



National Council Meeting Saturday 29th June 2019

The Enborne Room, DoubleTree by
Hilton North, Newbury RG20 8XY.

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, Glen Lyon (GL) - Acting National Membership & Round Table Liaison Officer, Steve James (SJ) – National Fellowship Officer and Andrew Ventress (AV) – International Relations Officer.

National Councillors = Region 1 (Caretaker) & Region 2 – Kevin Stewart (KS), Region 4 – Peter Milburn (PMi), Region 6 – Wynn Parry (WP), Region 7 – Kevin Lovett (KL), Region 8 – Paul Swindell (PS), Region 9 (Caretaker) – Marcus Jones (MJ), Region 10 – John Manley (JM), Region 11 – Richie Minshull (RM), Region 12 – Ralph Small (RS), Region 13 – John Bell (JB), 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 21 – Glen Lyon, Region 22 - Mark Hinchliffe (MH), Region 24 - Peter McBride (PM) and Region 25 – Phil Douce (PD).

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

Guests = Lawrence Bamber of Poynton, Dragons & Rhyl & District 41 Clubs, Richard Dyson of Showtime & Ringwood & District 41 Clubs, Andy Yeates, Graham Rennells and Don Attfield of Invicta 41 Club, John Clark RTBI National IRO, Martin Green (MG) Past National President 2013/14 of Abingdon, Isis, Nerja & Showtime 41 Clubs, Jason Thomson (JT) Past National RTBI President 2012/13 of OBE & Saffron Walden 41 Clubs and Bruce Bennett (BB) Past National RTBI President 1991/2 of Leicester De Montfort 41 Club.

Apologies = Nick Morcumb (National Membership Officer), Graham Sloan (Region 5), Martin Lines (Region 16) and Ray Hill (Honorary Webmaster).

Late Apologies = None





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Item No	Subject Matter	Actionee
1	President Andrew welcomes all to meeting Meeting approved guests and any non-41'ers to speak.	
2	Purposes & Objects Read by David Chard, Region 20 National Councillor of Reading Valley Veterans 41 Club.	
3	Declaration of Business Interests KL (for Camping & Caravanning Weekend), SJ (daughter on YAP Scheme) and NL (Insurance).	
4	Apologies As listed above & email read out from Martin Lines (Region 16) who has tendered his resignation citing pressures at work.	
5	Installation & Welcome of new National Councillors Where the Councillors were new, or who had not officially received a Councillors Neck chain. The following were presented:- Wynn Parry for Region 6, John Manley for Region 10, Richie Minshull for Region 11, John Bell for Region 13 and Neal Lowe for Region 15. President Andrew shook hands with all individually & warm round of applause from room.	
6	Minutes Minutes of the meeting from Friday 5th April 2019 at Forum Hall, Riviera International Conference Centre, Chestnut Avenue, Torquay, were proposed by PE, seconded by KC and unanimously approved without further comment.	
7	Any matters arising from above minutes None were brought up.	

8 Comments or Questions on National Board Reports

PG – question was asked by PM regarding his PLC & PG replied it was sorted. PG also mentioned that there will be a presentation regarding our 75th year celebrations later in the meeting.

PE – looking at providing a member benefit re 'Death in Membership/Service'. This is being investigated along with BB.

GL – mentioned Muirfield & District affiliation as well as approaches from another 3 new clubs.

AV – the (our) YAP's are starting to travel. We hope to get a banner made up for advertising, etc. PD mentions '& pin badges?' PS also mentions we should be itemising in budget. Hopefully, this will be for next year, but too late for this. A quick vote was taken that YAP (Banner, pins, etc) will be included in our next budget. DL for future action.

SJ – mentioned that sadly there will be no National Cycling weekend as Northampton Nene were unable to organise in time.

AM – advised on investigations re cost of President's Jewel re-furb. Thinks he may have found reasonable cost solution & will report back further when he has some concrete details/costs. – Presented Wynn Parry with a bottle of red for his work/efforts in travelling, fund raising, etc.

TA – presented £33 to AM for National President's charity, RNLI, which was taken from Sargent at Arms fines from Councillors earlier meeting. MG makes mention of birthday fundraising on Facebook & this can be a good way of raising funds.

9 Comments or Questions on National Councillors' Reports

Nothing specific on written reports, but the following additions:-

Region 9/10 – MJ & JM, 27th September large cluster dinner being hosted by Beeston 41 club.

Region 17 – KC, we (as in Council) need to push NSSW around the

regions. It is the same format as before, but there may be change in some of the sports & the entertainment. The hotel single rooms are now all SOLD OUT. Twin rooms are also nearly all gone. The golf will be on the Friday along with the Potter's special event. RM asked if we had advertised the event generally to RTBI, to which KC replied that so far only local Tables had been invited.

