



**41 Club**  
CONTINUED FRIENDSHIP

**THE ASSOCIATION OF EX-ROUND TABLERS' CLUBS**



**MINUTES OF THE 77th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
SATURDAY 1<sup>st</sup> APRIL 2023 @ 9.00 A.M.**

**Merton Hotel,  
Belvedere Hill,  
St Saviour,  
JERSEY  
JE4 9PG**

## 1) Welcome

National President Jim Conway opened the meeting and welcomed all present to the 77th Annual General Meeting of the National Association of Ex-Round Tablers' Clubs. The President declared the Annual General Meeting to be in session at 9am and called upon the National Secretary to deal with the approval of the notice to convene the meeting.

### Formal Notice

National Secretary stated that the notice convening the 77<sup>th</sup> AGM of the Association was on Page 3 of the agenda paper. It had been communicated to all constituent clubs in accordance with the national rules.

Housekeeping notices were given.

**Notice of the meeting was approved.**

## 2) National Presidents of Tangent and Ladies' Circle

The President welcomed National President of Tangent Clubs, Heather Parry, and President of the National Association of Ladies' Circles, Fiona Bull, who both brought greetings to the meeting. Fiona also presented a surprise "Through the Keyhole" video for Jim.

## 3) Purposes and Objects

Paul Harding, National Conference Chairman, from Jersey 41 Club read Purposes and Objects.

President Jim requested the following stand to be recognised:

- All National Councillors
- Honorary Webmaster Mark House (Southend-on-Sea and Leigh-on-Sea 41 Clubs)
- Honorary Archivist Sean McCormick (OBES and Saffron Walden 41 Clubs)
- Honorary Solicitor David Smith (Long Eaton 41 Club)

President Jim welcomed Past Presidents and asked for them to be recognised.

- 1994 – 95 Alan Reynolds
- 1996 – 97 Geoff King
- 2000 – 01 Gordon McNab
- 2012 – 13 David Smith
- 2013 – 14 Martin Green
- 2015 – 16 Jim Smith
- 2016 – 17 Barry Durman
- 2017 – 18 Dave Campbell
- 2019 – 20 Andrew Mackereth
- 2020 – 22 Peter Good

### In Memoriam

President Jim reported that a number of 41 Club members had died during the year and asked the meeting to stand and remember them.



## Secretary's Announcements

National Secretary announced the procedural matters in respect of H&S and actions in the event of a fire alarm.

Guidance for speaking at the meeting was given. All speakers should address the meeting from one of the lecterns and give name and club prior to speaking. Stewards would be controlling the lecterns. There is a traffic light system in place. GREEN light – start speaking; AMBER – one minute remaining; RED – speaker will be cut off. Speakers are allowed 3 minutes unless given leave by the meeting to extend this period.

National Secretary advised that the meeting was being recorded to enable accurate minutes to be taken.

As with all public buildings, smoking and vaping is not allowed under UK or Jersey law.

Meeting advised no lunch break would be taken and an anticipated finish to the meeting of 2.00.

### **4) Apologies for Absence**

- Ernie Husson – Past National President 1998-99
- John Bellwood – Past National President 2001-02
- Iain Kelso – Past National President 2003-04
- Mike Fitchett – Past National President 2005-06
- Ian Mackenzie – Past National President 2006-07
- Keith Howard – Past National President 2007-08
- Drew Cochran – Past National President 2008-09
- Malcolm Lockett – Past National President 2010-11
- Jim Smith – Past National President 2014-15
- Phill Ellis – Past President 2018-19

### **5) Tellers and Scrutineers**

Tellers and Scrutineers appointed in accordance with Standing Orders and voted for by the meeting: -

- Tom Abbott

From Harpenden and Royston 41 Clubs in Region 19

- Peter Townend
- Bryan Williamson

Both from Jersey 41 Club

**Approved**

### **6) Quorate**

The Secretary announced that voting delegates from more than 5% of constituent clubs were present, and so the meeting was quorate. There was a total of 91 voting delegates, including those voting by proxy. A further 26 had registered to vote online.

