



Minutes of the Tangent Club International 3^d Annual General Meeting

on Friday the 21st April 2017
at the Tangent & Club 41 GB&I National AGMs
in Blackpool, Great Britain

TCI Motto 2016-2017

United in friendship



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Agenda: Tangent Club International AGM Friday the 21st April 2017

At Tangent and Club 41 Gb&I National AGMs in Blackpool, Great Britain

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1. Opening of the meeting

Anna Åkesson declared the meeting open at 1.38 pm and sincerely thanked the organising committees and the executive boards of Tangent and Club 41 GB&I for hosting us and taking such good care of us.

One minute's silence was observed to remember absent friends from Round Table, Ladies Circle, 41 Club and Tangent.

Anna then invited everyone to partake in 'bubbles' and send thankful thoughts to Tangent GB&I for helping us with the cost with the conference venue and therefore making it possible for us to provide you all with a glass of bubbly..

2. Lighting the Candle of friendship

Anna stated that without Ladies Circle we wouldn't be standing here today. Therefore she invited Ladies Circle International President Gry Haugen to light the candle of friendship, which she did happily.

3. Reading of the Aims and Objectives of Tangent Club International

TCI VP Gerd-Inger Kaasen then read TCI Aims and Objectives

Aims and objectives

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

4. Introduction of participants

All attendees were asked to stand for the National Anthems of Sweden, Norway and GB&I, to honour our President, Vice President and hosting nation

At 1.42pm Anna was honoured to welcome all present to the meeting, asked that everyone spoke their mind and reminded that we all are part of the TCI AGM and that any member of Tangent Club International can speak her opinion under any item at the TCI AGM Agenda

She then introduced

the 2016-17 TCI Board



Present were:

Anna Åkesson President (Sweden)

Gerd-Inger Kaasen Vice President (Norway)

Alex Desborough Secretary (GB&I)

Niina Hämäläinen Treasurer (Finland)

Jeanett Korch Board Member and News Letter Editor (Denmark)

Not present was:

Anna Adamidou Board Member (Cyprus)

Councillors from the 5 countries were also present:

the TCI Councillors

Carin Carlström, national treasurer Tangent Sweden

Minna Sneck, national president Tangent Suomi Finland

Paula Farnfield, national president Tangent GB&I

Britt Stockflet Jorgensen, national secretary Tangent Denmark

Gerd-Inger Kaasen, national IRO Tangent Norway

Associate members from Tangent Israel, President Liat Wallenstein and Vice President Ricki Ashin, had also travelled to be with us

We were delighted that also present was LCI President Gry Haugen and LCI Vice President Anne Ahlefeldt, 41 Club International President Engelbert Friedsam, Round Table Region chairman for Northern Europe and America (very long title) Thomas Elong, and Agora Club International President Ursula Lejeune.

Also present was Christian Darnell, pilot, captain and love of Anna's life

Sue Hill, Tangent GB&I organiser and all round lovely then ran us through the practicalities, welcomed us to sunny Blackpool, pointed out there was not due to be a fire drill, so if the alarm went, scarper, gave us Health and Safety instructions and very helpfully informed us where the toilets were, should we wish to powder our noses



5. Apologies, greetings and obituaries

We have received many greetings and apologies, which would take all afternoon to relay, and so everyone was thanked kindly and remembered fondly

Anna invited **the president of Ladies Circle International Gry Haugen** and **the vice president of Ladies Circle International Anne Ahlefeldt** to address the meeting.

Gry had a computer on which to make her report from LCI, which was slightly worrying, considering the incriminating evidence that might come to light!! She thanked us for inviting her and then said she would try to be short, but really that wasn't going to happen! Gry gave much love for Anna, and was impressed that she had her own aeroplane and captain to transport her all over, at this point Gry asked if Anna and Christian were married, and suggested it was an option?? Gry was enamoured with the flight attendants on Air Tangent, and excited by possible new destinations, Spain, Singapore and Australia could be on the map in future.

Anna interrupted at this point to encourage drinking wine and advise of the risk of a hangover

At this stage Gry felt the need to sing her own version of On the Wings of Love, which went something like this:-

"Anna is the coolest Tangent President

For Gerd-Inger I have a lucky feeling

Love is all around

For the coolest captain you ever had

Fly the heart of friendship

Touching the sky

On the wings of love"

Anna invited **the president of 41 International Engelbert Friedsam** to address the meeting.

Engelbert stated he was very nervous in front of all us ladies, but felt 41 Club could learn a thing or two of drinking champagne from Tangent, he congratulated the board and Anna, and inspiringly spoke of how we were stronger together, and that he had sold 1300 pins raising 7000 euro which would go towards rebuilding damaged areas in Italy. He thought we made wise decisions and was looking forward to an evening of fun and friendship with Tangent and 41 side by side. Lastly, he intimated how much he enjoyed "bumping" into Anna and Gerd-Inger in Bangalore and Gerd-Inger again in South Africa

Anna invited **the Round Table Regional chairman for Northern Europe and America Thomas Elong** to address the meeting.

Thomas lives with Jeanett, they are also not married, but Thomas is qualified to perform marriage and his services to Anna and Christian, although stated he could not perform his own ceremony!



He then reminded us all that 90 years ago Louis Marchesi begun our wonderful journey, and how important it was all these years later to promote RT, LC, 41 and Tangent. Lastly Thomas spoke of all the Sunday evenings he has lost with Jeanett due to the TCI Skype calls, and he thanked us for that, plus stated he felt married to the whole board. It was generally considered Thomas was an excellent choice by Jeanett

Anna invited **the president of Agora International Ursula Lejeune** to address the meeting.

