



## **MINUTES OF NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING**

### Attendees

National Board Officers = Dave Campbell (DC) - National President, Phill Ellis (PE) – National Vice President, Barry Durman(BD) – Immediate Past President, Sean McCormick (SM) – National Secretary, David Leach (DL) – National Treasurer, Andrew Mackereth (AM) – National Fellowship Officer, Duncan Kennedy (DK) – National Membership & Round Table Liaison Officer, Godwin Stewart (GS) – National Communications & IT Officer, Tom Atkins (TA) – National Councillors’ Liaison Officer & Peter Good (PG) – International Relations Officer.

National Councillors = Region 1 (Caretaker) – David Illingworth (DI), Region 2 – Kevin Stewart (KS), Region 5 – Graham Sloan (GFS), Region 6 – Ian Burnett (IB), Region 7 – Kevin Lovett (KL), Region 8 Paul Swindell (PS), Region 10 – John Lamb (JL), Region 11 – Nick Morcumb (NM), Region 12 (Deputising) – Lawrence Bamber (LB), Region 13 – Steve James (SJ), Region 15 – Andy Ventress (AV), Region 16 – Martin Lines (ML), Region 17 – Kelly Clarke(KC), Region 18 (Caretaker) – Sean McCormick (SM), Region 20 – Derek Knowlden (DKn), Region 21 – Glen Lyon (GL), Region 23 – Steve Bolter (SB), Region 24 – Peter McBride (PM), Region 25 – Phil Douce (PD).

Honoraries = Hugh Milward (Honorary Archivist), Paul Cammiss (Honorary Solicitor), Ray Hill (Honorary Webmaster)

Guests = Robert Norfolk (RN) & George Blake (GB) of Gt Yarmouth 41 Club, Graham Kemp (GK) of Sheringham & Cromer 41 Club, Paul Tyrrell (PT) of Harleston 41 Club and Des Fulcher (DF) of South Norfolk 41 Club.

Apologies = Stewart Thompson & Cormac Clancy (Region 3), Mark Boersma (Region 4), Ralph Small (Region 12) and Bernard Elwen (Region 19).

Item No.	Topic	Actionee
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1	<b>Chairman’s Welcome</b>	
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At 11:15 President Dave welcomed all to the meeting.

- Dave went on further to ask that all those officers present could please complete a short form (circulating around the table) listing their



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partners names and their dates of birth (you didn't have to provide year, just day & month). This was for the International directory & website. In addition, Ray Hill will be taking photos of all those present, please do not rush off at the end of the meeting.

**2 Purposes and Objects**

Purposes and Objects of 41 Club were recited Kelly Clarke (National Councillor Region 17) of North Walsham 41 Club..

**3 Declaration of Business Interests**

GS (for Website) and TA (for Travel Insurance)

**4 Apologies**

Were read out by SM & the names are as listed above.

**5 Minutes**

Minutes of the Meeting from Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2017, King Charles Hotel, Gillingham, were approved, but required the following amendment:-  
Page 3, IPP report item (a), it should be PE & not BD who hosts at the National Arboretum.

**6 Matters Arising from those Minutes**

None, with the exception of NM who admitted he'd not had a chance to chase up on o/s Capitations within his Region (for which he received a fine).

**7 National Board Reports**

National President - As printed

National Vice-President - As printed

Immediate Past President – As printed, additionally asked could Councillors please, please get feedback to the Newsletter regarding clubs work in the community. This is important for our profile both internally & publically.

National Secretary – As printed, however apology to KL who is due to finish his term as Councillor in 2019 and not 2018 as printed in the report.





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National Treasurer – As printed, additionally mentioned the following:-

- a) It might have been missed due to his attendance last meeting via 'Skype', but clarified that £160 is the maximum claim for the weekend, not the allowance.
- b) Please be clearer in describing what you are claiming expenses for (i.e. just saying 'RTBI NSW' is not sufficient, but attending/manning the 41 Club membership stand at RTBI NSW would be).
- c) Balance at the bank is circa £192K, so we are on track for the 50% reserve policy. Please bear in mind that our year-end is December & you need to have bills/expenses in by then please.
- d) O/s capitations. DI – Have Capitation reminders gone out? CAS seems to have not been updated, is there a 'glitch'?. GS – It may be that the reminders have not gone on CAS, he will make a note to check & update. DC – are 1<sup>st</sup> reminders post & email?. DL – We'll check, but personal contact from Councillors is the best method. NM – RTBI used to use threats of disaffiliation (copied into Regional Reps & Area), can we do similar?. DL – this is not something we would do, too extreme, we would not send threat letters. Reminder to all, we need to tell clubs/treasurers that you need to undertake a manual exercise with regard to members under 45, you need to deduct the Capitation cost for those members from your invoice & inform Marchesi House. GFS – There is still confusion over bills, the invoices are not that clear & some clubs think they have until September to pay. TA – Can we note that we need more clarity on invoices?. GS – there will be a cost in 'tweaking' CAS, he will put a notice/reminder in the newsletter to help.

