



## **National Council Meeting Saturday 27th October 2018**

**The Village Hotel, Hessle,  
Nr Hull, HU4 7DY.**

### **MINUTES OF NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING**

#### Attendees

National Board Officers = Phill Ellis (PE) - National President, Andrew Mackereth (AM) – National Vice President, Dave Campbell (DC) – Immediate Past President, Sean McCormick (SM) – National Secretary, Godwin Stewart (GS) – National Communications & IT Officer, Nick Morcumb (NM) – National Membership & Round Table Liaison Officer and Peter Good (PG) – International Relations Officer.

National Councillors = Region 2 – Kevin Stewart (KS), Region 4 – Peter Milburn (PM), Region 5 – Graham Sloan (GFS), Region 6 – Ian Burnett (IB), Region 7 – Kevin Lovett (KL), Region 8 – Paul Swindell (PS), Region 9 (Caretaker) – Marcus Jones (MJ), Region 10 – John Lamb (JL), Region 12 (Deputy) – Lawrence Bamber (LB), Region 13 (Caretaker) – Duncan Kennedy (DK), Region 14 – Jim Conway (JC), Region 15 – Andy Ventress (AV), Region 17 – Kelly Clarke (KC), Region 18 – Mark House (MH), Region 19 – Bernard Elwen (BE), Region 21 – Glen Lyon (GL), Region 22 - Mark Hinchliffe (MHi) and Region 24 - Peter McBride (PM).

Honoraries = David Smith (Honorary Solicitor), Ray Hill (Honorary Webmaster) and Hugh Milward (Honorary Archivist).

Guests = David Weaver (DW) of Marchesi 41 Club, Andy Waite (AW) of Wakefield & White Knights 41 Clubs and Bruce Bennett (BB) Past National RTBI President 1991/2 of Leicester De Montfort 41 Club.

Apologies = David Leach (NT - although attending via Skype), Tom Atkins (NCLO), Steve James (NFO), Richie Minshull (Region 11), Ralph Small (Region 12), Martin Lines (Region 16), David Chard (Region 20), Steve Bolter (Region 23) and late apology Phil Douce (Region 25).





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<b>Item No</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Actionee</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>President Phill welcomes all to meeting</b>  Meeting approves guests and any non-41'ers to speak.	
<b>2</b>	<b>Purposes &amp; Objects</b>  Read by Ian Burnett of Region 6	
<b>3</b>	<b>Declaration of Business Interests</b>  GS (for Cas 2) and KL (for Camping & Caravanning)	
<b>4</b>	<b>Apologies</b>  Were read out by SM and are as listed above	
<b>5</b>	<b>Minutes</b>  Minutes of the Meeting from Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2018 at the Park Inn by Radisson, Aberdeen, Scotland were proposed by SM and unanimously approved without further comment.	
<b>6</b>	<b>Any matters arising from above minutes</b>  None.	
<b>7</b>	<b>Comments or Questions on National Board Reports</b>  Very few, with the exception of the following:-  Immediate Past President – DC pleased to advise he has been accepted for this year's Moldovian Xmas Present Convoy.	





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National Treasurer – DL will be sending out the outstanding capitation lists, split by Region, to Councillors to chase & distribute.

National Communications & IT Officer – GS confirmed he had not had responses to his chasers for updating Website Regions (ie Scotland) yet. Also, there are still issues with Google re maps (see report). PM – Do we need to make a decision on the maps?, GS – sadly we've not had a quote to vote upon. Regarding getting pictures included in the Office 365 mails, GS will review with GFS & report back.

**GS**

International Relations Officer – KL made official presentation to LB of a toilet roll, in light of his trials & tribulations at the 41 International meeting in Morocco.

### **8 Comments or Questions on National Councillors Reports**

Region 2 – KS, struggling to get to all clubs, any help/assistance would be appreciated.

Region 6 – IB, retires from Council in April, is actively seeking replacement.

Region 12 – LB, hopefully, we may get Colwyn Bay to re-affiliate.

Region 17 – KC, NSSW Gt Yarmouth. 13 NC's have not yet booked in, as well as some of the Board. 53 only booked in & we may have to release rooms. Can he email to all members? – send copy of email to GS or SJ & they will distribute. GS – can you please send him something for the newsletter/magazine?.