Ursula told how she met Anna in Landshut last year and was inspired by her radiant smile and positive energy. She felt we had common objectives and that we were stronger as a 5 figure organisation, including 3 ladies clubs and 2 men's.

6. Announcement of the Minutes Secretary and Tellers

It was announced that the minute secretary for today's meeting would be **TCI Secretary Alex Desborough**

The two tellers were **Melodie Brookes and Morag Daley, Tangent Gb&I**, who had been passed as capable because they could count to 10, but possibly not 20!

7. Confirmation and adoption of the TCI AGM Agenda 2017

The TCI AGM Agenda had been sent to Councillors and the National IRO's to be distributed to all members registered for the TCI AGM on the 12th of March 2017. Some copies of the agenda were available at the meeting to be distributed if needed.

As Anna felt it was nice to share, she pointed out her deliberate mistake on the agenda where by item 16 was followed by 11, 12 and 13, proving she could not count! Anna asked if we could amend the items after item 16 to be numbered 17, 18 and 19 instead. This was approved.

Anna asked the Councillors, if they had any other alterations to the Agenda. There were no alterations.

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

All were in favor.

The TCI AGM Agenda was adopted.

8. Confirmation and adoption of the Standing Orders governing the TCI AGM

The voting system and standing orders were adopted in Landshut and any amendments were to be sent to Anna by 15/1/17. Since she had received no amendments the standing orders and voting system are now fully adopted.



We had an attendance of 83% and were therefore quorate

With the five voting member countries present, there would be 10 votes. With Gerd-Inger being the only representative from Norway, she would be voting with both hands

A vote to adopt the standing orders

All were in favor.

The Standing Orders were adopted

9. Confirmation and adoption of the Minutes of the TCI AGM held on the 23rd April, 2016, in Landshut Germany

Anna asked Immediate Past President of TCI Susanne Nørager to enter the stage. The minutes of the TCI AGM 2016 have been distributed to all member countries and they have not been questioned until today. As there were no questions today from the Councillors present, the minutes were consequently signed by Susanne and Anna.

Susanne then presented a big surprise. She had created a past TCI board member pin. Consequently, pins were immediately awarded to past officer Janice O'Neill and Karen Durie

10. Reports

TCI Board

To keep it simple and running on track, **the TCI Board** presented a combined report of the job done during the year.

Anna presented a powerpoint of photos of last year's events and read the following report:

"TCI Board report 2016-2017

The TCI Board 2016-2017 has been the following ladies:

President Anna Åkesson Tangent Sweden

Vice president Gerd-Inger Kaasen Tangent Norway

Secretary Alex Desborough Tangent GB&I

Treasurer Niina Hämäläinen Tangent Suomi Finland

Board member and newsletter editor Jeanett Korch Tangent Denmark

Board member Anna Adamidou Tangent Cyprus



Due to illness Anna Adamidou was not in position to attend the meetings. Because of that I, Patsalides Ioannou National President Tangent Cyprus replaced her as board member on the TCI board 2016 – 2017 for the major part of the year.

The new board really got off to a flying start due to an excellent suggestion from Alex Desborough in Landshut that we should try to have a board meeting in person during the summer. I invited the entire board to my home in Karlskrona, Sweden for a weekend in July. It was a fantastic weekend filled with Tangent work but also with some adventures. We took them sailing, Christian took them flying and I made them bathe in the cold Swedish sea.

During that weekend, we agreed on having Board Meetings through Skype once a month beside the obligatory Board meetings adjacent to the HYM and the AGM. We also decided to send out 6 newsletters during the year. Jeanett agreed to be responsible for the newsletters. Due to heavy workloads and even heavier travelling on the entire board the final number of newsletters ended on 5.

We also started to work on revising the TCI rules. We recognised the most acute things to address to start with. We have also gathered the rules from LCI, RTI and Club 41 International as well as from the different Tangent countries, thus trying to make the changes as perfect and well thought through as possible, always keeping in mind what has been kind of a board motto for the year – Keep it simple. When you start looking at rules, it always tends to be more complicated the more you look at them. Let's say we reached halfway. We decided that instead of rushing things, we settled for only the two amendments we already discussed at the HYM and we will continue to revise the rules.

Another issue that was raised was the fact that Tangent Club International isn't endorsing any charity. Several board members had heard questions about this matter. And since charity is a very important matter for all of us, we felt more than happy to embrace this issue. Since this never had been done before and due also to the fact that most Tangent countries have existing charity rules and organizations in place, we had no way of estimating the amount of money we could raise. We also felt that this was a TCI thing, not something to be pushed upon the member countries. Instead of finding and implementing a new charity project, we decided to endorse an existing one. And what would be more appropriate than choosing the LCI ISP, LittleBigHelp. We have done fund raising in our international meetings and I, myself has performed some fund raising in Sweden. We have also been given contributions from different Tangent countries, entirely on a voluntary basis. Since the Tangent year in most Tangent countries isn't ended yet, I can't give you the final sum. Niina will tell you the amount raised so far in her financial report. This test will be evaluated by the next board and we'll see if there will be a continuation and in what form.

We also agreed upon the importance of making TCI visible in the entire world of Round Table so we would do our utmost to be present at as many events as possible, not only Tangent events. And this really took us to the 4 corner of the world! Thank God for Christian so I can manage to travel in some style!

I, Gerd-Inger and Jeanett attended Tangent Denmark's AGM last weekend of April.

