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## **National Council Meeting Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

**Potters Holiday Resort, Hopton on Sea,  
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### **MINUTES OF NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING**

#### **Attendees**

National Board Officers = Andrew Mackereth (AM) – National President, Peter Good (PG) – National Vice President, Phillip Ellis (PE) – Immediate Past President, Sean McCormick (SM) – National Secretary, David Leach (DL) – National Treasurer, Tom Atkins (TA) – National Councillors Liaison Officer, Donal Mullane (DM) – National Communications & IT Officer, Steve James (SJ) – National Fellowship Officer, Andy Ventress (AV) – International Relations Officer and Glen Lyon (GL) National Membership Officer.

National Councillors = Region 2 – Kevin Stewart (KS), Region 4 – Peter Milburn (PM), Region 5 – Graham Sloan (GS), Region 6 (Deputy) – Jason Thomson (JT), Region 7 – Kevin Lovett (KL), Region 8 – Paul Swindell (PS), Region 9 (Caretaker) – Marcus Jones (MJ), Region 9 (Deputy) – Peter Walker (PW), Region 10 – John Manley (JM), Region 11 – Richie Minshull (RM), Region 12 – Ralph Small (RS), Region 13 (Deputy) – Duncan Kennedy (DK), Region 14 – Jim Conway (JC), Region 15 – Neal Lowe (NL), Region 17 – Kelly Clarke (KC), Region 18 – Mark House (MHo), Region 19 – Bernard Elwen (BE), Region 20 – David Chard (DC), Region 22 – Mark Hinchliffe (MH), Region 23 – Richard Dyson (RD) and Region 24 – Peter McBride (PMcB)

Honoraries = David Smith (DS) (Honorary Solicitor) and Hugh Milward (HM) (Honorary Archivist).

Guests = Rod Hamilton King (RHK) of Reading Valley and Market Drayton 41 Clubs, Studley X Tabler (SXT) of Ripple and OBEs 41 Clubs, Stuart Bizley (SB) of Norwich and Dereham 41 Clubs, Bruce Bennett (BB) of Leicester de Montfort 41 Club.

Apologies = Wynn Parry (Region 6), John Bell (Region 13), Phil Douce (Region 25).



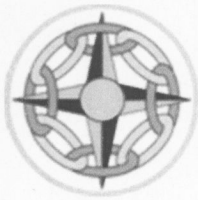


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Item No	Topic	Actionee
1	<b>President Andrew welcomes all to meeting</b>  AM thanked KC and SB for all their efforts in putting together another successful NSSW  Meeting approved guests and any non-41'ers to speak.	
2	<b>Purposes &amp; Objects</b>  Read clearly and purposefully by Kelly Clarke (Region 17)	
3	<b>Declaration of Business Interests</b>  None	
4	<b>Apologies</b>  Were read out by SM and are as listed above	
5	<b>Minutes</b>  Minutes of the Meeting from Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> October 2019 at the Palace Hotel, Isle of Man were proposed by PG, seconded by AV and unanimously approved without further comment.	
6	<b>Any matters arising from above minutes</b>  None	
7	<b>Comments or Questions on National Board Reports</b>  AM reported that the President's jewel had been refurbished and returned.	
8	<b>Comments or Questions on National Councillors' Reports</b>  None – as per printed reports.	
9	<b>Comments or Questions on National Honorary Officers' Reports</b>  None - as per printed reports.	



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### **10 Accounts 2019**

DL reported that the Association had made another surplus, and there were plans to invest some of this in future projects. RM asked how many magazines were returned undelivered. TA replied that it was about 500, which was an improvement over previous years. The overspend on the budget line was due to the introduction of eco-packaging. JM asked about the cost of conference, and was informed that this was covered in the accounts as the cost of the AGM. The annual accounts were proposed by DL, seconded by PE and accepted unanimously.

### **11 Budget 2021**

This was presented by DL. Questions on membership initiatives were answered by GL. RM queried what the CSLO projects were, and was informed that these were the Millennium Way project and the Young Ambassador Programme (YAP). Questions on YAP were answered by AV. It was suggested that YAP be on a separate budget line. It was pointed out that we are not permitted to spend more than 10% of capitation income on international items.

