



AGENDA

The 51st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of
THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF TANGENT CLUBS
to be held at

The Hilton Hotel,
Blackpool FY1 2JQ

ON SATURDAY 22nd APRIL 2017

PLEASE BE SEATED BY

10.15am FOR A PROMPT START AT 10.30am



AGENDA

1. Welcome: Paula Farnfield

- 1.1 Lighting of the Candle of Friendship
- 1.2 Reading of the Aims and Objectives
- 1.3 Sue Hill, Tangent Day Chairman

2. National President's Opening Remarks

- 2.1 Past National Officers
- 2.2 TCI and Overseas Visitors
- 2.3 Agora Club International
- 2.4 Apologies

3. Greetings from National Association of Ladies Circle: Alex Bennett, National President 2016-17

4. Remarks to Voting Delegates

5. Confirmation and Adoption of the Minutes of the 50th AGM held in Birmingham on Saturday 16th April 2016

Any proposed amendments to the Minutes should be emailed or sent to the National Secretary *for Friday 7th April 2017*

6. Matters Arising

7. Election of National Officers (see page 3 for details)

- 7.1 National Vice-President
- 7.2 National Treasurer
- 7.3 National Executive Administrator

8. National Officers reports for the year 2016-17

Please see Appendix 1, pages 4-13 for the full reports. Reports on the day will be restricted to additions to these published reports. It would be appreciated that any questions be directed to the relevant officer by *Friday 7th April 2017*, in preparation for an informed answer at the AGM.

- 8.1 National President
- 8.2 National Vice-President and Membership Officer
- 8.3 National Immediate Past President and International Relations Officer
- 8.4 National Secretary
- 8.5 National Sales & Regalia Officer
- 8.6 National Editor & Website Co-ordinator
- 8.7 National Executive Administrator

9. National Treasurer's Report and Accounts 2016

Please see Appendix 2, pages 14-23 for Accounts Information. It would be appreciated that any questions be directed to the National Treasurer by *Friday 7th April 2017*, to allow her to prepare answers in advance.

10. NATC Explanation of TCI Presidency 2018-19

Please see Appendix 3, pages 24-26 for full details.

11. Propositions from Clubs

Please see Appendix 4, page 27 for full details.

12. National Executive Financial Recommendations

Please see Appendix 5, pages 28-33 for full details.

13. Half-Year Meeting

As per Rule 7.9: 'In October 2015-2016, trial Half-Year Meeting to be held in a location to be decided, and thereafter reviewed at the National AGM in 2017'

14. National Executive Recommendations

Please see Appendix 6, pages 34-37 for full details.

15. Greetings from Round Table: Mark House, National President 2016-17

16. National President's Address: Paula Farnfield

17. Installation of National President 2017-18 Melodie Brookes

18. Greetings from 41 Club: Dave Campbell, National President 2017-18

19. New National President's Address: Melodie Brookes

20. Any Other Business

21. Date of next meeting – April 14th, 2018 in Belfast

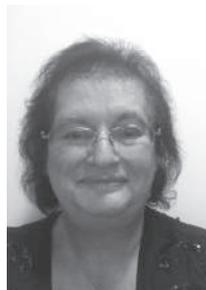
Joan Henderson, Tangent Conference Liaison Officer, Belfast 2018

22. Closing remarks: Melodie Brookes

NOMINATIONS FOR NATIONAL OFFICE 2017

7.1 National Vice-President

Jill Harris (East Grinstead 266)
Proposed: East Grinstead 266,
Seconded: City of London 929
2012-13: Chairman, East Grinstead Tangent 266
2015-17: National Treasurer



7.2 National Treasurer

Ruth Lamb (Mendip 874)
Proposed: Mendip 874,
Seconded: Weston-Super-Mare 314
1991-92: Chairman, Barnstaple Ladies Circle
1996-97: Area Secretary, Area 5 Ladies Circle
1998-99: Area Chairman and Treasurer, Area 5 Ladies Circle
2003-04: Chairman, Mendip Tangent 874
2014-15: Chairman, Weston-Super-Mare Tangent xxx



7.3 National Executive Administrator

There are no nominations for the post of National Executive Administrator
Nominations will therefore be taken from the floor.

APPENDIX 1: National Officers' Reports for the year 2016-17

8.1 National President – Paula Farnfield

As you may remember I started my time as Vice President with a plan to fill my life with things that bring me joy & spend time with friends I love, this year I've changed it around a little and stopped doing things that don't bring me joy – apologies if you come to visit as the fridge is likely to be empty and the dust may be starting to get out of hand – and I may not have seen the people I love quite as much as I wanted to but I have added more people into this part of my life.

I talked at last year's AGM about the many ways I travelled to be with you or on your behalf and this year it's been more than last; planes trains and automobiles – mine, yours and ones belonging to Mr Avis – big boats, little boats, underground, over ground, buses, coaches and even the odd taxi or two. I've become proficient at getting from home to and from the airport by the cheapest route, sadly this is never the quickest route, so I've become proficient at doing paperwork in departure lounges, waiting rooms and on said trains & planes, I gave up on writing on the bus though as the result is almost unreadable.

Wherever I've gone I've asked you to do 3 things; think about undertaking some fundraising, talk about the whole Round Table family in this special year for Round Table and Ladies Circle and to make some special memories. I'm delighted that clubs who have told me they 'don't do fundraising' have done so, arranging events to support my charity The Kidstime Foundation, even holding impromptu whip rounds when you've heard what Kidstime is about. Better still the health care professionals and educators amongst you – or the mothers of the same – have taken information away to share in your places of work or with family members. Last year 322 clubs let us know that they had raised money for charity, the total was almost £154,000, almost 1/6th of a million pounds; just think what we could do if we all raised some money.

I've been with you on some fabulous occasions, celebrating charter birthdays and not just the standard ones, I've celebrated 3, 8, 30, 35, 39, 40, 41, 42, 50, 60 and 65 years of continued friendship, often with the founder members of the club. I think that getting together each year as a celebration of your friendships is a wonderful thing to do, especially as often you will remember previous events and special friends who are no longer with us. Unfortunately there are not enough days of the year for me to be able to visit you all and I love that you arrange cluster, fellowship or friendship events as these allow the President to meet several clubs on one day, if you have not done this in the past perhaps you could consider when you put together your next programme of events. You have given me some lovely gifts to remember

my year by, in fact so many match my décor or are so me that I've started to wonder if my house has been on 'Through the keyhole' on one of the days that I've been away.