**GS**

National Membership & Round Table Liaison Officer – As Printed, with the following additions:-

- a) Ring round update – Where they have been making calls & they are saying they are members, we are updating CAS. This has bought in an additional 154 immediate members, in addition we have a further 210 looking to join.
- b) Individual Membership – Can't move forward with current technology. DI – This has been discussed before, it's a good idea. PE – Where is the cost benefit? Can't see that it will help us. GS – The CAS II update will help with this if it is taken forward. All agreed DK to remain on





focus, with continued emphasis on working with RTBI.

National Communications & IT Officer – As Printed, with the following in addition:-

- a) Data Compliance – GS confirms he knows he has to contact Terry Porter. **GS**
- b) Technical Specification – Work in progress. BD – has spoken to both Technos & Toucan who can do the work, but we need the written Technical Specification. We could also work with RTBI which would be useful.
- c) Timescales/future? – It was felt progress was too slow & GS was overloaded with work. We needed a committee and work-round to move things forward. The proposal that was CARRIED was as follows:-
  - i) Technical Specification – GS, BD, PM & Ray Hill. **GS, BD, PM & RH**
  - ii) Newsletter - GFS. **GFS**
  - iii) Magazine – Remains with GS, but assisted by PS. **GS & PS**

There then followed a presentation to Des Fulcher of his Past Councillors jewel. Des provided thanks & gave a short speech regarding the previous night's meeting & visit to Norwich, which received applause.

There then followed a presentation to Tom Atkins of his Past Councillors jewel which was unable to be presented at the Blackpool AGM.

12:55 Break for Lunch

13:20 Meeting resumes

National Councillors' Liaison Officer – As Printed, with the following additional comments:-

- a) Councillor's Meeting – Following on from the morning's meeting, the feedback from the training day was fantastic. TA to produce a report **TA**



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on how it went.

- b) Health & Safety – TA asked PD to provide a short speech regarding driving to/from meetings. PD reminded us of the dangers of spending long hours behind the wheel, particularly without breaks. PD to organise example risk assessments to highlight points in case. We have to be aware that there could be some liability in the event of an accident where we have required a long journey. We need to recognise (both collectively & individually) that we have risk & liability here. **PD**

National Fellowship Officer – Made mention of the following:-

- a) NSSW 2018 – JS – Please complete your attendance/application forms if you are thinking of coming. (reminder to all – the Council Meeting will be on the Friday in Oakhampton).
- b) Torbay 2019 – Shouldn't be long & we will be providing a code to book your accommodation in Torquay. It will be first come, first served in conference hotel, so book in early.
- c) June 2018 National Council Meeting – Now booked for Park Inn by Radisson, Justice Mill Lane, Aberdeen. Dates are 29 June to 1 July & cost will be £160 single / £210 double. Please, when claiming accommodation expenses, only claim the £160 allowance, as £20 is being used to provide entertainment for us.
- d) National Cycling weekend – We have found a willing volunteer to bring this forward, details to follow.
- e) NSSW 2019 – Looking at the earlier time of 1<sup>st</sup> February at Potters Resort, Great Yarmouth. Hopefully you will all have had time to read & digest details by earlier email & hand-outs circulating in the room. SJ would like to propose, seconded by LB. Vote was 19 for, 1 against & 2 abst. CARRIED.
- f) Blackpool AGM – KL presented a cheque for £356.28 representing the profit from the event.
- g) Belfast 2018 – 614 booked in, most events are now totally full with waiting lists for anyone outside this. Any Councillors not booked in (that want to attend) must do so & let PE know they've done so. We have 7 unpaid deposits (which include 4 International & 1 National





Councillor), if not paid by end of Nov, they will lose their place.  
Reminder to use the FlyBe code, if needed.