Proposed PE, Seconded GS. Carried, with three abstentions.

### **12 AGM Matters**

#### **Resolution 1) That the Association has a Mascot to represent them at major events.**

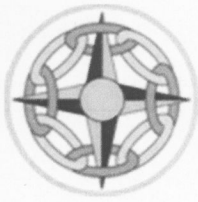
This is proposed by Clevedon & District 41 Club (Region 21) and Seconded by Isis Area 41 Club (Region 20).

**Rationale:** We believe that a prestigious and inclusive organisation such as 41 Club should enhance its profile by the provision of an Association Mascot. This mascot should be present at all major events staged by the Association and it should be within the remit of the Immediate Past National President to ensure the health, safety and welfare of such an important feature be maintained. Full details of the proposed mascot and how this will operate will be detailed to the membership at the AGM.

This was approved by no-one, not approved by 5 with the rest having no opinion.







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**Resolution 2) New Rule 17.5 be added in the following terms:**

**Every constituent club shall be entitled to send one delegate, appointed from its full members, who shall not be a current member of the National Board, to a General Meeting. Each constituent Club shall have one vote on the Election of National Officers at a General Meeting (subject to Rule 4.6). Such vote shall only be given by the voting delegate appointed by the constituent Club from its own membership and attending the meeting.**

This is proposed by Kingston 41 Club and Seconded by Wimbledon Womblers 41 Club (both Region 24).

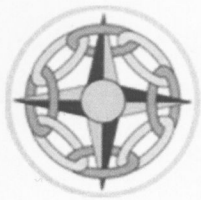
**Rationale:** Rule 17.3 specifically refers to voting by proxy on Resolutions. We do not seek to alter that Rule. The purpose of this proposed rule change is to clarify rule 17.3 which has been misinterpreted in the past. Rule 17.3 refers to "resolutions" brought to meetings by constituent Clubs and should never be extended to the election of National Officers. Resolutions and Elections are plainly different. Each candidate for National Office may submit a written statement. We should not leave our decisions simply to the quality of the written word. We want to see the man make his presentation to the AGM and elect the person who will most suitably represent us. Incorrectly allowing proxy election voting significantly reduces the very purpose of the AGM speech. By a representative of each Club turning up, hearing the addresses and voting as his Club may have mandated him, we will see larger numbers at the AGM, involvement in National by more Clubs and a genuine "buy in" to our elected National Officers by the movement.

This was not approved by 1, 4 had no opinion and all others present approved.

**Resolution 3) It is proposed that Rule 6.6 (as to canvassing) be deleted in its entirety.**

This is proposed by Kingston 41 Club and Seconded by Wimbledon Womblers 41 Club (both Region 24).

**Rationale:** Rule 6.6 fails to define canvassing but leaves National Officers to arbitrarily determine any accusation without the rules of



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natural justice being applied. This opens them up to unwarranted allegations of favouritism and inconsistency. We accept canvassing by our politicians without question. We have all been subjected to many months of this of late. But we are thinking men well able to make our own decisions. Were you persuaded by the endless rhetoric? If a candidate attends your meeting and tells you what he will do should he be elected, then you are better informed about the man than just his written statement. This may well work against him if you take a dislike to him or not like his vision. He will never know how your club voted! And if a candidate tells you he is standing, either directly or indirectly by a third party, without seeking your endorsement he is currently considered canvassing and may see him disqualified. In this fast-changing world, the Millennials who will be the next generation of our movement would find this rule unfair and unjust. Now is our chance to get our house in order, be transparent and come into the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

The original motion was voted on, with 11 for the motion, 12 against and 6 with no opinion. Therefore, National Council did not support this resolution.

### **National Council would bring the following amendment to this resolution:**

6.6 Members standing for election for any role on the National Board are allowed to canvass. Canvassing is defined as promoting themselves as a candidate via any conversation, speech, printed material or social media.

A detailed CV and 300-word statement by each candidate will be published in the relevant meeting Order Paper. A ballot will be taken by the members of constituent clubs attending the General Meeting. Proxy voters are not allowed to vote at elections.