One of the best things a President does is to charter new clubs and I've been delighted to be able to Charter 8 new clubs since the last AGM; Take Two Tangent (Berkhamsted), Torquay Tangle, Leeds and District Ladies Tangle, Chiltern Area Belles Tangent, Coastal Cluster Tangent, Essex and East London Tangent, Liskeard and Looe Tangle and Leicester De Montford Tangent. I'm really proud of these clubs who are supporting and promoting Ladies Circle whilst maintaining a relationship with existing Tangents in their area. We also have 3 more recently affiliated clubs waiting to be chartered.

I'm especially keen that Tangent and Ladies Circle continue to support each other, sadly this is often not the case and I would encourage ladies from both side to extend the hand of friendship; as with all families there are times when you are close & times when this is not so, as sister clubs it is my fervent hope that both clubs grow and remain close to the benefit of both organisations.

Ladies Circle President Alex and I have managed to attend some joint events and multi club meetings together and I've been recognising Circlers supporting Tangent and Tangent members supporting Ladies Circle with a limited-edition badge. If you have supported your Circle, or attended a joint event please get in touch with me giving details and I'll send a badge onto you.

I've attended some events that have made very special memories for me, because it is not just about creating our own treasured memories of the day but is giving us a window into the memories made at past events. As always, the regional lunches are all unique, starting in Wales the ladies of Sirhowy where we would have been happy for Rebecca Miller to have kept singing all night. The first joint Scottish red carpet lunch, organised by Linlithgow Ladies Circle, gave us a chance to dress to impress.

The Northern lunch hosted by Cheadle & Gatley was a lively affair with after event relaxation in the sun, then onto Bristol for the South West lunch hosted by Wessex Link, finally the South-East event hosted by Bromley at a stunning venue in Regents park with a retired royal protection officer to entertain us, I think he left his uniform at home to keep our blood pressure low.

Attending the opening of the Marchesi room in Norwich along with the other 3 club Presidents, the Women of the Year Lunch where the recipients of awards included the Hillsborough Families for working tirelessly for 27 years to establish the truth of what

happened at the Hillsborough football stadium disaster on 15 April, 1989, and Lizzie Jones, recognised for her incredible, life-saving work following the death of her husband, Danny Jones. Carrying the wreath on your behalf at the Cenotaph Rememberance service was a great honour and I feel extremely privileged to have done so, Round Table were especially generous in the allocation of tickets which enabled me to be able to invite both Amersham and Pinner clubs, who were celebrating special birthdays, to nominate a member to join the Exec on the day. I've also had the opportunity to visit the House of Lords for a reception for a charity operating in a similar area to Kidstime. But for me the highlight was a very special day in June when 600+ ladies attended the 80th birthday for Ladies Circle and I took greetings on your behalf.

If you are reading this in Blackpool at the AGM, thank you for attending today, it would be lonely for the Exec and I if you did not come along; I hope that you will find the day enjoyable and have brought with you the views of your club to participate in the items that will be discussed.

I am grateful to so many people for their support, my own clubs, especially for their understanding when I've been too busy to join them, my Presidential Liaison Committee (PLC) for all their hard work organising my diary, my travel, my fundraising lunch and ball, my friends Jill & Claire for taking care of the birds when I've not been around, the hostesses and chauffeurs on my visits and all the clubs I have visited for welcoming me and letting me share in their fun and friendship. I do hope that this year has given you once in a lifetime moments, you have given me many and I thank you.

8.2 National Vice President & Membership Officer – Melodie Brookes

We are delighted to welcome 9 new Tangent clubs this year, in Torquay, Leeds & District, Coastal Cluster (in Scotland), Falkirk & Larbert, Chiltern Area, Liskeard & Looe, Gloucester, Proud & Past It Executives, and a new club reviving Leicester De Montfort 15. It is most encouraging to note that enquiries are progressing with several other prospective clubs in different parts of the country. We are most grateful to those nearby Tangents who are supporting the growth of these new clubs, recognising that those moving on from Ladies Circle have different requirements from some long-established groups.

Congratulations to those clubs who continue not only to welcome new and transferring members but also to retain existing members with a varied programme of activities and fund raising events.

More than 60 membership enquiries have come from the website and my counterpart in Ladies Circle, Lindsay Pickard. I have even had referrals from 41 Club and Round Table too. Facebook is playing its part, and often requests arise from magazine articles and newspaper reports, ladies moving

to a new area, daughters helping out mothers, and prospective members wanting to be part of the fun and friendship they experience in local joint events organized by clubs in the Round Table Family. Hello to Saddleworth & District clubs whose Santa Dash, Nigel and I chanced upon in Uppermill in December!

The 4 Club Family committee meets twice a year and is made up of the Vice-President and Membership Officer (or other Executive Officer) of each Club. It is chaired in rotation by one of the 4 Clubs. Tangent's turn begins in July. We share ideas and experience and are in the process of compiling a map with overlays of the whereabouts of each Association's clubs. This will be a valuable tool in identifying how we can help and support each other across the country. A new design of the joint postcard with Ladies Circle is being prepared.

Our Club surveys which will be emailed shortly will, we hope, give us information about the level of participation in events outside each individual club. In requesting information about our current age demographic, we are responding to members' concerns, and our need to plan for the future of the Association and the financial impact in the years to come. It would be most helpful to have as many responses as possible.

Thank you for their support, to my colleagues on the National Executive who, like me, are volunteers working in their spare time to run our organisation. Thank you to my generous Regional Lunch hosts, and the many correspondents who have expressed their appreciation of my efforts. Here's to a wonderful year ahead!

8.3 National Immediate Past President & International Relations Officer – Alex Desborough

After a very difficult and stressful year, Tangent has very much had to take a back seat with myself. TCI has thrived under the leadership of Anna Åkesson, our Swedish TCI President, and we are in touch with several new countries, who are ex Agora.

Gerd-Inger, the incoming Norwegian TCI President, is lovely and has been reaching out to new countries. I have enjoyed the fun and friendship with the Finnish TCI Treasurer Niina, and the Danish TCI publicity officer Jeanett, they have all been good friends to me.

During my troubles I have been very lucky to receive so much support and friendship from Tangent friends old and new. So many turned out to my husbands funeral in August, from near and far, and it made a difference to me, making me feel very hugged.

Closer to home I was given so much help by my close RT friends of many years, I can never repay Jackie and Alistair David for their invaluable help with my business, and Carole Harris and Val Butcher for their constant support and contact.

Friends Mark and I made through Round Table 25 years ago have been there for me too. But I need to send out love and hugs to a new Round Table contact who has been the biggest support and guided me through some low times, thank you John Manley. My continued conclusion is that the Round Table family is about people and not rules and regulations, and I sincerely thank everyone that has touched my life over my time on the National exec, they have sincerely made a difference to me.

