



**Tangent Club International
Inaugural Meeting
Saturday the 26th October 2013 12.00 PM
At Örenas Castle, Sweden**

- 1. Election of Chairman of the meeting**
- 2. Appointment of the minutes secretary**
- 3. Presentation of founder members TCI**
- 4. Adoption of the by-laws (rules) by the founder members of TCI**
- 5. Presentation of the TCI LOGO**
- 6. Presentation of the TCI MOTTO**
- 7. Lighting the candle of friendship:**
 - i. Ladies Circle International**
 - ii. Club 41 International**
 - iii. Tangent Club International**
- 8. Presentation of the TCI Board**
- 9. Announcement of the incoming TCI Councillors**
- 10. Invitation to the Charter of TCI**
- 11. Invitation for HYM 2014**
- 12. Invitation for TCI AGM 2015**
- 13. Any other business**
- 14. Closure of the Meeting**



Minutes of the Inaugural Meeting of Tangent Club International (TCI)

held at Örenas Castle on Saturday 26 October 2013

Margareta Smeds, President of Tangent Sweden, called the meeting to order and said how honoured they were to have the privilege of hosting this special meeting. She then handed over to Susanne Nørager, International Tangent Contact (ITC) 2013-15 and National IRO of Tangent Denmark 2013-2016. Susanne introduced her fellow IROs – Lotta Fritz, National IRO Tangent Sweden, Gerd-Inger Kassen, National IRO Tangent Norway, and Sue Marlow Immediate Past President and National IRO Tangent GB. Susanne then thanked them all for their hard work and help leading up to this event.

1. Election of Chairman of the meeting

IRO of Tangent Sweden Lotta welcomed everyone to the Inaugural Meeting of Tangent Club International and said how they have been looking forward to this day for a long time. They were happy and excited to have us all present here today 😊

Tangents, Circlers, 41'ers, Tablers and guests from near and far all part of the Round Table Family.

Before we start the meeting we need to elect a Chairman. Lotta asked Sue Marlow to perform the election of the Chairman of the meeting.

Sue announced that the National IROs wished to propose Susanne Nørager as Chairman of the Meeting. Sue then asked if there were any other nominees. None came forward so Sue asked those present to vote by a show of hands. All were in favour so Susanne was duly elected as the Chairman of the meeting.

Susanne thanked Sue.

2. Appointment of the minutes secretary

Chairman Susanne announced that The Minutes Secretary would be Past President Tangent Great Britain Jan Dowling and thanked her for offering to do the minutes.

3. Introduction of the founder members of TCI

Chairman Susanne introduced, in alphabetical order, the founder members of TCI as:

- 🌐 Tangent Denmark, represented by National President Helle Midtgaard and National IRO Susanne Nørager.
- 🌐 Tangent Norway, represented by National President Berit Richardsen and National IRO Gerd-Inger Kaasen.
- 🌐 Tangent Sweden, represented by National President Margareta Smeds and National IRO Lotta Fritz.

And subject to the approval of the Tangent Great Britain NAGM in April 2014:

- 🌐 Tangent Great Britain, represented by National President Karen Durie and Immediate Past National President and IRO Sue Marlow.

4. Adoption of the rules by the founder members of TCI

Chairman Susanne asked the National President and the National IRO from each of the founder member countries to vote on the adoption of the proposed TCI Rules.

She asked for a show of hands for those in favour

As this was unanimous Susanne then announced that Tangent Club International was inaugurated 😊 and would be chartered on the 3rd May 2014.

Susanne then asked the founder members to please sign the Declaration and the approved TCI Rules under charter.

5. Presentation of the TCI LOGO and pin

Lotta showed the meeting the actual pin whilst an enlargement was displayed on the screen so that all could see the detail. This was very well received and there was a buzz of excitement when Lotta told us that the TCI Pin would go on sale after the closure of the meeting at the prices listed below:

DKK 50,- EUR 7,- GBP 6,- NOK 55,- SEK 60,-

6. Presentation of the TCI MOTTO

Gerd-Inger read the motto of TCI which is: **“Let Friendship Continue”**

Gerd-Inger then went on to read the aims and objectives of TCI which are:

- 🌐 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 Club 41 International.
- 🌐 To be non-political and non-sectarian.

