



**MINUTES OF NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING**

Attendees

National Board Officers = Dave Campbell (DC) - National President, Phil Ellis (PE) – National Vice President, Barry Durman(BD) – Immediate Past President, Sean McCormick (SM) – National Secretary, David Leach (DL) – National Treasurer (Via Skype), Andrew Mackereth (AM) – National Fellowship Officer, Duncan Kennedy (DK) – National Membership & Round Table Liaison Officer, Godwin Stewart (GS) – National Communications & IT Officer, Tom Atkins (TA) – National Councillors’ Liaison Officer & Peter Good (PG) – International Relations Officer.

National Councillors = Region 1 (Caretaker) – David Illingworth (DI), Region 3 – Stewart Thompson (ST), Region 5 – Graham Sloan (GFS), Region 7 – Kevin Lovett (KL), Region 10 – John Lamb (JL), Region 11 – Nick Morcumb (NM), Region 13 – Steve James (SJ), Region 15 – Andy Ventress (AV), Region 17 (Deputising) – Martin Lines (ML), Region 18 (Caretaker) – Sean McCormick (SM), Region 19 – Bernard Elwen (BE), Region 20 – Derek Knowlden (DKn), Region 23 (Deputising) – Manny Martins (MM), Region 24 – Peter McBride (PM), Region 25 – Phil Douce (PD).

Guests = John Alford (JA) of Medway 41 Club, Tom Abbott (TAb) of Royston & Harpenden 41 Clubs, Kelly Clarke (KC) of North Walsham 41 Club, ‘Studley’ (ST) of Invicta & OBE 41 Clubs, John Clark (JC) of Gillingham RT & Area 6 Chairman and Don Attfield of Invicta 41 Club.

Apologies

Hugh Milward (Honorary Archivist), Paul Cammiss (Honorary Solicitor), Ray Hill (Honorary Webmaster), Kevin Stewart (Region 2), Mark Boersma (Region 4), Ralph Small (Region 12), Paul Swindell (Region 8), Des Fulcher (Region 17), Glen Lyon (Region 21) and Steve Bolter (Region 23).

Item No.	Topic	Actionee
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**1 Chairman’s Welcome**

At 11:22 President Dave welcomed all to the meeting.

- Dave went on further to present:-
  - Tom Atkins – with his Collaret as NCLO (as it wasn’t able to be presented at the National AGM)



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- o Bernard Elwen – with his Collaret as Region 19 National Councillor.
- o Peter McBride – with his Collaret as Region 24 National Councillor
- o Phil Douce – with his Collaret as Region 25 National Councillor
- o John Alford – with his Medal as outgoing Region 25 National Councillor

**2 Purposes and Objects**

Purposes and Objects of 41 Club were recited Barry Durman – Immediate Past National President.

**3 Declaration of Business Interests**

GS (for Website) and TA (for Travel Insurance)

**4 Apologies**

Were read out by SM & the names are as listed above.

**5 Minutes**

Minutes of the Meeting Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2017, Imperial Hotel, Blackpool, were approved, but required the following amendment:-

Page 3, 3<sup>rd</sup> para starting John Alford, replace the word proposed with opposed (NM). Carried.

**6 Matters Arising from those Minutes**

John Lamb wished it noted that it was untrue that he had not been in contact around the region. He wanted to clarify that he is now completely 'back in the loop' and fully communicating via Office 365, CAS, etc.

GS said that in his report re Website, that it was his o/s issues that he was dealing with and that it may have been misleading that Ray Hill might have been involved.

BD made mention of Nick Lawton who had been reported in the last minutes as being seriously ill. He was happy to report that Nick is recovering & is now back at work.



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**7 National Board Reports**

National President - As Printed

National Vice-President - As Printed, additionally mentioned his attendance at the Londonderry 41 Club meeting.

Immediate Past President – As Printed, additionally mentioned the following:-

- a) BD is hosting at the National Arboretum for Remembrance Day, all are welcome, please visit the Arboretum anytime if you can.
- b) If your clubs are undertaking any charity works, fundraising, etc, please let him know.
- c) As a reminder, please, please buy & sell the calendars (copies available with him)
- d) Please use & buy from the 41 Club Sales Stand (behind him).

