

**ROUND TABLE AREA EXECUTIVE MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2007**  
**AT THE HARE, LONG MELFORD.**

**Present:** William Notcutt (Area Chairman), Guy Hulme (Area Treasurer), Sean McCormack (immediate Past Area Chairman), Rob Adams (Area Secretary), Stephen Younger (Chairman Sudbury 679).

**Apologies:** William Coe and Adrian Peck (Area Sports)

*Circulation:* All Area Executives and all Table Chairmen

### **1. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

William Notcutt has now visited Ipswich Greyfriars, Ipswich 240, Colchester 367, Colchester Colne, Saffron Walden, Sudbury and Woodbridge Round Tables. He is due to visit Newmarket on 23 January but has yet to arrange a visit to Haverhill or Bury St Edmunds.

At each visit, WN is explaining about the change in Chairmanship mid-year and expressing intent for the next 18 months. He is taking the opportunity to identify the individual Table's view of Area, their expectations and their preference. To date this is indicating sports as the primary role and social secondary.

WN is also trying to identify from each Table what particular Table activities they enjoy with a view to hopefully cross-fertilising good ideas around Area. This could be discussed further at the AGM. **Action WN**

Finally WN is re-stating his preference to ensure that the Executive is comprised of at least one member per Table, ideally this being the Table Chairman or Vice Chairman. To date, Tim Banks (Chairman Colchester 367) has expressed an interest in joining the Executive. Richard Swain of Saffron Walden has expressed an interest and this is to be encouraged. **Action SM**

### **2. AREA AGM**

The AGM is scheduled for 12 April, venue not yet identified due to lack of clarity of prospective numbers. It was assessed that potentially 20 from Ipswich Greyfriars, 25 from Saffron Walden and 6 from Sudbury may attend. WN to establish potential numbers from the other Tables. Possible venues, if one cannot be identified to the west of Ipswich are the hotels in Ipswich. **Action WN**

Further planning is required for the AGM, in particular to ensure that ex-Tablers, although welcome to make observations, do not excessively dominate the proceedings. All Tablers, past and present, will be required to state their name and Table prior to speaking. Aside from the direct matters of the AGM to be transacted, it is proposed that there is a series of broader discussions on specific topics that have yet to be planned. **Action WN**

### **3. TREASURER'S REPORT**

Guy produced the general account and budget reconciliation which was up to date showing a present balance of £399.72. Previous monies outstanding for Area capitation of £196 from Ipswich 240 and £140 from Bury St Edmunds have now been paid. £45 is owed to Ipswich Greyfriars for Area Football. A cheque was handed over. £75 outstanding from Colchester Colne is with WN to resolve. **Action WN**

It was agreed to leave the bank mandate, which authorises Sean McCormack and Guy Hulme to pay cheques, with no changes until the Vice Chairman is identified.

Agreed that the accounts need to be prepared for presentation at the AGM. **Action GH**

Area badges and Round Table 80<sup>th</sup> badges are £4 each and these are to be sold by the Area Executive.

#### 4. AREA SPORTS

These are scheduled as below:

25 January	Bury St Edmunds	Bowling
15 February	Sudbury	Darts and Snooker

Colchester 367 have provisionally stated that they will arrange a Go-Karting evening. It was anticipated hopefully to be in March or April (now more likely to be May or June). Follow up with Tim Banks is required. **Action WN**

Ipswich Greyfriars are being encouraged to organise one more sports event this year in March / April before the AGM. **Action WN**

There was a broad discussion around the sports arrangements for future years with the two options being fewer larger sporting events at which attendance by all Tables would be encouraged, versus a greater number of smaller sporting events at which attendance by only 2, 3 or 4 Tables would be anticipated. Accordingly, it is to be proposed at the forthcoming AGM that between 8 - 10 sporting events are arranged during the course of the year, these being in May, June, September, October, November, February, March and April. Ipswich Greyfriars are again being encouraged to act as Area Sports Officer and coordinate the organisation by the individual Tables of one sporting event each during the course of the year with no restriction on the type of activities that are to be organised by the host home Table. **Action WN**

#### 5. NATIONAL/CORRESPONDENCE

The downloading of the basic Round Table Constitution and Rules from the Round Table website is to be arranged. **Action WN**

Sudbury and Saffron Walden are attending the President's Ball on 3 March which follows the National Council meeting in London. Unfortunately WN is unable to attend but it is hoped that a Tabler from Sudbury or Saffron Walden could represent Area. **Action GH**

The review of Marchesi House is underway for its sale or refurbishment and adjustment in ownership arrangements following the intended moving in of the Ladies Circle administration.

On 24 March Round Table celebrates its 80<sup>th</sup> birthday at the National Motorcycle Museum. Sean McCormack and a team from Sudbury are arranging to attend. The Duke of Edinburgh will also be present as Patron of the organisation.

**Action GH / SM**

The National Conference takes place in Cardiff on 3, 4 and 5 May. In addition to Sean McCormack, it is hoped that Sudbury and Saffron Walden and WN will attend. Accommodation has not yet been booked. It is noted that voting delegates receive paid accommodation and a contribution towards mileage. It was agreed that when the accommodation is booked, the intent is to ensure that all Area Tablers are accommodated together.

**Action SM**

## **6. SOCIAL**

The arrangements for the Ball on 27 January are progressing with 312 tickets sold to date, with Tablers from Sudbury, Woodbridge, Ipswich 240, Newmarket and Ipswich Greyfriars attending. Tickets cost £45 and this includes a champagne reception, and a 3 course meal with entertainment by the Serious Hat Band. The National Vice President, Graham Drummond, will be attending, although the minimum of formality associated with Round Table functions is anticipated. There will be a raffle, silent auction and auction with a professional auctioneer during the course of the evening. The cut off date for any final ticket sales is 5pm on Friday 19 January and all payments are to be received by

### **NEXT MEETING**

This will take place at the Kings Head in Woodbridge at 8.30pm on Thursday 15 March, a table for food is to be booked.

**Action WN**

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