



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 4 - Peter Milburn (PMi), Region 5 – Graham Sloan (GFS), Region 6 (Deputising) – Andy Waite (AW), Region 7 – Kevin Lovett (KL), Region 8 - Paul Swindell (PS), Region 11 – Nick Morcumb (NM), Region 12 – Ralph Small (RS), Region 13 – Steve James (SJ), Region 15 – Andy Ventress (AV), Region 17 – Kelly Clarke(KC), Region 18 (Caretaker) – Sean McCormick (SM), Region 19 – Bernard Elwen (BE), Region 20 – Derek Knowlden (DKn), Region 22 (Deputising) – Mark Fairchild, Region 23 – Steve Bolter (SB), and Region 24 – Peter McBride (PMcB).

Honoraries = Hugh Milward (Honorary Archivist) & Ray Hill (Honorary Webmaster)

Guests = Keith Howard (KH) Past National President 2007/8 of East Dartmoor and Newton Abbot 41 Clubs, Terry Cooper (TC) Past National President 2015/6 of Clevedon, Isis Area and Oxford Nerja 41 Clubs, Lawrence Bamber of Poynton, Rhyl and Dragons 41 Clubs, Paul Rutley of Marchesi 41 Club, Marcus Jones (MJ) Past National RTBI President 2015/6 of Beeston 41 Club, Jim Conway (JC) of LOTS No 2 and OBE 41 Clubs and Richie Minshull Area 36 RTBI Chairman of Deeside RT 602.

Apologies = Ian Burnett (Region 6), John Lamb (Region 10), Martin Lines (Region 16), Glen Lyon (Region 21), Phil Douce (Region 25) and Paul Cammiss (Honorary Solicitor).

Item No.	Topic	Actionee
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1 Chairman’s Welcome

At 14:05 President Dave welcomed all to the meeting.

- Dave went on further to individually greet Peter Milburn of



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Guisborough & District 41 Club in Region 4 for his first National Council meeting and presented him with his Jewel of Office.

2 Declaration of Business Interests

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

3 Apologies

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

4 Minutes

Minutes of the Meeting from Saturday 14th October 2017 at the Best Western Brook Hotel, Norwich, were proposed by DK, seconded by SB and unanimously approved without further comment.

5 Matters Arising from those Minutes

None.

6 National Board Reports

National President - As printed

National Vice-President - As printed, however wanted to apologise for shortness of report, personal circumstances were such that the report provided was really only meant for the Board.

Immediate Past President – As printed

National Secretary – As printed, however LB wanted it noted that there is only one “L” in Rhyl. SM apologised for the error in his report. Also, further on in the meeting, DC called on a volunteer to assist with the slideshow at AGM, Hugh Milward volunteered & was thanked for standing up to the job.

National Treasurer – As printed

National Membership & Round Table Liaison Officer – As printed, with following additional items:-

- a) The Kent membership initiative as mentioned by Phil Douce last





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meeting, this comprised the idea of a series of membership pin badges (bronze, silver & gold) depending on the number of new members you bought into the Association. The idea was not that this would be funded nationally (unless it takes off, of course), but that Kent Table & 41 Club would become involved and we would see how it goes. PD would report back over time on progress. **PD**

- b) Database (ex-Table members) ring round – Recently undertook this in Rednal with several successes, anticipate another in about a fortnight's time, followed up with (hopefully) a final call round in March. The target is to get all the calls done by our AGM. We currently have about 1,300 left to contact out of the original 9,500.

National Communications & IT Officer – As printed, however brought up later in the meeting that PS is having to work abroad & is unable to help on the Magazine. PMcB volunteered to help out (if he can) & GS and PMcB will have a Skype call to discuss later in the week. Additionally, Terry Cooper (Past National President 2015/16) also offered to help out, this was accepted by all with gratitude.