7. Lighting the candle of friendship

Chairman Susanne explained that a tradition was born as we adopted the lighting of a candle of friendship from Ladies Circle International.



Ladies Circle International

Chairman Susanne said that it gave her great pleasure to invite immediate Past President of Ladies Circle International, Gitte Høyer, to light the first candle of friendship on behalf of Ladies Circle International. Susanne continued with the message:-

“Gitte you should know that we are honoured that Ladies Circle International are present at the TCI Inaugural Meeting. Please give our regards to the LCI Board and thank them for their support during the past years. We look forward to being there for you in the future.”

Club 41 International

Chairman Susanne explained that although it may be a first for Club 41 International, as they do not have the tradition of lighting a candle of friendship; it gave her great pleasure to invite immediate Past President of Club 41 International KK to light the first candle of friendship on behalf of Club 41 International. Susanne then addressed a personal message to KK:-

KK you should know that we are honoured that Club 41 International are represented at our TCI Inaugural Meeting. Thank you for your support during the past years. We look forward to working side-by-side with Club 41 International in the future.”

Tangent Club International

Chairman Susanne told the meeting that we were now making history as it was the first time that this friendship candle would be lit. It has been difficult to choose between all of the wonderful Tangent members as to who should have the honour – but the decision was clear. We have chosen the Tangent member who composed the Memorandum of Understanding, the Tangent member who helped set off the ship and helped sail her to safe harbour – please welcome Past President Tangent Great Britain Gill Preston to light the first candle of friendship for Tangent Club International under charter.

8. Presentation of the TCI Board

Chairman Susanne handed over to Sue Marlow who introduced the TCI Board as follows:

- 🎤 Susanne Nørager National IRO Tangent Denmark, International Tangent Contact 2013-2015, and from today Chairman of Tangent Club International
- 🎤 Lotta Fritz National IRO Tangent Sweden
- 🎤 Gerd-Inger Kaasen National IRO Tangent Norway
- 🎤 And subject to the approval of the Tangent Great Britain NAGM in April 2014
- 🎤 Sue Marlow Immediate Past National President and National IRO Tangent Great Britain

9. Announcement of the incoming TCI Councillors

Chairman Susanne asked Gerd-Inger to perform the following introductions:

-  Tangent Denmark National President Helle Midtgaard
-  Tangent Norway National President Berit Richardsen
-  Tangent Sweden National President Margareta Smeds

And subject to the approval of the Tangent Great Britain NAGM in April 2014

-  Tangent Great Britain National President Karen Durie

10. Invitation to the Charter of TCI

Chairman Susanne announced that the charter of Tangent Club International will take place on the 3rd May 2014 during the Club 41 International Conference in Korsør, Denmark.

The charter board meeting of TCI will take place on the 2nd May 2014 at 14.00 hours in Korsør, Denmark.

11. Invitation for HYM 2014

Chairman Susanne explained that this was still under consideration by the TCI Board as Club 41 HYM was scheduled for New Zealand.

12. Invitation for TCI AGM 2015

Chairman Susanne explained that the place and date for the first TCI AGM would be decided after the charter of TCI. Club 41 International Conference will be held in Cyprus 24 – 26 April 2015.

13. Any other business

Chairman Susanne asked National President Tangent Denmark, Helle Midtgaard to address the meeting:

“Dear Tangents,

This is an historic and very unique moment. I am so proud that we have come so far. Congratulations to all of us.

The first Tangent Club was chartered in Bournemouth in 1950 which is 63 years ago. Co-operation both nationally and internationally has always been there but an organised international association has been missing – until today and there are still some details to work on.

Many committed Tangents have been working hard to get this far and on strengthening Tangent International – thank you for all your work and the hours you have put in to this.



Also I would like to thank Ladies Circle International and Club 41 International. Nationally our associations have always worked close and well together – now we bring this co-operation to an international level. We have the same roots – thank you.

Today is just the beginning and it will be good and fantastic to follow the development of our international association in the future. I am especially looking forward to the chartering of Tangent International at Club 41's International Conference in Denmark on 2-4 May next year and I hope to see you there. Again – congratulations to all of us –CHEERS!

At the end of her speech Helle offered to sponsor the production costs of the new TCI pin which was gratefully accepted by all participants.

Chairman Susanne then asked National President Tangent Great Britain, Karen Durie to address the meeting.