I attended Tangent and LC Sweden's AGM and Gerd-Inger attended Tangent Norway's AGM.



Jeanett represented TCI at the RTI WM in Nepal. From that we learned the lesson not to climb Mount Everest if you don't have to. So luckily, while Jeanett was stuck on the mountain, Åsa Cato, IPP of Tangent Sweden could step up and give greetings at the meeting. Thank you, Åsa and well done!!

I, myself, represented TCI at the LCI conference in Cape Town.

Since the HYM of Club 41 International was in Bangalore, India, we decided to look elsewhere for a place to have our HYM. And Tangent Finland was kind enough to host our HYM. They had their own HYM on the ferry between Finland and Sweden side by side with LC Finland on the 16th-18th of September 2016 and we were invited to tag along. It was a fantastic event. All full member countries except Cyprus were represented and I also must mention that Tangent Israel was represented by no less than 18 ladies. Well done!! During the break in Stockholm, Tangent Sweden had volunteered to organize different sightseeing tours. Thank you, ladies!

In October, Gerd-Inger and I, together with many other Tangents, participated in the AGM of Tangent India and the HYM of Club 41 International in Bangalore. Jill Harris and I went to the same home party. It was an adventure of a lifetime! I can only say that if you ever get a chance to visit Tangent India, don't hesitate, just do it.

Last weekend in October, Gerd-Inger together with several ladies from Tangent Denmark visited me and the other Swedish Tangents at Tangent Sweden's HYM. I'm sorry to say I couldn't find any photos fit to show in a half decent society like this, but I think everyone there can vouch for it was a great party!

In January, I went to Karis in Finland to participate in the charter of a new Tangent Club in Karis side by side with the 50th anniversary of RT and LC Karis.

Later same month Gerd-Inger and I together with several Swedish, Danish and Norwegian Tangents participated in the LC MTM in Gothenburg.

At the same time Jeanett represented TCI at the RT Central Tablers' meeting in the Netherlands and in February she represented TCI at the RTI HYM in Cape Town.

Jeanett and Alex also represented TCI at the 90th anniversary of RT in Winchester.

The week after that I and Niina attended the Tangent Suomi Finland AGM near the Russian border in Hamina and Kotka.

In the beginning of April Jeanett went to New York to represent TCI at the RT USA AGM.

And finally, we are here in Blackpool for the TCI AGM.

Between travelling and rules, the TCI Board has been busy keeping in contact with the member countries, both full and associate. In June, I had the immense pleasure of being part of the charter of Tangent Sri Lanka, thanks to modern technology. We were also contacted by a Tangent Club in France. Not a new one – they just celebrated their 15th anniversary! We've been in frequent contact with Tangent India and more recently with tangent clubs in the Netherlands interested in



learning more about TCI. And of course, we've been answering numerous questions about Tangent and spread the information to our best ability.

I want to thank you for the opportunity to be president of this fantastic organization. The warmth and hospitality of Tangents all around the world is truly astonishing. I've had the best board ever, the best councillors ever and absolutely the best members ever!

Thank you!!"

A vote was taken to the TCI Board report

All were in favor.

The TCI Board report was approved

TCI Councillors

Jeanett read out the following report from National President Ia Ioannou, **Tangent Cyprus**. The Tangent Cyprus AGM will be 13 May 2017

"TANGENT CLUB CYPRUS PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2016 – 2017

Dear Anna, President of Tangent International

Dear ladies of the Board of Tangent International,

Dear ladies from around the world,

Gia sas apo tin omorfi Kipro ☺

Even though I am not present today my thoughts are with you all and I am sending you my best wishes for a very successful AGM. Best wishes also from all Tangent ladies in Cyprus!

Meetings:

- *1st meeting - October 4, 2016 hosted by Secretary Thelma Frangeskou*
 - o *I announced my motto for the year 'Live the Moment ☺'*
 - o *The 'Activities Committee' was elected and the girls are very enthusiastic to organize several events throughout the year.*
 - o *We decided that during the year some of the meetings will be hosted by our members so we can support our Travel and Charity Fund.*
 - o *Under the program 'YAP of 41 Club International' our ladies Skevo Kyrou and Elena Charalambidou hosted children of 41 Club from abroad. The children were hosted during summer and this was a great experience for both sides.*
 - o *We decided to give the amount of €500.- to a student whom we have been supporting the last couple of years. The girl comes from a very poor family and this is her last year to get her degree.*

