

**National Council Meeting**  
**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at 2:00pm**

**Ashbury Manor Hotel, Okehampton,**  
**Devon, EX20 4NL**

**MINUTES**

National Board Officers

Peter Good	National President	PG
Jim Conway	National Vice President	JC
Bernard Elwen	National Secretary	BE
Kevin Lovett	National Treasurer	KL
Glen Lyon	National Membership Officer	GL
Andy Ventress	International Relations Officer	AV
Peter McBride	NCLO + Region 24	PMcB
Don Mullane	National Communications and IT Officer	DM
Steve James	National Fellowship Officer	SJ
Andrew Mackereth	Immediate Past President	AM

National Councillors

Colin McKenzie	Region 1	CM
Kevin Stewart	Region 2	KS
Aidan Coyne	Region 3	AC*
Peter Milburn	Region 4	PM
Roger Spensley	Region 5	RS
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
Richard Holland	Region 14	RH
Kelly Clarke	Region 17	KC
Jason Thomson	Region 18	JT
David Chard	Region 20	DC
Kevin Chard	Region 21	KC
Richard Dyson	Region 23	RD

National Honorary Officers

Mark House	Honorary Webmaster	MHo*
David Smith	Honorary Solicitor	DS
Sean McCormick	Honorary Archivist	SM*

\* attended by Zoom link

Apologies

Wynn Parry	Region 6 (represented by Shaun Redman)
Neal Lowe	Region 15
Paul Simmons	Region 16





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Mark Hinchliffe

Region 22 (represented by Stuart George)

Guests

Edward Watton

Stuart Bizley

Frank Barrett

Esa Pirttijarvi

Studley X Tabler

Martin Lines

Brackley 41 Club

Dereham and District 41 Club

Ribble and Lune Active 41 Club

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OBE and Ripple Travel 41 Clubs

St Neots 41 Club

1. Welcome and Permission for guests to speak PG welcomed National Council and guests to the meeting.
2. Purposes and Objects Read by John Kilshaw
3. Declaration of Business Interests None
4. Apologies for Absence As above
5. Minutes of Meetings on 1<sup>st</sup> October Agreed as an accurate record.
6. Matters Arising None
7. Questions of Council Members' Reports PG questioned PW on his report for Region 9. DS asked SJ about Conference Champion, and SJ replied that this was just a title.
8. National Conference - Elections BE informed the meeting that there would only be one contested election, this being for National Membership Officer. Peter McBride, who would speak first, and David Chard, who would speak second. The other two positions, National Vice President (Steve James) and National Fellowship Officer (Kelly Clarke) were uncontested.
9. National Conference - Resolutions BE presented the resolutions which would be brought before the AGM in Cardiff. Three had been submitted by member Clubs and the remainder by the Board for approval by National Council.

*Resolution 1: An Endowment to be purchased at a cost of £28,427.92 to provide maintenance in perpetuity for the 41 Club Garden located at the National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire. Prior to the endowment being accepted by the National Memorial Arboretum some minor works require to be undertaken at a cost of around £1,500. The total cost to be charged against Cash Reserves in the current year (2022) will be within £30,000.*



This is proposed by Lichfield 41 Club and seconded by Ashby-de-la Zouch 41 Club. National Council agreed to support this resolution. It was also noted that RTBI had agreed to contribute £5k towards the cost.

*Resolution 2: 41 Club members may invite like-minded men who are not past members of Round Table and are aged 45 and over to be regular guests at club meetings. After a period deemed suitable by each Club, such guests may be invited to join that Club and such invitations may later be ratified by a majority vote of full members of said club. Such new members would enjoy full membership rights in the local club and also in the National Association. Should this change be adopted it is noted that:*

- *Association Rule 2.1 will require a change to the definition of "Full Members" to include "Invited Members who are not past members of Round Table and are aged 45 or over"*
- *Rule 4.1 and "Model rules for an affiliated Club (April 2010)" will require supporting amends.*
- *Acknowledging 41 Club International rules, Members who have not been Round Tablers may not stand for the position of International Relationships Officer, nor vote for the Association at any meeting of 41 Club International*

This is proposed by Wokingham 41 Club and Seconded by Reading Valley Veterans 41 Club (both Region 20). After much debate, National Council narrowly agreed to support this resolution.

*Resolution 3: Amend Rules 6.5 and 18.4, replacing the date of 1<sup>st</sup> February with 10<sup>th</sup> January in each case.*

This was a proposal from the Board, which was supported by National Council.

*Resolution 4: National Council seeks the approval of the 41 Club membership to register as an unincorporated charitable association.*

The SGM approved in principle the investigation of this, which is why it was being brought to the AM as a proposal.

*Resolution 5: National Council propose that all income received from our Members' affinity deals such as Fred Olsen etc should be put in a separate budget line to be used to support local or National fellowship events.*

This was a proposal from the Fellowship Officer and was supported by National Council.



Resolution 6: *That the Association has a Mascot to represent them at major events.*

This is proposed by Clevedon & District 41 Club (Region 21) and seconded by Isis Area 41 Club (Region 20). National Council had no opinion on this resolution.