Encouraging members to attend the National AGM is permitted.

Candidates must not :

- Contact clubs and members of clubs to seek a vote.
- Offer any form of incentive to an individual or a club to obtain a vote.
- Use a third party to perform either of the above two actions on

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their behalf.

Should there be any evidence of the above taking place, then this will be investigated at a meeting of two members of the National Board and the National Honorary Solicitor. The candidate will also attend the meeting to answer any allegations made and may bring a representative. A recommendation will then be made to the full National Council and if it is agreed by the National Council that there has been a breach of this rule, the candidate will be disqualified from the relevant election.

Resolution 4) That rule 6.5 be amended as follows:

**6.5 Nominations for office (under Rule 6.1) shall be accompanied by the written consent of the nominee. Nominees for National Vice-President shall have served on the National Council for at least two (replacing one) years in the previous three years. Nominees for all National Board posts (replacing 'for the National Councillors' Liason Officer) must have served as a member of the National Council for a minimum of two years. Such nominations may be submitted by any constituent club (subject to Rule 14.1.). Such nominations must reach the National Secretary by 1st February. In the event of no nomination for any office being received by the closing date under this Rule, nominations may be received for any such office until immediately prior to voting for that office.**

It was proposed that this was bought by National & therefore required Council approval.

SM amended *Nominees for National Vice-President shall have served on the National Board* to *Nominees for National Vice-President shall have served on the National Council* so that the final resolution was as shown above. After this amendment had been made, the resolution was approved, with 2 against and 1 abstention.

**Rationale:**

In the current rules it states that a person applying for nomination for the VP role must have one year on Council and a NCLO must have two. This is a confusing anomaly and thus creates confusion for all members. The reason for time served being suggested for these







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posts is so that their experience of Council is brought to the Board in all discussions.

Resolution 5) The following rule amendments to be taken together/jointly, as they relate solely to the sharing of Conference & AGM cost with Tangent:

**21.2 The 41 Club (added) National Council and Tangent Board (added) shall be equally (added) responsible for all arrangements and make the necessary financial provision out of the funds of both (added, in place of 'the') Associations (plural) in respect of each Annual Conference. The two National Treasurers shall keep an oversight of the Conference budget, liaising with the local Conference appointed Treasurer. (added, in place of 'The National Treasurer or his Deputy shall be a member of the local Conference Committee').**

**21.4 If the Association holds a Regional Rally or any National Fellowship event the provisions of Rules 21.2, 21.3 and 21.4 shall only apply in respect of 41 Club. Tangent have no financial responsibility in respect of any other National Event except for National Conference and AGM.** (replacing 'All profits or losses accruing or resulting from Annual Conferences shall belong to or be borne by the Association').

**21.5 All profits or losses accruing or resulting from the Annual Conferences shall jointly belong to or be borne by both 41 and Tangent Clubs.** (replacing 'If the Association shall hold a Regional Rally the provisions of Rules 21.2, 21.3 and 21.4 shall apply').

**21.6 In the event that two areas decide to bid to host the National AGM and Conference in the same year, a committee comprising of the National Fellowship Officer, Tangent Vice President, Tangent Secretary and two members of the 41 Club National Council (one being a member of the Fellowship Committee) shall decide following a presentation by both parties which area will host the AGM and Conference. In the interests of objectivity, no member of this Committee should be from an area wishing to bid. The National Fellowship Officer will chair the meeting and carry the casting vote in case of the possibility that there is a**



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**split view as to who should host the Conference. (New Rule)**

It was proposed that this is bought by National & therefore required Council approval.

This was approved, with 1 against. There were no abstentions.

**Resolution 6) That rule 6.2 be amended as follows:**

**6.2 (Taking effect from the 2018 Annual General Meeting – remove), All members of the National Council (with the exception of the National President, National Vice President and the Immediate Past National President) shall be elected for a three-year term at the Annual General Meeting and the service in that office is limited to that three-year term (whether consecutive or not - added) unless there is no candidate to replace that Council Member. If there is no candidate for his replacement, then the incumbent Councillor or Officer may stand for re-election for a period of one year, repeatable once if there is still no candidate for his replacement after the one-year extension of his term.**

It was proposed that this is bought by National & therefore required Council approval.

