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## **THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ROUND TABLES OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND**

# **NATIONAL COUNCIL MINUTES**

**Friday, 10 May 2002**

TO TABLE CHAIRMEN

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**Minutes of the meeting of the National Council held in The Duke of Cornwall Hotel, Plymouth on Friday, 10 May 2002.**

PRESENT: Nick Lawton (President, in the Chair), Ken Donald (Vice-President), Vaughan Harris (Immediate Past President), Mark Smith (Honorary Secretary), Adrian Gibbons (Honorary Treasurer), Noel Tyler (Media and PR Officer), Chris Horsfall (International Officer), Jimmy Smith (Membership and Development Officer), Mark Bonham (Community Service Officer), Paul Jay (Conference Officer), Andy Kennedy (Marketing and Sponsorship Officer), Dave Ellis (Sales Officer) and Shaun Redman (Sports Officer).

Apologies were received from Vaughan Harris (Immediate Past President).

NATIONAL COUNCILLORS or Deputies: David Keighley (Area 1), Richard Biggs (Area 2), Steve Eagle (Area 3), Michael Tully (Area 4), Ross Woodall (Area 5), Robert Parsons (Area 6), Mark Newby (Area 7), Jon Sockett (Area 8), Neal Porter (Area 9), Mark Boersma (Area 10), James Day (Area 12), Ian Ross (Area 13 and PLC Chairman), John Tyrer (Area 14), John Gilliard (Area 15), Steve Parsons (Area 16), Neil Levitt (Area 17), Keith Harris (Area 18), Nigel Middleton (Area 19), Mike Rogerson (Area 20), Gavin Parkes (Area 22), Jonathon Steel (Area 23), Arawn Johnson (Area 25), Bernie Skivington (Area 26), Richard Loader (Area 28), Fraser Skells (Area 30), Mike Hallett (Area 31), Terry Capes (Area 32), Martin Johnson (Area 33), Dave Woolcock (Area 34), Aidan Maguire (Area 35), John Owen Jones (Area 36), Julian Frost (Area 37), Andrew Wayth (Area 39), Mark Tipping (Area 40), Andrew Smith (Area 44), Noel Tyler (Area 45), Howard Joseph (Area 46), Keith Martin (Area 47), Nick Latham (Area 48), Andrew Hornby (Area 50), Len Harvey (Area 51) and Rhys Bebb-Jones (Area 53).

## **1. Preliminaries**

### **(a) Notice**

The notice, convening the meeting was APPROVED on a motion by Area 31, seconded by Area 19.

### **(b) Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 2 March 2002 were APPROVED on a motion proposed by Area 13 seconded by Area 19. There were no matters arising.

### **(c) Communications**

Aims and Objects of the Association were recited, by Jeremy Saunders (Plymouth Conference Chairman) to acclaim.

## **2. Reports by Officers.**

Updates to the National Council report to the Annual General Meeting by the Officers were given.

### **(a) Honorary Secretary – Mark Smith**

Mark Smith (Honorary Secretary) reminded both the existing and in-coming National Councillors that the allocation of National Councillors to Committees would be concluded soon and the forms confirming preference's had to be with him immediately to be considered.

He advised that two amendments to Resolution 3 on the AGM Notice and Agenda had been received and details would be given to the meeting later.

### **(b) Media and PR Officer – Noel Tyler**

Noel Tyler (Media and PR Officer) advised the Conference edition of *Tabler* was being prepared. He apologised for omitting his report from the AGM Notice but advised it would be included in the Conference *Tabler*.

He also advised of the development of Andover RT 237 Website which was using the address: [www.Club18-45.co.uk](http://www.Club18-45.co.uk) and recommended everyone to view an alternative approach to Membership publicity.

**(c) International Officer – Chris Horsfall**

Chris Horsfall (International Officer) confirmed the Welcome Tour had been successful but none of the participants had extended their trip to include Conference. A number of International Visitors were booked in and would be arriving soon.

**(d) Membership and Development Officer – Jimmy Smith**

Jimmy Smith (Membership and Development Officer) gave an update on the statistics at 30 April 2002. Active members stood at 11,690 and Honorary Members 390 after 300 Active Member Rolls had been received. Robert Parsons (NC Area 6) queried the number of Active members used in the Budget forecasts which was less than the reported figures.

He then went on to advise of two mergers and two name changes which required National Council's approval.

Hyde RT 710 and Glossop RT 916 wished to merge and become Glossop, Hyde and District RT 710.

Maidstone RT 38 and Malling RT 968 wished to merge and become Maidstone and Malling RT 38.

These were put to the meeting and AGREED.

Stanley RT 530 wished to change their name to Derwentside RT 530 and Cheadle and Gatley RT 829 wished to change their name to Cheadle, Gatley and Stockport RT 829, both of which were AGREED.

A request had been received to merge Smethwick and Oldbury RT 58 with Bilston RT 422 (a closed Table). This was AGREED but after clarification from Sean Smith (Area 5 Immediate Past Chairmen) this request was subsequently withdrawn.

