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

**NATIONAL
COUNCIL
MINUTES**

Saturday, 26 October 2002

TO TABLE CHAIRMEN

PLEASE NOTE THAT THESE MINUTES ARE SENT TO YOU TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF YOUR MEMBERS. NO OTHER SETS ARE SENT OUT TO INDIVIDUAL TABLERS.

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Minutes of the meeting of the National Council held at The Town Hall, Sheffield on Saturday, 26 October 2002.

PRESENT: Ken Donald (President), Chris Horsfall (Vice-President), Nick Lawton (Immediate Past President), Mark Newby (Honorary Secretary), Adrian Gibbons (Honorary Treasurer), Fraser Skells (Media and PR Officer), Arawn Johnson (International Officer), Andrew Hornby (Membership and Development Officer), Mark Gray (Community Service Officer), Paul Jay (Conference Officer), Mark Tipping (Marketing and Sponsorship Officer), Dave Ellis (Sales Officer), Shaun Redman (Sports and Social Officer) and, in attendance, John Handley (General Secretary).

Apologies were received from Mark Tipping (Marketing and Sponsorship Officer) and the President advised he had suffered serious injuries following a fall from a ladder at home. He had been released from hospital to a rehabilitation unit and was making progress. Mark had been visited by the President and Vice President and the good wishes of the Association for a speedy recovery passed to him.

NATIONAL COUNCILLORS or Deputies: David Cooper (Area 1), Lloyd Thompson (Area 2), Steve Eagle (Area 3), Chris Harness (Area 4), Ross Woodall (Area 5), Howard Farmer (Area 6), Ian Gibson (Area 7); Jon Sockett (Area 8), Nigel Patrick (Area 9), Mark Boersma (Area 10), David Morrow (Area 11); James Day (Area 12), Callum Macleod (Area 13), Paul Robinson (Area 14); Stephen Ault (Area 15); Hitesh Pandya (Area 16), Neil Levitt (Area 17), Andy Wickerson (Area 18), Simon Govier (Area 19), Jon Cook (Area 20), Mike Cartener (Area 21); Gavin Parkes (Area 22), Gary Cook (Area 24), Tim Hanton (Area 25), Ron Shea (Area 26), Jer O'Mahony (Area 29); Peter Walker (Area 30), Mike Hallett (Area 31); Mike Holt (Area 32), Martin Johnson (Area 33), Esa Pirtijaarvi (Area 34), Howard Smith (Area 35), Andrew Wayth (Area 39), David Lumb (Area 40), Des Duffy (Area 43); Noel Tyler (Area 45), Chris Kebble (Area 46), Clive Pegram (Area 47), Phil Sowden (Area 48), Andrew Horswill (Area 50), Robert McCall (Area 51), Ronald Dougan (Area 52), Peter Jones (Area 53) and Peter Edwards (Area 54).

Apologies were received from David Keighley (Area 1), Jeremy Saunders (Area 23), Neil Dashford (Area 27), Ian Pritchard (Area 49) and Howard Joseph (Area 46).

1. Preliminaries

(a) Notice

The notice convening the meeting was APPROVED on a motion by Area 53, seconded by Area 8.

(b) Communications

Graeme Lister (Area 32 Chairman) recited the Aims and Objects of the Association.

(c) Minutes

Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on 22 June 2002 was moved by Area 45, seconded by Area 31 and were CARRIED.

(d) Matters Arising

There were no Matters Arising which would not be covered in the Agenda.

The National President welcomed National Council members and observers, including Dan Ciscakvos (IRO, RT. Latvia), Paresh Chouhan (RT India), Area Chairmen Stephen Eagle (Area 3), Chris Bowers (Area 9), Niall Moore (Area 14), Massoud Aghassi (Area 17), Jez Cox (Area 30), Graeme Lister (Area 32), Chris Kibble (Area 46), Clive Pegram (Area 47). Also attending were Agris Karklins (Vice President RT Latvia), Mike Tully (Cardiff NSW 2003 Chairman) and Past International Relations Officer, Jer O'Mahony together with 10 other Tablers.