8.4 National Secretary – Glynis Sutton

Well ladies, I have had big shoes to fill this year - I am following in the footsteps of Melodie Brookes, who was National Secretary for Tangent for 4 years. And with Paula Farnfield having previously been National Secretary for Ladies Circle, there is plenty of experience for me to tap into.

This year the Exec decided to try to communicate with our members by email rather than printing and posting documents, in an attempt to save the Association money. Although a good idea in theory, in practice this has been less than straight-forward. The software I use to mail out emails shows that the opening rate is only about 55% which is disappointing. I have sent out letters to clubs who are on the 'non-opening' list and we have used Facebook and the Website to try and encourage views and downloads.

By the AGM in Blackpool, we will have prepared and circulated seven emails this year, with important information from the Exec and from clubs around the UK. We do still print and post a small amount to clubs that don't do email and would certainly not want to exclude members from receiving the information.

We send information to the Club contacts using the Tangent Directory, which is a great resource for all, and hopefully has been as useful to all the clubs as it is to us on the Exec. Club Contacts are the lifeline of Tangent clubs, receiving information and passing it around the membership, and we are extremely grateful to those of you who take on this role. Please do ensure we have any updates from your clubs to keep the communication running as efficient as possible.

I have very much enjoyed meeting up with Tangent members when attending events, and the fun and friendship at regional lunches, home host events, and of course the AGM and conference weekend. Thank you to my hosts and organisers of these events. Actually, most of my time is spent in my spare bedroom/office, preparing agendas and paperwork for Exec meetings,

planning and distributing our communications, responding to email queries, liaising with Exec team and printers, etc. I have a never-ending 'to do' list which makes interesting reading at the end of each month!

As an Exec we made the decision to cancel the second trial Half-Year meeting that was to be held in Leeds in October. Only 7 ladies had booked in for the event so it was deemed not cost-effective to go ahead. It's a shame because the HYM could be a great opportunity to bring up issues for discussion in an informal setting and gather opinions and thoughts from members.

The AGM is upon us and much work goes into planning, preparation and printing. This can't happen without the tireless work of the wonderful Blackpool Conference team, many thanks for everything they have done. The two years of being in this privileged position will go in a blink of an eye I'm sure, so I intend to grab it with both hands and do the best I can as your National Secretary.

8.5 National Sales and Regalia Officer – Ruth Sage

Well what a year that has been, the high light of it for me was having the honour of taking part in the Remembrance Sunday march in London along with Round Table, Ladies Circle and 41 Club! It has been a very busy year for me with Parry's going into liquidation the year before I took over leaving lots of orders only half fulfilled or not completed at all, it has been an uphill struggle working out who has had their orders and who has not had them, but I have tried to deal with the issues as they have come to the surface and I hope that everyone has now received their regalia.

This has led to a large decrease in the profit made by the Shop as Parry's lost six Past Chairman's Jewels which had been sent in to have additional dates engraved on them, which we have had to replace. In all 24 name bars, 59 past chairman's jewels, 3 anniversary brooches, 1 chairman's jewel, 2 vice chairman's jewels and 7 past chairman's jewels with no bar had to be made to replace the orders not fulfilled by Parry', making it very difficult for our National Treasurer to sort out the finances as we had already had the money for these items but not paid it out in the correct year. We also had to pay to have new dies made for the 40th, 50th and 60th badges, one Tangent club kindly paid for one of these out of their funds, for which I am very grateful.

After receiving a large bag of name bars from Selcraft which I then had to go through the order forms to find out which Tangent they belonged to and then putting them into envelopes and then taking them to the post office to get them sent out, the National Executive took a vote on changing the Regalia Supplier to PS Graphic's which I feel is working out a good move.

You can now place your Regalia Orders straight from the website and it is delivered to you in approx. 8 weeks if it is a non-stock item and 3-5 days if it is a stock item. This means that we are not making quite so much in commission on the regalia items but it is a lot less work for me to deal with and as I work as a night nurse I am very grateful for that. I am still working on getting the clothing pictures to be of our age group and size and not young thin ladies as it is at present. I have managed to get magnetic Tangent badges so that you do not make holes in your clothes with your pin badge these are available from the shop at a cost of £3.60 so please go and buy one at lunch time if you don't have one already. If there are any items that you would like to purchase but can't see them on the website, please feel free to email me and ask if we can get them. I will always look into getting new items from Paul Sankey at PS Graphic's if viable and not too expensive for you to buy.

Apart from the Regalia issues that we have experienced I am really enjoying my time on the national Executive and urge people to stand for the vacant positions as you will have a great time I am sure of that.

8.6 National Editor and Website Co-ordinator – Morag Daley

I have enjoyed being part of this year's National Executive and would extend my thanks to the other board members for their friendship and support.

Magazine

At the time of reading I will have produced three magazines. Landorprint continue to provide an excellent service. I have taken steps to increase the magazine font. I decided to direct the focus of the magazine mainly onto clubs and members. This appears to have been well received. I plan to continue with this, subject to copy being made available by members. I continue to scrutinise the cost of the magazine and to identify ways to reduce costs

Website

Vaccoda continue to provide an excellent service. As I had no IT knowledge the website has proved to be a learning experience. As a number of pages take different formats it took a while to get to grips with them all.

The website was extensive, running to 85 pages. I found it to be somewhat clunky and it became apparent quickly that members were finding it difficult to navigate. As a consequence I have simplified its layout. A new navigation tab has been added "**Member's info**" - under that heading is a plethora of information, including **Forms**. This includes the capitation form and the directory entry form. Members are reminded that the website includes a search function.

8.7 National Executive Administrator – Jackie Hampton

It has been another busy year with me juggling my responsibilities of National Executive Administrator and working at the Royal Berkshire Hospital in Reading.

It was pointed out at the AGM in Birmingham that as my role was a new position, it was unclear as to what my responsibilities were. So I thought it would be helpful if I could provide you with information as to what some of my tasks as National Executive Administrator included.

My first task of this Tangent year was to collect and update the Tangent Club records. I received fewer forms this year (electronically and by post) than the previous year, however, I did receive a greater number of emails from the clubs with queries and updates. I would just like to add that these forms are updated each year, as we need to capture different information. These forms are now emailed out to the Club Contact after the AGM, so please hang on until the forms have been sent to your Club! An email was sent at the end of November with club updates. This contained details of clubs that had missed the deadline for the printed Club Directory.

My role requires me to attend Exec Meetings and record the minutes. This year included the following - June in Maidenhead, July in Stockport, September in Saltford, November again in Maidenhead, and the full weekend AGM planning meeting in Rednal. Ahead of me are Exec meetings in Norwich and Belfast and lastly meetings held at Blackpool prior to the AGM on the Saturday.