“Ladies, I am delighted to be here representing Tangent GB for the first time at an International meeting.

I congratulate Susanne on getting Tangent Club International off the ground and I know that she has worked very hard to do so.

I was in Scotland last week for Dundee Tangent's 50th anniversary and I was shown some correspondence from 1963 which was all about setting up the National Association of Tangent Clubs in GB and from then it took another 7 years before it actually happened. Tangent Club International has happened rather quicker!

The Tangent GB National Executive are fully supportive of Tangent Club International and want to be involved as a founder member but we have to get agreement from our members before we can commit to joining and that cannot happen until our NAGM in April 2014 just a week before the Charter of Tangent Club International in Denmark. It may seem old fashioned but that is the way we do things and we must give our members a chance to air their views.

It is obvious that the GB members in this room are all for Tangent Club International or they wouldn't be here but they represent a very small proportion of our 13,000 plus members.

I would like to express my thanks to our previous National Presidents, Jan Mulqueen, who couldn't be here with us today, Gill Preston, Jan Dowling and Sue Marlow, our current International Officer, who have all worked tirelessly to nurture our international friendships starting with the Memorandum of Understanding and culminating in this inaugural meeting today.

My best wishes go to Tangent Club International and I am keeping my fingers crossed that we will be there as a founder member at the Charter in May next year.

Thank you ladies.”

Chairman Susanne then handed over to Berit, President of Tangent Norway, who did a double act with Swedish President Margareta who said how much they appreciated all the hard work that had brought us to today and they presented the Board with a bottle of fizz as a token of their appreciation.

Chairman Susanne then asked if there was anyone else who wished to speak and greetings were then given by the following:



Gitte Høyer Immediate Past President Ladies Circle International

"Dear Susanne, dear Tangents

I just want to wish you Tangents all the best and good luck for your inaugural meeting of Tangent Club International (TCI) - I will not have a long speech - as Cindy our new LCI President will participate at the Charter in May 2014 but LCI wish TCI all the best in the future.

I have a small present for the new board of TCI and the National Presidents of the 4 countries that stands behind TCI and I hope that you will think of friendship when you light the candle at your next board meeting – I also have a red bag with my logo and motto so you always can bring your dancing shoes wherever we meet around the world.

I look forward to see you all in Korsør in May 2014."

Lakshmi Siddhartan, Tangent India

"I am very proud to be part of this occasion and to bring greetings on behalf of our President Mamta Bhargava to Tangent Club International on this special day and all our thanks to Susanne. We hope we will join you soon ."

Gill Young, Past National Secretary Tangent GB

"Congratulations on the formation of Tangent Club International. I wish it had been done 29 years ago! I know it is unlikely to happen during my time but I hope that one day there will be just one international organisation for all Past Circlers ".

Mulenga Tembo from Zambia

"My congratulations and best wishes to TCI. I am hoping to start Tangent in Zambia soon and shall look forward to welcoming you to our chartering".

Tarja Tyne Hietanen from Finland

"I am very pleased to be here today as I am starting my personal plan to form Tangent Finland next year. I hope the Board will accept my gift of chocolates to give them plenty of energy!"

Susanne Korduner, Founder and Past President Tangent Sweden

"I'm very proud that this fantastic moment, the birth of Tangent International is taking place in Orenas, Sweden, I would like to make a toast to all the fantastic ladies in Tangent and AGORA as well. Let friendship continue"



Therese Christerson, National President Ladies Circle Sweden

“We have always enjoyed working side by side with Tangent and now we welcome the opportunity of working side by side with TCI too. Congratulations! We will be making a gift of money in the future to the TCI charity when it is nominated.”

Seetha Kulathu, Ladies Circle India

“I bring warm and best wishes to TCI from LC India and I will tell them that Tangent is the next step for them!” Seetha then presented Susanne with a LC India pin.

14. Closure of the Meeting

Chairman Susanne asked Margareta if she had any information regarding the rest of the day, which she wished to pass on.

Susanne then thanked everyone for taking part in this historical event, and for making it special for everyone.

Helle thanked Tangent Sweden for hosting the meeting and presented President Margareta with a bottle of fizz as a token of appreciation for their hospitality.

The formal meeting officially closed at 13.45 but then we all joined together to sing a new Tangent song especially composed by Helle Nielsen for the occasion to the tune “We are the champions”!