### **7) Minutes**

Minutes of the 76<sup>th</sup> AGM held in Cardiff in April 2022 had been circulated in accordance with Rules and Standing Orders and agreement was requested that they should be signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting. The President requested if any amendments had been received. The Secretary confirmed no amendments had been received.

**Meeting approved the Minutes, and they were signed by the President.**

## **8) Matters arising from those Minutes**

There were no matters arising.

## **9) Ian Kelso Award**

President Jim announced that there would be a presentation under Any Other Business of the Ian Kelso Award to the most outstanding speaker on the day. Past President Peter Good would be the judge.

## **10) Adoption of the National Council's Report for 2022**

Annual Report of the National Board is printed in the Agenda Paper. President Jim invited any Officers who wished to update their report to do so. Andy Ventress (IRO) spoke about the Young Ambassador Programme (YAP) He thanked Bruce Bennett (YAP Co-ordinator) for his efforts over the previous three years. The next YAP tour would be hosted in the UK for two weeks from 16<sup>th</sup> July. He asked for assistance from clubs to host or help in 2024.

Annual Report opened for discussion. There were no requests for clarification on any reports and the meeting voted on the adopting of the report. **Unanimously carried.**

## **41 Club Vision**

Steve James (National Vice President) gave a presentation on 41 Club Vision. This was intended to make 41 Club the club of choice for ex-Round Tablers and like-minded men. He went on to outline the seven pillars of the strategy, which were Membership (Recruitment and Retention), Fellowship, Communication, Engagement, International, Governance and Financial Health.

David Illingworth (Bridge of Weir & Kilmacolm) thought that the membership fee was too low to enable the strategy to be enacted.

Jim Smith (Bishops Stortford and Eastern Promise) asked whether data could be shared between Round Table and 41 Club. Peter McBride, National Membership Officer, replied that this was something that 41 Club were looking to address with Round Table. He outlined several initiatives being looked at to bridge the gap.

Derek Scott (Ringwood 41 Club) asked if we communicated clearly with Round Tablers who were potential 41 Club members. Peter McBride replied that this was something he and his team planned to ask Round Tablers at their AGM in Blackpool.

Stuart George (Liskeard and Looe 41 Club) thought there was a disconnect between Round Table and 41 Club, made worse by the change in the Round Table age rule, with a lack of Tablers progressing to 41 Club. He asked 41 Clubs to proactively invite their local Round Tablers to their meetings and activities.

## **11) International Guests**

President Jim asked all International Visitors to stand and be recognised by the meeting. President Jim then welcomed the President of 41 Club International, Tom Albrigtsen from Norway to the stage who brought greetings from 41 Club International.

President Jim asked Andy Ventress to introduce the other international guests:

- Franz Kettele – IRO from Austria
- David Illingworth – IRO from Cyprus
- Randolph Riedlinger – IRO from Italy



- Claudio Matasci – Shopkeeper from Switzerland
- Noe Livio Zanotti – IRO from Switzerland

**12) Election of Officers (where more than one candidate is standing for a post, all other candidates leave the room and remain outside the meeting prior to each candidate addressing the meeting)**

### **Election of National Officers**

#### National Vice President

2 Nominations received:

**Don Mullane** (London Old Tablers' Society)  
**Wynn Parry** (ShIPLEY 41 Club)

Candidates addressed the meeting for up to 5 minutes and spoke in the following order:

**Don Mullane**  
**Wynn Parry**

President invited delegates to vote. A simple majority was required.

#### National Communications and IT Officer

1 Nomination received:

**David Chard** (Reading Valley Veterans 41 Club)

There being only one nomination, President Jim officially congratulated David for standing and pronounced him National Communications and IT Officer for the years 2023-26

#### Post of International Relationships Officer

1 Nomination received:

**Kevin Stewart** (Edinburgh Capital 41 Club)

There being only one nomination, President Jim officially congratulated Kevin for standing and pronounced him International Relationships Officer for the years 2023-26

Election speeches were now announced completed.

### **13) Presentation**

President Jim asked Past President Peter Good to present Andrew Mackereth with his Past President's jewel. Andrew replied with words of appreciation and thanks to all those who had supported him throughout his year.