Since the AGM I have been liaising with the Regional Lunch organisers. I have enjoyed corresponding with the committees, giving and receiving details for the Exec Meeting held on the Friday, home hosting for the evening and the lunch on the following day. I thoroughly enjoy these weekends where I am able to meet the committees who have volunteered to organise these Lunches. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone that has looked after me over the past two years.

My first event of the year was in Scotland, which had a different format this year. This lunch was held jointly with Ladies Circle in Kirkcaldy. I attended Amersham's Charter lunch with a few members of the Exec followed by shooting up the M40 to attend a 41 Club Exec dinner in Stratford. I also attended Paula's National Presidential Lunch in Windsor and her Ball in Egham, I had a brilliant time at both events. I was also very honoured to have been able to represent the National President at Wallingford's 30th charter dinner. Wallingford is in my home territory so I was especially pleased to

have been able to attend. Other lunches I attended were the Northern, South West and the South East. I am also looking forward to attending the Midlands Lunch in February and the Irish Lunch in March. These events are always good to catch up with old friends in Tangent.

I am still in awe of our National Exec and their commitment to the organisation. Everyone puts a great deal of her time into the running of NATC. I am still learning about our great organisation and how it functions. I would like to thank everyone on this year's National Exec for their help. Finally I would like to wish Melodie and her 2017-18 National Exec a fun and fantastic year.

APPENDIX 2: National Treasurer's Report and Accounts 2016

9.1 National Treasurer – Jill Harris

I can't believe that 2 years has gone by since I first thought of standing for Treasurer and now I am writing my last report. Time has definitely flown by. The accounts have been inspected and I thank Richard Dean of Tax Assist for doing this for us and spending time over the Christmas period working on it to enable me to have the figures ready to go with this agenda.

I would like to thank all the Executive for helping me get in the last capitations for the year to ensure that they were all collected in the 2016 financial year. Please remember in the 2017 year you WILL NOT receive a paper copy of the capitation form, unless your club has no email showing in the directory, we are now sending all correspondence forms etc., by email wherever possible to reduce overheads.

As 2016 was the first year this has happened a lot of clubs did not realise this and had not opened their generic email account for some time so did not realise the forms had been submitted this way so I had to do a lot more chasing than the previous year. Please help your new Treasurer by checking the email and sending off your capitation in due time.

The extra job I took on of trying to find out how many members we had compared to capitations paid was a lot larger job than I had anticipated as many joint members had been left off one of the clubs forms. I have done my best to try and find out this figure and as of receipt of the last form we had 11892 paying members who paid for 12241 capitations. Most of the dual members of which there were 323 paid for 2 clubs but we have some very busy members out there with one member being a member of 6 clubs can anyone top that !!

We ask on the capitation form for the amount raised for charity and the figure provided relating to the previous year is £151,300. As said in last year's report the figure will be higher as many clubs do not put on the form the amount they have given to the Presidential Charity and others don't put amounts down as they think a few pounds is too low a figure to report, please please next year even if you raise £1.00 add it to the form every penny raised is well worth reporting. I personally give a big "thank you and very well done" to all clubs who have raised some monies, we are not fund raisers but we do an excellent job of it and many clubs take this activity very seriously with one club raising over £4,800.00 and several clubs over £4,000.

One area I have not had time to do much on and I am so sorry about this is

member benefits. We do have the Hyundai offer and Fred Olsen but there is a lot more out there which I feel we should be tapping into which other members of the four-club family are offering their members and I hope that next year's Treasurer will be able to do more on this.

There is in the Agenda a full breakdown of the Income and Expenditure for 2016 and as per last year a breakdown of the budget figure. Please if you have any queries on any of this send me an email so I can look into and research your query and reply to you before the AGM. I am afraid that it is virtually impossible to answer new queries on the accounts at the AGM. I don't as many people think I do carry all the figures in my head and will not have time at the AGM to look into spreadsheets and bills to give an accurate answer.

I have thoroughly enjoyed the last 2 years on the National Executive and thank Alex Voller and Paula Farnfield for 2 great years. I wish Melodie Brookes and the Executive for 2017-8 all the best and to my successor my phone is always on if you need anything.

9.2 Accounts

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF TANGENT CLUBS
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

	2016		2015	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Capitation		68,821		62,579
Regalia and memorabilia				
Sales	5,936		18,843	
Direct costs	<u>(6,134)</u>		<u>(10,579)</u>	
		(198)		8,264
Other Income				
Bank interest (net)	322		322	
Commissions	980			
Speaker fee	<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>	
		<u>1,302</u>		<u>322</u>
TOTAL INCOME		<u>69,925</u>		<u>71,164</u>
RUNNING COSTS				
Communication with members				
Directories, Tangent News inc Distribution		18,055		29,067
Meeting with members and other clubs				
National Conference and Regional Lunches		14,066		14,198
International Expenses	1,025			2,983
International memberships	<u>880</u>	1905		-
Other National Executive Travel Expenses		8,826		14,328
Association overheads				
AGM		5,663		9,112
Depreciation		13		20
Guests, Gifts and Donations		1,174		1,882
Insurance		4,225		4,448
National President's Out of Pocket Expenses		1,475		1,425
Office expenses		844		1,071
Professional charges		870		1,230
Banners		-		-
Computers and website		2,274		4,561
Logo Application		-		-
HYM expenses		<u>396</u>		<u>1,441</u>
TOTAL RUNNING COSTS		<u>59,786</u>		<u>85,766</u>
ANNUAL DEFICIT/SURPLUS		<u>10,139</u>		<u>(14,602)</u>

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF TANGENT CLUBS
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2016

		2016		2015	
		£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Executive Regalia	Cost		1,651		1,651
Equipment	Cost	861		861	
	Depreciation	<u>(835)</u>		<u>(822)</u>	
			26		39
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS			<u>1,677</u>		<u>1,690</u>
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stock		3,831		6,118	
Advances for Regional Lunches		6,198		5,198	
Debtors and prepaid expenses		2,136		2,273	
Bank and Cash		<u>159,932</u>		<u>141,180</u>	
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS			172,097		154,769
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Creditors and accruals		4,087		1,702	
Income received in advance		<u>24,105</u>		<u>19,314</u>	
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES			<u>28,192</u>		<u>21,016</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS			<u>143,905</u>		<u>133,753</u>
<u>NET ASSETS</u>			145,582		135,443
ACCUMULATED FUND (from Income & expenditure account)					
Balance brought forward		109,147		123,749	
Annual surplus		<u>10,139</u>		<u>- 14,602</u>	
			119,286		109,147
RESERVE FUND					
Balance brought forward		<u>26,296</u>		<u>26,296</u>	
			145,582		135,443

9.3 Notes to the Accounts for year ended 31 December 2016

INCOME

Capitation

This year we have collected all the monies due for 2016. Payments have been received representing 12,241 capitation payments from 11,892 Tangent members this being calculated from the forms supplied. It must also be remembered that the capitation went up at the AGM in 2016 and therefore the increased capitation is only half covered within these accounts.