- *2nd meeting - November 1st in a restaurant in Nicosia*



- o The registration of the Club with the Registrar of Companies has been finalized (this was needed due to new legislation in Cyprus that all Clubs need to be registered with the Registrar of Companies to be able to organize events that involve financial issues).
 - o The 'Activities Committee' presented their plan for the year; following activities took place:
 - Organized a Xmas dinner with 41 Club and partners in Nicosia on December 9. This is a traditional get together which makes it possible for our members to meet and have a great time.
 - On the occasion of 'Women's Day' we organized a fashion show on March 19 with a well know boutique in Cyprus; the proceeds of the event will go towards 'Hope for Children' in support of 'Home for Abused children'.
 - On the occasion of 'Mother's Day' we are programing a picnic together with RT / 41 Club and LC which will take place on Sunday May 14 on the Troodos mountains; all members are invited with their families ☺
 - On the occasion of 'Father's Day' on June 6 we are also planning to honor our partners ☺
 - 3rd meeting – in 'Art Café 1900 restaurant' Larnaca
 - o All ladies were enthusiastic with the atmosphere; we had a beautiful evening with good food and wine ☺
 - o Following discussion we decided to hold our AGM on May 30 in Nicosia. Invitations will be sent to TCI and to all Tangent Clubs abroad. We will be very happy to welcome any ladies who wish to join us and are ready to organize a program for them during their stay.
 - 4th meeting – January 10, 2017 hosted by our member Maro Kontopyrgou
 - o At this meeting we unanimously decided on the Charity Project for the year will be the 'Hope for Children' organization in support of 'Home for Abused Children'.
 - o The organizing committee undertook to work on a fashion show in support of above Charity Project.
 - 5th meeting – February 7, 2017 in Semeli Hotel Nicosia
 - o It is decided that Tangent Cyprus will not be able to send a representative to the AGM in Blackpool this year; we will try and participate next year.
 - o The organizing committee for the fashion show is working on all details; obtained special permission from the Government Authorities to carry out the event.
 - 6th meeting – March 7 at Evohia restaurant in Nicosia
 - o A program for our AGM in May will be prepared and sent out to all member countries. We will be very happy to welcome any ladies from abroad and offer them a 3 days program.
 - o The organizing committee presented final details for the fashion show on the 19th. We expect to have around 300 guests.
 - 7th meeting – April 6, at Evohia restaurant in Nicosia
 - o The financial results of the Fashion show were announced; an amount of just over Euro 3000.- is the net profit and this amount will be given to the 'Hope for Children'.
- Side by Side throughout the year:
- o Sent out congratulations to the new elected boards of all Round Table, 41 Club and Ladies Circle.
 - o Attended several events organized by Round Table and 41 Club which were organized to support a member whose daughter is facing a very serious medical problem. The girl is presently in the UK undergoing medical treatment. The total donations have almost reached the sum of €20,000 and we are all still working on it. We as Tangent Cyprus have donated the amount of



€2000.- out of our very limited budget.

o During the year I attended several events organized by the various RT clubs and 41 clubs all over the island.

o In an effort to attract more ladies in Tangent I sent out an invitation to the national board of 41 Club Cyprus to be circulated to the partners of all their members. We will be happy to welcome ladies from the RT family ☺

o A common meeting with 2 representatives from each club RT / 41 Club / LC and Tangent was held on March 8 in Nicosia. The meeting was called in an effort to exchange ideas on how to bring our members closer together. Several ideas were brought on the table which we believe will improve things.

The Charity Project for 2016 – 2017 ‘Home for Abused Children’.

We are indeed very proud and happy to have as our Charity Project for 2016-2017 the support of the ‘Home for Abused Children’ which is programed to start operating in Nicosia sometime in autumn and which will be managed by the ‘Hope for Children’ CBC Policy Centre.

In support of this we organized a big Fashion Show with ‘MINDY’ Boutique on Sunday March 19, 2017 at the ‘Pavilion Hall’ in Nicosia.

We were very pleased to have with us all members of Tangent Club Cyprus with friends and guests. The Presidents of 41 Club Cyprus and Ladies Circle Cyprus honored us also with their presence.

We had the pleasure to have with us as honored guests members of the Parliament, representatives of the Ministries of Education and Health and Mrs. Anastasia Papadopoulou, Special Advisor of the Government for the National Strategy against sexual abuse and exploitation of children who gave a very interesting speech on the problem.

TCI Skype Meetings:

o I had the privilege to work closely with the International Board and I participated in all skype meetings acting as Councilor for Tangent Cyprus. Our elected Councilor Anna Adamidou had an accident and had a serious operation on her right arm which she could not use for many months.

The Tangent year has not finished yet for Cyprus ☺

We are now working on our AGM on May 30 and would like to invite you all to join us for a fantastic 3 days program ☺

My best wishes to you all for a successful AGM ☺

Anna, thank you for a fantastic year..... I have enjoyed our conversations, discussions and laughs and I appreciate the work done by all the board ☺ I am sure now you are looking forward to a long summer holiday to relax ☺

Gerd Inger, let me congratulate you on your new position as the incoming TCI President and to wish you a successful year I am sure you will face many challenges and hard decisions to take but I know you will do great ☺

Keep up the team work ☺



Filakia from Cyprus xx

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Live the moment ☺

la Patsalides Ioannou

President Tangent Cyprus”

National Secretary Tangent Denmark Britt Stockflet Jörgensen gave the report from **Tangent Denmark**, and informed us that they now have 280 members, with 33 clubs and 4 new clubs this year. Tangent Denmark AGM is 28 April 2017.

National President Tangent Finland Minna Sneck gave the report from **Tangent Finland Suomi**, to a fantastic video accompanied by Hey Soul Sister, very much advocating SISTERHOOD. Finland have 235 members and were delighted to give a gift to Anna, which was not drinkable!! There were no questions asked

National President **Tangent GB&I** Paula Farnfield gave the report for GB&I, stating they had 11,800 members, 601 clubs, of which they had lost 20 this last year but gained 8. There were no questions asked.

Tangent Norway's report was given by the one and only Gerd-Inger, on behalf of Tangent Norway President Berit Richardsen. Gerd-Inger ended in tears and there were no questions asked.

National Treasurer **Tangent Sweden** Carin Carlstrom gave the report of behalf of Tangent Sweden, saying that they had 187 members, with 16 clubs. They ran a champagne club, obviously it had to be bubbles as it is Anna's home country, which raised 3000 euro. There were no questions asked.

TCI Associate Member Countries

It was decided not to read all the TCI Associate member reports as they would make the meeting to long. However they will be presented in the minutes.