**KC**

Region 21 – GL, Apologies for shirt failure.

Region 26 – PG, we announced our intention to bid for Intl hosting/AGM & therefore Intl Vice Presidency Candidate at the Morocco meeting. This will mean another election at the AGM in Torquay.

### **9 Comments or Questions on National Honoraries Reports**

None, but HW would like it noted that we lack 'signed' copies of National Council Minutes in the Archive. Could SM either provide/get DC, PE, BD to sign, or he is happy to provide an electronic signature

**SM**





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(for the records).

### **10 CAS 2 Update**

PE – Sadly haven't been able to get software writers to provide a report (although Mike Gibbs of Technos did provide feedback Thursday). Difficulties being there are so many parameters. Software for CAS no longer supported/2020 add-ons now out-dated. We've been advised we should get a security company to test our resiliency (at potentially a £5K cost). Mike Gibbs has very kindly done some work, released some space & you should now see some system speed up.

'TablerWorld' – This was a system demonstrated at the 41 Club International half yearly meeting (slide show presentation), far more current and is easily as good, if not better, than our own systems. It could, in fact, replace our own website. German Tables run the system & the Swedes (41 Club) are already on it. There will be a set-up cost, but not aware of how much this will be. There is an ongoing cost of Eur 1, per member, per year (currently), but it is more likely that any deal we get would be on a fixed fee basis. PE has asked for the system to be presented/demonstrated to Board at our January meeting & it is hoped we will have present some technically proficient members to assess its capabilities.

### **11 International Young Ambassador Programme (YAP)**

PG – We already know of 2 volunteers who are interested & going into 2020, there will be many more. PE – Already have India wanting to exchange, with just us. The whole programme brings clubs together, it boosts the chances of converting the volunteers to Table or Circle, it strengthens our International relationships & helps our bid for the Intl AGM hosting. PE would like to thank PG who is travelling to Frankfurt (at own cost) next month to attend the next YAP meeting. It is hoped that numbers volunteering/attending the YAP next year will be 20. AW – very pleased we have supported, we've tried before & not got it voted through. MJ – Knows Richard Holland (RTBI Nat Pres) has been spoken to & the RT trust will also have a part to play.

**12      GDPR Update**

GFS - The data we hold is really a problem in CAS.  
We have updated 3,546 forms (1,914 paper & 1,542 electronic) out of a total declared membership of 15,141. We currently have 3,758 members who either do not have, or refuse to provide, email addresses.  
All Regions & members have been sent an electronic GDPR link (assuming their email addresses are correct).  
Bev & MH team are all trained up for the forms & are continuously keeping up to date.  
Paper GDPR forms will need scanning & originals destroying.  
GFS is continuing to handle paper forms, emails & queries.  
The exercise is proving how out of date member's details on CAS are. Sadly (as PE will mention – see below), now that it has been clarified that we do not stop newsletters/magazines being sent, it has weakened our leverage on getting member details updated.  
Emphasis is really needed for Councillors to keep/get in touch with their Clubs to get the updates/details checked.  
CAS updating is a massive priority.  
PE – GFS got a lot of abuse regarding GDPR (some of which extremely unfriendly). I have spoken to the Governor of Rotary for NI & he is saying that they as an Association are taking paid capitulation as 'implied consent', i.e. that they have consented to receive information provided by their Club. (We do not sell, we do not tell our members to buy a cruise from Fred Olsen). Then spoke to the Head of the Scouts for NI, with the same response, this is not different to what we were doing before. Then spoke to Information Commissioner, who said the new regulations are not directed at our sort of club. He then asked David Smith to review, who indicates that we have over-complicated & lost focus. All other Clubs like us seemingly not worrying. PE – perhaps we need to do a letter to all members saying we took the wrong approach?. Perhaps a new GDPR statement, with a statement about we won't be removing your access to Newsletter & Magazines?. AM – We have instruction on CAS in the Newsletter. GS – reiterates esp Treasurer, the Timetable for CAS updates to be in. Needs to be 2-3 months before the annual capitulation request.  
PE – would like it noted that it is with thanks to GFS & Marchesi House that we have achieved as much as we have done.  
PS – He hadn't got the GDPR email with the forms, could this be an issue re poor responses?. Maybe we need to copy again to Councillors to distribute, how do we know that emails have actually been received?. GS – We may have an issue with our mailshots in CAS, whilst we might get the 'success' report to AUTHSMTP, this does not necessarily mean successful delivery to actual recipients.