National Secretary – As Printed

National Treasurer – As Printed, additionally mentioned the following:-

- a) Bank of Scotland mandate, all received & approved, just needs them to release.
- b) The Barclays account is all good & running as expected.
- c) Thanks need to go to MM & Mark Fairchild for helping in hand-over.
- d) O/s capitations – please could Councillors 'jolly these along'. NM, are there timescales? DL, they were due beginning of the year, 1<sup>st</sup> reminder has already gone out & 2<sup>nd</sup> imminently (if not already gone out – DL will check if sent yet). **DL**

National Fellowship Officer – Made mention of the following:-

- a) There is good news! – Our deal (from the Birmingham AGM) with Fred Olsen lines has led to a £600 cheque being received (Tangent got the same). Please continue to use them.
- b) Belfast AGM – Due to time constraints, the committee are proposing that the fancy dress competition be a walk through, or procession,





rather than a performance (this also applies for Tangent). Any comments? – there were none. PE – Belfast bookings, 574 booked in, Thurs & Fri all sold out. Saturday has 60 places only (this is in a separate room, but they are only 5 paces apart). Please, all new National Councillors, book in ASAP or you will not have a space. AM – Please, if you can, book for Belfast City Airport as opposed to Belfast Intl, as this is some 35-40 mins by Taxi. Flight bookings are now open for BA from Heathrow. PG – What is the parking like? Very expensive, recommendation is to park in the Culloden.

- c) National Golf Competition – On 21<sup>st</sup> September, will be emailing a reminder. **AM**
- d) NSSW – SJ bought us up to speed, 9-11 Feb 2018. Bookings will be opening up soon. DL to set up an account & GS to set up booking site, once SJ provides details of what he wants it to show. Friday will be the Council Meeting with the sports to take place Saturday & Sunday. **SJ, DL & GS**
- e) National Cruise & Caravanning weekends – BD reminds all of event details & dates are in events calendar on website.
- f) Marchesi Room visits in October – From a show of hands, the preferred time is Friday evening, contact DF for details. **DF**

National Membership & Round Table Liaison Officer – As Printed, with the following in additions:-

- a) Data Project – as part of the ‘clean up’ of data, where clubs had more listed than declared, we have amended the membership. This has increased our membership by about 350. **DK**
- b) Past Tabler ‘ring round’ – New dates for ring round to be provided. **ALL**
- c) CAS ‘bounced’ emails – BD reminds all to check for these & amend, delete, replace email addresses, etc. Councillors should be checking/reviewing this. MM – This is especially important as it starts to clog up the system & we’ve had to get Technos to ‘drain’ them down before.
- d) New members – NM, 20% of Tablers that leave RTBI are coming into 41 Club, we need to emphasise our support of RT to help bring them across. BD – Actually the figure is now 24.9% & improving annually, but still not good enough. GSI – What about returned magazines, are **SM**



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we getting to our membership? MM – Marchesi House should have a list, SM should be able to get & distribute. PD – How many members do we actually have? DK – 15,800 approx, with 2-300 dual members.

National Councillors' Liaison Officer – As Printed, with the following additional

- a) Reports – TA will chase up on those who have not supplied regional reports, hopefully this will improve for next time.
- b) Capitations – Reminder for Councillors to chase, hopefully none in arrears & only the 2017 account to chase. GSI – Invoices are not that clear, Ribble & Lune had said it was not obvious which year they were requesting.
- c) Obituaries – Reminder to let Hugh Milward know if you hear of them from your Region, [obits@41club.org](mailto:obits@41club.org). (mention of Mark Voller as an example)

National Communications & IT Officer – As Printed, with the following in addition:-

**GS**

- a) Calendars – Please tell GS how many you have taken & provide him with a tally of how many you have sold.
- b) New Councillors – Please provide GS with your contact details so that he can set you up on Office 365, etc.
- c) CAS Generally – GS had recently met with RH and reviewed where we were & where we wanted to go with CAS. Currently it is very restrictive to individuals & we want to change access control registers. In summary:
  - i) Compatibility, will solve the KPI bridge problem with the Website.
  - ii) Usage for individuals over clubs, should we ever wish to change from a Association of Clubs, to an Association of Members, this could pave the way.
  - iii) Update, currently this has to be done over 3 or 4 separate locations, in the future it would all be in one place.
  - iv) Openness & ease of access, individuals would have access as opposed to only via the club contact.