The National President extended a special welcome to the Lord Mayor of Sheffield, Councillor Marjorie Barker and the Lord Mayor's Consort, Mr David Barker, thanking her for the hospitality extended to the

National Council. The Lord Mayor brought the greetings and best wishes from the people of Sheffield and hoped everybody enjoyed their stay in the City.

On a motion proposed by Area 7, seconded by Area 35 it was AGREED that approval to address the meeting be given to observers and past members.

2. Reports by Officers.

Officers gave updates to their reports in the Agenda for the meeting.

(a) President – Ken Donald

The President welcomed everybody to Sheffield and thanked them for supporting the National Council and the Charter Dinner, which was an excellent event with over 140 attending.

He stated that at the AGM there was a clear requirement for change and the National Executive have been working hard on this. The Redundancy process at Marchesi House has been implemented and Nick Lawton and Mark Newby will give updates.

He had attended the Chartering of Istanbul RT. 1 and therefore RT. Turkey which had been a tremendous experience. With the opening of RT. in Moscow earlier in the year and the Chartering of RT. Greece with Athens RT 1 in March 2003 it was pleasing to see Round Table spreading throughout the world.

A meeting had been held with the President of NALC and various ideas for closer cooperation were discussed. He had also attended the last meeting of Volunteers In Action and was encouraged at the number of Clubs who were working with other organisations. He was saddened to here that NALC were withdrawing from membership of the group citing funding issues as the cause.

The Association had been invited again to participate in the Armistice day Parade in London on 10th November and representatives of 41 Club and RTBI would be attending so he invited any Tablers who wished to participate to contact him.

He also thanked all the Tablers who had provided him with tremendous hospitality over the past months as he travelled throughout the country.

(b) Vice President – Chris Horsfall

The Vice-President confirmed his report is as the Notice and Agenda but wished to add a few items.

His Diary for next year is filling up and he requested those Areas who have not confirmed a date for a Presidential visit to contact him soon. He thanked those Area Vice Chairmen who attended his meeting in Newcastle.

The Forward Planning Committee continued to meet and he gave an update on the issues which are being considered. A good deal of work has been undertaken in Area 16 regarding Associate Membership and he introduced Nick Taylor (Vice Chairman Area 16) who gave a presentation on their own initiative. The Area felt that a "Junior" Round Table Club open to girls and boys aimed at say, local schools 5th & 6th Form Classes, who have to undertake community service as part of their curriculum. The Area will be making presentations to the local schools and introduce the concept. Follow up will be maintained and the hope is that they will carry Round Table into Universities and their careers. He aimed to create five Clubs in his year as Area Chairman. David Morrow (NC Area 11) reminded everybody of the requirements of the Child Protection legislation which must be complied with if Tablers are to work with children.

With regard to the Dual gender issues, links with NALC etc. He will also continue to meet with Ladies Circle over the next few months and discuss these. He will be also be attending the next meeting of Volunteers in Action! in December

The Committee will seek to promote attendance by Table delegates at the AGM at Conference or even at

Area meetings.

(c) Immediate Past President – Nick Lawton

The Immediate Past President confirmed the position with Marchesi House where a lot had happened. On 29th July Mark Newby and him had meet with the Staff and introduced the Staff Review to them. On 21st and 22nd August further individual meetings were held with the staff and included the Association's H.R. Consultant, Carole Hetherington. The aims of the Review are to improve the management of the Association, to increase the efficiency of Marchesi House, to make Marchesi House more proactive and to allow a better development of the IT facilities. The existing headcount of 6.5 staff would reduce to 4.5 and comprise the General Secretary, an Accounts Administrator, a Membership Administrator, a P.A. and Event Administrator and a part time Sales Administrator.

As a result of these discussions Notice of Termination of Employment and details of a Redundancy package was given to all existing staff on 20th September. The date of Termination is 14th February 2003. At the same time details of the new Job Descriptions were issued to all staff and applications invited. If a suitable candidate were not found then external recruits would be sought.

Applications were received on 18th October 2002 from John Handley for the position of General Secretary, Maureen Huggins for the position of PA and Events Administrator and from Ann Roberts for the position of Sales Administrator and interviews will be held on 4th November. No applications were received from Irene Richards, Tony Mace, Vivienne Barton and Shemin Noorali who would therefore be made redundant.