Resolution 7: *Amend Rule 20.9 to remove the phrase "without exceeding an increase of 4% (£0.50) to each Member per annum"*

This was a proposal from the Treasurer and Finance Committee and was supported by National Council.

Resolution 8: *Amend Rule 9.3.1 to include: Any former National Councillor may seek re-election for a further term of three years, after a minimum of three years has elapsed since the end of the previous term as Councillor.*

This was a proposal from the Board, and was supported by National Council, with the proviso that the resolution made it clear that it referred to National Councillors only.

Resolution 9: *National Council seeks the approval of the membership to allow online voting and participation at Annual General Meetings, in parallel with physical attendance. Amend Rules and Standing Orders as necessary to allow for this to happen. This to take effect from Annual General Meeting in 2023.*

This was proposed by the Administration Committee and supported by National Council.

RS was concerned that these resolutions had not been circulated to National Council in advance, and so they had not had the opportunity to consider them beforehand.

10. National Councillors - Update BE informed the meeting that four new National Councillors would be taking over at the AGM as follows:

Region 2 – Bill Freeman (Dunfermline)

Region 17 - Stuart Bizley (Dereham and District 41 Club)

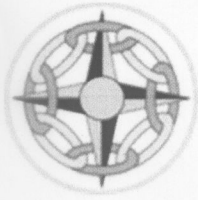
Region 22 – Stuart George (Liskeard and Looe 41 Club)

Region 25 – Martin Manuel (London Old Tablers Society)

No-one had come forward to be National Councillor for Regions 4, 7, 19 or 24.

11. 41 Club Insurance The 41 Club insurance policies were due for renewal on 10<sup>th</sup> February, and it was agreed to renew on the same terms. DC provided an overview of the three policies (public liability, material damage and Directors and Entity indemnity). DC and Neal Lowe had reviewed our insurance policies, and put forward the following recommendations:

- Annually, prior to renewal, a full review of covers, wordings and sums insured be completed by the appointed broker and a suitably qualified



41 Club member, with a report and renewal recommendations provided for the Hon Treasurer and Finance Committee.

- All covers to be subject to a review and full market rebooking exercise a minimum of every 3 years by the appointed brokers.
- An updated "Summary of Cover" be prepared, providing details of cover plus exclusions that need to be referred to the Broker to enable them to extend the cover and provide the correct advice on any special requirements.
- A 41 Club contact who clubs can refer to should they have any problems or need general advice.

**12. 2021 Accounts and 2023 Budget** These had been circulated to all members of National Council before the meeting and would be circulated with the AGM Agenda and Order Paper. They were approved by the meeting.

KL reminded the meeting that all expense claims should be submitted promptly, and the year-end claims submitted as soon as possible after 31st December.

Capitation was being received for the current and previous years, and it was hoped to start with a clean slate in 2023.

Consideration was being given to reducing the cost of National Council meetings, including making more use of Marchesi House as a location.

**13. CAS Update** DM advised that the button to generate club invoices had now been added to CAS. There were still issues with the bulk e-mail system. There was a verbal agreement in place for ongoing support, which needed to be formalised into a written and signed agreement.

**14. Fellowship Matters** SJ proposed 6 recommendations for future National Conferences, following feedback from a recent questionnaire. These were:

- Transport would not be provided for journeys of up to 15 minutes' walk.
- Welcome Party should be self-financing.
- The Friday night banquet would stay as a black-tie event.
- Consider an entertainment-only event for the Saturday night.
- Offer cheaper alternative accommodation
- Seek sponsorship

There then followed a presentation from JK and RS on their proposal for National Conference to be in Liverpool in 2024. This had already been approved by Tangent. The proposal was unanimously approved by the meeting. The exact dates would depend on the Grand National, so that it did not coincide.



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15. International Matters AV would suggest to 41 Club International that they reconsider our proposal to join 41er World in a reduced capacity. AV advised that the early-bird prices for Bergen were the standard prices. The half-yearly meeting in Odense was now available for booking. The Young Ambassador Programme tours were available for booking.

16. Membership – Approvals and Disaffiliations GL proposed one club for affiliation, which was Stalham in Region 17. There were several more clubs in the pipeline to be affiliated.

41 Club continued to work with RTBI in sending out birthday cards to those reaching the age of 45.

17. Any Other Business

- Esa Pirttijarvi brought greetings from 41 Club Finland
- RH promoted JC's Presidents Ball in Leicester on 1<sup>st</sup> October.
- The National Council meeting would take place at the same hotel on the same date.
- KS promoted National Sports and Social Weekend in Stranraer on 13-15 October 2023.
- DS announced that he would be finishing in his role at Honorary Solicitor at the AGM in Jersey.
- DM asked for contributions for the February newsletter.
- AM asked for nominations for the Community Service Award.
- Martin Lines brought greetings and asked the Association to get involved with tree planting and promoting the reduction of carbon footprint.
- Studley X Tabler publicised the Ripple Travel Fund and encouraged each 41 Clubber to donate £10 a year to assist Round Tablers to attend international events.

18. Next Meeting Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 at 11:00 a.m. at Holiday Inn, Cardiff

Signed:

Dated:

1st April 2022

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

