



**National Council Meeting
Saturday 12th October 2019**

**Shearwater Rooms 2&3, Best Western
Palace Hotel, Central Promenade,
Douglas, Isle of Man IM2 4NA.**

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 5 - Graham Sloan (GS), Region 6 – Wynn Parry (WP), Region 7 – Kevin Lovett (KL), Region 9 (Caretaker) – Marcus Jones (MJ), Region 10 – John Manley (JM), Region 11 (Deputising) – Bill Boardman (BB), 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 23 – Richard Dyson (RD), Region 24 - Peter McBride (PM)

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

Guests = Robert Udy, Isle of Man and Isle of Man Prospect 41 Clubs and Vicky Conway, Past National Ladies Circle President 2011/12.

Apologies = Nick Morcumb (National Membership Officer), Peter Milburn (Region 4), Paul Swindell (Region 8), Richie Minshull (Region 11) and Phil Douce (Region 25).

Late Apologies = None





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 Robert Udy, Isle of Man & Isle of Man Prospect 41 Clubs.	
3	Declaration of Business Interests KL (for Camping & Caravanning Weekend).	
4	Apologies As listed above.	
5	Presentation of new Database/CAS II by Carl Smalley DL provides introduction to Carl Smalley, who used to work with DL in developing solutions/network for a mortgage company. Has degree in Business Info Systems, didn't initially look at being a Developer, but has now trained in this field. Carl Smalley Intro – Doesn't just deal in software, but infrastructure as well. Specialises in IT support delivery. You could buy an 'off the shelf' software package to provide for your needs, but you would only use about 10%. The framework you use shouldn't be one that holds you back, but be bespoke for your requirements. He's enthusiastic to develop a new system, just for us. Knows that for our members (specific) requirements, it will need to have the same 'look & feel' as CAS. He will retain some of the layout & functionality, but improve reporting, efficiency & security. Knows that there is a hard deadline of 1 st Jan. He will also ensure that should we have the appetite, there will be the possibility for further enhancements, modules & integrations. Started slide show:- 'KISS' – 'Keep it Simple Solution'. Accessible, portable & low cost. Full access rights & ownership. Platform independent & can run on any system, service or database. Delivered using AWS or MS-Azure. Cloud environment – 'pay for what you use'. we are over-paying currently. Python code, Django framework, bootstrap layout & SQL database. (note: AWS = Amazon Web Services & MS = Microsoft, the equivalent service of AWS).	



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Delivery – Agree set of requirements, need refinement & user experience sessions to help define. Provide 2 systems (1 live & 1 test). Supply system, documentation & training (although he will ensure system should be logical & self-explanatory).

Contract – Will be clearly defined on delivery, testing & acceptance and rights ownership. There will be staged payment on delivery to live. No appetite or time for weeks/months of small print contract negotiations.

Cost – 25K would be the commercial cost from a software house. Happy to negotiate payment instalments, dates, subscriptions, support & maintenance. Our current system costs 8k per annum. Current contract rates for a Senior Developer are around £500 per day. System comes with 2 years hosting, support & maintenance, including small development & enhancement tasks. Happy to negotiate around 20k. Ongoing (post-delivery, for 2 years) approx. £100-200 per month.

CS then provided a demonstration of the system.

There should be no issues with the migration of data, will even be able to do an amount of data cleanse. Backing up the data is not an issue. The whole system can be marketed very positively.

CS received a few questions, then departed for Tangent meeting for similar demo.

DL – Slide show suggests a contractor cost of £500 per day. Realistically, we are looking at a £25k cost. Phased approach for website as well. Clear navigation. Hosting of CAS I is £683.34 per month, £8.2K per year. We are at £3.9K for Office 365. New system will have full functionality for mailings. £20K for the build, which includes 2 years hosting. We should break-even after 2 years. There will be an additional £100-200 per month for continued maintenance. DL proposes engagement of CS, 2nd by PE – vote unanimous in favour.

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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:-

Jim Conway for Region 14 and Richard Dyson for Region 23.

President Andrew shook hands with them both & warm round of applause from room.



7 Minutes

Minutes of the meeting from Saturday 29th June 2019 at The Enborne Room, DoubleTree by Hilton North, Newbury.

Two corrections to be noted:-

Item (15), for Rule 17.3 for 'mote', read 'moot' and under Affiliations, Mirfield, not Muirfield

Minutes, with corrections, proposed by SJ, seconded by JB and unanimously approved without further comment.

8 Any matters arising from above minutes

None were brought up.

9 Comments or Questions on National Board Reports

AM – Read out resignation letter from Nick Morcumb. Proposal from Board to National Council was for GL be confirmed as replacement until the end of what would have been Nick's term of office. Under Rule 6.7 a replacement can be appointed without the need to re-elect at an AGM. This was proposed by AM, seconded by Board & voted unanimously in favour by Council. Only issue is to now find a replacement Councillor for Region 21.

TA

DL – Now 9 months into current annual period & we will end up with another surplus at year-end. We need to ensure that forward planning leads to a spend for the betterment of the Association. TA – reminds all Councillors to claim costs for visits, which are undoubtedly being undertaken. DL to resend expenses form.

DL

GL – Three Affiliations:- a) Founders Area Past Area Chairmen (Region 17) b) Swansea Valley (Region 13) and c) World RT 13 (Region 26). Proposed GL, 2nd WP & voted for unanimously.

