

**MINUTES**

**National Board Officers**

Peter Good	National President	PG
Bernard Elwen	National Secretary	BE
Kevin Lovett	National Treasurer	KL
Steve James	National Fellowship Officer	SJ
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

**National Councillors**

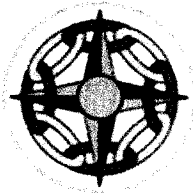
Kevin Stewart	Region 2 (+ Caretaker Region 1)	KS
Peter Milburn	Region 4	PM
Roger Spensley	Region 5	RS
Wynn Parry	Region 6	WP
John Kilshaw	Region 8	JK
Peter Walker	Region 9	PW
John Manley	Region 10	JM
Steve Tasker	Region 11	ST
Rory Tompsett	Region 12	RT
Duncan Kennedy	Region 13 (Caretaker)	DK
Jim Conway	Region 14	JC
Neal Lowe	Region 15	NL
Paul Simmons	Region 16	PS
Kelly Clarke	Region 17	KC
Mark House	Region 18 + Honorary Webmaster	MHo
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

**Guests**

Graham Sloan	Lytham St Annes +Cheadle & Gatley 41 Clubs	GS
Marcus Jones	Beeston 41 Club	MJ
Bruce Bennett	Leicester de Montfort 41 Club	BB



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**National Council Meeting  
Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2021 at 11:00 am**

**By Videoconference**

Ralph Preston	LOTS + Market Harborough 41 Clubs	RP
Des Fulcher	Alpha Knights and South Norfolk 41 Clubs	DF
Manny Martins	Kingston, Hamble Valley Stick and Alpha Knights 41 Clubs	MM
Paul Tyrrell	Harleston 41 Club	PT
Paul Edwards	Wokingham 41 Club	PE
Matt Fallon	Chairman of Round Table E-club	MF

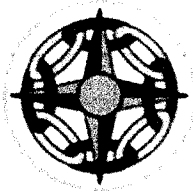
Apologies

Andrew Mackereth	Immediate Past President
John Bell	National Councillor – Region 13

1. Welcome and Permission for Guests to speak PG welcomed all to the meeting, and asked for approval for guests to speak. This was agreed by the meeting.
2. Purposes and Objects Read by Richard Dyson
3. Declaration of Business Interests Neal Lowe (Insurance).  
DK, JC, MM, DF and GS all had a conflict of interest with items 10 and 11 of the agenda, as they were candidates in the forthcoming elections.
4. Apologies for Absence As above
5. Minutes of Meetings on 7<sup>th</sup> November and 11<sup>th</sup> January TA queried item 12 of the minutes of the meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> January. The cost of leaflets for the Millennium Way should be £200, not £2k. GL agreed that this was an error. With this correction made, the minutes were agreed as a true record.
6. Matters Arising None
7. Questions of National Board Reports TA pointed out to GL that his name was Tom and not Tam. GL humbly apologised. SJ added to his report by saying that refunds for Aviemore had been made to all those who had requested them.  
SJ said that anyone who had requested an Aviemore refund had been paid. He would send out a reminder to all others that they should request a refund in the next two weeks, otherwise their deposit would be carried over to Cardiff. MHo queried the Treasurers report, as on some budget lines, the outturn varied from the budget by more than 10%. SJ said that the 10% rule applied to the overall budget.
8. Questions of National Councillors' Reports KS mentioned that his region had a potential new club in Troon.



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DF asked how long KC had to go in his post. TA replied that he had a spreadsheet with all National Councillors and their length of tenure, which he would hand over to his successor.

9. Questions of Honorary Members' Reports None

10. Online AGM BE informed the meeting that the AGM would be an online one, which would take place on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> April, starting at 10:00 am. We would be inviting clubs to register a voting delegate to attend. Non-voting participants could attend, but on a different platform. BE would circulate the agenda and order paper at least 35 days in advance. This would be the week after the date that the AGM would have taken place in Aviemore, but the date was selected to avoid a clash with Tangent. There were five resolutions still on the table from Cardiff 2020, as well as one or two more to be put to National Council.

A Special General Meeting would take place on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> October, to consider further resolutions, and any other business to be dealt with before Cardiff AGM 2022. This would be in a location to be confirmed, but would be in a MacDonald Group hotel in order to use the deposit paid for the cancelled Aviemore conference. PMcB asked if the SGM could be aligned with the National Golf Finals on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> October. PG asked that as much business as possible be conducted beforehand.

