



LET FRIENDSHIP CONTINUE

**Minutes of the
Tangent Club International
4th Annual General Meeting**

Saturday 28th April 2018 at 9:30-12:30

Park Hotel Pörtschach, Austria

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1. Opening of the meeting

Gerd-Inger opened the meeting at 09.30, and wished a very warm welcome to everyone. She said that The Board and herself were very happy and humbled that so many Tangent members wanted to spend time together.

In addition to the Board there were 56 Tangents from 14 different countries.

Gerd-Inger said:

It is the 28 April 2018 and we are about to open the fourth AGM of Tangent Club International.

Also this time we are having our meeting together with the 41'ers. I would like to take the opportunity to express our gratitude to the organizing committee and the executive board for their help and support.

As we open our fourth AGM I ask you all please stand for a moment of silence in memory of Tangent, 41'ers and members of the Round Table family who are no longer with us and for all our absent friends.

Thank you!

2. Lighting the Candle of Friendship

Gerd-Inger: This weekend we have the pleasure to meet with members who has been with us for some time, one of them even from the very beginning.

It is a pleasure to have the Belgians with us today and therefore Gerd-Inger invited their representative, Martine Gielis, to light the Candle of Friendship.

3. Aims and objectives

TCI Vice President Paula Fairfield read the aims and objectives of TCI and then we stood as the anthems of Norway, GB&I and Austria was played to mark the opening of the fourth TCI AGM in Pörschach, Austria.

The aims and objectives:

1. To promote and strengthen international friendships established through Ladies Circle International.
2. To promote, encourage and support new international friendships between Tangent Clubs worldwide.
3. To assist LCI wherever and whenever called upon.
4. To work side-by-side with 41 International and Round Table International.
5. To be non-political and non-sectarian.

Gerd-Inger Kaasen, the President of Tangent Club International 2017-18 declared the TCI AGM 2018 open.

4. Introductions

Gerd-Inger and the TCI Board were honoured to welcome each and everyone to this AGM. Gerd-Inger said that she wanted that we all would have a good meeting filled with fruitful discussion, fun and friendship.

She also told us to remember that we all are part of the AGM and that any member of TCI could speak her mind regarding any item of the agenda.

Then she asked everyone to stand up and be recognized as she mentioned their names.

The TCI Board 2017-2018, let me start with presenting;

The Vice President Paula from GB&I

The Secretary Jeanett from Denmark

The Treasurer Niina from Suomi Finland

The Board member Anna, from Sweden

And - Gerd-Inger, The President of TCI, I am from Norway

Unfortunately board members from Cyprus, Elena, couldn't be here today.

Continue with the TCI Councillors:

From Tangent Cyprus – National President Anna Adamidou

From Tangent Denmark – National President Anne Mette Thomsen

From Tangent GB&I – National Immediate Past President and IRO Melodie Brookes

From Tangent Norway – National President Berit Richardsen

From Tangent Club Suomi Finland – National Immediate Past President Minna Sneek

From Tangent Sweden – National Vice President Carin Carlström

Welcome to the Associate member countries:

Gerd-Inger gave a very special welcome to our Associate member country, for only a short while, Tangent Israel, and their national President, Ricki Ashin and the national Vice President Sigal Rafaeli.

Tangent Belgium and their contact person, Martine Gielis.

Another special welcome to Tangent India and their national President Renuka Sehgal.

Also special welcome to our invited guests:

LCI President Anne Ahlefeldt

LCI Vice President Kenza Sbihi

41 International President Bruce McKay & Vice President Ulrich Suppan

RTI Marc Gemershausen

ACI president Isabelle Seguinot

And finally a big welcome to the entire delegation from:

Tangent Cyprus

Tangent Denmark

Tangent GB&I

Tangent Suomi Finland

Tangent Sweden

Tangent Belgium

Tangent Israel

Tangent India

And guests from Agora Club International

Then Gerd-Inger kindly asked non-Tangents to leave the meeting during the break to allow our members to feel free to raise any matters that are important to them whilst we are agreeing the new rules.

5. Apologies, greetings and obituaries

We are deeply honoured that so many people have taken of their precious time and joined our meeting and we have received many greetings and apologies for which we said: thank you so much.

The first greeting came from 41 Club President Bruce McKay and Vice President Ulrich Suppan. With kindness, very good energy and humour they told us how happy they are about the Side By Side working and Ulrich said that they were very happy to have this AGM together Side By side with Tangent Club International.

Next greeting was LCI President Anne Ahlefeldt who gave her personal speak and speak on behalf of Ladies Circle International. In her address she mentioned the division between TCI and Agora and suggested that we work together side by side rather than asking ladies retiring from Ladies Circle to choose from the two available options for continuing friendship.

Anne reported that a 5 club joint meeting (RT, LC, 41 Club, Tangent and Agora) had been proposed but that it had not been possible to organise such a meeting at the 41 Club International Meeting this year so maybe we need to set a goal to achieve such a meeting next year.

Round Table International was representing by the Austria IRO: Marc Germeshausen. He gave greetings on behalf of RTI President Yann Tavernier. Marc supported Anne in her desire for a 5 club meeting soon. Mark commented that there is one Agora Club in Austria and he gave us his motto: One Vision – All Together.

ACI President Isabelle Seguinot also brought greetings from ACI. Isabelle stated that Agora is now in 20 countries worldwide and they are not necessarily the same countries where TCI operates.

Isabelle gave us an overview of the Glasses Project that ACI is running to provide glasses for people in poor communities. Isabelle invited all Tangent members to join in their missions to distribute glasses to see how it all works.

Gerd- Inger said thank you for all the greeting and said: It is always a pleasure to work together with Ladies Circle and Round Table at all levels and that she knows, that in the Tangent world there is a close connection and cooperation between the organisations.

6. Announcement of the Minutes Secretary, Scrutineer and Tellers

The Minutes Secretary was the TCI secretary Jeanett Korch, assisted by Karen Durie from Tangent GB&I.

Since we had quite a few proposals to the rules, some more important than others, was it very important, that everything was handled in accordance with our Standing Orders and Voting system.

So Gerd-Inger had chosen to have a scrutineer: **Gitte Høyer** from Tangent Denmark.

Tellers were **Kirsi Savolainen** from Tangent Club Suomi Finland and **Helle Nielsen** from Tangent Denmark.

7. Confirmation and adoption of the agenda

The agenda for this meeting was sent out to the Presidents and IROs of all full member countries and to the contact ladies of all associate member countries on the 19th of March 2018.

Voting by show of hands on the confirmation and adoption of the TCI AGM Agenda.

All were in favour.

The TCI AGM agenda was adopted.

8. Confirmation and adoption of the Standing orders

The standing orders are printed out for the scrutineer and all the councillors and the tellers to read if they need to confer the rules.

Since we have 83% of the full member countries, we had reached a quorum.

We wrote for the adoption of the standing orders for the meeting.

All were in favour.