However **Tangent Club Israel** were present and we were all delighted to share this event with them. They currently have 88 members with 7 clubs and their AGM is in June of this year. There were no questions asked.

The report from **Tangent Belgium**:

*“Dear Anna, Dear Board members,
Herewith you will find the short reports from TC Waterloo, TC Liège and TC Wavre to be presented at the TCI AGM in Blackpool. Unfortunately – and I deeply regret not to be with you – I can't attend the meeting because of other planned activities at that time ! I absolutely have to be there next year...*

I really do hope you will spend a great time together and I wish you and all the present TCI members a wonderful and successful AGM.



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Martine – IRO Tangent Clubs Belgium 2016-2017

TANGENT CLUB WATERLOO N° 1 (President Françoise CNOCKAERT)

Since my last report (TCI AGM Landshut 2016), our club of Waterloo is still going strong ! Our new President Françoise CNOCKAERT started her year in June and in July she immediately organised a visit in her native town RONSE where we began with a great lunch at her brother's restaurant, followed by a visit to the Crypt and Church of Saint-Hermes, the textile museum and some "Art Nouveau" houses. We finished this lovely sunny day in Colette's (one of our members) garden with champagne and sweeties.

In August the club attended the musical "EVITA" at the Château de KARREVELD. September and October we had our monthly meeting; we started the organisation of our weekend in March (18th and 19th) 2017 to celebrate our 20st anniversary. In November we had a very interesting conference about "Cleopatra of Alexandria in Hollywood" presented by Mrs Barbara MOIN, PhD in archaeology at the Louvain University. During our meeting of December two members of Tangent Club DE HAAR (our godmother club from the Netherlands) Marie-Louise and Francine came to visit us. It was a great surprise for all of us and after a very pleasant meeting and our encouragement they decided to start with the procedure to become also Associate Member of TCI. I really do hope they will be soon a part of the great TCI family.

As usual, our first meeting of the New Year in January is a Men ♦♦s Night. We were pleased to receive Mr Michel DUBOIS, Engineer at SOLVAY, for a conference about the "Solar Impulse". In February we voted the change of some of our house rules during an extraordinary meeting and we finished the programme for our weekend. We were all very excited and happy to spend our anniversary weekend (March 18th and 19th) with our husbands in the "Château de STRAINCHAMPS" in the Ardennes near Bastogne. In that town we visited the brand new museum "BASTOGNE WAR MUSEUM" and enjoyed our gourmet dinner on Saturday evening. Despite of the rain , the ambiance was excellent. Next month on April 24th it will be the right moment to meet our Tangent friends from the two other clubs Liège and Wavre (see also the report from Tangent Club Liège and Tangent Club Wavre).

TANGENT CLUB LIEGE n°2 (President Nelly PHILIPS)

Since June 2016, I am President of Tangent Club Liège n°2. We have done several activities ! During July and August we have activities with husbands and friends, we haven't statutory meetings.



In July we visited a country which is called "FAGNES". It is an area where the animals and plants are protected, we went there with a guide. In August we went to a very old and nice city in the North of Belgium after having visited a distillery where we had lunch and information about alcohol production. In September we had a conference about cultivation and maintenance of orchids. In October we visited the studio of one of our TV and Radio channels.

In December we had our Christmas meal at one of our members home. January we spend in the theatre; we invited some friends to see a funny play, it was very pleasant and the benefit advantages will be donated to associations in need. In February someone from those associations came to speak about their needs.

On April 24th, we will go to the meeting of the three Belgian clubs. On April 29th, we organize a conference about organ. In June we travel to the Black Forrest in Germany, accompanied by our husbands and a lot of our members.

At the end of June, my Presidency will end. It certainly is a pleasure to be President, but not without the very good support of my committee.

TANGENT CLUB WAVRE n°3 (President Gabriëlle DENGIS)

Hello everybody !

We had some changes, we are 18 ladies active this year in the club. Our meetings happen on the third Thursday of each month.

We started our statutory year in September 2016 with a week-end (from Friday to Sunday) together with our husbands. This year we went in a hotel in Luxembourg. These week-ends help us to learn each other better and allow us to share funny moments, cultural visits and nice evening games.

The biggest event organized by our club is still the artisan fair during the last week-end of November 2016 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 were completely distributed to our charity actions which are mostly dedicated to women and children, and this year especially dedicated to cancer illness. Unfortunately we lost one of our members of cancer this year....

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. As we have lost 4 members this



year we try to recruit new members, in preference younger ones to put new energy in our club and have new ideas. It is not easy because people are so busy nowadays. But we stay positive....

Let Friendship continue

Gabrielle, Ninon, Isalabelle, Evelyne, Véronique, Béatrice, Martine and Martine, Annick, Jacqueline, Thérésa, Josiane, Dominique, Annemie, Mireille, Patricia, Françoise, Michèle.

The report from **Tangent Lithuania:**

“ Dear Anna

We are five members in Tangent Lithuania. Our members participate mostly in LC Lithuania clubs activities: the social project - Lapiu foster home, attended few lectures, participated in charity events.

I send greetings and good wishes for the coming AGM. I hope you have a very meaningful and enjoyable event.

Yours in continued friendship

Ausra Jakaitiene

Tangent Lithuania”

The report from **Tangent Ukraine:**

“Dear Anna

I send you a short report on what our club is doing now. It is a good time for communication, and we are building relations between women now. It is an honour for us to be part of your family.

Love Lora

Tangent Ukraine”

The report from **Tangent Zambia:**

(The report was given in form of a PowerPoint but the text is copied into this minutes)

“We would have loved to be at the TCI AGM with you all. We wish you all the best.