***** 13:06 Break for Lunch

***** 13:33 Meeting Resumes

GL (Continued) – Disaffiliations, needs to follow-up on some of the requests received & ensure process has been adhered to. Also useful to help with exercise in data purging. Proposes to deal with disaffiliations *en bloc* at the February meeting. KC – There will be a 'soft-launch' of the Vortex club, which will be included in our Association magazine at the end of October, keep an eye out for the full page feature.



DM – Not just for CAS, but Windows 7, there is a need to upgrade if you want to continue to use Office 365. Calendars, these are £7.50p, this is a £2.50 production cost & remaining £5 all to charity. If you haven't got them yet, please buy, take round your Regions & sell, you can directly order from Marchesi House.

TA – Nothing to add to written report, but noted that there appeared to have been a forward planning meeting this morning when Councillors were meeting? Confirmed that this was a budget meeting only & SM to distribute notes.

SM

SJ – Peter Milburn has been looking into member benefits, particularly following several comments that the 'wider wallet' cost seems prohibitive compared to similar schemes with RTBI, blue light schemes, etc. Will report more at a later date. Also: (a) Provided copy of proposed International AGM logo. WP proposed, KC 2nd & unanimously approved. (b) Feb NSSW, some Councillors not yet booked in, please do so. (c) Please put 27th June 2020 in your diaries for our 75th Charter celebrations. (d) October National Council meeting will be 16-17th in Bournemouth & (e) maximum expense claim for this week-end is £150 as cost of meal already deducted.

AV – Shows the new GB&I banner, these are available from Marchesi House, please email request with a 'cc' to AV so he can account for stock. Also available are new 'YAP' pin badges for a £3 cost. Provided explanation re French 'open membership, proposals being brought up & voted on in Bergen. Terms of their reintroduction (or not) being discussed. YAP, asks/proposes a UK tour (2 weeks) in 2020, 2nd SJ & unanimously approved.

10 Comments or Questions on National Councillors' Reports

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

Region 5 – Congratulations must go to Kirkham & Rural Fylde on Red Rose dinner being fully booked.

Region 11 – RT event (supported by 41 Club) at Ellesmere Port (200 in attendance) raised £2k & will submit report for newsletter.

Region 12 – Deeside 60th on November 23rd.

Region 15 – Nuneaton are hosting 'High Tiddle' on 20-22nd March 2020 & flyers are distributed in meeting

Region 20 – Many thanks to all those attending the Oxford luncheon



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on 16th Nov, great support.

Region 22 – Banger rally c/o St Austell 41 Club was massive success raising 230k for charity.

Region 24 – 13th March 2020 regional lunch + please support National Golf final at the Forest of Arden on 4-5 October 2020.

11 Comments or Questions on National Honorary Officers' Reports

RH – Still have problems with the Website, now runs to 30 pages of issues! However, very pleased with considerations being made with regard to new website. Really need articles for publication, please let him know. Also, please use the events diary, it's there for a purpose. Important that you update your own pages, we have 25 Councillors, 10 Board members & 3 Honoraries with 3 pages each (124 pages). Proposing that we have just one accurate, up-to-date page, your responsibility. TA – this was not what Councillors were told to do, since we had issues/mistakes being made, they are instructed to send to RH to vet, install/fill and complete.

12 Update on Presidential Jewel Refurbishment

TKS have proved to be of no use & we have abandoned trying to get them to take on the work. Frattorini were the recommendation of Ringwood 41 Club, we propose a 28 year disc extension (14 additional discs per side). Cost including VAT approximately £5.8K, DL confirms capital cost over 28 years. Proposed MJ, 2nd PE & AM unanimously approved.

13 ½ Year Budget & Account Review.

Nothing further to add, covered under Board report item (9).

14 Membership Update.

Nothing further to add, covered under Board report item (9).





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15 International – French questionnaire & YAP

Nothing further to add, covered under Board report item (9).

16 Rules & Resolutions for AGM.

Nothing new received & held over for Feb NC meeting.

17 Rule Change specific to Conference/National Joint Events

SJ is proposing that with regard to Tangent and the organisation of Conference, joint events, etc that not only is the cost (& profit, if there is one) be split 50/50 and this be formalised within our rules, but that there be a committee comprised of Fellowship Officers & VP's from both sides, but with 41 to have the deciding vote in case of a split decision. Proposed SJ, 2nd JM and carried unanimously.

18 Appointment of Honorary Officers

DM advises he has had some approaches for the role of Webmaster, but will formally advertise, interview/vet and come back to Council with his recommendation at our next meeting.

19 Any Other Business

AM – RNLI charity, please can you make sure that donations are made via him so that our contributions can be recorded.

WP – Apologies, but will not be able to make NSSW, sure you will all enjoy yourselves without him & he will be sending Jason Thomson to deputise.

KS – Please hold date of 30th Nov for Edinburgh 41 Club celebration.

SJ – Provides timings for tonight's activities.

Sergeant at Arms raised £91.80 for RNLI.





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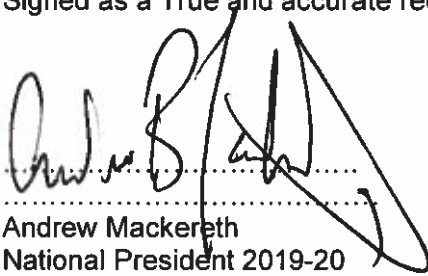
20 Date of Next Meeting

10.00am Sunday 9th February 2020

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

Approval

Signed as a True and accurate record:


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Andrew Mackereth
National President 2019-20

Date. 09/02/2020.