## 14) Resolutions

There were 6 Resolutions for consideration.

Resolutions that affect rules require a two thirds majority to be carried. Any amendment to a resolution that seeks to change the rules must be submitted to the National Secretary at least 7 days in advance of the meeting, with proposing and seconding clubs.

Resolutions that do not refer to rules require a simple majority vote to be carried. Any amendment to such a resolution may be proposed and seconded from the floor.

### Resolution No. 1

This was proposed by National Council and hence required no seconder.

“Amend Paragraph 11.1 of Standing Orders for General Meetings of the Association to delete “No participant may speak for longer than five minutes unless he obtains the permission of the Chairman who may submit the request to the Meeting for decision without debate and replace with “The proposer and seconder of a resolution may speak for a maximum of five minutes. Subsequent speakers to a resolution will be permitted a maximum of three minutes. Contestants for the position of Vice President will be permitted to address the meeting for a maximum of five minutes. Contestants for all other positions will be permitted to address the meeting for a maximum of three minutes. Any request to exceed these times must be approved by the meeting.”

The Secretary confirmed that no amendments to the resolution had been received.

The President invited the Secretary to move and propose the resolution.

The Secretary explained that this change was being proposed to align the rules with what had been custom and practice at Annual General Meetings over the years. The proposal was intended to strike a reasonable balance between allowing candidates sufficient time to put their arguments across without speaking for too long.

The vote was taken, and the President declared that the resolution was **carried**.

### Resolution No. 2

This was proposed by National Council and hence required no seconder.

“National Council propose to reorder and realign the current Rules and Standing Orders, in accordance with the detailed changes set out in the document “Rule Changes Table” which was circulated to all Club Officers with the AGM 2023 Notice and Agenda.”

The Secretary confirmed that no amendments to the resolution had been received.

The President invited the Secretary to move and propose the resolution.

The Secretary explained that this change was intended to make the rules more logical and remove inconsistency and duplication.

The vote was taken, and the President declared that the resolution was **carried**.

### **Resolution No. 3**

This was proposed by National Council and hence required no seconder.

Further to Resolution 2 above, National Council propose to make some minor amendments to the wording of current rules as detailed below:

**Resolution 3A: Current Rule 6.2. Amend "National Council" to "National Board"**

Rationale:

The term of office of a National Board member starts immediately after the AGM. National Councillors, on the other hand, start their term of office at the National Council meeting immediately after they are elected or appointed. This is covered in existing Rule 9.3.1.

**Resolution 3B: Amend current rule 6.7, so that when an unexpected vacancy arises on the Board, that vacancy can be filled by co-opting until the next AGM, at which there will be a full election. The co-opted member can then stand for the post permanently if he wishes.**

Rationale:

Under the current rule, if an unexpected vacancy arises on the Board, someone is co-opted onto the Board for the duration of the original postholder. This is a big commitment to ask of someone who may not have previously considered standing. This amendment aims to widen the pool of those who would be prepared to stand into a Board position at short notice.

**Resolution 3C: Amend current Rule 8.2, adding the words "taking the views of the club membership into consideration".**

Rationale:

At present, newly affiliated clubs are allocated a Region by National Council. This amendment allows the new club to have a say in which Region they are placed. It takes into account any allegiances with Round Tables and other 41 Clubs within a particular Region.

**Resolution 3D: Rule 10.2 - Adding the wording "save that in circumstances where the National Board consider an additional meeting or meetings of the National Council may be held but at no cost to the Association (in accordance with Rule 9.10). The purpose of such a meeting must be clearly stated." The Board must give a minimum of seven days' notice of any additional meeting.**

Rationale:

Under the current rule, National Council may hold no fewer than 2, but no more than 4, National Council meetings per year. With the advent of video conferencing, it is now possible to arrange additional meetings as required, at no cost to the Association. This gives National Council the flexibility to adapt and respond to situations that require a decision at short notice.

**Resolution 3E: Amend current rule 21.1 to alter "31st May" to "30th April", to co-ordinate with Tangent. Rule change also to alter "not less than" to "up to".**

Rationale:

Annual conferences are now run jointly with Tangent, as voted on at our AGM in 2021. Tangent rules state that their AGM must be within the month of April. This resolution aligns us with Tangent. The proposed rule change also sets a time limit for conference bids to be decided upon.