Advertisements would be placed in the local press, the RTBI and 41 Club Website and e-mailed to all Tables with interviews held on 9th December. He felt that a Leaving fund to allow Tablers to make a donation to a gift would be appropriate and this was discussed.

The President thanked Mark Newby and Nick Lawton for the hard and difficult work they had undertaken on behalf of the Association.

He advised that with regard to the building of Marchesi House a further review would be undertaken following advices from the landlord that a partial let of the building would not be permitted. This will be investigated to establish the reasons or the costs of a variation of the Lease conditions. If permission were granted to partially let out the building then significant costs would be incurred in refurbishment etc. Formal discussions had to be commenced with Embassy Developments Ltd. regarding the costs of any variation and these would be progressed. The costs of putting the property on the market would be C. £10,000 for brochures etc and substantial refurbishment would be needed. King Sturge have been appointed as Property Consultants to advise on this issue and he hopes to make some progress this Table year.

(d) Honorary Secretary – Mark Newby

The Honorary Secretary confirmed his report was as printed in the Notice and Agenda.

He reminded all Tablers that requests for Presidential Representation at Charters etc. must in the first instance be sent to him.

With regard to the Rule Changes that were ongoing a review of the Standing Orders has been concluded and suggested changes will be proposed to the National Council meeting later in the day He reminded the meeting of the timescales for submission of resolutions to the national Council from Areas in view of late submissions received

Neil Levitt (NC Area 17) gave an update on the Fireworks questionnaire which had been sent to all Tables. There were still responses outstanding but the latest figures were: 842 Tables were circulated, 198 have not responded, 464 have confirmed they do not hold a Fireworks night and 180 have confirmed they do hold events. The total costs of Fireworks are C. £600,000 and the amount raised is £920,000. The information will be used to advise Local Authorities, Insurers etc.

The Honorary Secretary advised that the bid to host the October 2003 National Council meeting in Llandudno in Area 53 had been accepted although confirmation of costs etc. was still awaited before final acceptance.

The Honorary Secretary confirmed that the issue of the maintenance of the Website and associated costs was under the review being conducted by the Immediate Past President and would seek to bring the maintenance of the Association's Website into Marchesi House which would involve training of the staff etc. The Review would enable the entire National Executive and Council to provide feedback and the final recommendation would be delivered in March 2003.

(e) Honorary Treasurer – Adrian Gibbons

The Honorary Treasurer confirmed his report was as per the Notice and Agenda and he wished to update the Council on a number of issues.

There are 31 Tables who have not paid their Capitation and have been suspended.

Littlehampton 30	Richmond 131	Blyth 218	Maidenhead 202
Paignton 243	Hove 244	Fakehamt 265	Swadlincote 308Port
Talbot 335	Hertford 464	Carrickfergus 492	Castleford 553
Llandudno 586	Barnard Castle 562	Dublin 203	Broadstairs 654
Sutton Park 777	Launcston 786	Cupar 800	Workington
Shepperton 806	Burntwood, Brownhills 850	Cookstown 853	Huyton 856
Padiham 863	Pwhelli 946	North Berwick 955	City of Wells 1028
Sitlington 1088	Brighton Regency 1171	Limerick 1253	

Some of those Tables would be closing or have already closed but official confirmation is required.

With regard to the Association's Accounts for the year ending 31 May 2002 these have been compiled and he has a draft format. The draft Accounts show a loss of about £80,000 that was expected and the only thing that will affect the figures significantly is the valuation of the Association's investments on the Stock Market where losses have been advised by the broker.

(f) Media and PR Officer – Fraser Skells

The Media and PR Officer confirmed his report was as shown in the Notice.

He requested all National Councillors to remind their Areas that copies of their Table Newsletters and Area magazines etc. should be sent to him for consideration for the National Media and PR Awards. With regard to the growing number of Table and Area On-line magazines he again requested details of Websites so they could be entered in the National Competition and judged.

The next edition of *Tabler* magazine will be distributed on 10th December 2002 and include more Regional news. He appealed for all Tables to let him have appropriate news stories that can be inserted in the next copy.