11. Electronic Elections BE informed the meeting that there were two contested elections still to take place, for National Vice-President and National Councillors' Liaison Officer. The elections would take place on a dedicated platform which had been identified as being suitable for our requirements. Voting would take place on the same day as the online AGM. Each candidate was invited to submit a video beforehand for screening on the day. This would be a maximum of 3 minutes for NCLO and 5 minutes for VP. The videos would be available for viewing on voting day. KCh asked why the candidates could not just address the meeting. BE replied that a candidate could be put at a disadvantage by poor broadband or dropping out. KCh asked why the elections had to be on a different platform. BE replied that we needed to allow for single transferable voting. The voting for the resolutions would be done by using polls set up beforehand. JK asked if the videos would just be a speech, and BE confirmed this would be the case. BE would send out confirmations to all candidates, plus backdrops.

12. CAS2 Update Report as submitted.

13. CAS2 Training WP and PMcB, on behalf of the Comms Committee, had put together a short PowerPoint presentation, which was circulated to all National Council members after the meeting. JK asked if CAS2 could be used to chase





up subscriptions. KL replied that a modification needed to be completed in CAS2 for invoices to be sent out. DM added that invoices will be built into CAS2, so that club treasurers could log in and pay by BACS. RP asked for an aide-memoire for clubs as well, and DM confirmed that guidance would be prepared for clubs as soon as possible.

14. New Fellowship Events SJ reported that a number of Special Interest Groups had been set up, all with their own Facebook pages. WP had set up a cycling group, with the intention of holding a cycling weekend in Yorkshire in the autumn. There would be a walking weekend in late 2021, possibly in Pembrokeshire. A Rugby SIG had been set up on Facebook.

PM was prepared to set up a beach volleyball SIG, which prompted a number of "helpful" suggestions and comments.

JK advised that the accounts for the Liverpool conference were for 2023, as he had been unable to get costings for 2024.

HM asked about Aviemore cancellation. He had booked, but the hotel had not taken any money. SJ replied that there was confusion from the hotel group. He was waiting for the hotel to cancel and therefore not be able to fulfil the contract. DF suggested using a credit card to make bookings, as the credit card company could seek a refund in case of difficulty.

KS asked about National Sports and Social Weekend, but SJ had no update. He advised KS to put a bid in if there was interest in hosting it in Scotland.

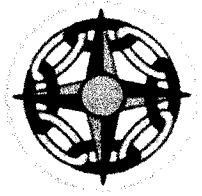
15. Winter Photo Competition The 10 entries had been circulated to National Council for judging, and the winning photo was *Storm Gathers Over Scarborough*. Runner up was *Scalby Mills*, while *A Cold Walk Home* was third. TA had kindly donated £100 in vouchers to the winner. The top 3 photos would go in the next newsletter.

16. Membership – Approvals and Disaffiliations GL asked the meeting to approve the following disaffiliations: Chichester, Minehead, Selby Swan, Wilmslow, Worcester, Ash, West Somerset. WP confirmed that Selby Swan had closed and all members deleted from CAS. DM added that all but two of the clubs had deleted their members from CAS. MH asked if former members disappeared from CAS entirely. DM replied that it would be possible to search for them as former members. It was agreed, with one abstention, that Minehead would be held in abeyance, but the others disaffiliated.

DM said that former members may report any e-mails from us as spam, which could mean that their service provider could block all e-mails from our domain.

KCh introduced MF, who was the Chairman of the Round Table E-club, who had set up a new 41 Club in Cirencester. It was proposed by KCh, seconded by SJ, and unanimously agreed that Corinium 41 Club be affiliated.





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17. Archiving Suggestions DF suggested we take digital images of memorabilia for our archives. He also asked if we could consider Round Table memorabilia as well as our own. HM replied that this was something for the new archivist to consider.

18. Any Other Business GL proposed that 41 Club purchase 12,500 bandannas, branded with the 41 Club logo, at a cost of 82p each. The idea was that these would be sent out to all members with the next issue of the magazine. GL proposed, TA seconded, and all agreed. DF asked if members of more than one club would receive a bandanna in each magazine, and GL confirmed they would. GL said that any member who had opted not to receive the magazine would receive one separately with a compliment slip.

More new Special Interest Groups were suggested, such as cricket, whiskey appreciation, bonsai trees, model railways, caravanning and camping, tropical fish, and beach volleyball. Did I mention beach volleyball?

PMcB had been asked by one of his clubs whether a reduction in subscription could be considered for those members who were in more than one club. Several members replied that they were happy to be in more than one club and pay a subscription for each. MM brought greetings from all four clubs he was in, and was happy to pay a subscription for each. PMcB also asked if there could be a maximum age for subscriptions. GL replied that CAS did not capture members ages, although DM added that CAS2 had the facility to capture month and year of birth.

WP asked for contributions for the newsletter and magazine. SJ suggested an article on National Council and Board.

PM asked about adverts from small businesses in the magazine. WP said that some adverts had already appeared. SJ added that we would consider adverts for a fee, and DM said that suitability needed to be vetted where appropriate.

19. Next Meeting Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2021 at 11:00 am

Signed:

Dated:

28/02/21

**Peter Good – National President 2020-22**

