

ROUND TABLE AREA EXECUTIVE MEETING
THURSDAY 15 MARCH 2007
AT THE KING'S HEAD, WOODBRIDGE.

Present: William Notcutt (Area Chairman), Guy Hulme (Area Treasurer),
Sean McCormick (Immediate Past Area Chairman), Rob Adams (Area Secretary),
Richard Swain (Saffron Walden)

Apologies: William Coe and Adrian Peck (Area Sports)

Circulation: All Area Executives and all Table Chairmen

1. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

WN explained that he wished to focus the meeting on preparing for the AGM. Due to other commitments, WN had only visited Haverhill since the Area Ball and was not planning any visits until after the AGM. WN has now been to all Tables other than Bury St Edmunds.

WN confirmed that the Area AGM will be held at Hintlesham Hall Golf Club on 12 April and notice to Tablers had been circulated by email. The event is 7.30pm for 8pm and dinner at £15 per head for:

Roasted Tomato Soup

Breast of Chicken with a Coriander Galette,
with light curried coconut and toasted almond sauce

Apple Crumble & Custard

There will be no cheese or coffee. £100 deposit has been paid. Chasing for attendance will take place and final numbers need to be given to Hintlesham Hall on Thursday 5 April. **Action WN**

2. TREASURER'S REPORT

GH had tabled the updated accounts and these were expressed both in expense area order as well as chronologically. At the AGM it is proposed to table only the expense area spreadsheet, along with current and proposed budget.

No progress has been made to date to recover the £75 that is still owed by Colchester for the 2004/05 AGM. The £344.39, for area polo shirts for those tablers that attended the National Sporting Weekend are to be shown. The executives decision to save the expense of the Vice-Chairman's Honorarium of £150 and the saving of £300 by way of the reduced Honorarium for the Chairman, paying only £600 was confirmed.

The area capitation of £12 per tabler, holding of honorariums (Chairman £900, VC £150 and Treasurer £50) and inclusion of £400 for NSW area Polo shirts was confirmed. **Action GH**

3. MEMBERSHIP

In his visits round the various Tables, WN is building up a picture of the assorted activities that Tables undertake. Many of the activities are ones which individuals could only do through a membership and organisation such as Round Table. Other than cross-fertilisation of ideas, there is a limited amount that the Area Executive can achieve in building membership of the Tables. This is something that will be discussed at table visits and on executive during the course of the coming year.

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4. NATIONAL

Sean McCormack gave the report from the National Council meeting.

- a. The new brand identity for Round Table was discussed and this was well received and is thought to be very progressive. The tightening up and licensing of manufacturers who can use these logos will lead to an income to Marchesi House, which is to the benefit of all Tablers.
- b. National capitation is being proposed to increase from £48 to £56. This is as a consequence of being held last year and not increased to £52.
- c. Sean McCormack has declared his candidature for National Sales for 2007/08 and National Vice President the following year. Sean was congratulated by the executive.
- d. Richard Swain is looking to stand as a National Councillor.
- e. The National AGM is during the course of 4, 5 & 6 May and Sean McCormack, Richard Swain, William Notcutt, Guy Hulme and Steve Younger are known to be attending. Accommodation is booked. The allocation of delegate passes etc will be discussed in Cardiff.

5. AREA SPORTS

A draft programme for 2007/08 was tabled. Apart from July, August, November and December it is proposed that there is an Area activity each month. This is based on the wanting to encourage regional attendance rather than necessarily anticipating full attendance of all Tables at any single event.

The programme shows which days of the month the different Tables meet and it is hoped that the events will be organised by local Tables on their regular Tabling night.

- a. Sudbury is looking to organise the darts and snooker either on 15 February or 1 March – date to be confirmed once half term dates are finalised.
- b. Saffron Walden is yet to come back on what activity it would wish to organise during the early summer.
- c. Colchester Colne has indicated that it may wish to be looking to organise a summer sporting event in June or early July.

Ipswich Greyfriars have indicated a willingness to continue as a table as Area Sports. To be confirmed at the AGM

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Hike and Bike is taking place on 12-14 April in the Lake District. Saffron Walden will be attending.

National Sporting Weekend is 7, 8 & 9 September in Edinburgh. Ipswich Greyfriars and Saffron Walden are known to be attending.

6. SOCIAL

WN got engaged earlier this year and will be getting married at the end of the year and accordingly will not be looking to organise an Area Ball himself during the autumn! However, an indication of what type of activity and a Table to organise it would be appreciated and it is hoped that this could be discussed at the AGM.

It is hoped that a Table would be prepared to take on the responsibility for organising the area Social event, just like Ipswich Greyfriars did this year by combining it with their major fund raising activity of the year.

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7. PROPOSED EXECUTIVE 2007/08

Chairman	William Notcutt
Vice Chairman	Richard Swain has been approached
Treasurer	Guy Hulme
Sports & Social	Ipswich Greyfriars
Immediate Past Chairman	Sean McCormack
41 Club Liaison Officer	Rob Adams
National Councillor	Richard Swain

Critically greater attendance by Tables and participation in the executive is to be encouraged. It is proposed that each table Chairman is de facto the area representative, unless and alternative is appointed. This is to be confirmed at the AGM.

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