Council Meeting. He said that with the passing of past president Vaughan Harris and the near date of Remembrance Sunday he asked the Council Members to stand for a minutes silence in memory of those who had died. All stood. JS then welcomed:- <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tom Atkins (TA) National Council Region 15 and Nick Morcumb (NM) Deputy National Councillor Region 11 to their first National Council Meeting• Graham Smith (GS) Deputy National Councillor Region 20 and Paul Cammiss (PC) the Honorary Solicitor	JS
2.	Apologies Nick Lawton - Region 1 Ken Donald - Region 2 Paul Cooper - Region 9 Peter Good - Region 10 Lawrence Bamber – Region 12 Ray Jones - Region 21 David Brown - Region 23 John Alford - Region 25 Hugh Milward - Honorary Archivist	MM
3.	Minutes Approval of July 2014 Minutes – proposed Andy Waite (AW), seconded Terry Cooper (TC). Carried.	JS
4.	Matters Arising from those Minutes None	JS
5.	Anthony Nolan Update Laura Watts (LW) stated that they had received £10,000 form 41 Club so far, this will pay for 100 new donors to be inputted onto their database.	LW

LW said that she had attended the President's Ball, White Rose Dinner, numerous Golf events and many other 41 Club events.

She advocated holding Christmas Parties with mince pies as a fundraising event and was happy to supply whatever information was required in support of this.

She informed the Council of a group named 'Marrow' who were a student fundraiser organisation started in 1997 by James Kustow a Nottingham University Student in 1997 to get students involved in obtaining donors for the database as a close friend of his had been diagnosed with leukaemia and needed a bone marrow transplant. There are currently 50 such groups operating in Universities up and down the country. From the names they are gathering 1 in 100 is picked as a donor. They are obtaining 1 in 1,000 from other sources so 'Marrow' is being really effective. President Jim had attended the Marrow Nolan AGM and been impressed by the enthusiasm of the 260 attendees, they have raised 12,500 new names for the donor register and £160,000 in the last year

41 ers and their Clubs can help these groups by volunteering, time, assisting with Fund Raising or 'Meet and Greet'. More information about Marrow can be obtained from Laura.

There are numerous press opportunities – The Trinity Group of newspapers – would like human angle stories.

There is great support in Scotland from Scotmed a supermarket chain.

We can join Laura and associates at a Carol Singing event at St Pancras on 10 December 2014. Des Fulcher (DF) National Councillor suggested that those attending the LOTS Christmas Lunch at the Lamb could go on to the Carol Singing at St. Pancras.

5. Question's on National Board Reports
Immediate Past President's Report

Martin Green (MG) Immediate Past President gave an update on the 70th Anniversary Lunch. **MG**

Everything is fully booked including engaging Martyn Lewis CBE as the principal speaker and the Horbury Victoria Brass Band for entertainment.



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The lunch is a Four Course Lunch – including wine priced at £58.00, ticket sales start 1 January 2015. The Booking Form is downloadable on our website, and on line - Payment is to 41 Club. Black Sheep is on draught.

There are Hotel deals available.

The 70 Anniversary Badge will be on sale from April 2015 in a limited quantity. There will be a further Special Badge for President's inductions and Council.

A new range of badged Clothing will be marketed.

It is envisaged that a Programme of one event per Region running from April 2015 to March 2016 will be entered into by the Association. The National President will attend each one. Each of the Top 12 events will include a 70th Anniversary Element.

A Slide show is being prepared which runs throughout events, new Inductions will get a special badge, and there will be a Unique gift for the event organiser or Club.

MG urged all National Councillors to please start working on this in their region a Projector and screen will be needed at each event.

NCs

To celebrate the actual inaugural meeting of the Association on our birthday Wednesday 23rd May 2015 there will be a meeting held in Wakefield (with Wakefield 41 Club) including Liverpool, Lytham and LOTS. The National President will be attending, Andy Waite is co-ordinating this very special event.

National Membership and Round Table Liaison Officer's Updated Report

Duncan Kennedy (DK) stated that the first tranche of 10,000 Ex-Tabler's contacts had been written to and cleansed from replies etc. DK is developing a plan to send out a trial e-mail to all those names that did not opt out or bounce back (283) and trial a telesales exercise. The data has been segregated into regional data sets. The trial will start with one region - Region 11 Paul Molley (PM). The roll out will then be 2 Regions per month to reach completion end by December 2015. Once PM had contacted and processed responses, arranged introduction to existing Clubs or established new Clubs the process would be refined and a programme of releasing the data to other National Councillors will be rolled out.

PM

At this point Colin Steen (CS) Regional Councillor stated that he was worried about the cost of this exercise and wanted to know how many new Members this would realise. DK replied that it was hoped that 350 new members would be obtained from the first tranche alone which over a 3 year period of paying capitation would cover the cost. CS went on to say that the Association members would not be happy with this level of expense. He said that the



Association was costing a lot of money to operate and he had no idea of where the money from subs went. There followed a long and involved debate on costs. Mark Fairchild the National Treasurer gave a brief overview of expenditure and promised to redistribute an updated expenditure Pie Chart.

MF

Association International Officer Updated Report

Dave Campbell (DC) reported that he had attended the Belgium AGM in Tienan and had had a discussion with the Guy Le Huidoux President of 41 Club France. Subsequent to that GLH had written to Dave with three proposals:-

1. That we supply an article for their National magazine – Panorama.
2. An invitation to DC and another Board Member (perhaps the National President) to attend their National Committee of Regions as their guests.
3. To have The Association of Ex-Round Tablers' Clubs propose to 41 Club International the revival of the European Mediterranean Tabler's Meeting EMTM.