National Councillors' Liaison Officer – As printed

National Fellowship Officer – As printed

International Relations Officer – Although a printed report was provided, PG apologised for what was printed, as PE earlier, this was not a report he wanted to put out to all members/Council and was meant for the Board members only. He asked that it be removed from the printed version on the website and he be allowed to re-produce his report for inclusion by SM in the website version by Monday lunchtime latest. All agreed with this course of action. **PG then SM**

7 National Councillors/Region Reports

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

- a) Region 2 (Scotland East) – KS bought up the following i) Hopeful that we may be able to get Edinburgh back up & running, maybe more of an 'active' club. ii) Brings greetings from former National Councillor Ken Donald. iii) Suggests a geographical review of Regions 1&2, rather than Scotland being split on a North/South but East/West divide. Will discuss further with DI and TA and will bring back to

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- b) Region 24 (SW London, Surrey & Sussex) – PMcB would also like the Region looked at and 'tweaked', seems some clubs are more suited/less of an issue for travelling if they were put with another Region.

**PMcB &
TA**

TA would like it put on record how well all the Councillors are doing. We had all but 2 Regions supply reports, they covered 178 events/meetings which had the potential to get in front of around 3,800 members.

8 Draw to Decide Speaker Order at the AGM

Firstly, SM ran through those positions on the National Board that had been stood for and were uncontested. The meeting acknowledged Andrew Mackereth as the new incoming National Vice President or President Elect and Steve James as National Fellowship Officer.

SM then asked Past National President Keith Howard to draw numbered golf balls from a box to determine the speaker order for those contested positions at the National AGM in Belfast. The draw went as follows:-

For the Position of National Membership and Round Table Liaison Officer:-
To speak first = Steve Bolter To speak second = Nick Morcumb

To be put forward as Candidate for International 41 Club Vice President:-
To speak first = Marcus Jones To speak second = Lawrence Bamber
To speak last = Barry Durman

DC briefly ran through how the speakers & election will work on the day and thanked all those who have stood for positions.

9 Approval of Honorary Officers for year 2018-19

As these were proposals by the Board they didn't require a seconder. DC briefly covered the Honorary Solicitor position as previously explained in the October NC Meet in that Paul Cammiss was standing down/retiring after 15 years sterling work on the Board to be replaced by David Smith (Past National President 2012/13) of Long Eaton 41 Club. Officers for approval were:-





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Honorary Solicitor - David Smith of Long Eaton 41 Club

Honorary Archivist – Hugh Milward of Ashby de le Zouch 41 Club

Honorary Webmaster – Ray Hill of Three Steps Behind and Dragons 41 Club

All were voted in on block, unanimously approved.

10 Income, Expenditure and Balance Sheet

DL then apprised us all of the situation (healthy profit) which in the main was due to us having one less magazine for the year & lack of spend in developing/improving our IT systems & network. Individually (amongst many others) he highlighted the following:-

- a) BD trip to Moldova – Clarified that he was reimbursed £400 which was covered by sponsorship, at nil cost to the Association.
- b) Capitation – We are down on budget as we still have some clubs that have yet to pay for 2017. Please can Councillors chase up on those clubs within their Regions that are now a year in default. Also, it proves the point that we need to check emails, details, etc as it may be that invoices are not going to the correct locations. DL to send a hyperlink to those Councillors with defaulters in their Regions, this will direct them to CAS where they can see the clubs that need chasing.
- c) Note to all. GS does the Dis-affiliations, Marchesi House the Affiliations.

DL

DL proposed that National Council accept the Account's as provided, seconded by PE & approved by all.

11 Budget for the year 2019

DL ran through each line of Expense & Income providing explanations for each & every item where there was a difference from the 2018 budget. He also felt it made sense that when it comes to publishing the figures in the Agenda and on stage at the AGM, his notes remain. This runs along the same lines as his predecessor, Mark Fairchild.

DL asked for the budget to be approved by Council, seconded by SB & vote accepted unanimously.



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12 GDPR and CAS II

GS started us off, we need/must be compliant with GDPR. If a member wants his details to be removed from our database, then we must be able to do this irrevocably. DK – We need to go back to every member & 1) provide them with the details of the information we hold on them; 2) ask/confirm that their details are up to date; 3) get them to agree that they allow us to hold & use their details. We also have issues re marketing ('selling'?) as between this and just providing benefits, the rules differ.

BD – Can we just go back to the clubs (the sole contact/secretaries), as opposed to every individual? Can we get them (the contacts/secretaries) to get signatures from all their members that we can hold & use?.

DK – It is sufficient that a return email would provide consent, we don't need actual 'signatures'.

GS – We can, it's easy, put a note/email out to all members.

GFS – Leave this to the Comms Team to sort out, we'll provide feedback to you all.

PE – We are running out of time, this does need urgently sorting.