The standing orders were adopted.

9. Confirmation and adoption of the Minutes of the TCI AGM 2017

The minutes of the TCI AGM 2017 was sent out on the 2nd of October 2017. They have not been questioned before today and there were no question at the meeting so the Minutes was adopted.

Gerd-Inger and Anna signed the Minutes.

10. Confirmation and adoption of the Minutes of the TCI HYM 2017

The minutes of the TCI HYM 2017 was sent out on the 20th of November 2017. Gerd-Inger mentioned to remember that the HYM is a meeting for discussions only, the minutes are therefore not as detailed as for the AGM. Furthermore, of the same reason, we ask the AGM for confirmation and adoption of the minutes.

Unless the Councillors present had any questions, they would be adopted.

The Minutes of the TCI HYM 2017 were adopted.

Gerd-Inger and Paula signed the Minutes.

11. Reports

a. Boards report

Gerd-Inger presented the TCI Board's report;

The Board has held 11 board meetings during the year. We met physically in Sønderborg, in Riccione and yesterday, here in Pörschach. The other meetings were Skype meetings.

As I announced last year in Blackpool, I wished us to have special focus on three areas; The TCI rules, LCI support and Extensions.

TCI Rules

The original TCI rules and guidelines were designed to fit to a small organisation in its start-up phase. We were originally five member countries and it was important to us to have rules that would work as a basis for bringing the organisation into the future.

The different Tangent years have all demanded some changes. Examples I would mention is implementing rules about capitation fee, defining who we should cooperate with, -the Round Table Family, and rules about termination of membership, all rules amended the prior years.

Also this year we have focused on amending the rules to align them with the future Tangent Club International. Some of this year's proposals are of pure editorial kind, some are emphasis of matter, but the most important proposal is about who we are going to be in the future.

Originally, to secure continuity, it was decided that the presidency should rotate among the founder members. This period is getting close to its end. At the AGM in 2019, we are going to vote on our first elected vice president, the year after, the first elected treasurer and secretary.

This year's main focus has been to get a rule in place regarding nominations. The Board had a draft for discussion at HYM, we have adjusted based on feedback, and an updated proposal will be discussed, maybe amended, and voted on later on today.

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Any of you who remember this rule?

“To assist LCI wherever and whenever called upon”.

The Board two years ago decided in its first Board meeting that any charity activities initiated by the TCI Board should be in support of LCI and their service project. We had not been “called upon”, but we all had a wish to contribute.

I saw no reason to change this way of thinking, so this board also decided to do our utmost to support LCI’s service project. It is touching to see how much you all contribute. I am also happy when, in my country, cooperated with 41’ers, side-by-side, getting them to support the same project. Win, win!

This is not only “Friendship Continues” it is “Friendship and Service Continues”.

I had a wish to do even more to contribute to Ladies Circle, and I have had a dialog with Anne Ahlefeldt, the LCI President, about “What can we do”? The answer was quite simple: “help us recruit to Ladies Circle”. I wish that this were something every Tangent had in their mind “wherever and whenever”. I wish I had the time to make a good strategy going forward, that I had the time to make a good plan for TCI on this, but I realise the year was too short, I have to pass this on to the next boards.

Extensions

(a slideshow of photos was shown in the background)

All of us, all the time, try to spread the message about the Tangent organisation. We have ongoing work with prospects, we are growing and I have a gut feeling that this is going to be a fantastic day.

Growing can only happen if Circlers around the world know that we exist. Being visible has therefore been important, not only in the years that have passed; it will be in the future as well.

This Board has tried to be present at as many events in the Round Table Family as possible. It is important to be present both in Tangent events, to support organic growth, but more important to be visible elsewhere in “the Family”. We are THE TANGENTS.

So showing up started the week-end after Blackpool, several of us participating at the 2017 AGM for Tangent Denmark and Ex-Tablers.

Directly thereafter, together with several members of Tangent GB&I, Finland and India, we went to South Africa to be present at the 41 International 2017 AGM. The meeting was exciting, admit I was nervous, first time ever giving a greeting (!), but I survived, and could enjoy the surroundings and the atmosphere that were just “from another world”.

National AGMs for Tangent Sweden, Cyprus and Norway followed.

In July Ladies Circle Sri Lanka was re-chartered, and to represent Tangent Club International was our globetrotter, Vice President Paula. Of course, she also took the opportunity to say hello to Tangent Sri Lanka at the same time.

Jeanett represented Tangent Club International at the RTI World meeting in Estonia in August. As always, she represented the “not so young ones” beautifully.

August highlight, the LCI Conference in Sønderborg, Denmark. I have never experienced a weekend more electric. 800 women from all over the world gathering together in meetings, social events and partying.

During the conference TCI handed over a check of 5000 € to LCI's service project, Little Big Help. Thank you all for contributing!

Tangent France, an associate member club to Tangent GB&I, has been quiet, we haven't heard from them for ages. They found us, and again we have a contact person in France. Paula had the opportunity to visit in September and a closer contact was established.

The Finish HYM was arranged in September together with LC Suomi Finland on the traditional cruise between Helsinki and Stockholm. The TCI Board was represented by Niina.

Our own Half Year Meeting took place in October in Riccione, Italy. Again side-by-side with the 41'ers. We had the opportunity to give greetings to the guys.

41 Brazil was founded in December 2017 and specially invited was Jill Harris, at that time Vice President, now President in GB&I. Jill was kind to give greetings to 41 Brazil on behalf of TCI.

Also, in December; the chartering of Ladies Circle, Singapore took place. Even if a potential Tangent is far ahead, Paula represented TCI. Now they know we exist.

The LCI Mid Term Meeting for Nordic and Middle European Regions was in January 2018, and present from TCI was Paula, supported by Jill. Paula gave greetings to the meeting from TCI.

In March Paula, Anna, Niina and I were present at the AGM for Tangent Club Suomi Finland and Old Tablers Finland. It was a good meeting, the little we could understand of it. What was interesting, was to learn how Tangent Finland works to take care of existing members and to get new ones. I hope you have read their article in the last Newsletter. Finland seems to do everything right.

Ladies Circle Spain was chartered the week-end 6th -8th April 2018, and present were several Tangents. Eva Christine Moen from Tangent Norway gave greetings to the youngsters.

AGM GB&I, in Belfast took place only two weeks ago, again we had a weekend side-by side with the 41'ers. It is always interesting to see how the different member countries conduct their meetings, especially the mother-country of our organizations. The social events were, as always, hilarious – the brits sure know how to party.

This has been our year. We have several proposals to the rules to be discussed. We have an ongoing contact with LCI, and we have two applications for Full membership and one for Associated membership to be voted upon later on today.

I hope you are satisfied with our work. Can we continue to vote?

Can the Councillors approve the Boards report? Please by show of hands (75% needed, i.e. 5 to vote for):

Those in favour of the TCI Board report

Those against the TCI Board report

Any abstentions?

