

**41 Club**  
CONTINUITY FRIENDSHIP

**National Council Meeting**  
**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2020 at 11:00 am**

**By Videoconference**

**MINUTES**

**National Board Officers**

Peter Good	National President	PG
Andrew Mackereth	Immediate Past President	AM
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**

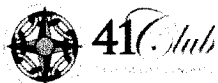
Kevin Stewart	Region 2 (+ Caretaker Region 1)	KS
Peter Milburn	Region 4	PM
Roger Spensley	Region 5	RS
Wynn Parry	Region 6	WP
John Kilshaw	Region 8	JK
Peter Walker	Region 9	PW
John Manley	Region 10	JM
Steve Tasker	Region 11	ST
Rory Tompsett	Region 12	RT
Duncan Kennedy	Region 13 (Caretaker)	DK
Jim Conway	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

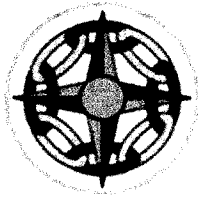
**National Honorary Officers**

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





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Ralph Preston	LOTS + Market Harborough 41 Clubs	RP
Des Fulcher	Alpha Knights and South Norfolk 41 Clubs	DF
Stephen Martin	Bracknell 41 Club	SM

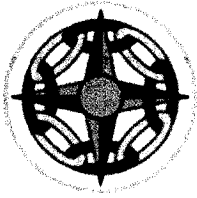
Apologies

John Bell	National Councillor – Region 13
Phil Douce	National Councillor – Region 25
Bruce Bennett	Leicester de Montfort 41 Club

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 Roger Spensley, who had obviously had a Saturday job in a greengrocer's shop at one time.
3. Declaration of Business Interests Neal Lowe (Insurance)
4. Apologies for Absence As above
5. Minutes of Meetings on 27<sup>th</sup> June These were approved by the meeting as a correct record.
6. Matters Arising None
7. Questions of National Board Reports None
8. Questions of National Councillors' Reports None. TA complimented the National Councillors on the reports they had submitted to the Membership Officer as well as to the main report.
9. Questions of Honorary Members' Reports None
10. Induction of National Councillor PG welcomed Steve Tasker (Region 11) to his first National Council meeting since being formally elected.
11. Membership Initiatives GL said that the membership reports were being submitted by National Councillors. A scoring system was being developed to rank the relative health of each club. These focussed on 2 main areas – recruitment and retention. GL encouraged National Councillors to pick up the phone and maintain contact with their clubs.  
A new 41 Club was proposed for affiliation – this was PACAPS, based in Merseyside, Lancs and Isle of Man. This was approved.  
Paul Thompson, the Vice President of Round Table, had agreed to provide a list of Round Table Area Chairmen and Regional reps.



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PMcB asked about the deadline for return. GL asked NC's to prioritise contacting those clubs who had not paid their capitation, to ask if there were any problems. KL thanked NC's as there were several clubs who had now paid up.

DK asked if Round Table had changed their terms so that members could receive communication from 41 Club. GL replied that they hadn't, but were prepared to forward 41 Club communication to their members.

JK suggested that all new members to the 4-Club family should sign a consent form, agreeing to receive communication from all four clubs. GL replied that he could not foresee Ladies Circle and Tangent agreeing to this. GL added that our ultimate aim was for 41 Club to have a database of all Round Table members approaching the age of 40.

SJ asked if it was envisaged that XRT Clubs would be set up by National Council, the members themselves or both. GL replied that it was both. It was hoped that XRT Clubs could be set up to cover a wider geographical area than traditional 41Clubs.

GL was looking at setting up Special Interest Groups, along the same lines as the ones currently on Facebook.

PMcB asked about the disaffiliation of Chichester 41 Club. GL was not proposing to disaffiliate any clubs during lockdown. PMcB would go back to the club to inform them.

SM, from Bracknell 41 Club asked to speak, and said that 27 out of 28 members of his club had voted to disaffiliate. After much discussion, the proposal for Bracknell 41 Club to disaffiliate was carried. DC would speak to SM to pursue the idea of Bracknell 41 Clubbers being introduced to a neighbouring club. JM asked if we had a set process for disaffiliation, and GL replied that we do in theory. TA added that regalia should be returned to Marchesi House. GL added that we do not allow disaffiliated clubs to use our 41 Club logo.