(g) International Officer – Arawn Johnson

The International Officer advised that his report was as per the Notice and Agenda.

He was pleased to announce that Round Table has extended into Russia and Turkey this year and a further opportunity now exists for RTBI to assist with the further development of Tabling in Greece. He had recently written to Table Chairmen seeking their opinions on the concept of providing financial support to allow the sponsoring Associations of the proposed RT Greece to visit regularly and grow an understanding of Round Table. Of the responses, 82% were in favour of providing support in some way. To assist RT. Cyprus get the new Association up and running he proposed a Supplementary Budget of £2,500 which was voted upon and AGREED.

Esa Pirttijarvi (NC Area 34) had been requested by the Area to request that a communication be sent to the Association's Patron, H.R.H. Prince Philip, advising that a new Round Table Association is being formed in the country of his birth and that RTBI would welcome his interest in this matter. It was confirmed that this should be directed to the Honorary Secretary as a resolution from the Area.

He requested Dan Ciscakvos (IRO, RT Latvia) to assist in the "Travel Bingo" draw with a prize of a package to attend the AGM of RT Norway in 2003. The winning Area IRO was requested to hold a similar draw to allocate the prize to a Tabler in his Area. The draw was made and (Area 52) was the winner.

The International Officer introduced an initiative, which had been discussed with the WoCo General Secretary, regarding developing the Club to Club projects. In 2005 WoCo will be held in Costa Rica and he felt this was an opportunity for RTBI to work on an International Service Project with Active 20-30 in Costa Rica with a view to building a school which could be opened in 2005 during the Conference. He requested the National Councillors to take the idea back to their Areas and see if a Table is interested in this. Any Table can apply for matching funding through WoCo to a maximum of \$15,000.

The President advised that the International Officer had been put forward for election as the Vice Chairman of the EMA Region of RTI. The vote will be taken at the IRO's Meeting in Cyprus in November and The International Officer received the good wishes of the meeting on his candidacy.

(h) Membership and Development Officer – Andrew Hornby

The Membership and Development Officer confirmed his report was as printed in the Notice but he would give an update.

There were many initiatives both ongoing and being developed and he encouraged everyone to visit the Membership and Development Website where details will be updated shortly. The number of New Members inducted had risen to 426 since 1 April 2002.

The Membership and Development Officer gave an update on the 50 Vice Chairmen's Forums, which are being held around the country. He did not have any Areas where there had been 100% attendance by the Tables but some were doing well. What was of concern are the Areas where not one Table Vice Chairman had attended a Forum and he asked the National Councillors for Areas 4, 6, 10, 11, 29, 31, 36, 40, 44, 52 and 53 to emphasise the importance of attending these sessions..

A request had been received from Gordano Valley RT 1040 who wished to change their name to Portishead RT 1040 and from Woodhall Spa & District RT 508 would like to change their name to Woodhall Spa and Horncastle RT 508 which were both APPROVED.

He announced the winners of the Quarterly Membership Trophy were Toddington and District RT 1118, Area 54 and the President presented the Certificate and Trophy on their behalf, to the Area 54 National Councillor Peter Edwards.

The Membership and Development Officer confirmed that at 30 September 2002 the number of Active members was 10,748, which was an increase.

In response to a question from Jez Cox (Area 30 Chairman) the Membership and Development Officer explained in detail the manner in which the Membership Initiative Funding is being operated details of which are on the Website. In response to a question from Mark Boersma (NC Area 10) he confirmed the numbers of Tablers who will be Retiring at the end of the Table year was 460.

Andrew Horswill (NC Area 50) queried the discussions regarding the possibility of changing the rules to prohibit a Tabler being appointed an Honorary Member within one year of Retirement. The Membership and Development Officer confirmed he had not made any formal submission but was keen to have discussion on this point. He would welcome calls from Tablers on this or any other membership issue

(i) Community Service Officer – Mark Gray

The Community Service Officer advised his report was as per the notice.

He had developed a formal protocol for Charities to use to approach Round Table and this would be available later in the year. This was intended to protect the key charities we support but allow other Charities to apply for support.