The spirit of side by side keeps bringing the Roundtable family together at many occasions, like Club 41 Zambia AGM, a Ladies Circle 2 fundraising keep fit marathon, (with grandchildren in tow!) and At a Circle 4 fundraising Road Run

- *Membership now stands at 30. Copperbelt 14, Lusaka 16.*
- *Last month Copperbelt Tangent Club 1 had a meeting with some ex Circlers who are interested in starting a Tangent in another Copperbelt town. We are hopeful*
- *We meet in our clubs; and we continue to have membership functions to attract more members.*



Progress on our community Project

We have continued to sponsor a group of children at a Community School, in the outskirts of Lusaka about 50 kilometres. The number of pupils has increased to 39. We were only able to visit the school once last due to an impassable road. We are trying to make a visit 1st week June. “

11. Financial Report

We have 6 full member countries and 6 associate members; Belgium, Lithuania, Ukraine, Zambia, Israel and Sri Lanka. Niina presented **the TCI treasurer's report 2016-2017:**

Tangent Club International

Annual Financial Statement as per 31.03.2017

	Euros	
Notes	2016-2017	2015-2016
Profit and loss statement		
Income		
Capitation fee for Full Members	1 800 €	
Affiliation Fees for Full Members		120 €
Affiliation Fees for Associated Members	80 €	120 €
Sale of TCI Pins	63 €	505 €
Interest		8 €
Total income	1 943 €	753 €
Expenditure		
Cost of sale -TCI Pins	18 €	127 €
Bank fees	81 €	7 €
FX effect, realized/not realized	1 41 €	279 €
Travel support TCI	479 €	
Other expenses	300 €	
Total expenditures	918 €	413 €
Net income	1 025 €	340 €
Balance sheet		
Current assets		
Cash	159 €	185 €
Bank	6 425 €	2 530 €
Receivables	70 €	70 €
Stock of TCI pins	190 €	312 €
Total Assets	6 844 €	3 097 €
Equity and Liabilities		
Equity	4 056 €	3 031 €
Short term Liabilities	2 788 €	65 €
Total Equity and Liabilities	6 844 €	3 097 €

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



Donation to LittleBighelp is 2800 euro at the moment. We haven't received all donations yet.

Jill Harris asked about the cost of 18 euro towards pins. The joint explanation from Niina and Gerd-Inger was that when purchased, the pins are booked as stock in the balance sheet. Every time we sell pins, the purchase cost of that pin is booked out of stock and into cost in the profit and loss statement, to match the correspondent income.

A vote was taken on the treasurer's report

All were in favor.

The treasurer's report was approved

The budget for 2017-18 was presented.

Tangent Club International

Budget for 2017-2018

Income	Notes	Euros
Affiliation fee	1	40,00 €
Capitation fee	2	2 000,00 €
Sales pins	3	350,00 €
Total income		2 390,00 €
Expenses		
Cost sale of pins	3	100,00 €
Past TCI Officers pins	4	84,00 €
Cost Web site	5	100,00 €
Meeting facilities HYM autumn	6	300,00 €
Meeting facilities AGM	6	300,00 €
President to LCI conference	7	250,00 €
President to 41 Int Conference	7	250,00 €
Total expenses		1 384,00 €
Net result - to be transferred to equity		1 006,00 €

Note 1

Our hope is that India will apply to become an associated member in Tangent Club International. Affiliation fee per country is at present EUR 40.

Note 2

The budget is based on the number of members as per 31.12.2016 and on the Capitation fee acc. to the resolution at the TCI AGM in Landshut 2016.

Note 3

We hope to sell 50 pins at EUR 7 each. The cost per pin is EUR 2.

Note 4

Past TCI Officers pins

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 travelling to the LCI conference in Denmark and to the 41 International Conference in Sun city. The proposed amounts covers the attendance fees.



There were no questions

A vote was taken on the budget

All were in favor.

The budget was approved.

12.Extension

Application Full Membership

During the TCI Year 2016–2017 the board did not receive any application for full membership of TCI.

Application Associate Membership

Tangent Sri Lanka

Shortly after the AGM in Landshut Anna received a message from Smita Chopra, a Tangent from Bangalore. She had been in contact with a group of ex-circlers from India who had moved to Sri Lanka and they were very interested to start a Tangent organization. Since Tangent India isn't a full member country, they couldn't be appointed godmother of Tangent Sri Lanka. So Tangent Sweden volunteered to take the role as godmothers.

The Tangents of Sri Lanka were very well organised and swift, so already in the 25th of June they were ready to be chartered. Anna, as IRO of Tangent Sweden, was present at the charter ceremony via Skype and Tangent Sri Lanka were chartered in the presence of Tangent India, Club 41 Sri Lanka and RT Sri Lanka. The same day they filled in their application form for associate membership of Tangent Club International and paid the affiliation fee of 40 euros.

Later Anna had the opportunity to meet the ladies in person since many of them attended the AGM of Tangent India in Bangalore.

There was then a vote taken re associate membership for Tangent Sri Lanka.

All were in favor.

Anna then welcomed Sri Lanka as an associate member and we stood for their national anthem. As they were unable to attend their report was read out by Alex Desborough.

“Annual Report of Tangent Club Sri Lanka for 2016/2017

The Tangent Club Sri Lanka

Tangent Club Sri Lanka was Chartered on the 25th of June, 2016 in Colombo with Tangent Sweden as Godmother and participation by Tangent Sweden National IRO Anna Akesson on line from Sweden.