- h) Members Benefits – AV provided an update on what we have, amongst which:- Hyundai (best year yet), Wider Wallet, All Club Together (Utility Warehouse), Fred Olsen (this has earned us £3,277.60 which is split 1/4 with Tangent), Travel Cover (10% discount), Noveltunity (BD/DL to clarify this with AV), Heritage Car Insurance (they sponsored our Classic Car Rally), Park & Cruise at Southampton (10% discount), Halfords (10% discount, but you need a voucher & letter confirming membership – AV to clarify if a member card is available), #tag golf (10% discount on golfing holidays – use '41 Club in subject of email, courtesy of Neil Bird of Gt Dunmow 41), Merlin Entertainment (could be up to 50%), Yellow Jersey cycling insurance, Naked Wines (discount tba) & finally Cotswold Snow & Rock (discount tba).
- BD/DL**
- AV**

International Relations Officer – As printed, but also mentioned he attended the Belgium 41 AGM. LB – brought greetings from Tallin RTI WM, note that RTI WM 2018 will be in Mombasa, Kenya ([www.rtiwm2018.co.ke](http://www.rtiwm2018.co.ke)). Also, he has 41 International charity pin badges for sale (41 years of 41 International) for £5.

## 8 National Councillors/Region Reports

All were as reported/written, with the following exceptions:-

- a) Region 4 (North East England) – Post to be advertised/email circulated following resignation letter.
- b) Region 10 (East Midlands) – JL sadly doesn't look as if Loughborough will Affiliate.
- c) Region 11 (Cheshire & North West Midlands) – NM is looking for ideas for regional get-togethers. Golf days (only suit golfers), Crown Green Bowling (only suit bowlers), etc. So has a 'crazy golf' event planned. If there are any other ideas, events planned, please put in your reports as if it works for others, it could work for him.
- d) Region 12 (North Wales & The Wirral) – LB Northwich walk raised £8,300 for the Stroke Association..
- e) Region 20 (Thames Valley) – DKn mentioned that Maidenhead had had an EGM as they were considering closing, luckily for his



intervention, they have now re-considered.

- f) Region 24 (SW London, Surrey & Sussex) – PM promotes the usage of maps within the website as a useful tool for getting together with local clubs. We should make more use of this.
- g) Hon Archivist – Hugh Milward said that he gets a lot of requests from clubs for lists of their past Chairman. Sadly, can you all be reminded that we are an Association of Clubs, not members, and we do not hold this sort of detail, sorry.
- h) Hon Solicitor – Paul Cammiss jokingly said that the meeting was progressing far too quickly & he had only managed to complete 1.5 crosswords!. Seriously though, please feel welcome to contact him, he is there to help in all matters club & rules related.
- i) Hon Webmaster – Ray Hill ran through some of the problems we continue to have, issues with initial design, parts/areas of the website are not being regularly updated & finally there are areas of the site where even he has no access. It would be particularly good if we could have more club info and pictures. However, please remember the ‘golden rules’ (ie hold the interest, etc) for photos being:-
  - \* No men in suits
  - \*\* No big cheque presentations
  - \*\*\* No standing in front of windows
  - \*\*\*\* No small pictures

## 9 **Region 16/17 Restructure**

SM advised the meeting that the proposal to split the Regions had gone out to all members in the regions affected, having had five week’s notice of the change and there had been no objections. We had received two applications for National Councillor in the Regions, those of Martin Lines of Cambridge 41 Club for Region 16 and Kelly Clarke of North Walsham 41 Club for Region 17 and the proposal to split the Region having already been proposed & voted on at our June Council Meeting, President Dave was able to confirm Martin Lines as new National Councillor for Region 16 and award him his collarette.

## 10 **National Committees.**

In order to get the best out of the committees & those on the committees, TA **TA** is looking to ‘shuffle’ a few individuals around. TA will be in contact with those affected & then should be able to reissue the document highlighting who is on what committee shortly thereafter.