DC distributed a number of copies of this letter. DC advised that firstly he couldn't attend the meeting as it was due for a Council weekend and that secondly the French Board need to deal with International Board and not with individual associations. There was a general approval that we should not enter into individual discussions whilst we should continue to remain on friendly terms with French clubs where we have strong links.

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| 6. | Question's on National Councillor's Report
None | JS |
| 7. | Question's on Honorary Member's Reports
None | JS |
| 8. | Strategy and Governance Report
JS introduced the subject of the Strategic review and governance stating:-
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You cannot review the Governance or Structure until you know what you are going to do in the future. • Before we do this we needed to consider: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What we have done • What the current situation is | JS
JS |

- What we need to do
- A 'Plan' for the next period
- Once the 'Plan' is clear – we can then agree the Governance and Structure to deliver that plan.

JS went into each item in depth then produced the timeline of events:-

20 th September	Board agree 'The Plan' with stepping stones DONE
6 th October	'The Plan' issued for Board Meeting DONE
15 th November	Present 'The Plan' to Council TODAY
16 th November	Board start to develop 'Resource & Governance Proposal'
31 st January	Board finalise and approve Resource & Governance Proposal'
31 st January	Board agree relevant rule changes to implement
7 th February	Council to vote on 'The Plan'
7 th February	Board present Resource & Governance Proposal to Council
February	Order Paper inclusions for Rule changes and communication of the Plan
18 th April	Present 'The Plan' to AGM and if necessary vote on any required rule changes
18 th April	Board Present and seek approval of Resource and Governance Proposal to AGM with any required relevant rule changes

TC then took the presentation forward discussing the proposed Strategic Plan for 2015 – 2020. He reported that of the 37 Targets set in the original 2010 – 2014 plan:-

TC

Only 10 actually achieved - 27%

7 partially achieved - 19%

20 not achieved - 54%

He discussed the reasons for non-achievement

- The plan itself
- Lack of focus
- Too many Objectives
- Some more quantifiable than others
- Some unachievable
- Other priorities took over

TC Said:-

'By changing the way we all do things we will achieve the objective of



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slowing down the current trend of declining membership'

He went on to show examples of what might be in the plan and explained that it was still works in progress.

Frank Venables (FV) National Councillor Region 20, said he believed we should all be in 'one Club' with three sections Round Table, Active (Marchesi) Club and 41 Club.

GS commented that he attended 2 Clubs in the past week that were called 61 Clubs.

NM said that Clubs needed positive activity and regional events and some Clubs do not have this.

TA suggested producing a Welcome Pack for new joiners.

Phillip Ellis National Councillor's Liaison Officer said that there were many Round Table and 41 Clubs were working together, he proposed free membership up to 45 years of age.

CS said if individuals were not personally willing to join 41 club what could we do to improve the outcome and encourage them to join?

It was agreed that the presentation would be circulated to the National Council. **MM**

9. Web site Presentation

ST/MG

Simon Thomas (External Communications Officer) and MG gave an in depth presentation of the new web site showing all present how they could access, update and populate their page(s).

The presentation was well received and there was much constructive debate.

10. Approvals

DK proposed that:-

Consett – Region 4
Todmorden – Region 6
Wigan – Region 8
Beckenham – Region 25





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Be disaffiliated.

Carried

11. AOB

Philip Ellis (PE) National Councillors' Liaison Officer said that there were many Round Tables and 41 Clubs which are working together, he proposed dual membership up to 45 years of age.

PE requested a response from the National President on why he had received an email from the National Secretary stating that the numbers of Regions needed to be reduced from twentyfive to twenty? Since he could not remember this being debated in the past. JS replied that it was in the minutes of previous meetings and that PE made the decisions as regards regions. PE asked for copies of the minutes to which JS said he could help himself. E proposed that we revisit the reduction of Regions citing high workloads for those National Councillors representing those regions.

MM informed the National Council that as part of the current plan it was agreed that we would reduce the number of regions (hence the number of National Councillors) by five (5). Therefore we still had six (6) regions to amalgamate into three (3). He also advised Council that the amalgamations of Regions 7/8 and 16/17 had been properly notified to all members in those Regions before the amalgamations took place and fully discussed at National Council.

Sean McCormick (SM) National Councillor Region 18 asked what was occurring about Hospitality Guaranteed concerning their being given all future events to book.

There followed a very heated debate on why National Council was unaware of this issue. It was agreed that Barry Durman (BD) Fellowship Officer (who had by that time left the meeting to run a local function) would make a presentation (as he had at National Board) on the decision to book events through Hospitality Guaranteed. JS agreed that this would be done at the next Council meeting. Sean McCormick specifically asked (& to be recorded) that the usage of HG was not mandatory. This was clarified by Paul Cammiss.

BD
ALL
JS

David Campbell (DC) reminded National Council that the Transmarche in Dover was on the weekend of 22/23 February 2015 and urged all to book in and promote it.





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PM congratulated JS on the way meetings were now constructed as it led to more constructive debate and involvement of National Councillors.

12. Date of Next Meeting

Saturday 7 February 2015 at Hillscourt Conference Centre, Rednal.

13. Signed as a True and accurate record:

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National President

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Date.