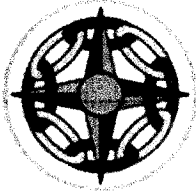
12. CAS2 Update DM advised that Carl Smalley was making good progress with the CAS2 rollout. Spreadsheets had been issued to all National Councillors so they could make contact with their clubs. There had been problems with National Councillors' log-ins, which had been fixed. The next item to be tested was the bulk e-mail system.

It was planned to produce a mini-directory in CAS2, listing all clubs within a region and their officers. This would facilitate inter-club fellowship within a region.

GS asked if there was any indication when CAS2 would be released. DM replied that we were close to it.

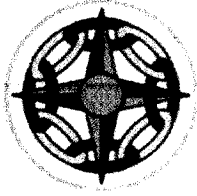
RS asked if NCs were supposed to use CAS2 for e-mails. DM replied that they were. CAS1 would be decommissioned at the end of the year.

KL asked NCs to encourage their clubs to update their data in CAS2 by 31<sup>st</sup> December, so that the 2021 capitation invoices would be accurate.



KC asked what leverage we had to bring the implementation of CAS2 to a conclusion in a reasonable timescale. DM replied that we had some “big sticks” in the contract, but was giving the developer the benefit of the doubt at the moment.

13. “Meet the Board” + Special General Meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> November (*Note – this event was postponed until 16<sup>th</sup> December*) BE explained that this would be a Special General Meeting by Zoom, to seek approval of the 2019 accounts and 2021 budget. These would have been presented to the AGM in Cardiff had it gone ahead. The theme was to promote continued fellowship and community service. Voting on the budget and accounts would be done by using the polling facility within Zoom. The meeting took part in some test voting to become familiar with the system.
14. Approval of Budget KL presented the budget for 2021, with additional information on budget and expected out-turn for 2020. There was concern from National Councillors that these had only been circulated the day before. RS queried the costs and why we have budgeted for meetings in 2020 that have not taken place. KL replied that we may need more meetings as and when we come out of lockdown. There were queries about the budget for 2020, and TA pointed out that this was agreed at the 2019 AGM. KCh asked if we had considered reducing capitation for 2021. KL replied that our rules only allowed us to raise capitation by 50p per year. KCh asked for more information on the budget that had been put forward.
- NL asked about the CAS2 overspend, and any liability arising should Aviemore Conference be cancelled. KL would look to capitalise any overspend over four years. SJ replied that no further events were being booked for Aviemore, and the only potential liability was the deposit paid to the MacDonald Hotel Group. A decision was expected in January as to whether Aviemore would be going ahead or not. There was the potential to make a loss if, due to social distancing, the numbers attending were below the 250 breakeven point. JM said that we needed to be transparent with the membership about the risks involved with cancelled events. KL replied that the budget for 2021 will be presented with an explanation about the caveats. SJ pointed out that the SGM was being asked to approve accounts and budget which had already been circulated to the membership prior to the Cardiff AGM. MHo suggested we accompany the budget with an explanation of where we are spending to improve value to our membership.
- GS asked DS about presenting the budget. DS replied that 35 days’ notice needed to be given to the membership of any revised budget.
- RS complained about the general lack of communication from the Board to National Councillors.
- SJ said that there would be more expenditure towards the end of the year over and above the figures to the end of September.



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15. Any Other Business AV reported the death of Marius Coka, Past President of Round Table Romania at the age of 58 from a heart attack.  
RT reported that a 90-year-old had come back to Deeside 41 Club.  
DF asked about refunds for Avimore if it were to be cancelled. SJ replied that any member who had booked directly with the hotel would receive a voucher which could be used later on in any MacDonald Group hotel. If the member had used booking.com for the booking, they would receive a refund if the conference were to be cancelled.  
WP reminded the meeting that he needed articles for the next newsletter and magazine. He particularly asked for photos of members in their walking gear for an article on 500 Miles+500 More.  
JM thanked all present for their fellowship.  
PG thanked MJ for 41 Club Connects, and Board and Council members for all their hard work.
16. Master at Arms JC – the man who can spot a trivial misdemeanour from 30 yards. Not many of those present escaped lightly!
17. Next Meeting Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2021 at 11:00 am

Signed:

Dated: 6/02/21

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