The Report from the Board was approved.

b. Reports from the Councillors

We continued with our full member countries, taken in alphabetical order starting with Tangent Cyprus.

Anna from Tangent Cyprus gave their report.

Tangent Cyprus have 1 club with 45 members.

Since our last report, not much has been done in Cyprus.

We had three meetings mostly to socialize amongst us and to enjoy dinner and wine. This is something we know very well to do!!

Beginning of May, in cooperation with 41-club Cyprus, we will have a bingo night. All income will go to our charity project. This is a well and professionally organised house which will accommodate abused children.

In June, the 16th we will have our National AGM, with 41-club and Ladies Circle. It will be held in Limassol, a sea-side city. And you know how it is in June, by the sea, in Cyprus...!!!

You are all most welcome to join us.

Anne-Mette from Tangent Denmark gave their report.

Tangent Denmark have 33 clubs - 3 new in 2017/18, with 318 members

Since TCI HYM in October Tangent Denmark has held two board meetings - our fifth and final board meeting will be held prior to our National Conference 4-6 May 18.

In Denmark we have experienced that Side-by-Side meetings with LC, RT and Ex-T are a success and we are convinced that the number of meetings will increase in the years to come.

We have introduced our 'Golden Book' - a directory as we know it from LC, with contact information for national board of Tangent, Ladies Circle Denmark, Round Table Denmark and Ex-Table Denmark as well as contact information for the Board of TCI. Furthermore, the book contains list of clubs, rules, history and of course list of members. This spring we have participated in the area meetings of LC. This is the place where we can face our future members and directly answer questions and hand out leaflets.

Year 2017 has been celebrated as our 35th Anniversary Year and our honourable member and founder of Tangent Denmark, Else Trandsfeldt, has created bracelets to all new members in 2017 - also all the members who participated in our Autumn Meeting in September was presented with one. Our AGM will be held in Odense on 5 May 2017. The national board has proposed a new rule that states that the immediate past president no longer is a member of the National Board. In the time of writing the NB consists of 7 board members. We find that this is a very large board for only 300 members. Also, it is a fact that time is changing, technology is changing, way of communicating is changing. Tangent Denmark has downsized the web-site. All the facilities available were not used and the costs were high. Throughout the year, the NB has been discussing tasks and composition and, not least, finances and costs. TD needs to change strategy - we need to renew - we need a BM who is responsible for strategic communication - including facebook, newsletters and web. The big question is should we downsize now or wait until we can present a whole new constellation? The whole

new plan will be presented at AGM 2019. At least this will be a developing and inspiring discussion.

Melodie from Tangent Great Britain & Ireland gave their report

Tangent GB&I have 580 clubs with 11,520 members

Greetings from your UK Tangent members. We had a most enjoyable National Conference last month in Belfast, Northern Ireland birthplace of the Titanic liner. We were pleased to welcome several International guests, I completed my year as National President having my theme as 'Together in Harmony', visited varied National, Regional and local club events including LCI Denmark and Costa del Sol, Spain. And promoted my charity The British Association for Music Therapy, with the members generously rising over £10,000 during the year.

The largest age group of our members is from 64 to 75 years and 62% of clubs are happy to welcome ladies who have not had the opportunity to belong to Ladies Circle. Our National subscription remains at £6.00. Jill Harris is our new National President and her theme is 'Together is Stronger' promoting the Round Table 4 clubs family and links between Tangent Clubs. She is supporting Round Table Childrens Wish as her charity. I would personally like to thank Gerd-Inger and the TCI board for their friendship and support and congratulate Gerd-Inger on her excellent achievements. We are thrilled and proud that our own Paula Farnfield will be the TCI President and wish her and her board every success.

Discussion arising after the GB&I Report:

Suzanne Norager, Tangent Denmark, asked Melodie Brookes what happened at the GB National AGM regarding the proposal on Open Membership. Melodie explained that the proposal was defeated at the AGM but that the objective of the proposal was to raise the issue with clubs as we must think of the future. Without Open Membership many of our clubs will simply have to close in future as there are very few members joining from Ladies Circle.

Suzanne also asked if a proposal to leave TCI was brought to the GB National AGM. Melodie stated that it was decided not to bring such a proposal to the AGM this year as we wished to support Paula Farnfield in her role as TCI President. Suzanne asked if it was possible that such a proposal would be brought at the 2019 GB AGM with the result that TCI would be left without a President for the TCI AGM as that happens before the TCI AGM next year. Paula confirmed that GB will not put forward a proposal that would result in GB&I withdrawing from TCI before the TCI AGM.

Berit from Tangent Norway gave their report

Dear Tangents, 41ers, Circlers, Tablers and Agoras.

I am happy to be here and spend this weekend with you.

This is the report from Norway:

This year we celebrate five years since we started, but we are still a small club. Only around 40 members, but we still hope to grow big and strong.

The biggest challenge has been find new members for the board. However, I think that we this year will be able to have new blood for all the positions.

I will take the opportunity to mention two highlights for the last year.

First of all, we have now formalised the cooperation with Ladies Circle Norway. The connection is good, and we have actually been able to help LC with recruiting.

The second highlight took place in December. With a good helping hand from Sweden we organised a champagne club/lottery. The income on 20 000,- NOK was divided between LC Norway's Charity project and TCI Charity project. It was a lot of fun – next year we double the result.

The Board has mostly been busy with planning the AGM in Sandvika in June. That is because the national Board and the girls in Sandvika are the same persons. It's a natural consequence of being a small club.

I hope we can report a lot higher activity next year.

Minna from Tangent Suomi Finland gave their report

Tangent Suomi Finland have 25 clubs and 305 members.

Our membership is growing quite rapidly. At the end of December 2017 we had 295 members and at the end of my Presidential year all together 305 !! Cheers to us !! At the moment we have more individual members than local clubs. Finland is geographically a long country and therefore distances could be long between clubs and individual members. Our wish and also a challenge are to offer interesting events to our members and to cover most of the membership areas. The national board decided to organise one event every month for our members and I am happy to say that we succeeded – our members have liked the events and participated in great numbers.

I have to tell you about one event – in January we had our “traditional” (3rd time in our history) theatre event, over 50 ladies came from near and far to see theatre play and after we enjoyed dinner together. And still there is more to come – in April 34 Tangent ladies will travel up to north, to Lapland, for skiing ... well at least for enjoying snow, After Ski and the company of each other.

In March we had side by side AGM event with Old Tablers Suomi Finland. It was great weekend with lots of fun, good discussions and meeting with “old and new” friends. It was a memorable Annual General Meeting – we had the pleasure and the honour to have as our guests TCI President Gerd-Inger Kaasen, TCI president Paula Farnfield, TCI board member and our godmother country Sweden's IRO Anna Akesson, LCI President Anne Ahlefeldt and our “little sisters” LC Finland's Camilla. And of course all our Tangent Ladies, all together we were 50 ladies, 43 Tangents from Finland and 7 guests. At this meeting we also elected our next IRO Nina Leppakangas – she will be the next TCI vice president 2018-19 !!.