Sales income

As the membership is aware our previous supplier of regalia went into liquidation, and we have had to look for a new supplier. We did not know the full picture at the end of 2015 and it has emerged that there were a lot of orders received in 2015 that were not honoured within 2015 and these had to be fulfilled in 2016. In addition we had to have some items remade at a cost to the association lost by the previous supplier.

Out of the expenditure on Sales £3,300.00 relates to 2015 orders. We also had to pay the new supplier to prepare and make dies for some of our items which are not ordered so often, in particular the 40th, 50th and 60th pin; we were very fortunate in having a club give a donation for one of these but we have had to pay out for the other two.

We have also made the decision to go to an outside supplier for the Regalia and therefore we as a club receive a far smaller profit on these items. This has all meant that the income on sales for the 2016 year is considerably less than envisaged when the budget was prepared last year; the monies being made up of two headings Regalia sales and Commissions receivable which shows a slight profit overall for the year.

RUNNING COSTS

Directories and Magazines

The 3 issues of the magazine are covered within this years costs. As discussed at last years AGM ways of reducing the costs of production were considered and we have reduced the print run and send out now in packs of 5. The average cost per printing and sending of each magazine in 2016 has by doing this been reduced to £4,775.00.

Within this heading is the printing of the directory and normally the print runs for forms for Capitati on, Directory Update etc., this we have also managed to reduce by only printing forms for clubs only where they are not showing any email address.

The AGM minutes are normally sent out in the summer with the directory this year this has been delayed and is to be sent out early in 2017 so the estimated cost of £1,130.00 has been added to this year's accounts as an accrual.

National Conference and Regional Lunches

This heading from 2015 covers all the costs of the Executive attending Conference, hotel, package and travel costs.

We have managed this year to keep all costs of the regional lunches held in 2016 within the 2016 accounts and the cost was just over that budgeted at just over £8,500.00. The budget item for the year was £8,000. We did manage to cut down the hotel accommodation costs for Scotland but for Ireland it was virtually impossible to get from the regional lunch venue back in a day but were very fortunate to obtain a very reasonably priced hotel due to a one-off favour which unfortunately cannot be offered again. I have encouraged the Executive as I did last year to book their flights as soon as possible to get the best deals and also wherever possible to buddy up and car share to regional lunches. At the time of preparing the budget it was not known where the new Executive would live and we could not car share as much as we did in 2015.

I had allowed for all the Executive attending each regional lunch, this has not been possible but the majority of the Executive have been able to attend most of the regional lunches this year and both the Presidents of 41 Club and LC also attended a regional lunch as our guests. The total cost expended on attending the regional lunches and Conference was just over the budget figure.

International

As shown in last year's Agenda this is the allowance for the Immediate Past President for attending International Meetings as our Representative. The amount expended under this heading has been greatly reduced this year due to extenuating circumstances. I have therefore been able to put the monies we had to pay TCI for our membership of £880.00 in this heading and still keep within our budgeted figure of £3,000.00.

Travel costs

This covers the costs of the President's or their Representatives travel costs to go to club meetings, lunches, birthday celebrations and the like, together with meetings held by the other members of the 4 club family to which we are invited, our AGM planning meeting and any Executive meetings where they are not tied into a regional lunch. I underestimated the cost of the planning meeting, the costs of the rooms increasing slightly from the previous year but had sufficient in the budget figures to cover the total heading within budget.

This year's National President has been fortunate in that she has been able to attend several events close to each other on quite a regular basis; and also has had the benefit of various family members living in strategic areas of the country making her travelling much less than others not having to traverse across the length and breadth of the country as much as some others.

AGM

This covers the costs of putting on the AGM, and I am afraid is increasing year on year. I have spent a considerable amount of time, as had Melodie Brookes as the secretary for the last Conference, of pairing down the costs but both room hire and the Audio Visual Costs are increasing.

The room hire/sound and meeting costs all came in one bill so the budget items for this have been amalgamated.

We paid out very little last year for Association guests and have allowed in future only for the LC President and one person representing the Presidents Charity within this and for one night accommodation and function and the AGM lunch.

The main overspend was in relation to the room hire, sound etc., which was budgeted at £2,750.00 and cost £3,749.00 which was only arrived at after considerable negotiations. The printing costs were minimally over but guests costs less than the budget.

Guests gifts and donations

This year no Association gifts were given to any of the other 4 Club family members and the guests attending the AGM and lunches I have covered in these respective headings. We had 4 members leave the exec at the AGM 2016 and I have already purchased part of the gifts for those leaving in 2017 as it was agreed

meeting that it would be nicer to receive a gift rather than a monetary donation.

Professional fees

This is as per last year's agenda paper and covers the Accountants cost for preparing the accounts.

Insurance

We did not increase it to include travel due to cost and felt that nowadays all those travelling are likely to have an annual travel insurance cover and I checked with the major companies that they would cover this as they are booking and paying the travel themselves it is not purchased by the Association.

Website/computers

This covers the costs of hosting the emails and maintenance and support, we did not pay any extra for the change-over of Editor and any initial training/support costs and support still runs at £150.00 plus VAT per month.

Half-year meeting

As the membership will be aware this meeting was cancelled due to lack of those looking to attend. We considered the costs that we had expended that were not able to be cancelled and this was the room hire and some advanced travel costs. It was felt spending the additional cost for under 10 members that had said they were attending was not warranted and also if under 10 attended then a productive meeting would not occur and it would be unfair on those due to attend to expend both time and money on this.

Office expenses

This covers, postage, printer cartridges and other Stationary costs. We have had to purchase a new bar for the Regalia for the Executive Administration officer as this was not bought within her first year of office.

National Presidents Out of Pocket Expenses

This was set at £1,500 at the 2016 AGM. The Accounting year straddles 2 Association years so this will always be slightly different from the figure set.

BALANCE SHEET

Stock

This has been reduced from the amount held in 2015, it includes stock paid for by NATC and held with our new Regalia Supplier, we have not bought any large purchases during the 2016 financial year, but will be purchasing a new stock of Marquasite brooches in 2017 and have just purchased 200 new pins with magnetic backs which will increase stock levels in 2017.