**(e) Community Service Officer – Mark Bonham**

Mark Bonham (Community Service Officer) made the draw for the RTBI Lottery and encouraged all Tablers to join in what is an excellent fund raising project. 41 Club will be invited to join the Lottery with a consequent increase in the prizes paid. In addition a draw was made to select the Tabler who would nominate the charity to which the surplus Lottery funds would be sent.

He confirmed that places for the British 10K Run in London on 21 July were available and he would be happy to provide details.

**(f) Conference Officer – Paul Jay**

Paul Jay (Conference Officer) confirmed the International Late Lunch had been very successful. The Presidential Banquet should be equally as good with 650 attendees booked in.

The total number of bookings for the Conference received stood at 1,187 and he expected more to book in on the Saturday.

**(g) Marketing and Sponsorship Officer – Andy Kennedy**

Andy Kennedy (Marketing and Sponsorship Officer) advised he had agreed with Jarvis Hotels that the current discounted rates will be continued for a further year. In addition, MG Rover had agreed to offer a Rover 75 to the new President for a further year which was excellent news.

**(h) Sales Officer – Dave Ellis**

Dave Ellis (Sales Officer) reported that the Sales debtors had been reduced over the year and Accounts over 90 days due were now £13,640 due to Areas not clearing their year end accounts.

**(i) Sports and Social Officer – Shaun Redman**

Shaun Redman, Sports and Social Officer advised that the final of the Debate had been cancelled as one team had got to the final without even playing a round. He requested support by spectators for the Final of the National Quiz Competition and the 11 a side Football

**(j) Forward Planning – Ken Donald**

Ken Donald (Vice-President) gave an update on the questionnaire to Tablers organised by Steve Eagle (NC Area 3). A report on the responses had been prepared and would be posted to the Website and it was hoped would also appear in *Tabler*.

**(k) President – Nick Lawton**

Nick Lawton (President) confirmed he had been tasked by Ken Donald to be responsible for finalising the proposed changes to Marchesi House. The preferred options for sub letting part of the building have been blocked by the Landlord refusing to grant an easement of the current lease. This will be taken up with them and a way forward negotiated.

The review of the required Staff levels and skill sets would also be led by him and he would report further to the National Council in June to ensure they are kept informed of developments.

**3. Annual Report**

On a proposal from Area 16, seconded by Area 12, the Annual Report of the National Council for 2001-2002, as circulated, was APPROVED for submission to the Annual General Meeting.

**4. Resolutions submitted by National Council and by Areas**

No Resolutions had been received for consideration.

**5. Other Business**

- i) The President advised that as no nominations had been received from Areas for the position of Marketing and Sponsorship Officer then the Rules required the National Council to nominate an individual. The General Secretary had requested National Councillors who were interested in standing as the Nominee to submit their details and a 300 word statement which had been circulated to the National Council. Two nominations had been received – Mark

Tipping (NC Area 40) and Howard Joseph (NC Area 46). After a secret ballot Mark Tipping was confirmed as the National Council nomination to the AGM for ratification.

- ii) The Honorary Secretary, Mark Smith advised that a number of amendments to the Resolutions submitted to the Annual General Meeting had been received: These have been composited into two amendments reflecting the intentions of the proposers viz.

**a) Amendment to Resolution 3**

“ That for the period 1 June 2002 to 31 May 2003 the Capitation Fee and Entrance Fee be £35.50 inclusive of the Public Liability Fee to be achieved by reducing the budget for Conference to £0, the budget for Website development and maintenance to £7,000, discontinue *Tabler* magazine and cease to provide funding for International Representation and WoCo/RTI/EMA with immediate effect.”

Proposed by City of Nottingham RT 59, seconded by Grantham & District RT 307

**b) Amendment to Resolution 3**

““ That for the period 1 June 2002 to 31 May 2003 the Capitation Fee and Entrance Fee be £34.75 inclusive of the Public Liability Fee to be achieved by adoption of a revised budget.”

Proposed by Clevedon, Nailsea & District RT 381, seconded by Keynsham & District RT 392

- iii) The three Vice-Presidential candidates, Julian Frost, Chris Horsfall and Peter Walker drew lots to decide the order for the five minute speeches. Peter Walker was to speak first, Julian second and Chris Horsfall third.
- iv) The Honorary Secretary advised that Notice had been received from Wendover & District RT 1149 that Jerry Gibson, a former Chairman and President and been made an Honorary Life Member of the Table and this was noted by the National Council.
- v) Approval was given for the 2002/2003 National Executive to allocate 2002/2003 National Councillors to the Standing Committees on 12 May.
- vi) The President expressed thanks to the retiring National Council members for serving and for a very enjoyable and productive year of Office.
- vii) Mark Tipping (NC Area 40) made a presentation on behalf of National Council to President Nick Lawton thanking him for his enthusiasm and commitment during what had been a memorable year. He then proposed a vote of thanks to the President for his conduct of the meeting.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING WAS CONCLUDED AT 10.00AM.



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