**GS**

GS needs to speak to Mike Gibbs of Technos regarding the issue.  
PS – So really, the GDPR form filling, is more to do with CAS than GDPR

RH- CAS is a mess, this (GDPR exercise) has shown this to be the case. Also, all the returned magazines & the expense this entails.

PS – So, should we have the Magazine or not? How about those not returning forms not getting a Magazine & see if any complaints.

RH – Scrapping of Magazine discussed at prior AGM's, not till Ipswich had we seen an improvement in the Magazine & now it is wanted.

Last survey saw 65% of those who voted wanting the Magazine.

MJ – We need to be representative of our membership & 65% means we need to keep it.

MH – Can we please make sure we keep a member of the Comms Committee providing input to the Magazine.

**RH**

In the meantime, RH will get the GDPR form in obvious place on website.

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#### **Presidential Car/Affinity Deal**

AM – We have sadly lost the Presidential Hyundai car deal (not our fault, they have come away from providing such deals). We did approach Peugeot/Renault regarding an offered lease deal, but following an issue with a windscreen crack that proved costly to the Association (£300) we have withdrawn. Please can anyone help?. (n.b. The Hyundai Infinity member benefit is still on-going & unaffected).

PM – Has had some experience of lease companies (work wise) & has also stepped back. Has looked at some of the Peugeot logistics & will get back to us if anything to report.

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#### **Torquay Conference 2019**

AM – 400 booked into Friday & 360 the Saturday. There had been a minor issue regarding food & menus, but that is now all sorted.

Please can you make sure you book in & not leave it until the last minute. I have a bit of news, in that we have now made this a joint event with Tangent. We are getting towards equal numbers involved & it makes sense to split this (financially) evenly. There will be a joint working party to make this a 'sharing' Conference going forward, with a joint meeting to decide on future venues.



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### 15 Committees & their purpose

PE – Does believe that Committees are functioning, but not that they are fulfilling their purposes or end goals. PS – We need clear guides as to where we are for Councillor meetings. PM – We need to, & would like to do, more. RH – We used to have the budgets so that we could meet/host at home, but just not affordable anymore. KS – ‘Trello’ shares activities & what to do list. MH – ‘Team’ on Office 365, we could include this in our own package. PE – Why not meet on a Friday night (6-7) before a Council Meeting? (not popular). BE – How about after a Council Meeting then?. PE – It should be the Committees who drive their own Agenda & timings. AV – Most of us travelled a long time yesterday, perhaps more convenient venues need to be looked at. PM – A firm Agenda for any committee meeting with clear objectives is the way forward. GS – Committees should be checking when you are all due to arrive & plan accordingly. MH – Can we have others (secondees outside Council) on committees?, Yes. MJ – YAP & RTI, Fabian is working with & gathering demographics on clubs, etc. Info gathering on forums, Facebook, Tableworld, etc. Will be useful to obtain his feedback. MH – Committee chairs, is mentoring required? PE – There should be a proper hand-over, note that DC has kindly volunteered to help in a pastoral role. MHi – Can we bring in Deputies? (as response to MH), yes.

**\*\*\* LUNCH AT 12:58 \*\*\***

**\*\* RETURN TO MEETING 13:32 \*\*\***

### 16 Membership

NM – We are an Association of 15K members, how do we deliver an increase on Membership?. Please see my written report, particularly the beginning. RTBI are at 3,300 members & our target conversion is 25%. Although we are all RT at heart, there is a time to move on.

#### DISAFFILIATIONS –

Baldon (Region 6), South Manchester (Region 7), Tywyn & Aberdyfi (Region 12), March (Region 16), Edgware (Region 19), Eastleigh & Chandlers Ford (Region 12), Shoreham & Southwick (Region 24) and







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Dartford (Region 25)

After much discussion & reminder that if we know of one or more members wishing the club to remain open, they cannot disaffiliate. A unanimous vote approved aforementioned clubs disaffiliation.

MJ – If we know of one, do we contact the local Table to let them know of the 41 Club disaffiliation? Yes. PS – for info, there is a disaffiliation pack available from Marchesi House.

