



Borough of Reigate 41 Club

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting – 8th April 2019

1 Grace

Grace was said by the Chair, Geoff West.

2 Apologies and Welcome to Guests

There were 16 members attending and apologies received were read by Peter Simms: Robin Brown, John Lee, Paul Pozzoni, Alan Reed.

3 Minutes of 2018 AGM

The minutes of the AGM held on the 14th May 2018, which had previously been circulated, were taken as read and were approved.

4 Matters Arising

Eddie Warans, Secretary, reported that there were no matters arising, and none were raised by those present.

5 Reports

• Dining Steward

Peter Simms referred to his distributed written report, showing an average attendance for the year of 13.8, slightly up on last year (13.4), however this was influenced by the number of joint meetings with Tangent. 41 Club members average attendance at these joint meetings was 14.8 whereas average attendance at meetings without was 12.8. Peter queried whether this was due to: 'the ladies were driving', 'we enjoy meetings in the company of our wives', 'we were told to attend'.

Peter noted that we declare a membership of 28, therefore the average of 13.8 equates to less than 50% possible attendance at all meetings.

Peter further commented that analysing those 'non-joint' meetings that are better attended it would seem that there is a stronger preference for social pub meetings.

There was some lively interjections by some members who had an aptitude for numbers on the statistical standard deviation if those members who are Honorary Members and never attend, were excluded from the numbers calculated by Peter. After an interminable time the sighs of boredom won and the discussion was abruptly ended without resolution.

Peter was thanked by the Chair for his support throughout the year.

• Treasurer

Derek Burningham distributed the accounts for the Club to the year ended 31 March 2019.

The national capitation on membership numbers provided by clubs is payable on 1 January. Previously the Club's payment has not been remitted to National until after the AGM, thus falling into the Club's following financial year. Derek pointed out

that this practice distorts the accounts and implies a higher level of reserves than is actually available. Derek had discussed this with the committee and it was agreed that in the year to March 2019 the capitation due at 1 January 2019 should be paid in the current year. Accordingly the accounts show two payments of national capitation.

After charging two national capitations there was a deficit for the year of £370. The General account had £1,114 and the Charity account held £139, making total reserves of £1,253.

Charitable donations were made in the year in memory of Tony Forbat and Tony Maxwell, and the £107 raffle proceeds from the Des Skinner talk were passed over to the National Presidents charity, Muscular Dystrophy.

The accounts were unanimously accepted, and Derek thanked Eddie Warans for acting as Reporting Accountant.

The national capitation for next year remains at £14.50. Derek opened a discussion as to whether the members' subs should remain at £20 (which would provide a contribution to club funds of roughly £150) or whether, in view of the healthy surplus that had been built up over the last five years, we should pay £15, effectively the amount due to National. This would result in forecast General reserves at March 2020 reducing to something in excess of £1,000. After discussion a £15 subscription was unanimously agreed.

Geoff thanked Derek for his ongoing excellent work as Treasurer.

- **Secretary**

Eddie Warans gave information from the National AGM papers:

- There are 15,500 41 Club members with a steadily ageing membership;
- 202 Clubs out of 721 do not have a feeder Round Table;
- Round Table UK membership is increasing with currently 3,800 members;
- Round Table India has the largest national membership with around 4,500 and growing rapidly.

There was a suggestion that possibly we should twin with a club in India, which Tom Haddon enthusiastically endorsed but declined to be the Club's International Officer.

6 Chair's Report

Geoff West reported on his year in office, which had been an enjoyable and rewarding experience. He thanked the Events Committee, which had met 2 or 3 times in the year to agree and organise the calendar of events and made Geoff's job much easier.

Geoff summarised the year's events, some of the extra highlights being the cricket trip to the Oval organised by Mark Williams, the annual BBQ at Bob Knox's and the Brooklands Museum visit organised by Derek Burningham. Geoff also mentioned the excellent attendance at his Chairman's Drinks in January, kindly hosted by Ken Dryburgh.

Geoff expressed his thanks to each of the committee and other members for their support during the year. Geoff welcomed again two new members in the year, Phil Jones and Kelvin Darby. In closing Geoff made particular mention of both Tony Forbat and Tony Maxwell who had died in the year, and they were remembered with a short silence and a toast.

7 Election of Officers for 2019 – 2020

The following nominations were received and were duly elected unopposed.

Chair	-	Graham Hanson
Vice Chair	-	Peter Simms
Treasurer	-	Derek Burningham
Secretary	-	Eddie Warans
Dining Steward	-	Alan Reed
Events	-	Kelvin Darby, Bob Knox, Alan Reed, Mark Williams

8 Handover to incoming Chairman

Graham Hanson, as the incoming Chair, accepted the chain of office from Geoff West and expressed his and the other members thanks to Geoff for his excellent contribution as Chair over the past year. Graham presented Geoff with an engraved 41 Club tankard. Graham thanked Peter Simms for standing as Vice Chair and then presented Peter with the jewel.

Graham said he would issue the draft timetable of events currently planned for the year ahead. and would welcome any comments, ideas, proposals or suggestions for speakers.

9 Other Business

It was queried whether the Clubs chains of office were insured, and Graham confirmed that this was covered by our National capitation.

10 Final Toast

The final toast was said by the Chair and the meeting closed at 9.40 pm.

Eddie Warans
Secretary
9th April 2019