Region 24 – PM mentions that the regional golf finals will be at the Forest of Arden on 4-5 October 2020.

10 Comments or Questions on National Honorary Officers' Reports

None - as per printed reports.

11 Report of Database (CAS 2) Committee under David Leach

DL advises that the test system is now being utilised. It does not appear to be particularly intuitive & further instruction was needed to work it (although he might be considered 'geeky', this is not a good thing as he believes this will mean a lot of non-geeky clubs/individuals will struggle). It was written by Roundtablers, for Roundtablers & really has too much content for our needs. Team still investigating functionality & we still don't know what our ultimate/final costs will be. The original cost was quoted at EUR 1 per person, per year, but is this negotiable?, does our size mean we can obtain a better deal?. All this is being investigated. TablerWorld does 'what it says on the tin', but is it right for us?.

DL

The Godwin Stewart option of a database re-write is still being investigated, he had said that it was '90% done', but how much longer will the 10% take?. How do we make this option 'idiot proof' & so far contacts have shown he doesn't appear to have the time.

PM – 'How much can we tailor TablerWorld to our precise needs?'. Ideally we need a day with the owners of TablerWorld to run a proper test, then we can negotiate on costs.

We have three major issues, 1) We are running out of time, 2) change management – we need time to step change, 3) data migration – needs a certain amount of cleansing. JC, knows that RTI have shared in development & offers help on that front, if needed. PS – are there any other options?. Tenders were sent out and investigated, time & cost are proving barriers.



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12 2022 International 41 Club AGM

SJ leads the discussion & advises that they have had many more volunteers for the committee than they could possibly need. He seeks approval from Council for permission to make up the team as he & AV deems fit. SJ proposes & PD seconds, carried unanimously. Roles of SJ & AV, as the AGM will take place beyond their current positions/job roles. Council asked to approve that they can stay in/on committee past the expiry of their current posts on National Board. WP proposes & PD seconds, carried unanimously.

Whilst a budget could be expected, ultimately, there should be no expenditure from 41 Club UK. The costs of the Conference/AGM should ultimately be expensed by attendees & cost of AGM materials by 41 Intl. Whilst SJ & AV have been out on visits, this is currently being covered by our Conference visits budget.

Venues are being investigated, with especial reference being made to not impede on our own AGM/Conference. Possibilities are Windsor, Brighton & Dublin (although might be too expensive). Liverpool is not being considered, due to their bid to host conference in 2023. They should know more at the February Council meeting.

SJ & AV

13 Aviemore 2021

'Once upon a time' logo review. SJ proposes, PM seconds. Vote for carried with 2 Against & 3 Abstentions.

12:31 ** BREAK FOR LUNCH ******

12:58 ** MEETING RESUMES ******

14 Review of Standing Orders for Council & AGM

Martin Green, Past National President 2015/16 & Past National Secretary, kindly presented on the work he had been doing on our Standing Orders for both Council and AGM. This was presented as a



series of slides going through the Standing Orders as they are & his proposed amendments &/or additions. This was in essence a 'tidy-up' exercise where we have changed our procedures or rules, but not carried these through into our Standing Orders, for instance the rule not allowing video for election speeches, and where we have tightened up the procedure of allowing votes where the club are in arrears.

Each change/amendment/addition was discussed and at the end Council were asked for approval. This was presented by MG, proposed by SM, seconded by PE and carried unanimously. Council can only recommend these changes, so they will have to go to Cardiff's AGM for final approval. The idea being they will be included in the AGM Order Paper and would hopefully be approved as one resolution (as a Council recommendation) at the AGM.

15 Review of rules 6.6 and 17.3

SM & MG

Rule 6.6 was regards canvassing. Whereas our current Rule 6.6 specifically prohibits this, it was felt that with the use of social media, etc it was difficult to control & issues could arise from where a candidate for election could be harmed by another's canvassing on his behalf, etc. There was also the point made that canvassing by candidates for office generated publicity for AGM & Conference that can only be for the benefit of the Association. SM & MG put forward an amended rule that looked to define canvassing & what was specifically deemed unacceptable. The new rule was not agreed & instead Council voted that the rule regarding canvassing (subject to approval at AGM) be removed.

Rule 17.3 was regards proxy voting, the way it is handled, instructions and guidelines for the usage thereof. Following criticism at several of our previous AGM's there had been a review of the rule and, again with the help of MG, a revised rule & guidelines put forward. This was debated at great length by Council, finalising with the Honorary Solicitor, David Smith, pointing out that under our current rules proxy voters 'shall have one vote on any resolution'. Up until this point, the debate had centred around proxy votes for candidates for National Office. On this understanding/clarification, i.e. that a proxy cannot vote for a candidate for National Office, the amended rule was moot. SM/MG were to re-review and bring back to the Council a new rule specific to votes for resolutions.