Carin from Tangent Sweden gave their report

Tangent Sweden have 16 clubs with 194 members

We have held 2 board meetings and 4 Skype meetings for our 7 board members, producing 5 Newsletters to our members.

Tangent Sweden has been represented at the following events:

LCI Conference in Sönderborg, Denmark, TCI HYM in Riccione, Italy Tangent Finland AGM in Tampere, Tangent GB & I AGM in Belfast, charter of LC 1 Spain in Fuengirola.

Tangent Sweden was also represented at 12 out of 13 area meetings for Ladies Circle where we had the opportunity to tell the young ladies about the profits of getting older (and join Tangent).

We are very busy with our Facebook group where all members post pictures and share about their meetings and activities.

Charity - 4 different lotteries have brought a big amount of money to charity. Why? Because the prizes are champagne bottles!

We now look forward to the Swedish AGM which we have together with Ladies' Circle, Round Table and Old Tablers. We will be around 1000 people and approx. 40 Tangents. Amongst other things we will renew our letter of agreement with LC Sweden which will be signed by the two national presidents to confirm our tight cooperation and support between the two organisations.

Greetings from the Swedish board:
Malin, Carin, Åsa, Anna, Stina, Malin2 and Anna2.

Carin came up with a fantastic cheque and on behalf of Tangent Sweden she gave this to support the Ladies Circle International Service Project. 3000 euro.

c. Reports from the Associate Member Countries.

Due to limited time, the TCI Board decided not to read all the reports received. The report from Tangent Sri Lanka, Tangent Lithuania, Tangent Zambia are attached below. Gerd-Inger also confirmed that we have been in touch with Lora from Tangent Ukraine, meaning §4, C, ii is fulfilled.

The Associate member clubs in attendance, Tangent Israel and Tangent Belgium presented their reports:

Tangent Club Israel, President Ricki gave the report.

Tangent Israel have 10 clubs with 128 members.

1. Educational activities with children from distressed communities.
2. Volunteering in a nursing home.
3. Taking part in the establishment of a home for girls at risk.
4. "Purim Event" for Holocaust survivors.
5. Gathering of food groceries for needy families.
6. Trying to fulfil last wishes of hospice patients.
7. Renovation of a boarding school.
8. Clothing donation to the poor.

In addition, we had two board meetings and celebrated the "International Women's day" at the theater in collaboration with LC-Israel.

Moreover, we have collaborated with LC-Israel all year long.

Martine Gielis, IRO, gave the Tangent Belgium report

Tangent Belgium have 3 clubs, with 49 members

TANGENT WATERLOO 1 (President Arlette WILLEMS)

Started with their statutory meetings in their new restaurant in Brussels. In October, several members went to a «Cheese and wine » evening for the benefit of a home (KLIM) for persons with a disability. The meetings in December, January and February took place, like always, in a very pleasant and smooth atmosphere. In March we were invited at Chantal's home for our sandwich meeting. Last week we met - as it became a yearly tradition - the two other Belgian Clubs Liège and Wavre. We were 26 members and it is always a happy reunion ! One of our members Françoise also created recently our own Facebook page and we are of course very happy to attend for the first time the TCI AGM here in Austria with 6 members of our club Waterloo ! Great to be here and to celebrate friendship with you all...

TANGENT CLUB LIEGE (President Myriam SCALAIS)

In September we met in Liège for a guided tour of the exhibition "*John Cockerill and the development of the Steel Industry in our Region*; very exciting ! During our monthly meeting of October, we invited a retired Mining Engineer for a conference about Women's work in the 19TH Century. In November we have our main activity of the year: *an Evening at the theater* which was great success. End of November, we visited Europalia Indonesia. December means XMas Dinner and January we invited a member's daughter for a very interesting and highly appreciated presentation... 'If tidy could make you happy ?'. In February we had the exhibition in Liège (Guillemins Railway Station) : '*I'll be 20 in 2030*',

an exciting investigation about the future of humanity, living conditions, and technical progress. In March, we visited the Septon Castle in Durbuy followed by a small healthy stroll.

TANGENT CLUB WAVRE (President Isabelle MONTOSY)

The biggest event organized by our club is still the artisan fair during the first week-end of December 2017 in the City Hall of Wavre. Around 60 artisans are presenting and selling their works. Our fair is known for the quality of the participants and the beautiful things they present. It was a real success. The benefits (10.000 €) were completely distributed to our charity actions which are mostly dedicated to women and children, and also for the well-being of people suffering from cancer.

During the whole year we are also organizing cultural visits in museums, conferences, exhibitions, a "St-Nicolas party" for our grand-children. We have also a nice meeting between the 3 Belgian clubs and we try to organize more visits together to bond our friendship.

We are trying to organize the visit of the only French Tangent Club, Niort Atlantique. They feel quite alone in their Country and are looking for new friendship. The 3 Belgian Clubs together will most probably welcome them in September or October. We have to finalize this Project.

We are still trying to recruit new members, in preference younger ones to put new energy in our club and have new ideas. It is not so easy because people are so busy nowadays.

Tangent Sri Lanka President Geethani supplied the report

Tangent Sri Lanka has 1 club with 13 members.

Main activities since HYM;

Meetings and interaction with the Round Table family.

Four meetings were held up to date. The last two meetings were some what special as Dilka the first secretary of our Tangent Club who now lives in USA attended the meetings. Thanks to Whats app Dilka continues to be in touch with the Tangent Group and also supports the charity projects.

The Charter Ceremony of Round Table 9 was attended by Geethani which was an opportunity to meet and interact with Tablers, Circlers and 41nrs.

Community Service and Fund Raising

A Fund Raiser was held in October where the Tangents collected and sold many items at a Charity Bazaar. The funds raised will be utilized to improve facilities in a hospital in a small town.

The Tangents played an active role in the Christmas Gift Box project a charity done by the 41 Club Sri Lanka.

Apart from packing the boxes the Tangents participated in distributing the boxes to needy kids in 3 locations. One location was a remote area and Tushi made a long journey to represent the Tangents.

International Relations

Vasanthi attended the Chartering of the 41nrs Club in Brazil. During her visit she got an opportunity to meet Tangents from GB& I . These ladies had shown a keen interest in visiting Sri Lanka during the RTI World meeting in September.

probably from other countries too there would be Tangents attending this event and the Tangents in Sri Lank look forward to welcome friends from all over the world.

Let friendship continue, Geethani Daluwatte, President Tangent Club Sri Lanka.

2017-2018: Report from Tangent Lithuania, Milda Jodinskiene supplied the report

Tangent Lithuania has 1 club with 6 members

Our Tangent Lithuania is a small club, we have six members, with one new member having entered from last summer Laima Luksiene. We are mostly attending the activities organized by LC Lithuania clubs.

