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NATIONAL COUNCIL MINUTES

Friday, 9 May 2003

TO TABLE CHAIRMEN

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Fun, Friends and Fund-raising

Minutes of the meeting of the National Council held in The Civic Centre, Newcastle upon Tyne on Friday, 9 May 2003.

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).

NATIONAL COUNCILLORS or Deputies:), Lloyd Thompson (Area 2), Chris Harness (Area 4), Ross Woodall (Area 5), Howard Farmer (Area 6), Ian Gibson (Area 7), Jon Sockett (Area 8), Mark Boersma (Area 10), James Day (Area 12), Calum Macleod (Area 13), Paul Robinson (Area 14); Stephen Ault (Area 15), Hitesh Pandya (Area 16), Neil Levitt (Area 17), Richard Dean (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 Holt (Area 32), Martin Johnson (Area 33), Esa Pirtijaarvi (Area 34), Howard Smith (Area 35), Neil Dashfield (Area 37), Andrew Wayth (Area 39), David Lumb (Area 40), Bob Minto (Area 44), Noel Tyler (Area 45), Howard Joseph (Area 46), Clive Pegram (Area 47), Ian Pritchard (Area 49), Andrew Horswill (Area 50), Robert McCall (Area 51) and Fred Nawn (Area 52).

Apologies were received from David Keighley (Area 1), Stephen Eagle (Area 3), David Morrow (Area 11), Peter Cowden (Area 36), Keith Martin (Area 47), Andrew Wickerson (Area 50) and Peter Jones (Area 53). The President made special mention of Keith Martin who was serving in the Gulf and the meeting wished him and any other serving Tablers a safe return home.

1. Preliminaries

(a) Notice

The notice, convening the meeting was APPROVED on a motion by Area 8, seconded by Area 45.

(b) Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 1 March 2003 were APPROVED on a motion proposed by Area 7 seconded by Area 46. There were no matters arising.

(c) Communications

Aims and Objects of the Association were recited, by Len Aitchison (Newcastle 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 Newby

Mark Newby (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 no amendments to Resolutions on the AGM Notice and Agenda had been received by him.

(b) Media and PR Officer – Fraser Skells

Fraser Skells (Media and PR Officer) advised the Conference edition of *Tabler* was being prepared and would be distributed at the AGM. Significant savings in the cost of this issue had been achieved.

(c) International Officer – Arawn Johnson

Arawn Johnson (International Officer) confirmed the Chartering of RT Athens to form the first Table in Greece had been a huge success. 34 New members were inducted and to thank RTBI for the support given they had presented a plaque to the President who passed it to the General Secretary for display at Marchesi House.

The Welcome Tour had not been run this year owing to some difficulties but he hoped it would be continued next year. A large number of International Visitors were booked in for Newcastle Conference and would be seen around the Centre.

(d) Membership and Development Officer – Andrew Hornby

Andrew Hornby (Membership and Development Officer) gave an update on the statistics at 30 April 2003. Active members stood at 11,090 and during the year 852 new members had been inducted but there were 1,400 Resignations and 458 Retirements. Sadly, 31 Clubs were lost during the year and none of them had contacted him to seek assistance which was disappointing.

With regard to the Membership Initiative Funding then details were on the Website. He hoped every Area would be hosting a Vice Chairman's Forum early in the Table year.

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

Belper RT 278 wished to change their name to Belper and District RT 278

Barking RT 382 wished to change their name to Barking and East London RT 382, both of which were AGREED.

The Quarterly Membership Trophy was then presented to Halifax RT 14 and was collected by Terry Rose.

(e) Community Service Officer – Mark Gray

Mark Gray (Community Service Officer) made the draw for the RTBI Lottery and encouraged all Tablers to join in what is an excellent fund raising project. 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 in July were available and he would be happy to provide details.

The RNIB 4x4 Driving Challenge was going well and places were filling up. There were some locations where the original dates had changed but full details were on the Website.

He congratulated all Tables on a magnificent Community Service year and commended the entrants for the CSLO Trophy on the high standard of projects. He then presented Certificates of Merit to the runners up in the CSLO Trophy, thanking them for their submissions.

Arrangements for the RT Big Splash Day on 13 September were progressing and he hoped Tables would support the event. Sponsorship had been obtained from Boots plc to underwrite the costs and more sponsors were sought.

(f) Conference Officer – Paul Jay

Paul Jay (Conference Officer) congratulated Newcastle Chairman Len and his team on a

successful event so far. He advised the Southend Stand was now open and recommended early booking for next year. Sponsorship of £10,000 had been received from Lloyds TSB which was excellent news.

The Glasgow 2005 Conference team were now planning their event and he was confident they would put on a superb Conference.

(g) Marketing and Sponsorship Officer – Mark Tipping

Mark Tipping (Marketing and Sponsorship Officer) advised he had agreed a new arrangement with Camden Motors to offer nearly new cars to members and their families at significantly discounted prices. A Website has been set up which allows enquirers to view the range available and the prices which offer big savings over the High Street dealer. Further details would be available soon.

(h) Sales Officer – Dave Ellis

Dave Ellis (Sales Officer) reported that the Sales stand was set up and encouraged all Tablers to visit and buy!

(i) Sports and Social Officer – Shaun Redman

Shaun Redman (Sports and Social Officer) advised that the finals of the Quiz and Debates would be held after the NC Meeting. He requested support by spectators for these Finals and the 11 a side Football final which would be held later in the day.

Shaun Redman invited the National Council meeting to recognise Sean Smith (NSW 2002 Vice Chairman) and Ross Woodall (NSW 2002 Secretary) for a well run and financially acceptable event that would return a profit to the National Association. Sean Smith then presented Shaun Redman with his NSW 2002 jewel and a decanter as a memento of the event.

(j) Forward Planning – Chris Horsfall

Chris Horsfall (Vice-President) confirmed some of the initiatives that had arisen from the Forward Planning team would be carried forward for further consideration.

(k) President – Ken Donald

Ken Donald (President) confirmed he had been in touch with NALC President Janet Wareing and gave an update on her progress. He agreed to pass to her the best wishes of the national council for a speedy recovery.

He confirmed that following the proposals to Ladies Circle of costings for the various options if they were to relocate their Headquarters to Marchesi House a response had been from them. NALC advised that they would not be re-locating from Keighley in the immediate future and were evaluating their Headquarters strategy.

He hoped everyone had a very successful Conference and thanked the National Council for all their support during his year in office.

3. Annual Report

On a proposal from Area 35, seconded by Area 5, the Annual Report of the National Council for 2002-2003, 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

- v) Approval was given for the 2003/2004 National Executive to allocate 2003/2004 National Councillors to the Standing Committees on 11 May.
- vi) The President expressed thanks to the retiring National Council members for serving and for a very enjoyable and productive year of Office. The President requested all National Councillors to come forward and receive his personal thanks and then presented the retiring Councillors with their Past National Councillor Jewel
- vii) Noel Tyler (NC Area 45) made a presentation on behalf of National Council to President Ken Donald 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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