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PE called on a vote of thanks for the work done & presentation given.
Council provided a warm round of applause.

16 Council involvement in Club matters.

PD raised an issue regarding National's governance of Clubs & whether we should be getting involved in reviewing, auditing or scrutinising a clubs' activities, particularly if it is around fund raising. As a discussion point, it was felt National should not be involved in a club's activities, as to do so could become onerous and also would be against our principles of being an Association of Clubs' as opposed to members. Where the Ripple Travel Fund were concerned, particularly as they were looking for National Council to promote, DL very kindly volunteered to review their accounts, should anyone have any continued concerns.

17 Approvals & Disaffiliations

DISAFFILIATIONS –

Nithsdale (Region 2) and Storrington & District (Region 24).

Proposed by GL, seconded by MJ, approved but 3 abs.

AFFILIATIONS –

BOTS (Blokes On The Side) Region 26, Proposed GL, Seconded JM, approved unanimously.

Callender & District Region 2, Proposed GL, Seconded KS, approved unanimously.

Chepstow & District Region 13, Proposed GL, Seconded PD, approved unanimously.

Crieff Region 2, Proposed GL, Seconded PD, approved unanimously.

Edinburgh 55 Capital 41 Region 2, Proposed GL, Seconded KL, approved unanimously.

Mirfield & District Region 6, Proposed GL, Seconded PG, approved unanimously.

PERT (Past Epping Round Tablers) Region 18, Proposed GL,





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Seconded JB, approved unanimously.

City of Rochester Table Plus No 2 Region 25, Proposed GL,
Seconded TA, approved unanimously.

VORTEX (Virtual Old Round Tablers Exchange) Region 26,
Proposed GL, Seconded JC, approved unanimously.

RE-AFFILIATIONS –

Ilkley & District Region 6, Proposed GL, Seconded WP, approved
unanimously.

Please note, GL can issue charter certificates as replacements or
new, please just ask for copies.

Also, we have proposed new clubs in the pipeline of Swansea Valley,
Kinross, Middlesbrough, Cirencester, Pershore, Devizes, Market
Drayton, Elgin Forest and Inverness.

Finally, we have helped RTBI in the new affiliations of the new clubs
in Ringwood and Droitwich Spa. As well as potential new members
from the St James wealth conference/forum.

18 Any Other Business

AM – read out thanks from Louise Morcumb as regards assistance
provided following Nick's illness. TA – reminds all about 'good
health', remember to check blood pressure, etc. MJ – Not forgetting
mental health & well-being, a serious issue. Suicide, depression &
anxiety, the need for resilience & mental health. Happy to present on
Mental resilience in October meeting. Note to all, drink a glass of
water a day, very important.

Ray Hill – (1) Tangent & 41 Club Joint Charity ball in aid of RNLI. 29th
Feb at Crewe Hall, Zoots live, brass band, major raffle, etc, Please
attend. (2) Website – there are still issues, some of the contacts are
6 years out of date. Having to undertake huge amounts of manual
work because there is no bridge between CAS & website. (3)
Content, we all seem to be fairly active on Facebook, etc, why isn't
this translating into articles & interesting items for publication on the
website?. (4) Cardiff Conference, only 8 tickets left for Friday night,
please book in, (5) finally, and very sadly, tenders his formal
resignation to Council effective from AGM Cardiff.





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John Clark – brings greetings from RTBI, new club charters being Weymouth, Whitley Bay and London West End. Many thanks for all 41 Clubs support to date, please continue to do so.

DM – Apologies for all those waiting on calendars, will be ready soon, please let him know how many you want.

LB – 41 Club International Half Yearly meeting on Malta 31/10-3/11.

SJ – Provides timings for tonight's activities.

PG – 41 Club Gin! Specially for our 75th year, as this coincides with his forthcoming presidency. Introduces MJ as his PLC Chairman. MJ then provides presentation to Council regarding plans for PG's year & our 75th celebrations. Please hold aside the date of last week-end in June, big plans to be revealed. Asked for approval to move with proposed plans, which JC proposes, PE seconds & meeting approves unanimously.

Sargent at Arms raised £150.23 for RNLI.

19 **Rule 22.1 regarding legal proceedings**

Due to its sensitive issue/nature, meeting was closed to all non-Council members & guests (as per Appendix Two of Standing Orders re Confidentiality). No detail was to be recorded, insurers were to be put on notice & their advice taken in the first instance.

20 **Date of Next Meeting**

11.00am Saturday 12th October 2019

The Best Western Palace Hotel, Central Promenade, Douglas, Isle of Man IM2 4NA.

Approval

Signed as a True and accurate record:

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Andrew Mackereth





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