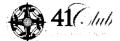


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MINUTES

	National Board Officers			
	Peter Good	National President	PG	
	Bernard Elwen	National Secretary	BE	
	Kevin Lovett	National Treasurer	KL	
	Glen Lyon	National Membership Officer	GL	
	Andy Ventress	International Relations Officer	AV	
	Tom Atkins	National Councillors' Liaison Officer	TA	
	Don Mullane	National Communications and IT Officer	DM	
	Andrew Mackereth	Immediate Past President	AM	
	National Councillors		•	
	Kevin Stewart	Region 2 (+ Caretaker Region 1)	KS	
	Peter Milburn	Region 4	PM	
	Roger Spensley	Region 5	RS	
	Wynn Parry	Region 6	WP	
	John Kilshaw	Region 8	JK	
	Peter Walker	Region 9	PW	
	Steve Tasker	Region 11	ST	
	Rory Tompsett -	Region 12	RT	
	Duncan Kennedy	Region 13 (Caretaker)	DK	
	Jim Conway	Region 14	JC	
	Neal Lowe	Region 15	NL	
	Paul Simmons	Region 16	PS	
	Kelly Clarke	Region 17	KC	
	David Chard	Region 20	DC	
	Kevin Chard	Region 21	KCh	
	Mark Hinchliffe	Region 22	MH	
	Richard Dyson	Region 23	RD	
	Peter McBride	Region 24	PMcB	
National Honorary Officers				
	David Smith	National Honorary Solicitor	DS	
	Hugh Milward	National Honorary Archivist	HM	
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	Guests			
	Graham Sloan	Lytham St Annes +Cheadle & Gatley 41 Clubs		
	Bruce Bennett	Leicester de Montfort 41 Club	BB	
	Ralph Preston	LOTS + Market Harborough 41 Clubs	RP	
	Des Fulcher	Alpha Knights and South Norfolk 41 Clubs	DF	
	Manny Martins	Kingston, Hamble Valley Stick, Medway		
		and Alpha Knights 41 Clubs	MM	
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Marcus Jones

Beeston 41 Club

MJ

David Brown

Taunton and Wellington 41 Clubs

DB

Apologies

Steve James Mark House

National Fellowship Officer

Region 18 + Honorary Webmaster

National Councillor - Region 13 John Bell

- 1. Welcome and Permission for Guests to speak PG welcomed all to the meeting, and asked for approval for guests to speak. He also asked election candidates to refrain from speaking. This was agreed by the meeting.
- 2. Purposes and Objects Read by Peter McBride
- 3. <u>Declaration of Business Interests</u> Neal Lowe (Insurance)
- 4. Apologies for Absence As above
- 5. Minutes of Meetings on 28th February Agreed as an accurate record
- 6. Matters Arising None
- 7. Presentation and Approval of Budget for 2022. KS had previously circulated the proposed budget for 2022. He had also taken into account the views of National Council at the previous meeting. He had met with John Manley, and drafted a revised budget, with more narrative against the figures. He explained that this was a worst scenario budget, in that the majority of costs were expected to come in below budget. After a vote was taken, the budget was approved by the meeting.
- 8. CAS2 Update DM had asked Carl Smalley to complete the implementation of the bulk e-mail system. RS asked if we could engage our own independent expert to examine the contract and to what extent the terms of it had not been met. DM would consider this at the end of the month. RS asked about the new 41 Club website, and DM replied that he had asked Carl Smalley to complete CAS 2 before working on the website. KS asked what payments had been made to Carl Smalley, and DM replied that all payments had been made in accordance with the terms of the contract we had with him.
- 9. Registering for VAT and as a Charity RS and JK had been asked to look into the possibility of our Association becoming registered for VAT, and also registering as a charity. Advice had been sought from a past Treasurer of RTBI. 41 Club was not in the trading scenario, and it was pointed out that if we wished to reclaim VAT on purchases such as the bandannas, we would



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need to charge it on all income, including subscriptions. We would need to recoup around £10k of VAT to make it worth our while registering. It was agreed to leave this in abeyance until National Council had the opportunity to consider in more detail.

Registration as a charity. 41 Club undertakes charitable activity and is looking to do more. At present, we can obtain discounts by "borrowing" the RTBI charity number, which could be called into question. RS had investigated the procedures for setting up a charity, and had found that an organisation had to meet one or more of 13 charitable purposes if it wished to set itself up as a charity. It would appear that two of these were relevant to us, namely citizenship & community development, and the relief of those in need or disadvantaged. We would be subject to the scrutiny of the Charity Commission. It was agreed to investigate setting up a charitable trust.

- 10. <u>Any Other Business</u> BE reported that Sean McCormick, former National Secretary, had been selected as the Honorary Archivist, and would take over from Hugh Milward at the AGM.
- 11. Next Meeting Sunday 18th April 2021 at 11:00 am

Signed:

Peter Good - National President 2020-22

Dated: 18/04/21