NM – We need to do more to prevent disaffiliations, any views?. LB – Ensure a visit from a National Council member, before we allow disaffiliation. MH – U3A & Probus, how do they keep going? What can we learn?. GL – Not just our problem, Rotary membership is falling at an even greater rate. Special interest groups may be a way forward. NM – Our committee is looking at the problem, concentrating particularly on the Regions we most need to look at.

### RT LIAISON -

NM – There are lots of activities going on within Table, particularly some excellent Area events. There has been good feedback & looking to replicate this across the country. 'Discover Round Table' is excellent initiative. There has been a list provided of 19 Clubs that most need help continuing. RTBI have got a company helping out on Media, PR, etc to help promote specific events. Used Hartlepool RT as an example (15 members), but there is an approx. needed £600 per club. Could Councillors possibly look to their own 41 Clubs to see if they were prepared to help fund?. NM has a budget of £2.5K to help RTBI membership. Could you (Councillors), if you were given £100 each, please come up with ideas as to how you would use this to aid membership? (by the end of December, please).

**ALL**

### AFFILIATIONS –

Stone (Region 11), Hoylake & West Kirby (Region 12) and Redditch & Studley (Region 15)

Approved unanimously.

RH – We need to get the message out there that members can belong to more than one club.

**17 Expenses**

AM - When Barry Durman was President, there will be some of you who remember discussion that some meetings were becoming too expensive to attend (i.e cost of Stratford Council Meeting). Hence we increased the weekend allowance to £180 per weekend & seeking more reasonably priced venues. Under Mark Fairchild as National Treasurer, we decreased our mileage allowance from 0.45p to 0.25p (although no minimum mileage threshold). Given the ever increasing cost of petrol/diesel, should this allowance now be raised to 0.30 or 0.35p?. DL – Although no objection to this, it will need to go into the budget to be approved at National AGM. LB – Proposed 0.35p & seconded by GFS. Counter proposal from NM for 0.30p & seconded by GL, only 5 votes for. Original proposal carried, 1 Ag & 4 Abs.

**18**

**Camping & Caravan Rally**

There was a choice of venue for next year, looking at 1<sup>st</sup> weekend in September, between our current site in Oxford (kindly organised by Martin Green) and Bainbridge Ings, Old Gayle Lane in Upper Wensleydale (KL would help organise). It would be a Friday start & Monday finish both costing the same. Vote taken unanimously deciding on a change next year to Yorkshire site.

**19**

**National Golf Final**

AM – Only 3 teams took part this year, with the final always being in the Midlands. Do we need to not bother any more, or make it more of an 'open' event & not finalists?. KS – Date? 3<sup>rd</sup> week in September. KC – we only have one entrant for NSSW golf. AM – perhaps we need to move it to the Conference weekend & dispense with the team competition altogether?. Anyway, will leave it to the Fellowship team to discuss & bring back to our next Council meeting.

**Fellowship  
Committee**



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### **17 AOB**

PE – Reminds all of Canvassing rules for Board positions (there cannot be any). This also applies to the International VP role.

Sergeant at Arms – Raised £64.08 for MDUK.

GS – Please can I have you calendar monies, anyone want any more calendars, let him know. (RH paid over £180 for 36 calendars)

GS – Internet domains, need to look into registering. PE, DS & GS to sort.

PE – Please fill in & return NSSW forms going round tables (if you've not returned one yet).

GFS – Red Rose dinner promotion on 23<sup>rd</sup> November, only 30 booked in & not all paid, need 80 to break even.

JL – We need to keep pushing member benefits & the need to keep affiliated.

RH – Fred Olsen cruise next year, 16 booked in last year, 26 this. It is only a small ship, please book in as almost full.

AM – Fred Olsen income = £750.

RH – Special Interest Groups, should it be a 4 Club groups? 'RT4CF'?. no vote, but low interest.

DS – Thanked vote of Council for his position, he was Honoured & grateful.

**Meeting Closed 15:48**

### **18 Date of Next Meeting**

**11.00am Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2019**

Potters Holiday Resort, Coast Road, Hopton on Sea, Great Yarmouth, Norfolk. NR31 9BX





**41 Club**  
CONTINUED FRIENDSHIP

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**19 Approval**

Signed as a True and accurate record:

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Phillip Ellis  
National President 2018-19

Date.