He introduced Howard Farmer (NC Area 6) who gave an update on Round Table Children's Wish. He encouraged Tables to seek out wishes in their Areas that RTCW could support and send details to the team in Bournemouth. He promoted the RTCW "Sahara Cycle Challenge" which involved a nine day challenge from 8-16 February 2003. There are already twenty Tablers booked in.

In addition he gave details of the Children In Need Appeal which will take place on 15 November. He hopes Tables will get involved in taking Pudsey Bear to the local pubs and clubs and trying to raise some money.

The Community Service Liaison Officer confirmed the "Walk the Great Wall " Trek in China for Whiz-Kidz has been completed and was a huge success with £300,000 raised over two years from both Treks. Whiz-Kidz are keen to involve Tables in local support for therapists etc and other local sponsorship events and opportunities. Howard Smith (NC Area 35) gave details of a further Trek on 23 October 2003 to Peru. This will be a solely RTBI Trip and 20 – 24 places are available at a sponsorship cost of £2,800.

With regard to The Sir Steven Redgrave Charitable Trust he advised that meetings have been held with the main Trustee and plans are underway for various events. One of these is a Round Table "Big Splash Day " at Holmes Pierpoint in Nottingham which will be a family day involving all sorts of Water Sports. The date is being confirmed and further details will follow.

Andy Wickerson (NC Area 18) reported on progress with RNIB where he is organising a RTBI Driving Challenge which will be available to all Tablers. Details will be available soon. He is also offering places in the London Marathon for any Tablers who want sponsored places.

With regard to the situation with TOFS (Tracheal Oesophagus Fistula) who are a charity that has been supported through the 75th Anniversary Appeal. They have a ten year anniversary next year and it is aim that Round Table sponsor all of the leaflets in every Maternity Hospital, G.P.'s surgery etc. around the UK. The CSLO Committee were seeking support from Areas 7,9 and 35 who are near the charity's operating areas.

With regard to the 10K Race in London on 21 July 2003 for RTCW he awaited details of the runners and amount raised.

The Community Service Liaison Officer encouraged all Tablers to support the "Monthly Charity Draw" as a means of raising Charity donations within the Association. He requested all National Councillors to promote the Draw and increase the number of participants. He clarified how the draw will take place in the future and advised that no changes would be introduced other than an individual "ball" for each entry. The RTBI monthly draw then took place and the three winners were:

£74.62	Mark Bonham	Shoreham & Southwick RT 565
£37.31	Gary Farrow	Shoreham & Southwick RT 565
£12.43	R Somerville	Brigg & Dist RT 672
£12.43	H Grantshaw	Ilkeston & District RT 285
£12.43	Derwentside RT 530	

The Community Service Liaison Officer then gave details of The Denis Tizard Trust, which had monies available for holidays for children and he encouraged Tables to make applications, as there was £30,000 plus available for holidays. Details are available on the CSLO Website or from Ian Pritchard (NC Area 49).

Finally he gave details of the WoCo Club To Club Fund which has £1,000 already. If any Tables do wish to support International Service Projects then donations can be made to this Fund. Once a sufficient sum is available then the application to the WoCo Fund matching can be made.

The President gave details of the memorial Service for Shirley Nolan that will be held on 14 November 2002 in London. Places are available and a number of Past CSLO's and current Tablers are attending.

He also reminded the meeting that the Association makes a payment from the Benevolent Fund in the event of the death of a Tabler. It had been felt appropriate to make a Donation from the Presidents Discretionary Fund to the Alzheimer's Society in memory of Vic Collins, the Association's Life Honorary President who had recently passed away.

Nick Taylor (Vice Chairman Area 16) advised that last year two Areas comprising of 120 Tablers raised £25,000 for Children In Need by collecting on mainline Railway stations.. This year the number of Areas involved has increased to ten and they will be collecting on 18 stations around the country and details are on the Website. As well as the wonderful fellowship opportunities there is tremendous exposure to the public. He also advised that if any Table wishes to arrange a collection on a station that comes under his control he will assist if possible.

In addition the Community Service Liaison Officer gave details of the Children In Need Appeal which will take place on 15 November. He hopes Tables will get involved in taking Pudsey Bear to the local pubs and clubs and trying to raise some money.