**Resolution 3F: Amend Standing Order 4.2 to insert the words "be a full member and shall"**

Rationale:

This clarifies who is allowed to vote at an AGM.

**Resolution 3G: Amend the wording of Standing Orders Paragraph 7.1 to read "Except with the consent of the Meeting only full members of constituent clubs, honorary members of constituent clubs and of the association...."**

Rationale:

This removes the requirement to allow accredited members of the press and paid servants of the Association, which National Council considers no longer necessary.

The Secretary confirmed that no amendments to the resolution had been received.

The President invited the Secretary to move and propose the resolution.

The Secretary asked the meeting if the changes could be approved en bloc. This was approved by a show of cards.

Gerard O’Herlihy (Dublin 41 Club) queried the word “permanently” in Resolution 3B. The National Secretary replied that this was meant to imply that the officer would stand for a complete term. It was agreed by the AGM that the word “permanently” be deleted.

The vote was taken, and the President declared that the resolution was **carried**.

#### **Resolution No. 4**

This was proposed by Isis Area 41 Club and seconded by Showtime 41 Club.

“In this current climate everyone is at risk from terrorism or attack. This particularly applies to high profile people, and we feel that although he is a very insignificant individual, as 41 Club National President we need to ensure he has protection wherever he goes. Details on how this should be achieved in the future will be provided to the AGM delegates.”

NATIONAL COUNCIL HAD NO OPINION ON THIS RESOLUTION

The President invited Martin Green from Isis Area 41 Club to formally move the Resolution. The President then invited Richard Dyson from Showtime 41 Club to second the Resolution.

The resolution made reference to the incoming National President being Welsh, and Wales being famous for its sheep. After much merriment and laughter, the resolution was **withdrawn**.

#### **Resolution No. 5**

This was proposed by National Council and hence required no seconder.

“To insert the words “Honorary YAP Convenor” in Rule 16.1

The National Council may appoint an Honorary Solicitor, Honorary Archivist, **Honorary YAP Convenor** and Honorary Webmaster from members of constituent clubs upon such terms as the National Council thinks fit. The National Council may terminate such appointments.”

The Secretary confirmed that no amendments to the resolution had been received.

The President invited the Secretary to move the resolution, and the International Relationships Officer to propose the resolution.

The IRO, Andy Ventress, felt that this resolution would emphasise the importance of the Young Ambassador Programme within the Association.



Des Fulcher (Alpha Knights 41 Club) spoke against the resolution. He thought that YAP should fall under the remit of the IRO, and he could see no reason why a new honorary post was required, which would incur more expense. Andy Ventress replied that someone doing so much for the Association should be able to claim reasonable expenses. There would be no requirement to attend each National Council meeting.

Sean McCormick (Saffron Walden and OBE's) thought that YAP should be expanded to state Young Ambassador Programme. This was seconded by Steve Lord (OBE's) This amendment was carried.

The vote was taken, and the President declared that the resolution was **carried**.

### **Resolution No. 6**

This was proposed by Andy Pandy 41 Club and seconded by Shipley 41 Club.

"With respect to our National Vice-President being Welsh, we propose that, in the name of diversity and inclusion, there should be a Welsh language version of the 41 Club website, and that for the duration of his presidency, all National Council business be conducted in Welsh, as demonstrated by the Andy Pandy in this video".

### **NATIONAL COUNCIL SUPPORT THIS RESOLUTION**

The Secretary confirmed that no amendments to the resolution had been received.

The President invited Tom Atkins, Chairman of Andy Pandy 41 Club to move and propose the resolution, which he did by video. The President then invited Wynn Parry of Shipley 41 Club to second the resolution, which he also did by video – or, at least, one assumes he did, as the speech was entirely in Welsh.

Peter McBride (Wallington & Carshalton and Andy Pandy 41 Club) replied with a cleverly crafted speech incorporating a raft of Welsh place names.

