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#### Gentlemen

Welcome to my penultimate report as your Regional Representative.

The next National Council Meeting will be held in Southport on 5<sup>th</sup> March. As this is within our Region I would encourage you to come along and see what goes on at these meetings – they are open to all tablers.

There are a number of resolutions to be discussed and to ensure your voice is heard I need to know what your opinions are and how we should vote. [See below – full details are published in the Agenda which can be downloaded from the National website].

I will be attending both Area 8 & 34 meetings in February to give you a chance to discuss these resolutions. Unfortunately I cannot make the Area 46 meeting so I would encourage the tables in Area 46 to discuss the resolutions and pass on their opinions on how they would like me to vote by email or phone.

As I'm sure you're aware January saw the appointment of Cait Allen to the post of Round Table Chief Executive following a series of comprehensive and thorough interviews. Although Cait will officially take the role in late March, she will be in attendance at the March National Council meeting in Southport.

Finally, this will be my second and final year as your Regional Representative and we need to someone to 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.

YIT Malcolm Mair Bootle Crosby & District 163

#### Dates for your diary:

National President's Ball – Southport 5 March 2011 - <u>www.kilsh.co.uk</u> Regional Workshop - Wakefield 19th March 2011 - <u>http://www.roundtable.org.uk/rbw-jan.php</u> National Conference & AGM – Blackpool 5-8 May 2011 - <u>www.blackpool2011.co.uk</u> National Sporting Weekend - Leeds 2-4 September 2011 - <u>www.nsw2011.co.uk</u>

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# Resolutions submitted by the National Board i) Budget Change

#### ANNUAL BUDGET

At its Annual General Meeting the Association shall approve a budget for the financial year commencing on the following 1st June and shall also determine the Capitation and Entrance fees payable for the same period.

# And replace with:

At its Annual General Meeting the Association shall approve a budget for the financial year commencing on the following 1st June and shall also determine the Capitation and Entrance Fees payable for the same period and commit expenditure up to 2 further years.

# ii) Employed Staff and Membership of Round Table

Delete from Clause 8 "(None of whom shall be a member of a constituent table)" And add Clause 8a

Any employee of the Association who shall be an active member shall not be entitled to exercise any voting rights at a meeting of the National Council or Annual General Meeting.

# iii) Conflict of Interest

#### Insert new 10(H)

"The National Honorary Secretary shall establish a system of recording potential conflicts of interest and members of the National Council and National Board shall be required to register their interests in accordance with the policy "

# iv) Resolutions for National Council and Annual General Meeting

#### 11 (g) Rules for Constituent Tables

**Delete the first sentence** : " Any resolution which a Constituent Table or Area Council desires to submit to the National Council must be first submitted to the appropriate Area Council "

**Replace with:** " Any resolution which a Constituent Table wishes to propose to the National Council or AGM must be Seconded by a Second Constituent Table and shall be submitted to the National Council with evidence that the members of both Constituent Tables have approved the Resolution . Area Council Resolutions shall first be submitted to and approved by an Area Council before being submitted to the National Council "

[Note – the effect of this rule change if carried will mean that if a Table puts forward a resolution a Proposer and Seconder from each table would have to attend the meeting to move the resolution. This rule will be applied retrospectively to accept resolutions in this way up to the deadline of 25th February 2011]

# v) Resolution Submitted by Area 34 – Proposed by Clitheroe 552 and Seconded by Rossendale 628

"To ensure fair competition and value for money for Tablers, if by the 31 March 2011 the National Board does not have in place two licensed companies in addition to RTBI Sales who can supply Round Table branded items such as clothing [t-shirts, polo shirts, fleeces etc], pin badges & commemorative glasses, then the amendment to Rule 5 ( e) ii namely the words *"The production of any such pin badge or commercial product incorporating the rondel and name shall only be by a company or person authorised by the National Association."* Passed at the October National Council Meeting shall be deleted. This wording will only be added to Rule 5 (e) ii once the other suppliers are in place and that those companies do sign a licensing agreement and are allowed to advertise in the Table Magazine"

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