(j) Conference Officer – Paul Jay

The Conference Officer, Paul Jay, confirmed his report was as contained in the Notice and Agenda.

He was pleased to report that the Accounts for Plymouth 2003 had been submitted to the Auditors and the final Accounts will be prepared soon and will show a surplus of £6,613.80 which was a tremendous result. He specifically mentioned Andy Holton, the Conference Treasurer who had done a superb job.

Gavin Parkes (NC Area 22) gave an update on Newcastle 2003. The bookings received were progressing well and the National Executive are all booked in. He encouraged the National Councillors to make their bookings early and also to secure their accommodation early. The Vice Chairman's Weekend held in October was successful but it was noted that there was no further accommodation available which indicates how busy Newcastle does become.

With regard to the Southend Conference 2003 then plans are being drawn up and he would welcome any feedback on what changes should be made.

The Conference Officer advised that a Regional bid to host Conference that been received based on Glasgow and he was to visit Glasgow on a Bid Weekend visit soon. The Committee's recommendation would then be brought to the March National Council meeting for approval. In addition the proposed bid from Area 43 had not materialised and hopefully this would be firmed up soon.

Area 14 have now decided to bid for another National Event and Area 16 had affirmed their interest in hosting a Conference in the future.

(j) Marketing and Sponsorship Officer - Mark Tipping

In the absence of the Marketing and Sponsorship Officer the Honorary Secretary gave an update to the written report.

He had been co-ordinating the activities of the Marketing and Sponsorship brief and had been working closely with the General Secretary. The General Secretary then advised that with the help of the Committee members they had been trying to refresh the various affinity deals and load all the new offers to the Website. There had been some new offers introduced notably with the Wine Club where genuine discounts on cases of wine were available.

Deals are being negotiated with a supplier of second hand cars for late model ex hire vehicles which Tablers may wish to buy and discussions are continuing with Eurotunnel to see if a Group discount can be arranged. This is all about adding value to Table membership.

A new arrangement has been launched to offer spare capacity on RCI Timeshare properties and this arrangement is detailed on the Website under Time4Lesiure. Finally he appealed for leads to any organisations which do offer affinity deals to be introduced to him and he would follow this up.

He gave details of the re-naming of the locomotive "The Round Tabler" which will take place in March and involve a re-naming ceremony at Norwich and London. Further details will be advised.

The President pointed out that the new Job Description for the role of General Secretary included responsibility for Marketing and Sponsorship of the Association. This will be facilitated by a Motion to withdraw the Marketing and Sponsorship Officer's Role and will be brought to the March National Council meeting.

(k) Sales Officer – Dave Ellis

The Sales Officer confirmed his report was as the Notice and Agenda.

The new Website pages for the shop have been developed and the test site is operational. Further work will be done to finalise the detail of the merchandise etc. and he hoped to go live in the New Year.

With the changes at Marchesi House there are some issues he wished to highlight. Some stock is being written off but he does not wish these items to be thrown away. He will either pass these to Tables or causes which may have a use for them. The new Sales Administrator will be a Part time position and therefore all staff will take sales orders. In addition, the Website will be operational in the New Year and includes a shopping basket system so goods can be ordered through this method.

Procedures will be put in place to ensure service is maintained to Tablers, particularly the Area Jewel orders.

(l) Sports and Social Officer – Shaun Redman

The Sports and Social Officer confirmed his report was as the Notice and Agenda.

He advised that the Football Rounds are under way and appealed for Areas to ensure the results were given to Bob Minto (NC Area 44). An update on the National Quiz and National Debate was given by Jon Sockett (NC Area 8) who confirmed all the Area Sports Officers have received the draws in August and the rounds were being played. He reiterated the request for results to be communicated to him as soon as possible.

The Sports and Social Officer gave an update on NSW Birmingham where an excellent event had been held which should give a good financial result.

Mike Tully (Chairman NSW 2003) advised that everything was progressing well and sponsorship had already been secured. He promised a superb event from the same team that brought you Cardiff Conference 2001 and requested all Tablers to book early.