An amendment was received from Martin Green (Isis 41 Club), seconded by Brackley 41 Club. This was to involve Teddy, Looby Loo and The Flowerpot Men. The amendment was carried by a show of cards.

Geoff Morgan (Brentwood and Riff Raff 41 Clubs) opposed the resolution, with some amusing anecdotes about our incoming President.

John Bell (Pontypridd, Cambria and Andy Pandy 41 Clubs) proposed an amendment that this arrangement be permanent.

Steve James (Llantwit Major and Cambria 41 Clubs) spoke in favour of the resolution, but feared for the sanity of the National Secretary if this resolution was carried.

The vote was taken, and the President declared that the resolution was **defeated**.

### **15) Malcolm Lockey Community Service Award**

The President called upon Peter Good, Immediate Past President, to announce the winner of the award. The Malcolm Lockey Community Service Award is presented annually to an individual or club by the Immediate Past President.

Peter presented the Malcolm Lockey Community Service Award for 2023 to the team who completed a sponsored trip up Mount Everest on behalf of his charity. The award was collected by team-member Rory Tompsett, of Alyn & Deeside and Andy Pandy 41 Clubs.

## **16) Election Results**

The President announced the election result as follows:

National Vice President: **Wynn Parry**

## **17) Vaughan Harris Award**

The Award is bestowed on the 41'er or 41 Club that has most supported and assisted its Round Table in the current year and is chosen by Round Table. It is sponsored by Vaughan Harris' widow, Jill.

The President invited the National President of Round Table, Matt Fallon, to present the award. It was awarded to Rory Tompsett (Alyn & Deeside XRT, Andy Pandy and Deeside 41 Clubs), in recognition of his work in promoting links between Round Table and 41 Club in the North-West.

President Jim inducted Matt Fallon into Cirencester 41 Club.

## **18) Presentation of Accounts for the Year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022**

The National Treasurer, Kevin Lovett moved that the report be received.

The meeting received the accounts.

**National Treasurer, Kevin Lovett** ran through the various lines of Income and Expenditure, providing detail on individual items if they had materially changed from the previous year or were largely over, or under, budget. He confirmed that the payments approved at the AGM 2022 to the National Arboretum and Ukraine appeal had been made. A further £5,000 had been made to the Ukraine appeal from various donations.

The National Treasurer reported that many clubs had not met during the pandemic, and arrears of capitation were being received. The Board had agreed that clubs would have until the end of 2023 to clear any outstanding amounts.

The Treasurer reported that they have been examined and this is stated in the report.

**The Accounts were unanimously adopted & approved by the meeting.**

## **19) Presentation of Budget for 2024**

**National Treasurer, Kevin Lovett** was invited to speak about the Budget. Kevin invited questions on the Budget as printed in the Agenda Paper.

The National Treasurer proposed that capitation to be increased to £16.00. The budget would take effect from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024. Various items of expenditure would be reduced to balance the budget, to take into account inflation and declining membership.

Barry Durman (Shirley Late Knight and International Vice President) thought that it was a shame that the International budget was being reduced, as this would impact on our ability to represent GB&I at

international meetings. The National Treasurer replied that he was taking into account the views of those members he had been in contact with.

David Illingworth (Bridge of Weir & Kilmacolm) thought it was unbelievable that the capitation was as low as £16. He paid far more than that in his club in Cyprus. He thought that the international aspect was a major part of the enjoyment to be had from 41 Club.

Jim Smith (Bishops Stortford and Eastern Promise 41 Clubs) proposed that the capitation be increased to £20. He thought that capitation should have increased each year until it was at £20 now. He thought that we should spend more money on membership and engagement with Round Table.

The National Treasurer replied by saying that there was a risk that a substantial number of clubs would disaffiliate if the capitation were to be raised significantly. Jim Smith replied that there was precedent in that capitation had been raised from £5 to £7.50 several years ago. He queried whether the members who would oppose an increase to £20 really cared about the Association.

Jim Smith proposed an amendment to raise capitation to £20 per annum, and that the increase in the income be allocated to international and membership lines.

Stuart George (Liskeard and Looe 41 Club) was prepared to second the amendment, on the proviso that the membership budget was increased.