Advances for Regional Lunches

As confirmed last year the figures being asked for has increased and is broken down as follows, this increasing by £1,000 from last year but as can be seen the amounts requested are increasing.

The £6,198.00 is broken down as follows

2016	£1,500	1 loan
2017	£4,198	2 loans
2018	£500	1 loan

There is within the guidelines notes that the loans are to be repaid within a month of the event and this does need adhering to.

Reserves

The reserve funds showing on the accounts is held within the old sales account which is now held as a general account and I am in the process of discussing with Barclays whether we get the highest interest we can on this. I have also held the old sales account currently at a different bank to keep the monies held in Barclays at a reasonable level this is over the £75,000 guaranteed by the banks but as we are getting the highest interest currently with Barclays albeit only a few pounds

If there is anything you require any further explanations on before the AGM or any question you would like to raise at the AGM itself, please send this to me at least 2 weeks before the AGM, (slightly earlier than last year due to my work commitment immediately before the AGM) so that I have time to fully look into it and to provide you with a written answer before the AGM or have the answer ready for the AGM if you want to deal with it this way. Please send to Treasurer@tangent-clubs.org.

9.4 Accountant's Report



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THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF TANGENT CLUBS

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

ON THE UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS OF THE ASSOCIATION

In accordance with the letter of engagement, we have performed a review of your Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet to ensure that the balances agree to the underlying books and records of the National Association of Tangent Clubs for the year ended 31 December 2016.

As a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW) we are subject to its ethical and other professional requirements which are detailed at www.icaew.com/membershandbook.

This report is made solely to you, in accordance with the terms of our letter of engagement. Our work has been undertaken solely to confirm that the financial information of The National Association of Tangent Clubs has been accurately prepared and state those matters that we have agreed to state to you in this report in accordance with the guidance of ICAEW as detailed at www.icaew.com/compilation. To the fullest extent permitted by Law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the National Association of Tangent Clubs, for our work, or for this report.

You have approved the financial information for the year ended 31 December 2015 and have acknowledged your responsibility for it, for the appropriateness of the financial reporting framework adopted and for providing all information and explanations necessary for its compilation.

In our opinion the Income and Expenditure Account and the Balance Sheet are in accordance with the entity's accounting records and information and explanations you have given us. We have not verified the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records or information and explanations you have given to us and we do not, therefore, express any further opinion on the financial information.

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APPENDIX 3:

10. NATC Explanation of TCI Presidency 2018-19

TCI is run by a Board and a group of Councillors. It must be emphasised that TCI is still a young Association and is still finding its way in terms of organisation. These are the relevant TCI rules:

5. TCI Board

a. The TCI Board consists of the Tangent National IRO of all Full Member Countries.

b. The TCI Board members shall consist of:

i. President, goes in turn of Full Member Countries from October 2013, the previous year the

incoming President serve as Vice President:

- 1. Denmark 2014-2016*
- 2. Sweden 2016-2017*
- 3. Norway 2017-2018*
- 4. GB 2018-2019*
- 5. Cyprus 2019-2020*

ii. Treasurer, to be voted on at the TCI AGM amongst the TCI Board members until 2020.

iii. Secretary to be voted on at the TCI AGM amongst the TCI Board members until 2020.

c. Election for TCI Officers

The first open election for TCI Vice President are to take place at the TCI AGM 2019.

The first open election for TCI Treasurer are to take place at the TCI AGM 2020.

The first open election for TCI Secretary are to take place at the TCI AGM 2020.

The TCI Board 2020-2021 to consist of the following officers:

- TCI Vice President*
- TCI President*
- TCI Secretary*
- TCI Treasurer*

The TCI Board 2021-2022 to consist of the following officers:

- TCI Vice President
- TCI President
- TCI Immediate Past President
- TCI Secretary
- TCI Treasurer

6. TCI Council

a. The TCI Council consists of the TCI Board and the Tangent Immediate Past National President or Tangent National President of any Full member Country."

In the National Association of Tangent Clubs (NATC) it is the practice that our International Relations Officer role is taken on by our Immediate Past President, and our NATC President is a TCI Councillor. NATC has 2 votes. Each country is entitled to only 1 Board member.

As it is now NATC's turn to take on the TCI's Presidency in 2018-19, (ie Vice President 2017-18), that opened up the question as to who would take on the role of TCI President. Paula will become TCI Vice President 2017-18. Much discussion took place on the NATC Executive over several meetings, as it was important to weigh up the interests of TCI as well as NATC. We would make it clear that the members of the Executive had differing views on the matter as we would expect members to have.

Different options were examined including:

a) Melodie to replace Paula on the TCI Board and become TCI Vice President during her NATC's Presidential year (2017-18), and TCI President in her IPP year (2018-19). This was discounted as we felt her main role was to be our President and this would be too much of a burden on top of her responsibilities to our own membership.

b) Paula to join the TCI Board this year (2017-18) for one year as VP, and Melodie take over as TCI President in 2018-19. As the reason for creating the role of TCI VP is to give a member of the Board experience of how TCI works before she must take on the Presidency. This option was considered not to be in the best interests of TCI

Finally a Proposition was put at the Executive meeting on 23 September 2016 that: *We keep to the current practice of progression to put forward Paula Farnfield as our Tangent International President, becoming TCI Vice President in April 2017 and TCI President in April 2018.*

This was seconded. A vote was taken and the Proposition was carried. It was considered that this option was in the interests of both NATC and TCI. Melodie would remain a TCI Councillor in her IPP year 2018-19, but could not become a Board member of TCI, because there can be only one Board member from each country.

As we will have no member of the NATC Executive on the TCI Board in 2018-19, Paula as TCI President will report back to the NATC Executive, as will Melodie as IPP and TCI Councillor. We are confident that Paula as a Past President of NATC will continue to promote our position at TCI level even though she will leave the board in 2018. For the sake of completeness, it has been agreed that Paula will not receive any funding from NATC once she has left the board. Cyprus will take on TCI VP in 2018 and President in 2019. The post of TCI VP will for the first time be decided by open election in 2019. TCI have not yet formulated any guidelines on how this will be done.

APPENDIX 4: Propositions from Clubs

11. Proposition 1 – AGM Format

We propose a new rule 7.10 as follows:

Tangent Day should consist of two distinct parts, separated by a lunch.

The morning session would include greetings from Overseas Clubs and International together with presentations from charities and any inspirational speakers or similar.

This would be followed by a SHORT lunch break.

The afternoon session would be for matters requiring a vote followed by the induction of the incoming executive.

Proposed: O.A.T.S. 897 Tangent. Seconded: Bilston Tangent 188

Explanation:

Tangent Day used to be a day for ladies to meet for lunch, have a good gossip and then move onto the formal business of the Association within an Annual General Meeting. The whole day is now an AGM with business both before and after lunch.