Aušra Jakaitienė has participated in the annual traditional event "Christmas Eve Dinner", which as always was very cozy and nice.

The representative of Tangent club Milda Jodinskiene has attended an international Ladies circle day celebration by participation in a performance „Great things“ with members of LC Lithuania, and also in a afterparty in a cafe nearby.

Some of us are planning to attend LC Lithuania AGM taking place in 4th-5th of May in Vilnius.

Also, I send greetings and good wishes for the coming AGM.

I hope you have a very meaningful and enjoyable event.

Milda Jodinskiene

2017-2018: Report from Tangent Zambia, Mulenga Tembo supplied the report

Tangent Zambia have 2 clubs with 25 members

- We have three planned meetings in a year. AGM, in February. Our new National Executive: Julie Mweemba President. Edah Chilundika Vice President, Janet Chileshe, Secretary and Emelia Jere Treasurer.
- HYM in August. These can be held side by side with either Circle or 41 Club. We have one Tangents only meeting in June/July. Clubs meeting once a month.
- Our project is for each Tangent `member to sponsor 3 children from a rural community school near Lusaka. We pay for fees and other school requirements when needed.
- We are involved in most of the Side by Side activities in Zambia.
- TCI Day will be celebrated at our project site.

Sorry, not able to join you at the AGM. Hopefully we can make it in Morocco!
Best wishes at the AGM

The meeting was suspended for a short break

12. Financial Report

Niina gave the financial report

Tangent Club International

Annual Financial Statement as per 31.03.2018

		Euros	
	Notes	2017-2018	2016-2017
Profit and loss statement			
Income			
Capitation fee for Full Members		2 000 €	1 800 €
Affiliation Fees for Full Members		120 €	
Affiliation Fees for Associated Members		40 €	80 €
Sale of TCI Pins		128 €	63 €
Total income		2 288 €	1 943 €
Expenditure			
Cost of sale -TCI Pins		36 €	18 €
Bank fees		126 €	81 €
FX effect, realized/not realized	1		41 €
Travel support TCI		500 €	479 €
Other expenses		599 €	300 €
Total expenditures		1 261 €	918 €
Net income		1 027 €	1 025 €

		Euros	
		2017-2018	2016-2017
Balance sheet			
Current assets			
Cash			159 €
Bank		9 009 €	6 425 €
Receivables			70 €
Stock of TCI pins		553 €	190 €
Total Assets		9 562 €	6 844 €
Equity and Liabilities			
Equity		5 083 €	4 056 €
Short term Liabilities		4 479 €	2 788 €
Total Equity and Liabilities		9 562 €	6 844 €

Note 1 the sum was less than estimated, when transferred to FIN bank

Well done dear Niina.

Comments for the report.

Anne-Mette from Denmark proposed that 250 Euros be allocated in the budget for travel by the TCI Board.

Following a vote, this was agreed.

Niina stated that the budget will therefore be adjusted with 391 Euros being transferred to equity and the revised budget was agreed by all.

Gitte Hoyer asked us all to promote the sale of TCI Pins. The number included in the income section of the budget for the sales of TCI pins is only 25 during the year, which is very small compared to the size of the membership.

It was confirmed that Jeanett Korch had donated 300 pins for TCI so all sales will result in a profit.

The Treasurer's report was adopted.

Niina presented the TCI budget for 2018-2019.

Tangent Club International

Budget for 2018-2019

Income	Notes	Euros
Affiliation fee	1	80 €
Capitation fee	2	2 000 €
Sales of TCI pins	3	175 €
Total income		2 255 €
Expenses		
Cost sale of pins	3	50 €
Past TCI Officers pins	4	64 €
Cost Website	5	200 €
Meeting facilities HYM autumn	6	400 €
Meeting facilities AGM	6	400 €
President to LCI conference	7	250 €
President to 41 Int Conference	7	250 €
Total expenses		1 614 €
Net result - to be transfered to equity		641 €

Note 1

Affiliation fee from Israel

Note 2

The budget is based on the number of members as per 31.12.2017 and on the Capitation fee acc. to the resolution at the TCI AGM in Landshut 2016.

Note 3

We hope to sell 25 pins at EUR 7 each. The cost per pin is EUR 2.

Note 4

Past TCI Officers pins. The cost per pin is EUR 9,10

Note 5

This item is uncertain, we have no knowledge of this cost at present.

Note 6

The cost of meeting facilities is an estimation. Our aim is to always look for less costly alternatives.

Note 7

The TCI Board proposes to support the President to the LCI conference and to the 41 International Conference. The proposed amounts covers the attendance fees.

The budget was also adopted with the above-mentioned changes. Adjusted and approved budget is as follows:

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Expenses		
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Meeting facilities AGM	6	400 €
President to LCI conference	7	250 €
President to 41 Int Conference	7	250 €
Board members travel support		250 €
Total expenses		1 864 €
Net result - to be transfered to equity		391 €

13. Proposals

To this AGM only the TCI board has put forward proposals.

According to the standing orders and voting system approved in Landshut, voting on amendments to existing rules and recommendations was made by showing of hands.

Gerd-Inger went through the voting system so it all was crystal clear, and we were all ready for the proposal and she also pointed out, that there is no stop date for when a proposal must be sent out to the member countries. We in the TCI Board decided to have the proposals sent out before the 31 of December 2017 in order to make sure there would be sufficient time for all member countries to address the issues. We also discussed these proposals at the TCI HYM and the Board has updated the proposals according to these discussions.

Then we moved to the proposals, and Gerd-Inger has asked Paula to take us through all the proposals.

§4, a, ii (half editorial half not)

An affiliation fee must be paid. The affiliation fees as at October 2013 is EUR 120,-.

Proposed rule:

An affiliation fee must be paid. The affiliation fee is EUR 120,-. An Associated member applying for Full membership shall pay a further fee of EUR 80,-, i.e. in addition to the EUR 40,- that has previously been paid to become an Associate member.

Arguments:

“as at October 2013” is not necessary, as the fee remains unchanged until another amount is approved.

An Associated member country applying for full membership should not pay more than EUR 120,- in total as affiliation fees. TCI board thinks that it should be taken into consideration that it takes time to establish a national board and therefore is not juste to collect EUR 120 from an Associated member country.

29th of December 2017, the TCI board.

Following a vote, the Proposal was adopted.

§4, b, ii

An affiliation fee must be paid. The affiliation fee at October 2013 is EUR 40,-.

Proposed rule:

An affiliation fee must be paid. The affiliation fee is EUR 40,-.

Arguments:

“as at October 2013” is not necessary, as the fee remains unchanged until another amount is approved.

29th of December 2017, the TCI board

Following a vote, the Proposal was adopted.

§ 5a

The TCI Board consists of the Tangent National IRO of all full member countries.

Proposed rule:

The TCI Board consists of the Tangent National IRO of all full member countries or a nominated country representative.