The Sports and Social Officer confirmed there were no bids to host either NSW 2004 or 2005, nor any bids for NFW. He requested any Areas interested to talk to him as soon as possible and plan to submit a Bid by the March 2003 National Council meeting.

Simon Roberts (Area 8) gave details of the Hike and Bike Event being organised by his Area.

The Sports and Social Officer advised that there are still three National Trophies that cannot be traced – the NSW Novelty Event, NSW Tennis Trophy and the Individual Golf Trophy. If any member has any idea where these may be he would appreciate a call. Niall Moore (Area 14) confirmed their Area does hold the

Novelty Trophy

In response to a question from Mike Holt (Area 32) the Honorary Treasurer confirmed that any surplus generated by National events comes back into the Associations Accounts.

4. Round Table Trust

The General Secretary, John Handley, who is also Secretary to the Trust, gave a report on the activities of the Trust and encouraged Tables to submit applications. This year 26 applications had been received and some good projects supported.

5 Resolutions Submitted by the National Executive

Full details are given in the Appendix A to these Minutes.

6. Any Other Business

- i) Mark Newby, Honorary Secretary confirmed the date for the next National Council meeting would be held on 1 March 2003, in Edinburgh.
- ii) The President looked forward to seeing the National Council in Edinburgh on 1st March 2002 for the national Council Meeting and the Presidential Ball.
- iii) The Immediate Past President, Nick Lawton awarded the Golden Gob Award for the best contribution to Adrian Gibbons, Honorary Treasurer and the Pigs Pizzle to Gavin Parkes (NC Area 22).
- iv) Jon Sockett (NC Area 8) proposed a vote of thanks to the National President for the excellent manner in which he had handled the meeting and congratulated the rest of the National Executive team on all their hard work.
- v) The National President thanked the Administration Committee and General Secretary John Handley for organising the event and all National Councillors and observers for their contributions.
- vi) He then went on to say that the relative lack of debate at the meeting on a number of issues which resulted in a early conclusion of the meeting implied that the National Council must be happy with the work that the National Executive are undertaking to deliver both change and add value. He was conscious of the desire to streamline these meetings, including the Annual General Meeting, in an aim to make them more attractive for delegates and others to attend and that both this and the June National Council Meeting had proved that this could be done.
- vii) THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 1.35pm.

Appendix A – RECEIVE RESOLUTIONS

These were presented under the Honorary Secretary's report and the results are summarised below.

a) Proposed Amendments to the Standing Orders for General Meetings of the Association.

STANDING ORDERS FOR GENERAL MEETINGS OF THE ASSOCIATION

a) 3. RECORDS

Amend wording as shown:

The ~~National Honorary Secretary~~ **General Secretary** shall keep or cause to be kept a record of attendance of Delegates, National Councillors and Members of the National Executive at every Meeting.

This Motion was **CARRIED**

b) 4. PROCEDURE FOR TABLE DELEGATES

Amend wording as shown:

(a) Tables shall appoint a Delegate in accordance with the provisions of National Rule **16 who shall not be a current member of the National Executive.**

This Motion was **CARRIED**

c) 4.(d) Delete clause

~~(d) Where it becomes necessary for a substituted Delegate to be appointed in place of a Delegate, details of whom have already been notified to the General Secretary, the new Delegate shall present the authorisation form to the General Secretary for the name to be amended prior to the meeting.~~

and amend 4. (b) as follows:

4. (b) Tables shall send the name of their Table Delegate to the General Secretary not less than 14 days prior to the meeting for inclusion on the printed Delegate register **or the nominated Delegate shall present the signed authorisation form to the AGM Registration Desk for authorisation prior to or at the meeting.**

This Motion was **CARRIED**

d) 6. QUORUM

Delete all words after **is present.**

(b) The business of the meeting shall not commence until a quorum is present. ~~and if at any time during the meeting there is not a quorum present the Chairman shall adjourn the meeting.~~

This Motion was **LOST**

e) 6(d) Delete clause

~~6 (d) If there shall not be a quorum present fifteen minutes after a meeting shall have adjourned the Chairman shall declare the meeting at an end.~~

This Motion was **CARRIED**

f) 7. ATTENDANCE

Include the words **or Past** after Honorary

No person who is not an Active, Honorary **or Past** Member of a Constituent Table or a paid servant of the Association (temporary or permanent) shall be admitted to a meeting except with the consent of the meeting. EXCEPT THAT in the case of an Annual General Meeting persons whose Active Membership ceased on the previous 31st March, accredited members of the Press and persons specifically invited by the National Executive shall be admitted.