John Manley (Derby Merlin 41 Club) agreed with the National Treasurer that there was a real risk that clubs would disengage if the subscription was to be increased by such a large amount as it would be seen that the Association were paying for people to go abroad. Barry Durman replied that the increase was not meant to fund the IRO. He suggested that the international expenditure remain at the same level.

Dave Campbell (Westerham and Riff Raff 41 Clubs) was a past IRO and stated that the international travel was not a "jolly", but instead was promoting fellowship and international co-operation.

Steve James asked that the National Council be allowed to determine where the increased expenditure be allocated.

Jason Thomson (Saffron Walden and Halifax 41 Clubs) thought that we should make more effort and put more funding into connecting with Round Tablers and younger members. He agreed with Jim Smith that, if there had been a 50p increase each year, we would be at £20 now.

The National Treasurer replied that there was a significant number of clubs with elderly members who would consider disaffiliation.

Ian Hemsworth (Elland 41 Club) stated that there was a large swathe of members who did not see the Association in the same way as those in the room. This had happened with Round Table. There could be a vicious cycle of increased costs and reduced membership.

Bill Freeman (Dunfermline 41 Club) thought that the priority was membership and engagement with Round Table.

Mark House (Southend-on-Sea 41 Club) suggested a split capitation based on age. The National Treasurer replied that this was unworkable as we have no record of a member's age.

Andy Ventress (IRO) thought we should give his successor an opportunity to represent the Association abroad. He thought it was essential that we are seen to be the mother Association.

Jim Smith clarified his amendment. He proposed that capitation rises to £20 in 2024, with any additional income generated being allocated to membership development. The other budget lines, including international expenditure, to remain at 2023 levels, as long as we remained within the 10% rule on international expenditure. This amendment was seconded by Stuart George (Liskeard & Looe 41 Club).

**The Amendment to the proposed Budget, as outlined by Jim Smith above, for 2024 was carried.**

## **20) Appointment of Independent Examiners**

The National Treasurer proposed that Duncan & Toplis be re-appointed as Independent Examiners for the year 2023.

The vote for the Independent Examiners Duncan & Toplis was **carried**.

## **21) Presentation of Trophies and Appreciations**

National Fellowship Officer, Kelly Clarke, presented the Golf Trophies as follows: -

The Millennium Team Golf Trophy was not presented, due to the bad weather and lack of participants.

The Ken Reed National Conference Individual Golf Trophy Competition was won by **Paul Osborne** of Hinckley 41 Club.

Kiwi Klub Trophy awarded to the most attending from the greatest distance, was won by **Market Harborough 41 Club**.

International Relations Officer, Andy Ventress, presented two trophies.

Jim Parkes Trophy presented to **Jason Thomson** of Saffron Walden and Halifax 41 Clubs.

Tom Hodges & Victor Michitsch Trophy to be awarded at Stratford International AGM to **Achim Simon**, from Germany.

National Communications & IT Officer, Don Mullane presented the Press/Newsletter (David Smith) Trophy to **Northampton Nene 41 Club**

Don announced the winners of the Photographic Competition: -

Runner Up) **Ian Campbell** of Southend-on-Sea 41 Club

Runner Up) **Michael Sadler** of Ponteland 41 Club

1<sup>st</sup> and winner) **Colin Wright** of Farnborough (Kent)41 Club

Don announced the winner of the Website (David Hewitt) Award as **Shirley Late Knights 41 Club**

## 22) Forthcoming Events – Video Presentations

President Jim was pleased to introduce video presentations promoting three key events over the forthcoming year.

- National Sports and Social Weekend in Stranraer – 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> October 2023. Presented by Colin McKenzie and Kevin Stewart.
- International Half-Yearly Meeting in Paphos, Cyprus, on 12-15 October 2023. Presented by David Illingworth.
- Liverpool Conference 2024, presented by John Kilshaw and Roger Spensley, assisted by other members of the Liverpool Conference Team.

## 23) Retiring Regional Councillors

NCLO Wynn Parry commented on the work of the retiring Regional Councillors and the President presented them with their jewels.