13. Proposals

Before we started with the actual proposals president of Tangent GB&I Paula Farnfield pointed out that due to a mistype in the rules only the councillors and not the entire council were allowed to vote, thus reducing the total number of votes to 5.

Anna went through the voting system so it was all crystal clear. She also pointed out that there's no actual stop date for when a proposal has to be sent out to the member countries, but that the board had decided to send them out before the 31st of December 2016 in order to provide plenty of time for the member countries to address the issues.

TCI Board

Recommendation to amendment of TCI rule §4 c from the TCI Board

Current rule:

§4 c. Termination of membership:

- i. If a full member country does not attend TCI Board Meetings, take part in the TCI AGM or in the TCI HYM for two consecutive years, their membership will be terminated.
- ii. If an associate member country does not attend the TCI AGM or TCI HYM for three consecutive years, their membership will be terminated.

Amended rule:

§4 c Termination of membership

- i If a full member country does not pay the capitation fee and/or stay in contact with TCI for two consecutive years, their membership will be terminated.
- ii If an associate member country does not stay in contact with TCI for two consecutive years, their membership will be terminated.

Explanation:

TCI is a young organization and we can offer no financial travel support to our membership countries. To demand participation in TCI HYM or AGM, could make it impossible for small Tangent countries to continue their membership in TCI, because of financial difficulties. Furthermore, we have today a very special situation in one of our associate countries that makes travelling extremely difficult, if not impossible. To exclude a country, that frequently has been in contact with the TCI Board and has sent in all reports required, because of financial or other difficulties, is not in accordance with the TCI motto Let friendship continue. And since we at the last AGM voted for a capitation fee for full membership countries, this also has to be reflected in the rule above.



There were no questions asked

A vote was taken on the amendment of TCI rule §4 c

All were in favor.

The amendment was adopted

Recommendation to amendment of TCI Aims and Objectives by the TCI board

Current Aims and Objectives:

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

Change to:

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

Explanation:

This change would get our Aims and Objectives more in line with reality. We have already worked side-by-side with all the organizations in the Round Table family, for instance in the All 4 Nepal project and to name a few and leave out the others doesn't make sense. If we make this amendment we are free to cooperate with any other organization in the Round Table family, if we wish.

There were no questions asked

A vote was taken on the amendment of TCI Aims and Objectives

All were in favor.



The amendment was adopted

Full Member Countries

No further proposal has been forwarded to the TCI Board from the full member countries.

14. Presentation of TCI Board and Councillors 2017–2018

Anna presented the **TCI Councillors 2017-2018**

From Tangent Cyprus – National Vice President Anna Adamidou

From Tangent Denmark – National Vice President Anne-Mette Thomsen

From Tangent Suomi Finland – National President Minna Sneck

From Tangent GB&I – National Vice President Melodie Brookes

From Tangent Norway – National President Berit Richardsen

From Tangent Sweden – National Vice President Malin Samuelsson

TCI Board 2017-2018

Anna started with telling the 2016-2017 Board to loose their chains.

Vice President of TCI 2017-2018

According to the TCI rules, the vice president post for 2017-2018 shall be filled by a Tangent from GB&I. But since Tangent GB&I had their AGM the day after the TCI AGM, the new TCI Vice President couldn't be announced until then and the lucky lady will receive the Vice President jewel at that AGM. Anna pointed out it was like being denied opening presents at Christmas.

Treasurer of TCI 2017-2018 – Niina Hämäläinen, IRO of Tangent Club Suomi Finland.

Niina gave the following presentation:

“Dear ladies,

I am Niina Hämäläinen and after the TCI AGM in Landshut, where I introduced myself for the first time to become a member in the TCI board, I feel one year younger. One becomes younger, when you have such great colleagues to work with and we really are United in Friendship!

What comes to my educational background, I have degrees in business management and economics. I have been very active in Ladies Circle, both at the national and international levels, as the national President of LCSF and as LCI Secretary.

Now I have served one year as the TCI Treasurer and about a month ago in March at the TCSF AGM I was re-elected as the IRO of Tangent Club Suomi Finland. It would be a personal honour as well as



natural continuation to serve as Treasurer in the TCI board, also because TCI's currency is euro and Finland is a euro country.

*Yours in Continued Friendship and Service,
Niina“*

Niina was applauded and received her Treasurer's jewel.

Secretary of TCI 2017-2018 – Jeanett Korch, IRO of Tangent Denmark.

Jeanett gave the following presentation:

“My name is Jeanett Korch, I'm the IRO of Tangent Denmark and has been on the TCI board the last year.

I have the honor that Gerd-Inger has been asking me if I would like to become the Secretary of the TCI-board, and when the President ask you... you say yes. Thank you Gerd-Inger.

My plans for the year as secretary well.... I haven't had the time to speak with Gerd-Inger about what she want from me.... but I am sure, that you will get a lot of information and we will be even more active in the Facebook group. So take your time and like the two Tangent Clubs International groups on Facebook and you will get a lots of information and fun and happiness.

I am not perfect in English, but I will do my very best and if you don't find it good enough... then you must do it yourself :-)

My private life:

I live together with Thomas who is in the Round Table family as well. Thomas is Round Table Internationals NEAR Chairman. In the house there also is our kind labrador Tasco.

I have a son, Michael 27 years and a bonus daughter Camilla who is 16 years old.

We travel a lot... both as a family, but also through our network and it provides us a lot of friendships and the family becomes more united.

I work with investment banking, only for myself and the family, so my time is flexible and it pleases me every day.

