

**ROUND TABLE AREA EXECUTIVE MEETING
TUESDAY 11th SEPTEMBER
THE MASONS ARMS, BURY ST EDMUNDS**

Present: William Notcutt (Area Chairman), Guy Hume (Area Treasurer), Shaun McCormick (Immediate Past Area Chairman), Richard Swain (Area National Councillor).

Apologies: William Coe & Adrian Peck (Area Sports), Neil Quarton (Ipswich Greyfriars Chairman).

Circulation: All those present + Rob Adams (Area 41 Liaison Officer), William Coe & Adrian Peck (Area Sports Officers), All Table Chairmen and Vice Chairmen.

1. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

WN attended National Sporting Weekend in Edinburgh on 7th, 8th and 9th September, but has had limited contact otherwise with Tables within the area.

Whilst at National Sporting Weekend WN had discussed with others within the area and also other Tablers from outside the area the present position facing the Executive and had begun to formulate a proposed future strategy. This will be developed further by the executive before it is communicated to the tables by way of visits by WN between now and the AGM.

It was observed that Edinburgh could not organise a good sporting weekend as there was no dart board for the darts match, there were no shuttle cocks for the badminton, there was no referee for the volley ball, there was no course for the cross country, airport transport was absent and the Student Union was closed on Saturday night. Other than that we had a great time.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT

Area capitation invoices have been sent to all Tables other than Newmarket whose annual members return is still not complete. Sudbury, Ipswich, Greyfriars and one other Table has paid.

3. AREA 41 LIAISON REPORT

Rob Adams not being present, no report had been prepared or communicated in advance.

4. SPORTS AND SOCIAL

Past events

- a. *May Sudbury Organised trip to Ipswich Speedway*
- b. *June Haverhill Pissed on Bikes*
- c. *July Newmarket Punting in Cambridge*
- d. *August Ipswich 240 Area Golf*
- e. *September NSW We came joint 43rd, tying for last place with 21 other tables with zero points, but probably more pints than many!*

Events yet to take place

- f. **October** Area 5 aside football will take place at Ipswich School on 10th October at 7 pm. Those Tables wishing to attend please notify William Coe or Adrian Peck asap so that a food venue can be laid on for after the football. Possibilities are either Chinese or a curry or with planning potentially asking the Greyhound Pub to prepare food which should be ordered before the football commences for serving afterwards.
- g. **November** Brewery tour either on 20th or 21st, yet to be arranged. Failing that whether Colchester wishes to arrange a pool evening.
- h. **December** No activity planned
- i. **January** Bowling
- j. **February** Area Valentines Ball 16th Feb at Ipswich School
- k. **March** It is noted that Richard Swain's 25th birthday is on 10th March and there may be a party.
- l. **April** Area AGM

5. CORRESPONDENCE

- Shaun McCormick is proposing standing as National Vice President in 2008 with intention of being National President in 2009. Concurrently with this Area 33 is proposing to host National Sporting Weekend on the second weekend in September 2009. The bid for 2009 traditionally has to be in the October two years preceding but it may be shortened to be January 2008. Fourteen years ago Colchester as the Essex University hosted NSW Area 33 are proposing to use it again. As such they need our support to enable them to host an activity in our Area. Clacton have said they are willing to support and a Sporting Weekend Committee has been pulled together chaired by Michael Routledge and Chris Vincent as Vice Chairman.
- The two Colchester Tables have not yet been informed but Routledge will be contacting them directly looking for their support.
- The Area Executives' view after discussion was that we are happy to support Area 33 but cannot commit individual or Table involvement given our precarious status. Our support is to be communicated to Routledge. **Action: WN**
- Area 41 also recognises that without the distraction of having to host the events we could pull together a strong contingent with a potential of winning if we so desired.
- The Leeds Preview Weekend is one day over a weekend in October from lunch time looking at all facilities and the museum along with dinner and accommodation costing £75. It appears to be good value for money.

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting will be either the brewery tour or the pool in November, on 20th or 21st. To be confirmed. **Action: WN**