Region 4– North East – **Peter Milburn** (who was not present)

Region 9 – Lincolnshire – **Peter Walker**

Region 10 – East Midlands – **John Manley**

Region 13 – South Wales – **John Bell**

Region 14 – West Midlands – **Richard Holland** (who was not present)

Region 15 – Heart of England – **Neal Lowe** (who was not present)

Region 20 - Thames Valley – **David Chard**

Region 21 – Mid-West – **Kevin Chard** (who was not present)

President Jim presented the past National Councillor jewel for Region 6 (Yorkshire) to **Wynn Parry**.

## 24) Retiring Honorary Solicitor

President Jim presented a jewel to David Smith, who was retiring as National Honorary Solicitor, and invited him to say a few words.

## 25) Terry Cooper Shield

Wynn Parry presented the shield, on behalf of Terry Cooper, to Steve Tasker (Region 11), in recognition of his work with the IT of the Association.

## 26) Past National President

President Jim gave an appreciation of Peter Good, as he stepped down from the Board, and presented him with his jewel.

## 27) Retiring Board Members

President Jim presented jewels to retiring members of the National Board.

- Andy Ventress, retiring International Relationships Officer
- Don Mullane, retiring National Communications and IT Officer

## 28) Outgoing National President's Valedictory Address

President Jim gave his farewell speech, thanking those around him who had made his year such a success. This was accompanied by a slide show montage of his year.

### **29) Installation of National President 2023-2024**

President Jim then presented the new National President, Steve James, who is the 77th President of the Association with the President's chain of office. New President Steve then gave his introductory address.

There followed an interruption by Steve's PLC.

The new President, Steve James, then presented Jim Conway with his past president's collaret.

### **30) Installation of National Vice President 2023 -2024**

President Steve announced that **Wynn Parry** had been elected as the new National Vice-President and would automatically become the President Elect for 2023-24. Steve then presented Wynn with his chain of office.

### **31) National Board 2023–24**

President Steve welcomed the Board members for 2023-24

- National Secretary – Bernard Elwen
- National Treasurer – Kevin Lovett
- National Membership Officer – Peter McBride
- National Fellowship Officer – Kelly Clarke
- National Comms and IT Officer – David Chard
- International Relationships Officer – Kevin Stewart
- National Councillors' Liaison Officer – Jason Thomson

### **32) National Council 2023-24**

President Steve announced that six new National Councillors would be taking up post. They were:

- Region 6 – Shaun Redman
- Region 10 – Mark Gray
- Region 13 – Matt Bladon
- Region 14 – Andy Watts
- Region 15 – Andy Waring
- Region 20 – Andrew Hornby

Vacancies for National Councillors existed in the following Regions:

- Region 7 – Greater Manchester
- Region 24 – S/W London, Surrey and Wessex

### **33) National Honorary Solicitor**

President Steve welcomed Duncan Kennedy to National Council as the new Honorary Solicitor

### **34) New President – Introductory Address**



President Steve gave his inaugural address, setting out his priorities for the year. He announced that his charity for the year would be Prostate Cancer UK.

### 35) Association Award and Past President Farewell Address

The President invited Peter Good to present an Association Award to **Mark House**, Honorary Webmaster, in recognition of his work with IT, online networking during lockdown and his work on the 41 Club website and booking systems.

Peter Good gave an address as he stepped down from the National Board, and thanked Marcus Jones, his PLC Chairman, for all his support throughout his term as President.

### 36) Iain Kelso Award

The President invited Peter Good to present the Iain Kelso Award for the best contribution to the AGM. The award was presented to **Jim Smith** of Bishops Stortford and Eastern Promise 41 Clubs.

### 37) Destruction of Ballot Slips

The President formally moved that all Ballot Papers be destroyed, and this was **carried**.

### 38) Any Other Business

President Steve asked if there was any other relevant business. There was none.

### 39) Time, Date and Place of the 78<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting

President Steve then announced that the next AGM would be held on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at the Holiday Inn, Liverpool City Centre, at 9:00 am

He then declared the 77<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting closed at 14:26

### Approval

Signed as a True and Accurate record:

..... Date .....

Steve James  
National President  
2023 - 2024