GS - re CAS II – this is being dictated by GDPR, you should have all seen the Operational Spec this has been sent to all.

All – After much discussion, the Technical Specification is required NOW, no more prevaricating, Comms Team under GS to provide in the soonest possible timeframe. Conversations as to who would then do/quote for the work can then start. Cannot stress more urgently the importance of this.

GS

GS – Will bring Terry Porter (expert in GDPR) from Witham 41 Club onto the working party/Comms committee (provided he wants to be a part of it) as soon as he can. Approved by all.

13 AGM Resolutions

RESOLUTION 1

Proposed : **Change Title of Rule 6.**
from **NATIONAL OFFICERS** to **NATIONAL BOARD**

Rationale : Section 6 is only relating to Board Members

Proposed : **Change Rule 6.2**



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*National Board (with the exception of the National President, National Vice President and the Immediate Past President) shall be elected for an initial three year term at the Annual General Meeting and the service in that office is limited to that three year term unless there is no candidate to replace that **Officer**. If there is no candidate for his replacement then the incumbent **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. The national Vice President shall serve a period of one year prior to becoming National President”*

Rationale : Section 6.2 minor changing to wording to make clear to whom the rule applies.

RESOLUTION 2

2) Current Rule 9 Currently says :-

9. NATIONAL COUNCILLORS

9.3.1 Each Councillor shall be elected for three years and take office immediately after the Annual General Meeting which follows his election except as provided in Rule 9.8. A National Councillor standing for re-election (please see Rule 6.2) shall continue in office and carry on his duties including being a member of the National Board until the result of the election is declared by the National Secretary. As far as is possible the National Council shall arrange for one-third of the total number of Councillors to be elected annually.

Proposed : **Change Rule 9.3.1** to :-

Each Councillor shall be elected for three years and shall take office immediately following his election/appointment until the conclusion of the appropriate National Council Meeting following the three year anniversary of his election/appointment. The appropriate Council Meeting shall be the Council Meeting corresponding to the first Council Meeting he was eligible to attend as a Councillor even if the full three year period has not been completed. Service in that office shall be limited to a period of three years unless there is no other candidate to replace that Council member. If there is no candidate for his replacement then the incumbent Councillor 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. A National Councillor standing for re-election shall continue in office and carry on his duties until the result of the election is declared by the National Secretary.”

Rationale : Section 9.3.1 Changing to rule to specify term of office of National



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Councillors (to a 3 year period from next eligible council meeting to the corresponding council meeting 3 years hence)

Proposed : **Change Rule 9.8** to :-

In the event of a Councillor resigning his seat a fresh election shall be held and the successful candidate shall take his seat immediately upon his election for a period as specified under rule 9.3.1

Rationale : The words "from the preceding Annual General Meeting" is no longer applicable.

The wording/rules being previously circulated by DC on email and approved by Paul Cammiss. DK proposes, PE seconds, both resolutions supported unanimously.

14 Strategic Plan

PE provided a 'State of the Nation' address that covered (amongst others).

- a) National Councillors Handbook – He hopes to release this soon & as mentioned before, please could he have feedback on the draft he had previously released by email. **PE**
- b) 5 Year Plan – Currently a job in progress, we need to take it back to what is actually achievable & not keep setting our targets too high & continually fail. **PE**
- c) Rules & Standing Orders Updates – Currently being worked on.
- d) Job Descriptions – These have been released to all & only a few individuals have come back to him. Are we happy that these adequately cover what we are doing/plan to achieve?. More feedback please. **PE All**
- e) Membership – Talking with DK & RTBI about falling membership, plans to move forward, etc.
- f) Links – It is not just about forging a closer relationship with RTBI, but the entire RT Family. This will be one of his themes during his year.

15 Approvals and Disaffiliations

Affiliations –
Cambria (Region 13)





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Horncastle (Region 9)
Disaffiliations –
Ayr (Region 1)
Airdrie (Region 1)
Gosforth (Region 4)
Batley (Region 6) **
Liverpool Aigburth (Region 8)
Oakengates (Region 14)
Watford (Region 19)

Note 1) ** Batley, although not initially voted on 'en bloc', member Shaun Redman was consulted as he was attending NSSW & after discussion with his club members a vote was taken during AOB. Vote to disaffiliate was approved.