The finish time for the day is primarily set by the minute by minute that the National Executive work to so where anyone exceeds the time they are allocated to speak for or where no allowance has been made for how controversial a proposal might be resulting in more ladies wishing to raise points the day will finish later than scheduled. In Harrogate and Birmingham both Tangent Days' ran on beyond their scheduled finish time and the incoming President was then left in an invidious position of having ladies leaving whilst she was making her inaugural speech.

The number of overseas clubs bringing greetings, the advent of Tangent International from whom there are also greetings as well as the President of RTBI and the inclusion of a speaker and presentation from sponsored charities together with two additional members on the National Executive has added to the length of the reports and activities being included within our Tangent Day as a result of which we feel that matters that are important to the National Association are not given the time that is required for proper discussion.

APPENDIX 5: National Executive Financial Recommendations

12.1. Budget

12.1.1 Budget detail

**THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF TANGENT CLUBS
BUDGET SHOWING COMPARISON WITH 2016 BUDGET**

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
INCOME		based on
Capitation fees	71,700.00	11950
Regalia and memorabilia		2,000.00
TOTAL INCOME		<u>73,700.00</u>
RUNNING COSTS		
Communication with members		
Directories, Tangent News inc Distribution	23,250.00	20,500.00
Meeting with members and other clubs		
National Conference and Regional Lunches	14,000.00	15,600.00
International Expenses	3,000.00	4,000.00
Other National Executive Travel expenses	14,400.00	13,660.00
HYM - UK	1,000.00	
Association Overheads		
AGM	5,250.00	6,500.00
Guests, Gifts & Donations	1,500.00	1,500.00
Insurance	5,000.00	5,000.00
National President's Out of pocket expenses	1,500.00	1,515.00
Office Expenses	1,000.00	1,100.00
Professional Charges	1,000.00	1,000.00
Repairs Regalia		
Banners		500.00
website costs /computers	2,500.00	2,500.00
TOTAL RUNNING COSTS	<u>73,400.00</u>	<u>73,375.00</u>
Annual Surplus		<u>325.00</u>

12.1.2 Explanation of budget Jan 1 2017 - Dec 31 2017

COSTS

Directory and Magazine costs

Three magazines are produced a year the cost for this to include printing and postage is an average of £4,775 per copy.

The minutes of the AGM have in the past been sent out in the summer, this year they have been delayed and will not be sent out until 2017, I have as stated above in the notes to the Accounts, allowed for the minutes that should have been sent out as a credit for 2016 and the ones for the AGM 2017 are in the budget below.

We have reduced the amount of printing we do by not printing the Regional Lunch forms and Regalia forms, but still print the nomination forms, and some clubs are not on email and these do get printed copies of emails etc.,

To this must be added the cost of the printing of the directory and the form sent with the magazines

Magazines	£14,325
Directories	£ 4,500
Minutes	£ 1,175
Printing nomination forms etc.,	£ 500
Total	£20,500

Regional Lunches

There are fewer clubs coming forward to host the Regional lunches and in some areas fewer people attending added to the fact that the Budget of the Regional lunch has to include the National Presidents Costs of attending, the Executive felt that this costs should be lifted from them and in future the cost come out of the National Budget, in addition the Presidents of the other 4 Club family are invited as guests of NATC to attend one lunch during the year.

As the 2017 Conference is in Belfast next year it was felt important for the Secretary, to see the AGM Venue and it was decided to hold an Executive meeting at this lunch which necessitates 2 nights' hotel accommodation for all Executive members and I have allowed hotel allowance based on 1 night's accommodation for

half the executive and 2 for the other half due to flight times for the Scottish Lunch.

There is also the travel cost of the executive members getting to the other lunches and the home hosting allowance given to the host club, I have altered the headings for the budgets as one executive member now requires a flight to each event due to their location. The travel costs have increased as this year locations of Executive members have not made car sharing as easy as it was in 2015. Based on this the amounts budgeted are as follows: -

Costs of lunches - using an average of £40.00	£2,360
Travel to lunch	£5,300
Hotel and home hosting	£2,000
Total	£9,660

Conference Attendance

This covers the package costs and hotel costs of the executive and travel costs, which is budgeted as the same as last year.

Total £6,000.00

International

This is the allowance for the Immediate Past Presidents who acts as our IRO costs for attending International meetings this has been at £3,000 for several years, I have increased this to £4,000 to cover the fees of our membership of TCI, which will be increased slightly this year due to the change in bank rate GBP to Euros.

Travel costs

This heading covers the costs of the President's (or her representative's) travel to the clubs throughout our association. The numbers of visits have increased in the last couple of years and the estimate is based on an average of the last 3 years and taking into account the location of the President for 2017-8

This also covers meetings that are held with 41 Club, The Round Table family meetings, our Immediate Past Presidents Travel costs of attending the Ladies Circle AGM's and our own executive meetings where they not tied into a Regional lunch including the Planning meeting for the AGM.

It is noted that the President is being requested to attend more events every year by members of the 4 clubs family as well as Tangent Clubs and this will increase the expenditure in this heading.

Executive meeting/Planning meeting	£ 1,360
Presidents Travel	£11,000
Other travel costs	£ 1,300
Total	£13,600

AGM

This heading covers the costs of the Association putting on the National AGM, covering room hire, audio costs for the event, printing costs and meeting costs, I have looked at the costs for the last 2 years and the costs known to date for this year and taken an average for the items I do not yet have agreed costs on. Any Association guests speaking at the AGM will also be covered under this heading.

Room hire /sound, meeting costs	£3,900
Printing	£2,100
Guests	£ 500
Total	£6,500

Professional fees

This covers the Accountants costs and will remain as previously budgeted

Insurance

Insurance will be likely to increase slightly but there is a small difference between that expended and budgeted so will remain as previously budgeted.

Website

Our National Editor and Website Co-ordinator will remain in place for 2017 and therefore the budget will remain as for the current year.

HYM

I have not allowed any costs for this as we did not hold the meeting in 2016 and the agreement at the 2015 AGM was for a 2-year trial period.

Office expenses

This heading covers items members of the executive have expended themselves, including but not exclusively postage, printer cartridges, etc. and I have slightly increased this as we have had to have some ribbon made for the National Executive Jewels as this was held by Parry's and is not a stock colour and to make it cost effective have had to buy more than currently needed which will be held in stock.

Banners

The stock of National Banners used mainly when meeting with overseas Tangent Members have now been depleted and there are minimal number held, it is likely that we will need to invest in more this year and an allowance has been included for anticipated costs.