Arguments:

Not all Full Member countries have the IRO position. The purpose with this proposal is to align with this fact the remaining two years before a new nomination rule is effective. This said, TCI is an international organization, and the Board encourage the national Boards without this position, to consider it. This will ease international interaction.

29th of December 2017, the TCI board

Question and remarks!

5.a Susanne Nørager asked "How will individual countries decide who their representative on the TCI Board is going to be?"

Answer: The National Board of each individual country will decide.

Following a vote, the Proposal was adopted.

§5c. 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

Following a vote, the Proposal was adopted.

§5c. Election for TCI Officers

The first open election for TCI Vice President is to take place at the TCI AGM 2019. The elected Vice President will be her country representative in the Board in 2019-2020.

The first open election for TCI Treasure is to take place at the TCI AGM 2020.

The first open election for TCI Secretary is 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

Arguments:

The year 2019-2020 is a transition year, and §5c needs to be clarified.

No country should have two representatives during this year.

Change of the word “are” to “is” = grammatical corrections.

29th of December 2017, the TCI board

Following a vote, the Proposal was adopted.

Recommendation for a new § 5, d.

§5 d. Nominations to the TCI Board

- i) Only Full Member Countries can nominate candidates for the TCI Board.
- ii) All candidates must be approved and supported by their National Board.
- iii) Candidates shall be active members of their Full Member Association and have been members of Ladies Circle or wife or female partner of a current or past member of Round Table.
- iv) Nominations shall be received by the TCI Secretary by 30th of November and shall be sent out by her to all Member Countries no later than 31st of December.
- v) When there are no candidates for office, nominations from the floor can only be accepted with the consent of the candidate and the support by her own national board.
- vi) In the event of an officer vacancy the Board may appoint from members of affiliated Tangent Countries.

Arguments

We are getting close to the first elected officers to the TCI Board. In 2019 we are having our first open election for TCI Vice President, and in 2020 we shall have an open election for Treasurer and Secretary. This rule is simply a must.

29th of December 2017, the TCI board

Following a vote, 5 in favour/1 against, the Proposal was adopted.

§ 7b

The TCI AGM where possible is to be held in conjunction with 41 International Conference, or otherwise in conjunction with the TCI Chairman's National AGM.

Proposed rule:

The TCI AGM where possible is to be held in conjunction with 41 International Conference, or otherwise preferably in conjunction with the TCI President's National AGM.

Arguments:

Added the word "preferably" to allow for more flexibility. Furthermore, editorial change as the word "Chairman" is from the period before the TCI Charter.

29th of December 2017, the TCI board

Questions and remarks!

Israel said that it was important for TCI to be mentioned in literature for future International conferences. Paula explained that TCI is invited to take part in 41Cub International conferences as guests, not partners. Each conference has separate negotiations and the way it is now 41Club International pays all the costs. If we were equal partners we would have to share some of the costs which we cannot afford to do.

Gitte Høyer said that we shouldn't be quiet and must keep fighting to be recognised. It has to be mentioned that we are together side by side. Paula replied that it was very hard to get International Conference organisers to talk to TCI but things are improving slowly. Also, the men are not so good at organising things so far in advance. It is also much harder when there is no Tangent in the host country, only Agora. It may take 2 or 3 years to get full recognition.

Susanne Nørager said that the original rule reflected the fact that TCI didn't have much money to travel far in the initial stages.

After much discussion and comment all voted in favour of the Rule change.

Following a vote, the Proposal was adopted.

§7d

The TCI HYM where possible is to be held in conjunction with 41 International HYM, or in conjunction with the TCI Chairman's National HYM.

Proposed rule:

The TCI HYM where possible to be held in conjunction with 41 International HYM, or otherwise preferably in conjunction with the TCI President's National HYM.

Arguments:

Added "otherwise preferably" to allow for more flexibility. Furthermore, editorial change as the word "Chairman" is from the period before the TCI Charter.

29th of December 2017, the TCI board

Questions and remarks!

Anne-Mette said that we should consider locations for the TCI AGM which are further afield so that our members have the opportunity to visit those locations and she also asked, who decides where the TCI AGM and HYM are held.

Susanne Nørager replied, that it is the councillors who decide whether TCI will follow 41 Club International to the same location. A decision was taken at the 2016 HYM in Birmingham that TCI would not hold its AGM in South Africa.

Anne-Mette also asked: Has the venue for 2020 41 Club International HYM been decided?

Answer: Paula will find out and report back.

Paula stated that the rule regarding the venue for the TCI AGM and HYM will be reviewed next year.

A representative from Tangent India observed that their members often have to travel long distances for TCI meetings so why can't the European members travel longer distances too.

Karen Durie pointed out that a great number of Tangent members from Europe did support the 41 Club International HYM in India even though the TCI HYM was not held there in 2016.

The Board agreed to consider all options in future.

Carin pointed out, that a lack of money within TCI so far had prevented further travel.

Anne-Mette said that 41 Club International venues are known many years in advance so we need to budget further ahead in future.

Following a vote, the Proposal was adopted.

Existing Standing Orders and Voting System

STANDING ORDERS FOR THE TCI AGM

1. A record shall be held of the attendance of the Officers and voting Councillors.
2. The Quorum for any TCI AGM shall be a number equal to 2/3 of the Full Member Countries.
3. The Board shall appoint two Tellers, who shall be responsible for reporting to the Chairman of the meeting the result of all voting. Voting on all proposals shall be show of hands except when a written ballot is specifically requested.
4. In the case of elections of TCI Officers and Conference venues the voting shall always be by secret ballot. The appointed Tellers will ensure that all ballot papers, when used, remain confidential to the meeting all the times. If there are more than two candidates or choices, the single transferable voting system shall be used.
5. ANY MEMBER AND ONLY MEMBERS OF TCI ATTENDING THE TCI AGM MAY SPEAK ON ANY RESOLUTION, but only the TCI Councillors may vote.
6. In the event of any equal division of votes, the TCI President shall have a casting vote.
7. Procedure to be followed when dealing with resolutions:

- a. Any resolution may be discussed by the Meeting before it is voted on.
 - b. At this stage, any voting TCI Councillor, subjected to the approval of the Chairman may propose an amendment.
 - c. When an amendment has been proposed, it must be voted on and must be settled before any other amendment can be considered. A straight majority is needed to accept an amendment.
 - d. If voting is against the amendment, then it is lost, and the Chairman will then ask for any other amendments. If there are no more amendments, the original proposal will then be voted upon.
 - e. If the voting is for the amendment, it is therefore carried and becomes the amended motion, to which any further amendments can be proposed and dealt with as in (b) and (c) above. The final amended motion then becomes the substantive motion (the new proposal) and as such must be voted on.
 - f. If the voting is against the substantive motion, it means that the whole proposal is lost, and on no account does the meeting return to the original proposal.
8. The Chairman's ruling on any point of order shall be final.
9. These Standing Orders can only be suspended or altered by a 75% majority of the voting TCI Councillors present at the TCI AGM.