**11 Association Rules, Policies & Standing Orders Updates**

Unfortunately, through absence, holidays, etc, nothing to report, but work ongoing. **SM & 'SPC'**

**12 Councillors' Handbook**

This has been issued by PE, could all please review & any comments/issues, revert to PE. **ALL**

**13 International Presidency**

PG and DC explained that as we have put in (and had accepted) an application to host the World Meeting this would also mean that (if successful) we must also have a candidate for 41 International President. Having debated our rules, our timelines necessitate that we need to have our candidate voted on and approved at our AGM in Belfast. PG is to provide a report and put out a call for candidates. We have a 1<sup>st</sup> Feb 2018 deadline for candidates to be put forward. **PG**

**14 Approval for Usage of our 41 Club Logo**

Jill Harris (Tangent Club National VP) has asked if she could use our logo in a pin badge she would like to sell to raise money for charity. CARRIED. None against & 1 Abstention

**15 Honorary Members**

Paul Cammiss has decided that after 15 years he is stepping down from his role on Council at the Belfast AGM. David Smith (Past National President 2012/13 & member of Long Eaton 41 Club) has been proposed as replacement. This being an appointment, as opposed to an elected role, no vote required. The meeting provided Paul with a round of applause in appreciation.





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16 **Approvals and Disaffiliations**

**Affiliations:**

St Austall 41 Active in Region 22.

**Disaffiliations:**

Sawbridgeworth & District	Region 19	
Bingham & Radcliffe	Region 10	
Stokesley & Yarm	Region 4	
Harlow	Region 18	
West Bridgeford	Region 10	
Kirriemuir & District	Region 2	= approx. 69 members

**Carried.** 0 Abstentions. 1 Against.

Member update = 15,700 members in 770 clubs

17 **AOB**

DC – Old one pound coins, reminds all to check their collection boxes as these are going out of circulation & will need to be exchanged at the bank.

Calendars – If anyone has any left over, please tell GS.

Lakeside Event – Please see flyers circulating around the tables, Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March, Frimley Green, Camberley. £69:50 per person, raising funds for The Prince's Trust.

SJ – NSSW booking forms, please complete & get back to him asap (they are also circulating on the tables).

DFS – Provided a comprehensive 'state of the media' address & update on our draft social media policy. Covering items such as Facebook (still our preferred/best social media), regional newsletters, emails, 41 Club website, newsletters, monthly magazine & eblasts.

He highlighted specific areas/Facebook & web pages as follows:-

- a) The 41 Club Members' Forum which is a "Closed Group", had 20 friends & 671 members.





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- b) The 41 Club Travellers again a “Closed Group” with 9 friends & 326 members.
- c) Friends Who Like 41 Club a “Closed Group” with 4 friends & 8 members.
- d) 41 Club main is a page that that gives viewing numbers for each post, along with a lot of other statistics.
- e) 41 Club Conference pages, of which there are a number, leading to confusion & old/past ones should ideally be removed.

GFS went on to say that although currently the most popular way ahead in terms of social media remains Facebook. We have average viewings per post of 366 people & because it remains a “Closed Group” we can at least control some of the content. What we need, however, is for more 41’ers & Tablers to access the content, as in the main the viewers are the same members all the time. What does need to be clear, is that Board, Councillors & 41 Club members need to post events onto the 41 Club main page & not their personal pages in order to widen the circulation & freshen the content generally.

GFS also went on to summarise the pros & cons of Facebook & although it still seems to be the most popular, he felt the way forward really was our 41 Club webpage. On it you will find:-

- The events diary with links to calendar & other Round Table family clubs.
- The current newsletter/magazine
- What has happened/is going to happen
- Who your Board & National Councillors are and their contact details.

Above all, you do not need to log in to the 41 Club website to access the home page and events calendar.

He also mentioned National roles & their lack of continuity. Whilst an incumbent Officer might be on top of his Facebook posts, someone taking over may not be able to devote the time to keeping Facebook in a controllable form ie by monitoring the posts which can be very time consuming. The main webpage is continually updated by the Honorary Webmaster – again, this does have time/workload implications, but this time & work has paid off, whereas before our website was ‘clunky & annoying’. It is now delivering excellent material and is easy to navigate (we just need to remove the ‘login’ button).

GFS concluded “the addition of a new 41 Club page on Facebook will achieve nothing, as a National Page is already in use. Newer members will be already versed in this medium and Club & personal posts will grow as the community will grow..... but the Main Web Site is the medium



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which will be the ultimate winner”.

18 AM ran through timings & proceedings for the evenings function.

**Meeting Closed 16:12**

19 **Date of Next Meeting**

**13.45pm Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2018**

The Ashbury Hotel, Southcott, Okehampton, Devon. EX20 4NL.

20 **Approval**

Signed as a True and accurate record:

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Dave Campbell  
National President  
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Date.