Other Association overheads

The other items are self-explanatory and have not changed significantly over the last year but if any breakdown is required, please do not hesitate to contact me in writing.

INCOME

As confirmed the sales income will not be as great as it has been in the years before 2016, but due to there being costs within 2016 relating to 2015 I have allowed for a slightly higher figure than achieved in 2016.

The current capitation figure allows us to break even if we have a small decrease in membership which is I am afraid the current trend.

As can be seen from the Balance Sheet we are sitting on a healthy figure but several factors must be regarded here.

All Income generated for the 2016 Tangent Year re capitation was received by mid December 2016 and no further income will be received in this way until June. In the 2016 year £30,000 was transferred from the deposit account to the current account to cover this initial shortfall.

The loans we are being asked to cover for Regional Lunches are increasing and Loans have been asked in the Past for the National Presidents Ball and Charity Lunch. The figures for the loans are also increasing and I can see that by 2018 we could be up to over £10,000 given out to clubs in loans.

As last year, I feel we should hold at least 1 years' running costs just in case we received no income for a year and this was the Association would not be bankrupted. This counts for all our Monies so we do need to look to budget to cover all expenditure and not look to use part of the monies currently held in the bank as my comment for last year.

12.2. Out of Pocket Expenses

The National Executive recommends that the Out of Pocket Expenses for the National President be increased by £15 to £1,515.

12.3. Annual Capitation

The National Executive recommends that the annual Capitation charge for members shall remain at £6 per member.

12.4. Independent Membership

The National Executive recommends that the annual Capitation for Independent Member shall be reduced to £11 per member.

APPENDIX 6: National Executive Recommendations

14.1 HALF-YEAR MEETING: The National Executive recommends that:

Rule 7.9: 'In October 2015, 2016, a trial Half-Yearly Meeting to be held in October in a location to be decided, and thereafter reviewed at the National AGM in 2017' be deleted.

Explanation:

It was agreed in April 2015 that trial Half-Year Meetings be held in October 2015 and 2016, in order that the National Executive and the membership could discuss issues less formally than at the AGM. The idea was the National Executive would get a feel for what the membership felt on certain issues. The 2015 meeting attracted ~35 ladies (it was held alongside the TCI HYM in Birmingham) but the meeting planned for October 2016 (in Leeds) was cancelled as only 7 ladies showed an interest in attending. The Half-Year Meetings cannot be justified financially and are obviously not needed by the membership.

14.2. PROXY VOTING: The National Executive recommends that:

Rule 7.4.3: 'The Tangent club should register the name of their chosen Proxy delegate with the National Secretary by 12 noon on the day preceding the National Annual General Meeting' be deleted.

Explanation:

At present a Voting Delegate needs to bring a Voting Delegate Authority form, signed by their club Chairman or Secretary, with them to the AGM as proof of eligibility. Currently, if a club nominates a Proxy Voter on their behalf they need to inform the National Secretary in advance, and send in a signed Proxy Voting Delegate Authority form. The Proxy Voter then needs to bring a copy of this form to prove their eligibility.

Instead the Proxy Voter should prove their eligibility by bringing the signed Proxy Voting Delegate Authority form to registration, thus reducing the administration to clubs. The crucial issue is this puts everyone on an equal footing without any undue consequences.

14.3. HONORARY MEMBERSHIP: The National Executive recommends that:

Rule 3.3e: 'Honorary members are appointed annually at the discretion of the club' be modified to read:

'Honorary members not eligible for membership under rules 3.3(a) or 3.3(b) are appointed annually at the discretion of the club'.

Explanation:

There has been a lot of confusion over whether an honorary member should pay capitati on or not. It is sad to say but it is believed that some clubs are bestowing honorary membership to avoid paying capitati on and therefore depriving the National Associati on. This rule change will better define Honorary Members Capitati on for inactive members. The National Treasurer can give guidance if required regarding inactive members.

14.4. NATIONAL SALES & REGALIA OFFICER ROLE POST 2018: The National Executive recommends that:

Rule 5.1: 'The Officers of the Association shall be the National President, National Vice-President, Immediate Past National President, National Secretary, National Treasurer, National Sales and Regalia Officer, National Editor and Website Coordinator and National Executive Administrator, who shall hold office until they resign or until their term of office expires, whichever happens first.' to be modified to read:

'The Officers of the Association shall be the National President, National Vice-President, Immediate Past National President, National Secretary, National Treasurer, National Editor and Website Coordinator and National Executive Administrator, who shall hold office until they resign or until their term of office expires, whichever happens first.'

Explanation:

During 2016, we have successfully transferred responsibility for ordering, stocking and selling Tangent regalia, clothing and gift items to PS Graphics. Ordering can now be done through the Tangent shop website, or at Regional lunches and at the AGM weekend, all through PS Graphics.

The National Sales and Regalia Officer has worked hard this year to resolve historical issues and in the successful transfer to PS Graphics. It is felt that the sales / regalia co-ordination role in future does not need to be a full-time position on the National Executive and that it could be incorporated in one or more of the other roles. The role will continue until the AGM in Belfast, April 2018 when the current officer's period in office completes.

14.5. Rules regarding TCI open elections: The National Executive recommends that:

New rules are added relating to TCI:

New rule section 11: Tangent Club International (TCI) Rules

14.5.1 *New rule 11.1: Candidate selection*

From 2019 (Vice-President) and 2020 (Secretary and Treasurer) open elections will be held for the TCI board. Members will be eligible for nomination as a TCI officer as per TCI guidelines.

14.5.2 *New rule 11.2: Voting*

The decision on how to vote for all TCI matters included in AGM or HYM agendas should, where possible, be agreed by the voting delegates at the NATC AGM. For all TCI meetings occurring in advance of the NATC AGM meetings, voting can be decided by the National Executive.

14.5.3 *New rule 11.3: Resolutions*

Resolutions to be submitted to the TCI AGM must have prior approval of the NATC Executive.

Explanation:

The timing of the AGM meetings can be such that the TCI AGM is prior to the NATC AGM and there is no meeting close to the TCI HYM. Currently, if the NATC Councillor does not have guidance from the NATC membership on how to vote on matters, she must abstain. It is felt that the NATC Executive should be empowered to make decisions on behalf of the members, ensuring that our vote is heard at TCI meetings.

Substantive motion; when an amendment has been proposed and seconded it must be voted on, and if it is carried it displaces the original proposal and becomes an amended proposal to which further amendments may be proposed.

The final amended proposal becomes the substantive motion which must be voted on again. If the substantive motion is defeated, the whole issue is lost and the meeting may not return to the original proposal or accept further amendments.