VOTING SYSTEM

- a) Secret ballot:
- Election of Officers
 - TCI AGM venue
 - TCI HYM venue

If there are more than two candidates to any of the above elections a single transferable voting system should be used.

- b) By show of Hand:
- Amendments to existing rules
 - Recommendations

Abstentions do not count – they are neither votes in favour nor against the motion. All the calculations are made on the votes cast and not persons present.

75% (3/4) majority of the votes cast is needed:

- To accept a report
- To approve a recommendation
- To pass a new rule or alteration to an existing one

- To pass a resolution regarding finance
- To accept an alteration to the Standing Orders of the TCI AGM
- To adopt the minutes of the previous TCI AGM

A straight majority (1/2 plus one vote) is needed:

- To accept an amendment on a proposal
- To withdraw an item from the agenda
- To elect an officer
- To accept an invitation to host the TCI Conference

Tellers receive, from the TCI President, casting votes in sealed envelopes for:

- TCI Vice President
- TCI Treasurer
- TCI Secretary
- Invitation to host the TCI Conference

These are only opened in the event of a tie. If these casting votes are not needed, they should be returned to the President at the end of the AGM.

Proposals:

The Board proposes to add “normally the TCI President” in brackets after the word Chairman in clause 3, 7b, 7d and 8.

Arguments:

The change will allow the meeting to be held even if the President is prevented to take part.

29th of December 2017, the TCI board

Following a vote, the Proposal was adopted.

The Board Proposed that the Standing Orders and Voting System is included in the TCI Rules, § 7, letter f and g.

Arguments:

The Standing Orders and Voting System were accepted as such in the TCI AGM in Blackpool on 21 April 2017. They can therefore be implemented as part of the TCI Rules.

§7 f should hereafter be:

§ 7. f Standing Orders for the TCI AGM

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- viii. The Chairman's (normally the TCI President) ruling on any point of order shall be final.
- ix. These Standing Orders can only be suspended or altered by a 75% majority of the voting TCI Councillors present at the TCI AGM.

§7, g should hereafter be:

§ 7. g. Voting System

- i. Secret ballot:

- Election of Officers
- TCI AGM venue
- TCI HYM venue

If there are more than two candidates to any of the above elections a single transferable voting system should be used.

ii. By Show of Hand:

- Amendments to existing rules
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Tellers receive, from the TCI President, casting votes in sealed envelopes for:

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- Invitation to host the TCI Conference

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29th of December 2017, the TCI board

Question and remarks!

A lot of discussion arose on this point.

Melodie stated that Standing Orders should not become part of the TCI Rules. Paula explained that TCI Rules state that there must be a quorum in order to change the Rules, but a quorum is not needed to change Standing Orders.

Gerd-Inger observed that if there were not enough members present to form a quorum then maybe no decisions should be made. It was suggested that voting by Skype or WhatsApp could be used if board members or councillors were not physically present.

There were 2 votes in favour of the change and 4 votes against it, so the change will not take place.

The proposal of a new §7f and §7g was defeated.

§ 8b (below the table)

Proposed additional sentence 1:

The Capitation fee shall be based on member count as per 31 December each year.

Arguments:

To state the number of members at the same day for the whole organization. Will also make the Treasurer able to send out invoices immediately after the TCI AGM.

Proposed additional sentence 2:

The Capitation fee shall be paid from the second year as Full Member.

Arguments:

If an applicant for Full membership have to pay both Affiliation fee and Capitation fee the first year, it may become such burden that a country cannot afford to become a Full member.

29th of December 2017, the TCI board

Following a vote, the Proposal was adopted.

Gerd-Inger thanks everyone for being engaged and speaking out our minds. That is the only way we can move this organisation forward.

14. Extensions

In Riccione, at our Half Year Meeting we had the most wonderful news. Tangent India handed in their application to become a Full member country in TCI – finally! During the break that followed, the Board was informed by Tangent Israel that they also would hand in a Full member application. We received the application short after the HYM.

We have also for a while been in touch with different national Tangent Clubs, and with some help from Tangent Belgium, Tangent Holland, represented by the Tangent Clubs de Haar 1 and de Dellen 2, decided to apply for associated membership in TCI. This is a result of good networking!

To accept applications for associate membership, § 4 of the TCI rules have to be fulfilled.

I will not repeat the rules as they have already been referred to.

(§4 Rules governing membership

a. Full membership:

i. Any National Tangent Association with a National Board may apply for full membership of TCI.

ii. An affiliation fee must be paid. The affiliation fees is EUR 120,-. An Associated member applying for Full membership shall pay a further fee of EUR 80,-, i.e. in addition to the EUR 40,- that has previously been paid to become an Associate member.

iii. Any application for full membership must be voted on, with a 75% majority at the TCI AGM following any application.

b. Associate membership:

i. Any National Tangent Association may apply for associate membership of TCI.

ii. An affiliation fee must be paid. The affiliation fee is EUR 40,-.

iii. Any application for associate membership must be voted on, with a 75% majority at the TCI AGM following any application.)

Tangent India has fulfilled §4 a i and §4 a ii

We voted on Full membership in TCI for Tangent India, all was in favour.

Welcome Tangent India to the world of Tangent Club International!

Everyone stood as the national anthem of India was played.

Tangent Holland, represented by Tangent clubs de Haar 1 and de Dellen 2, has fulfilled §4bi and §4bii.

We voted on associate membership in TCI for Tangent Holland, all was in favour.

Welcome Tangent Holland to the world of Tangent Club International!

Everyone stood as the national anthem of Holland was played.

Tangent Israel has also fulfilled §4 a i and §4 a ii

We voted on Full membership in TCI for Tangent Israel, all was in favour.

Welcome Tangent Israel to the world of Tangent Club International!

Everyone stood as the national anthem of Israel was played.

15. Presentation of the TCI Board and Councillors 2018-2019

Then it's was time to look to the future and to present the TCI Board and the TCI Council for 2017-2018

Let us start with the TCI Council 2018-2019

From Tangent Cyprus – National Vice President Elena Charalambidou

From Tangent Denmark – National Vice President Mona Boesen Ingerslev

From Tangent India – National President Renuka Sehgal

From Tangent Israel – National Vice President Sigal Rafaely

From Tangent GB&I – National President Jill Harris

From Tangent Norway – National Vice President Hilde Aasebø

From Tangent Suomi Finland – National President Susanna Jänkälä

From Tangent Sweden – National Vice President Carin Carlström

To the Regalias

Gerd-Inger said:

Ladies of the TCI board – it's time to loosen your chains. Could you please put them on the table here. I'll keep mine a little longer.

I would like to take the opportunity to say some words to my Board.

Gerd-Inger's "words to the Board".

Dear Paula

You have been so supportive as Vice President and I am happy that I have had your experience as former national President as guidance. I also have to thank you for helping me out when my English became too poor, and also for giving greetings on my behalf when visiting Tangents and Circlers around the world.