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- v) Multiple Logins, want there to be the same login and password for both CAS and website. We will need a login that is not linked via our email, as this is where/how the old password is held.
  - vi) Members could have access to their own directory, as well as sight of committees & Board details.
  - vii) We could have 'read-only' access for individuals who wanted to see details of a Region, when they are outside that region.
  - viii) Board would have access to all. This would allow for benefits such as; NCLO being able to allocate Councillors, Membership being able to Affiliate/Disaffiliate, Treasurer being able to see all detail on subscriptions, etc, Comms & Sec being able to appoint Board members, etc.
- d) CAS detail – GS highlighted the following points that are/will be addressed
- i) Compatibility – End points (URL that can be recalled). Website can check access via CAS, etc
  - ii) If we were to be an Association of individuals over Clubs. Field of entry would change from each club, to one member. One member (not entry) for club membership.
  - iii) Club, Board & Council officers would have the ability to adjust & select easily from the directory & there should be no need to re-type an individuals details if they exist in the system.
  - iv) Believes titles & fax numbers are irrelevant/less important in this day & age.
  - v) There appears to be confusion regarding emails & magazines. This will change with the following options. Magazines, Y or N, Newsletter, Y or N, Electronic communication, Y or N.
  - vi) Date of Birth – this is now needed where we offer free membership to those in the 40-45 age bracket.
  - vii) Date of CAS update – this would be split so we can see if it is the club, or a member of council who has updated.



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- viii) Reports – Many of our reports are duplicated, these will be modified & all clubs could have access to data.
- ix) Information on capitation payments – Currently not that easy to access, would also be useful to capture payment history.

DC thanks GS for the comprehensive report & assures all on National Council that all details as mentioned will be documented.

13:00 Break for Lunch

13:40 Meeting resumes

Stuart Hadley (AKA 'Studley Tabler') – Stood as a guest & thanked all for allowing him to attend. As a former TotY (RTBI Tabler of the Year) he is taking a bit of a break from his Table family commitments but volunteers to help out if called upon for any committees, etc. His has 'plans' for the future & would like to be involved. DC thanks him for his attendance.

Q&A of GS.

NM – Fb (Facebook) for all Regions? We need more inter-action, we should consider Fb for all Regions, should we have a Fellowship, Membership & IT Committee dealing with this?. We need some guidance on where we should be going, whose committee should be dealing with this?. PD – This is a Comms & IT matter, surely. ST – Agree it should be Comms & IT, it is always a challenge to those who do not use a great deal of electronic means, we need to be all familiar with social media. SJ – We did have a specific committee for a while, but we didn't really get it working. We need to use a committee again. BD – We all need to use social medial more, this is an individual responsibility. GS – Yes, particularly use the 'like & share', it really does 'spread the message'.

ML – The RTBI database, has Fb, all communication channels are funnelled through the new site, texts, etc all go through the site. Surely we could drop our details into it?. GS – The link between RT & 41 has been discussed, but





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not been able to be progressed as yet (but hopefully this is something for the future.)

International Relations Officer - As Printed, with the following additional

- a) Norway (4 Family) AGM organised by Circle. They will be putting forward a bid for future 41 Intl AGM (& Intl President) at the same time as us.
- b) Poland AGM – Small (only 5 members of 41 + 1 Tabler).
- c) Sadly reported that with his commitments & requests to do International visits, he has already exceeded his budget.

## **8 National Councillors/Region Reports**

All were as reported/written, with the following exceptions:-

- a) Region 3 (Ireland) ST reported that the Dublin 203 re-charter is going ahead & looks like it will have a new feeder table.
- b) Region 10 (East Midlands) JL reported that we look like starting a new club in Loughborough, 40-50 year olds, it's a bright new start. PG – reminded of event in Nottingham in October & RTBI NSW in Loughborough from 7-9<sup>th</sup> September.
- c) Region 11 (Cheshire & NW Midlands) – NM made mention of RT Oswestry not now happening, but Ellesmere Port is now up & running.
- d) Region 15 (Heart of England) – AV we have our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual dinner coming up on 16/2/2018 at the National Motorcycle Museum.
- e) Region 18 (Essex & North East London) – SM made mention of Eastern Regional Golf day on 19<sup>th</sup> July.
- f) Region 20 (Thames Valley) – DKn made mention of Oxford college dinner, run by ISIS, who are getting out visiting all Clubs in the region to garner interest/attendance.
- g) Region 24 (SW London, Surrey & Sussex) – PM has written to all clubs within his Region, needs to better the National profile & will be getting out visiting his clubs.
- h) Region 25 (South East England) – JA as written. PD, met with the RT Regional Councillor to discuss improving communications across all 4 clubs (no LC!). Would have got together with Folkestone, but a death within the club has delayed meeting.