Note 2) Although voted on in the Council meeting, Radlett Area 41 in Region 19, withdrew their request to disaffiliate shortly afterwards. Hence, they are no longer recorded here.

All Affiliations & Disaffiliations were unanimously approved.

16 AOB

PMi presented a cheque to DC from Guisborough RT for his presidential charity, The Prince's Trust. DC updated us on volunteers for mentoring (going very well) and please attend his charity event, 24th March at Frimley Green, Camberley.

DC – Summarised a letter he had received from Jim Smith (Past National President 2014/5) proposing support for a CSLO project for Xmas parcels to be delivered in Moldova (as organised by German RT family – see press, newsletter, Fb posts from BD). Jim would organise & run and the proposal was to try and get about 5,000 parcels organised from the UK. DC proposed, DL seconded. Vote 5 for, 19 against & 5 abst. Vote Lost

PG – Advised that at a 41 Intl meeting on 22nd Nov France asked to be readmitted to International (they had resigned over 41 Intl not recognising 'open' membership), their request was deferred.

AM – 1) Would like to make a special award (glassware) to Pauline Omerod for all the work she has done for all the conferences over recent years.



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Seconded PE & carried unanimously.

- 2) National Cycling week, 10-12 Aug being organised by Northampton 41 Club.
- 3) Offers appreciation to SJ for all the hard work on NSSW.

SJ – 1) has had a couple of complaints regarding the single supplement for staying at NSSW. The hotel have taken these on board & now offered refunds to those that have paid it. These are to be paid back to those that have been charged. 2) The profit being made at NSSW, proposed that this is put against the cost of the Potters NSSW in 2019. Seconded by DL & approved by all.

KC – Booking for NSSW 2019 has now opened, 1-3rd Feb (proposed Sunday as an extra night, but not seconded), please catch him during weekend to book in & pay deposit.

AM & AV – Promoted 'AutoClub', but after BD mentioned the Hyundai deal (92 cars sold this year), checking to see if there is a 'clash'.

MF – Promoted Torbay 2019.

TC – Presented a full collection tin of Prince's Trust monies to DC.

KS – Promoted Linlithgow 50th Charter on Friday 16th November.

AV – Promoted Region 15 dinner at Motorcycle Museum on 16th Feb.

NM – Please provide more material for the magazine, we need more copy.

BE – Charges on credit cards, what are we doing about this?. DL, we try to encourage members not to use them, but if they insist (and we cannot prevent them, having already advised on invoices that they can be accepted) we have to 'eat the cost'. DL proposed that hence forward we do not accept credit cards, seconded by SB & carried by all.

RH – 1) Please use event calendar on the website, it's useful & members use/refer to it & like to know what is going on. 2) We all have our own section on the website, please use it. 3) Please provide copy for the website, currently only 2 Councillors have ever provided anything newsworthy. 4) Please can anyone on Council who wasn't around in Norwich come to him for a photo to be taken. 5) Promotes next 41 Club cruise which is 9 days from 8th August round Shetland & Norwegian Fjords.





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Keith Howard – Gave speech on time in National Council, nice to know very little has changed (even some of the people are the same!) since his time on Council in 2009. What he did express sadness over was loss of Haverhill to National Council, it seems the end of an era with Paul Cammiss leaving. In the ‘good old days’ it was always Isis & Haverhill that made up the Board.

RS – Selling car stickers over the weekend, all proceeds to Presidents Charity the Prince’s Trust. Also, Chester RTBI National AGM & Conference, it would be good to see a good few of the National Council attending.

LB – Brings greeting from Brazil 41 Club.

DL – Would like to bring an end to the ‘doubling’ up of expenses for this National Council meeting. In past years where we attended at Rednal & the costs were cheap we encouraged an assistant or deputy to attend the meeting in addition to the National Councillor. Given the cost now he suggests we return to paying deputies only when the National Councillor is unable to attend the meeting. Proposal by DL – only one Regional expense allowance for attendance at NSSW (where we also have a NC meet). Seconded by SJ & approved by all.

Meeting Closed 18:06

17 Date of Next Meeting

11.00am Friday 13th April 2018

Spires Room, Presbyterian Assembly Building, 2-10 Fisherwick Place, Belfast. BT1 6DW.

18 Approval

Signed as a True and accurate record:

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Dave Campbell

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