

September 2010

Gentlemen

I was at the June Special Meeting in Birmingham where the National Board reported on what has been achieved since the last meeting in Jan 09 in Manchester, and discussions were held on how to move forward. It was disappointing that this meeting wasn't as well attended as the last Special Meeting as the outcome of these meetings, held at the request of the membership, are intended to drive the movement forward and so your input in them is vital. A full report on the outcome was emailed out in July and is available from the National website.

The big news since the meeting is the resignation as CEO of Simon Brady – I'm sure you will all have received the emails from the National President and Secretary explaining the reason for this and the National Board is currently recruiting a replacement.

The next council meeting is on 16<sup>th</sup> October in Edinburgh. There are 8 resolutions to be voted on [details below] and whilst I don't think there will be any objections to numbers 4 to 8 I'm sure you have opinions on the first three. In order for me to represent you properly I need to know what you think about these. Please discuss them in your table and either call or email me – my contact details at the bottom of the page.

There are two events in October I would strongly encourage you to try to attend:

Firstly Nick Ormerod from Leyland RT has organised a fantastic night of go-karting open to the whole of Region 5.

**Regional Go-Karting – 7<sup>th</sup> October @ Three Sisters Racetrack, Wigan**  
For details see [www.leyland.roundtable.co.uk](http://www.leyland.roundtable.co.uk)

Secondly, the next of the Regional Workshops will be held in Preston. If you're not sure if these are worth attending, just look at the feedback on the National website. These are being organised at the request of the members so please don't miss out on them.

**Regional Workshop – Preston 30<sup>th</sup> October**  
For details see [www.roundtable.org.uk/regional-based-workshops.php](http://www.roundtable.org.uk/regional-based-workshops.php)

As previously mentioned, this will be my second and final year as your Regional Representative and it's not too early to start thinking about who will take on the role for the next two years. If you are interested please let me know – I would be happy to give you some advice and information on what the job entails.

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**Further dates for your diary:**

National President's Ball – Southport 5 March 2011 - [www.kilsh.co.uk](http://www.kilsh.co.uk)

National Conference & AGM – Blackpool 5-8 May 2011 - [www.blackpool2011.co.uk](http://www.blackpool2011.co.uk)

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## **Resolutions for 16<sup>th</sup> October meeting**

### **1) To make all National Board Positions 2 year Fixed Roles**

#### **The National Board's Rationale is:**

Considerable progress is now being made in driving forward the development of the Association and moving away from "1 yearisms ". As part of that process it is essential that there is some continuity for the Board so that Board members can see projects through. The role of Secretary and Treasurer is already benefiting from this change and it is proposed that this now be extended to all other positions.

### **2) To create the post of ICT Board Member**

#### **The National Board's Rationale is:**

As set out in the Report of David Weaver – Membership & Development Officer there is a need to split the current role into 3 separate roles being Recruitment, Retention and ICT Board Member. The Recruitment and Retention roles can be created without increasing the size of the Board by removing a dedicated sales function from a Board Member. However to appoint an additional ICT Board Member requires approval of the Association. Whilst increasing the size of the Board is a matter of concern we feel that with the changes that are going on within RTBI we need to readdress the Board responsibilities. ICT, recruitment and retention are major responsibilities and we feel they now overshadowing sales / sports responsibility.

We are asking for council input to the way they feel is the correct way forward and if we can avoid increasing the number of Board members we will, as this is our chosen option. We need a solution that enables us to continue the drive forward with enough adequate resources.

The reason why we have put it on the agenda now is so we all know where we stand when we are asking for nominations in February next year.

### **3) Badge – Protection of Brand**

#### **The National Board's Rationale is:**

One of our long term projects identified by the members at the Special Meeting is to protect the roundtable brand; one of the ways we achieve this is by ensuring that only companies approved by the Association can use our roundel in commercial products under license. This rule change provides formal authority for this.

### **4) Canvassing for National Office**

#### **The National Board's Rationale is:**

The rules for the election of National Officers has always provided a bar on canvassing for election , however historically this does not reflect the actual practice on the ground whereby those standing for election are seeking the support of their fellow tablers . In international tabling such canvassing is regular practice and actually forms part of the fun and fellowship of meetings. As a first step it is proposed that we should allow for "face to face canvassing" to occur.

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## **5) Removal of Reference to General Secretary**

### **The National Board's Rationale is:**

The General Secretary is a position that no longer exists in the Association and it is proposed that we therefore amend the rules to tidy up this anomaly.

## **6) Election of Regional Representatives**

### **The National Board's Rationale is:**

Following the adoption of the Regional Representative structure we have never amended the rules to reflect the agreed election process. This change seeks to tidy up this.

## **7) Area Groupings**

### **The National Board's Rationale is:**

Rule 11 Sets out arrangements for Area Groupings but has not reflected the changes which led to the introduction of Regions. This amendment will tidy this up.

## **8) ADDITIONAL CATCH ALL AMENDMENT CLAUSE**

### **The National Board's Rationale is:**

The rules are littered with Phrases which are now out of date following the changes to the Board and the creation of Regions. Rather than set out every proposed amendment to changes these words to save time it is proposed the Honorary Secretary be given authority to update the rules by changing these words only en block .

The full Notice and Agenda can be downloaded from:

[www.roundtable.org.uk/viewselectedarticle.php?article\\_no=A850](http://www.roundtable.org.uk/viewselectedarticle.php?article_no=A850)

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