Dear Niina

Not only a good Treasurer, but also a person to lean on when questions like "what do they do in LCI, what do they do in 41 Club" came up. Niina has been my library! In addition, the best roommate!

Dear Jeanett

You have been an excellent secretary and a person who do not know the word NO. Whatever I have asked, the answer has been "I'll fix it". You are the sweetest person I can think of. A special "Thank you" for all the greetings you have brought to the Tablers and 41'ers when travelling together with Thomas.

Dear Anna

What has this year been without you – I dare not think about it. You have been there when I needed a "Presidential advice", you have been a person I could ask for help when I needed English words for my Norwegian thoughts, and you have been the person I could always call if I just needed a chat. You have been an enormous support for me!

And **dear Elena**, not here today, but present in almost all Board meetings, and always making comments to be noted. I had really hoped we could meet this week end and get to know each other better, but I do understand your reasons for not being her.

To you all, my TCI Board, my dear, dear friends. I shall try to pull myself together, but this is an emotional moment.

Anna claimed last year "I've had the best Board ever", well, you have been

"My best Board"!!!

Thank you all for the support you have given me this year! Without you, I would have struggled.

And to the TCI Council: thank you for the work you've done throughout the year.

The Board 2018-2019 will consist of representatives from all Full Member Countries. As several of the national officers are on elect this year, and the national AGMs have not taken place yet, we do not have the names for all incoming TCI board members.

Board member of TCI 2018-2019, already elected, from Tangent Sweden, Anna Åkesson

Anna, Anna... "who the F... is Anna" (hi hi)

Anna presented herself and there were – surprise – no questions for her. Everybody knows this lovely Lady.

Board member of TCI 2018-2019, from Tangent India, Renuka Sehgal.

Renuka presented herself.

What a lovely Lady she is and with a lovely motto: *You are like a cup of tea – YOU & ME.*

The IROs/Board representatives of Tangent Cyprus, Tangent Israel, Tangent Denmark and Tangent Norway are not yet elected. Therefore their names will be announced after their elections have been held. The present board representatives will continue their roles as board members until their election.

The Regalia for the Board members will be kept by The TCI President until the Board has been instated.

16. Introduction of the TCI Vice President 2018-2019

According to our rules, the Vice President post for next year should be filled by a Tangent from Cyprus. Unfortunately, and despite great effort, they were not able to present a candidate for the post.

The Board had to look for alternatives to solve this situation. When TCI was formed, no-one foresaw this to happen, and the TCI rules did not give any answers on how to act. After some discussions we resolved that the best and only possibility was to ask the one Full member country, not being a founder member, to take this position, namely Tangent Club Suomi Finland. Information has been forwarded to all Councillors.

We sent a request to Finland, you know what, they accepted the challenge! They had their national AGM in mid-March, where they voted for their new IRO, and along with this position followed the Vice President position in TCI.

Please welcome the IRO from Tangent Club Suomi Finland, and the next Vice President in Tangent Club International, Nina Leppäkangas.

Nina presented herself with a fantastic PowerPoint slideshow, showing her from kid until now.

Gerd-Inger handed over the Vice President regalia for Nina.

Dear Nina congratulations, we wish you all the best for your year.

17. Introduction of the TCI President 2018-2019

And now the moment we've been waiting for, it's was time to present our new President.

Gerd-Inger said:

Wearing this chain this year has made me so proud. It has been a privilege to represent the organisation around the world, and it has been a pleasure to work together with the Board and with you. But, there is a time for everything, and now it is time for handing over the chain to Paula, our next TCI President.

I know that you as TCI President will continue to develop the organisation to the better.

Gerd-Inger gave Paula her chain and said: *The stage is yours!!*

18. Address by the TCI President 2018-2019

Paula's presentation

Ladies I am keeping this short as I am not sure how long my voice will last, this is not 'conference throat' from too much partying, I was ill when I arrived here.

Today has been a celebration of Gerd-Inger's year setting in place the foundations for the Association as it grows.

Jeanett is not quite finished as she will be completing the minutes from today.

Niina, is not quite finished too as we will not be able to appoint a new Treasurer until all the new board members are known, thanks to Tangent Suomi Finland for taking care of the account for us.

For the next year we will need to look at more rules regarding the Secretary and Treasurer roles as well as job descriptions, AGM also the dreaded data protection, plus looking at what we need going forward with the website.

Thanks to the ladies from 2 of my clubs for being here to support me, and for looking after Sally who is attending her 1st international event. I am hoping that you will be seeing many of them when I am out visiting you.

I started my visits early this year with the AGM for Suomi Finland last month, then it will be a busy couple of months with GB&I Ladies Circle / Round Table conference, visits to the AGMs in Sweden, Cyprus, and Israel planned. Sadly, I cannot get to Norway and Denmark due to clashing dates. Later in the year the LCI AGM will take me to Norway and our HYM in Morocco. The end of this year and early next year are looking quiet so I hope to be able to get more visits arranged then. This is all just so I can get my Christmas shopping done when I pass through duty free.

And so for a glimpse of what I wish for you this year, my motto is **Make every moment count**, please do this in everything you do, don't save the shoes for best, use the best china, cherish the time spent with your family and friends, arrange side by side meetings or 4 club meetings, support each other in your club, your country and worldwide, enjoy the fun and friendship that Tangent brings because every moment counts.

19. Any other business

Gerd-Inger handed TCI Past International Officers pins to Tyyne from Finland and Anna from Cyprus.

Paula gave the Past Officers pin to Jeanett, Niina and Gerd-Inger.

Gitte advised that Romania wish to form a Tangent and will be having a meeting from 18 to 20 May 2018. Gitte cannot go so asked if anyone else could represent Tangent at that meeting.

Jill Harris said that TCI members are invited to visit Tangent Israel in November. Jill will circulate details in the next 10 days.

Paula reminded us of the HYM in Marrakech in October. Tangent Israel already has 25 ladies booked in.

A least the board stood and gave Gerd-Inger lots of thanks for been such a wonderful and inspired Tangent Club International President over the last year. The board gave Gerd-Inger a blanket filled with pictures from the last year. You did a brilliant job and you have become a very good friend to lots of us. THANK YOU GERD- INGER!

20. Date and place of TCI AGM 2019

HYM 2018 – 12. – 14. October

The Half Year Meeting will be held in Morocco.

www.41clubmorocco.org

AGM 2019 – 26. – 28. April

Didier from 41 Club Belgium came and presented the AGM site 2019

www.41international.net/agm41belgium

21. Closure of the meeting

Gerd-Inger thanked all for taking part in the TCI AGM 2018 and for making this so special.

She reminded us that we are all important parts of Tangent Club International, and together, living by the Presidents' mottos, we can achieve whatever we want!

Ricki from Tangent Israel blew out the Candle of Friendship.

The meeting closed at 13.00/1.PM.

Jeanett Korch

TCI Secretary 2017-2018.