This Motion was **CARRIED**

g) 10.AMENDMENTS

Amend wording as follows.

(b) The Chairman may in his discretion require any amendment to any motion on the agenda to be reduced to writing and handed to the ~~him~~ **Honorary Secretary**.

This Motion was **CARRIED**

h) Add New subparagraph 10. (h)

10. (h) If more than one amendment to the same motion is received by the Honorary Secretary, he shall, with the consent of the Proposers, combine these into a composite amendment which shall be put to the meeting and moved and seconded by delegates from the proposers of the original amendments.

This Motion was **CARRIED**

i) 11. RIGHTS OF AUDIENCE

Amend wording as follows:

(b) When the Chairman ~~raises any standing speaker shall resume his seat~~ **addresses the meeting any speaker shall resume his place.** ~~and remain seated until called upon by the Chairman.~~

This Motion was **CARRIED**

j) 11. (c)

Amend wording as follows:

No Delegate shall speak more than once on each separate question proposed except in the following cases:

- 1) The mover of a motion or amendment shall have a right of reply
- 2) A Delegate may speak to a point of order
- 3) A Delegate may speak to a point of privilege
- 4) A Delegate may give an explanation if asked by the Chairman to do so
- 5) A Delegate may speak more than once on the same question when the Meeting has resolved itself into committee

Further no other Member of the proposing or seconding Delegate's Table may speak to the motion, nor similarly may any more than one Member from each Table speak against the motion (such expression shall be construed in accordance with the amendment to Rule 7)

This Motion was **LOST**

k) 15. VOTING

Amend the wording as follows:

A (i) All questions shall be determined by a show of Voting Cards which shall be counted by the Tellers ~~provided that~~ **unless that** in the event of a clear majority it shall be sufficient for the Chairman to declare the result of the question put.

This Motion was **CARRIED**

- l) 15(iii) Delete whole sub paragraph

~~In all cases where votes have either been counted by the Tellers or recorded by ballot where applicable the numbers cast for and the numbers cast against shall be declared immediately~~
This Motion was **CARRIED**

- m) 16. MINUTES

Amend 63 to 42

A copy of the Minutes of every General Meeting shall be sent to every National Councillor, Area Chairman and Secretary, Table Chairman and every member of the National Executive not less than ~~63~~ 42 days after the Meeting.

This Motion was **CARRIED**

ADDITIONAL AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION AND RULES OF THE ASSOCIATION

10. THE NATIONAL COUNCIL

Add wording as shown in **bold**:

(c) ELECTION OF NATIONAL COUNCILLORS

Each Area Council shall in accordance with Standing Orders for Area Councils elect one National Councillor who shall assume office following the National Council Meeting held immediately after the Annual General Meeting of the Association and shall continue in office until the termination of the corresponding meeting in the following year. Any vacancy shall be filled in accordance with the said Standing Orders. In the absence of a National Councillor to represent the Area at a particular National Council Meeting the Area shall appoint a deputy from amongst its Area Executive or Active members for the purpose of representing the Area at that meeting **subject to the proviso that no current member of the National Executive may act as such a deputy or exercise any voting rights on behalf of the Area.**

This Motion was **CARRIED**

16. GENERAL MEETINGS

Add wording as shown:

(b) DELEGATES AND VOTING RIGHTS

(i) each Constituent Table subject to the provisions of Standing Orders for General Meetings of the Association rule 4(e), shall appoint one delegate to attend any General Meeting of the Association. The delegate, **who shall not be a current member of the National Executive**, shall be an Active Member of that Table at the date of the General Meeting or, in respect of the Annual General Meeting only, a person who ceased to be an Active Member of that Table under Rule 13 (g) (ii) for Constituent Tables at 31st March immediately preceding the Annual General Meeting.

This Motion was **CARRIED**

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