I love challenges and now I challenge myself by becoming your new Secretary.

See you out there.”

Jeanett was applauded and received her Secretary's jewel



Board Members of TCI 2017-2018

The IROs of Tangent Sweden and Tangent Cyprus were not elected at the time of the TCI AGM since their AGMs were after this meeting and both IRO post were up for election Therefore they will be named after their elections have been held.

The present IRO of Tangent Cyprus and IRO of Tangent Sweden will continue their roles as board member until their elections have been held.

15. Introduction of the TCI President 2017-2018

Before Gerd-Inger was allowed to present herself, there was a little surprise waiting for her. Her daughter, Solveig Kaasen Gjövik, president of Ladies Circle Norway, entered the room and greeted her mother.

Anna then took of her presidential jewel, stating that she had been very proud of wearing it but almost just as proud of not having lost it. She presented it to Gerd-Inger and said that she couldn't have wished for a better vice president and that she knew Gerd-Inger will be a fantastic president.

16. Address by the TCI President 2017-2018

"Dear Tangents

I would like to start with saying thank you GB&!!

Thank you for getting Ladies Circle and Tangent started. Without you there would be no Tangent Club International. You have made it possible for us to continue our circling lives, to travel together with friends, and make new friendships. Furthermore, thank you, again, for letting us have our International AGM here in Blackpool. Your hospitality is highly appreciated.

Last year I tried to give you a glance of who I am, a happy person with much energy, and there is a short presentation of me in the latest edition of Tangent News. I am not going to repeat any of that. More important is to talk about the coming year, and I am afraid – I have not reinvented the wheel! You have heard some of it earlier today.

Tangent Club International is still a young organization. We are still developing and we need to take the time it takes to establish a good platform for the future. The framework for our existence is our rules and guidelines. The rules have been on the agenda almost every board meeting the last year, and some necessary amendments have been approved by the meeting today. Going forward, becoming an organization where we have elected boards, additional amendments must take place. We have already seen a few changes that are coming up. What's important is to find a good balance between what's needed and what's nice to have. Comparing the rules and guidelines for the full member countries, LCI, RTI and 41 Club International will continue. Already now I will challenge my "boardies" from Scandinavia to translate their rules and guidelines to English. KEEP IT SIMPLE, you have heard it earlier today, it has been a mantra for us. Anna use to say; don't change what is already working.



I am a Circler by heart. I am a person who still gets a «thick throat» when the motto for Ladies Circle is being read. Without Ladies Circle, no Tangents. Therefore, I think it is important to do our utmost to support Ladies Circle both locally, nationally and internationally. We state in rule 3c that we shall assist LCI wherever and whenever called upon. I hope that we, during the coming year, can have discussions with the LCI board to agree upon what Tangents can do to support LCI – and vice versa. Anne; you will get an email from me soon. What we can do, without being “called upon”, is to be visible and act as ambassadors for Ladies Circle wherever we are; at work, at parties, when travelling – wherever we meet young(er) people. Please, spread the word about Ladies Circle. Jeanett said it so perfectly at one of our board meetings; Remember that a possible Circler, is a possible Tangent.

Again, as said earlier today, we need to grow stronger. Extensions both nationally and internationally must always be in our minds. We all know that there are many ex Ladies out there who aren't Tangents – That is unbelievable, but a fact! Extensions will continue to be on the Agenda every board meeting, and I have put into my TCI calendar that all the board members shall report on action towards former ladies (and coming former - ladies) in their country. Good ideas from one country could be re-used by others.

Internationally we will continue to follow up leads we already have, and of course look for new possibilities.

I have been travelling a lot the last couple of years. I have meet people from different countries, different continents, all with different cultural backgrounds, different religions, different interests and different occupations. The Round Table Family consists of all kind of individuals who represent the diversity of the world we live in.

I have been meet with interest, warmth and hospitality far beyond expectations, and “Friendship and Service” is proven. This is what LC, Tangent and the rest of the Round Table family means to me, and has inspired my motto for the year

EMBRACE DIVERSITY

The hearts in the LOGO are all in different shapes and colors, representing all the fantastic people I have met, whom I would like to embrace – just as they have embraced me. I hope this can be what we have in mind working together with Ladies Circle and the rest of the Round Table family, and when convincing former circlers to join.”

Anna then thanked Gerd-Inger, the TCI Councillors and the TCI Board for being there for her the entire year and for being the best Board ever. She had given her gifts to the Board at the Board Meeting earlier that day.

17.Any other business

Susanne Nørager said a few heartfelt words and presented Alex and Anna with a past TCI board member pin



The 2016-17 Board then all stood and gave Anna a present for being such a wonderful TCI President and friend over the last year. The present was a beautifully hand crafted jumper knitted and personalised by Gerd-Inger.

18. Date and place of TCI AGM 2018

Prior to announcing the date of the TCI AGM 2018, we were invited to join the TCI HYM 2017. The event is in held in Riccione, Italy 27-29 October 2017, side by side with 41 International and hosted by Club 41 Italy. Registration and more information: www.hym2017italy.org

The TCI AGM 2018 will be held in Pörschach am Wörthersee, Austria on 28 April 2018, side by side with 41 International and hosted by Club 41 Austria. Registration and more information: <http://club41.agm2018.at>

19. Closure of the meeting

Anna thanked everybody for taking part in the TCI AGM 2017 and for making it so special. She reminded us that we are all important parts of Tangent Club International and together, united in friendship we can achieve whatever we want!

The meeting closed at 16:06.