This was approved unanimously.

**Rationale:**

The first line regarding 2018, ensured that when the rule change was bought up at the AGM 2016 it did not affect any officer in post at the current time. As AGM 2018 has now passed, this line is no longer relevant. The comment 'consecutive or not' was always in the rules up until AGM 2017, by ensuring that it remains, we keep to the rationale for the rule in the first place. Which was that National Council needs to regenerate itself and introduce new blood on a regular basis.

**Elections for Vacant Positions**

Nominations had been received from the following candidates, who would be speaking in the order shown below. This was after the





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drawing of lots at the meeting:-

Vice President – 1) Jim Conway, 2) Duncan Kennedy & 3) Manny Martins

National Councillors Liaison Officer – 1) Graham Sloan & 2) Des Fulcher

One nomination had been received for each of the following posts, and therefore each candidate was deemed to have been elected without the requirement to speak at the AGM.

National Secretary – Bernard Elwen

National Treasurer – Kevin Lovett

**13 Standing Order Approval**

Proposed by SM, seconded by SJ and approved unanimously.

**14 Membership**

**DISAFFILIATIONS –**

Accrington & District (Region 5), Bromley & District (Region 25), Calne & District (Region 21), Clwb (Region 12), Kinder Region 7), Storrington (Region 24), Nithsdale (Region 2), Middlesbrough (Region 4) META (Region 21), Westbury on Trym & District (Region 21), Dalton & District (Region 5), Hull (Region 6), Holme Valley (Region 6), Towcester Centurions 576 (Region 15), Dedham (Region 17), Romsey (Region 23), Addis Ababa (Region 26), Dar es Salaam (Region 26), Dubai (Region 26)

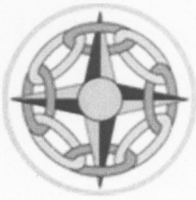
**AFFILIATIONS –**

Loughborough (Region 10)

The disaffiliations and affiliations were proposed by GL, seconded by JC and approved unanimously.

GL read out a list of clubs who were in arrears of capitation from the previous year. It was agreed to defer any decision on these clubs until each one's circumstances could be investigated further.





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### **15 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations.**

A letter was read out from Bruno Peake, the Queen's Pageant Master. MJ outlined what had been planned for that weekend, and encouraged all present to visit the dedicated website [www.41Club75.org](http://www.41Club75.org) for more information on each event and how to book tickets. At 3:00 pm on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2020, there would be a Toast to the Nation. MHo had designed the website in his own time, for which he was congratulated.

### **16 CAS2 Update**

DL reported that capitation requests had been sent out to all clubs on 18<sup>th</sup> January. Clubs can now log into CAS2 and edit or update their members. The system now allows us to capture age of members, and thus those members under the age of 45.

Phase 1 of CAS2 has now been completed. DL proposed we pay £10,000 to Carl Smalley, our IT Contractor. This was seconded by DM and agreed unanimously.

### **16 AOB**

DL proposed that MHo become our new Honorary Webmaster. This was seconded by PG and agreed unanimously.

AV reported that he was looking for a convenor to assist him with the YAP programme.

KC asked about pull-up banners. GL replied that we would be investing in new ones.

TA stated that concerns had been raised at the National Councillors meeting the previous day, about the National Council meeting being on the same weekend as the NSSW. There was some discussion, and a proposal from SJ that the arrangement to combine the two events be continued for the next three years. This was seconded by PG, and carried with 1 vote against.

There was also a suggestion that National Council have identifying polo shirts, so that they could be identified at NSSW and other events.

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**17 Date of Next Meeting**

**11.00am Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2020** at the Brecon Suite, 1st Floor, Holiday Inn, Castle Street, Cardiff, CF10 1XD.

**Approval**

Signed as a True and accurate record:

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~~Andrew Mackereth~~ PETER GOOD

National President ~~2019-20~~ 2020-21 Date. 27/06/20



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