**9 Region 16/17 Restructure**

The Board accepted that the proposal by DF to split the Region should be done. TA – the National Councillors meeting in the morning had already discussed this & voted in favour. The proposal to split the Region went to the vote with the proposal by DF, GFS seconding, Vote was 23 for, 0 against & 1 Abstention. CARRIED.

**10 National Committees.**

TA was to re-do the committee document (ie which National Councillors were allocated to which committee) and distribute. **TA**

**11 Association Rules, Policies & Standing Orders Updates**

SM advised that the Special Purposes Committee (as April meeting, made up of SM, SJ, JA & Cormac Clancy) had met on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June and spent the day reviewing all of our Policies. SM is to provide copies of amended copies to all NC members. The next steps were 1) to provide the 10 year history of the National Rule amendments as proposed at National AGM, 2) get a draft together for a new set of National Rules, & 3) Then be able to re-work our Standing Orders. **SM & Special Purpose Committee**

TA advised that the National Councillors meeting that morning had discussed the members of the SPC (considering that JA was no longer a National Councillor) and would like the meeting to agree that the SPC would now be SM, JA, Cormac Clancy and PD. This was proposed by TA, seconded by SM and vote was 24 for with 0 against & 0 abstentions. CARRIED.

Term of office of a National/Regional Councillor – The role of the National Councillor currently sits within the rules as an (initial) 3 year term from preceding AGM. This was highlighted previously as a concern by DF. The National Board proposed that this change to the 3 year term of office, from their appointment/ratification at National Council. This was highlighted as a change to our National Rules and Standing Orders and under rule 17.2 although it can be adopted, it has no force or effect until approved at our next AGM. This was a proposal by National Board & requires no seconder. Vote for



24, Against 0 and Abstain 0. CARRIED.

**12 Councillors' Handbook**

This is currently under review by PE and an updated copy will be provided **PE** asap.

**13 Approvals**

**Affiliations:**

There were none to approve.

**Disaffiliations:**

Edinburgh & District	Region 2	
Colne Valley	Region 6	
Mold & District	Region 12	
Farnborough (Hants)	Region 24	= approx. 65 members

**Carried.** 5 Abstentions.

**14 AOB**

Club/member administration & Gender equality – SM read correspondence received from the OBE 41 Club regarding membership if an individual were to undergo gender re-alignment (legally change gender). A varied and diverse discussion followed, summarised, our membership rules are quite clear, you have to be a past Tabler. We do not set policy over & above this rule, our clubs do. Each club has their own discretion over who they do, or do not, accept for membership, it is as their own Membership decides/votes. Outside of the rule regarding being an ex-Tabler, we have to be open and non-discriminatory, always allowing for current legislation. Proposal is that SM write to the club in question confirming that we have an open & tolerant membership, accepting that the ex-Tabler rule apply. However membership is at a club's own discretion (letter or email to be approved by National Honorary Solicitor). This was proposed by BD, seconded by ST and voted For 17,



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Against 1 & Abstain 3. CARRIED.

AV then mentioned the cruise being auctioned for the Princes' Trust. Bids are currently up to £350 and this is easily worth £1,000 or more. Please can all direct members to the auction. Will be publicised in the next Newsletter.

AM then presented BD with a souvenir T-shirt from the Blackpool conference.

JA then ran through timings & proceedings for the evenings function.

**15 Date of Next Meeting**

**11.00am Saturday 14 October 2017**

Best Western Brook Hotel, 2 Barnard Road, Norwich. NR5 9JB

**16 Approval**

Signed as a True and accurate record:

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Dave Campbell  
National President  
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Date.

