



MINUTES

National Board Officers

Jim Conway	National President	JC
Steve James	National Vice President	SJ
Bernard Elwen	National Secretary	BE
Kevin Lovett	National Treasurer	KL
Wynn Parry	NCLO + Region 6	WP
Don Mullane	National Communications and IT Officer	DM
Andy Ventress	International Relations Officer	AV
Kelly Clarke	National Fellowship Officer	KC
Peter Good	Immediate Past President	PG

National Councillors

Colin McKenzie	Region 1	CM
Bill Freeman	Region 2	BF
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
John Bell	Region 13	JB
Andy Waring	Region 15	AW
Stuart Bizley	Region 17	SB
Jason Thomson	Region 18	JT
David Chard	Region 20	DC
Stuart George	Region 22	SG
Richard Dyson	Region 23	RD
Martin Manuel	Region 25	MM

National Honorary Officers

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

Apologies

Peter McBride	National Membership Officer
Aidan Coyne	Region 3
Richard Holland	Region 14
Paul Simmons	Region 16
Kevin Chard	Region 21



National Council Meeting
Saturday 11th February 2023 at 11:00am

Leonardo Hotel, 2 Thornton Road,
BRADFORD, BD1 2DH

Guests

Kevin Stewart
Matt Bladon

IRO Elect
Incoming National Councillor Region 13

KS
MB

1. Welcome and Permission for guests to speak JC welcomed National Council members to the meeting.
2. Purposes and Objects Ably recited by Martin Manuel.
3. Declaration of Business Interests KL had a financial interest in the caravan park being used for the 2023 Camping and Caravanning Rally. MH charged the Association at cost for all websites and domains.
4. Apologies for Absence As above
5. Minutes of Meeting on 1st October 2022 Agreed as an accurate record.
6. Matters Arising None that were not covered elsewhere on the agenda.
7. National Council Reports -- Questions None
8. Membership RT gave the report in the absence of the Membership Officer. This was as printed in the National Council report.

It was agreed to affiliate Metro Tyne 41 Club in Region 4. The Chairman of that club, Stephen Frost, was contacted on speakerphone and given the good news.

The following clubs were put forward for disaffiliation:

Blairgowrie	Region 1
Athol & Breadalbane	Region 1
Hamilton	Region 2
Kendal	Region 5
Nidderdale	Region 6
Ilkley Olicana	Region 6
Loughborough XRT (folded into Loughborough and District)	Region 10
Stone	Region 11
Wem & District	Region 11
Halesowen	Region 14



Braintree & Halstead
Colchester XRT
Tiverton

Region 18
Region 18
Region 22

RT referred to the Membership report in respect of Stefan Alexander, who had spearheaded an impressive membership initiative in the Norfolk area of RTBI. It was agreed to invite him to the National Council meeting in Cardiff in July. SG was concerned that this membership initiative was not in tune with RT aims and objectives. SB and KC both disagreed with this.

9. Reinstatement of National Councillor JK was reinstated as National Councillor for Region 8, with his term of office to expire at the AGM 2024.

10. Fellowship Matters

KC advised the meeting that the Liverpool 2024 Conference video was ready to be presented in Jersey.

NSSW 2023 in Stranraer. The site was live and taking bookings. KS promoted this as well.

Car Rally. KC reported that 40 cars were booked so far.

Caravan Rally. Arrangements were all in hand.

Walking Weekend. 15 out of 30 rooms had been booked so far.

RS asked about the Memorandum of Understanding between 41 Club and Tangent. BE confirmed that this had been agreed between 41 Club Board and Tangent Executive the previous day. It would be on the agenda for the next National Council meeting for ratification.

11. Comms and IT DM gave a presentation on the proposal to replace CAS2 with 41erWorld. ST gave some background to the problems we would face if we continued with CAS2.

JT said that Ladies Circle used CirclerWorld, and he used the 41er World facility. CM also used it and received e-mails from it. The e-mail functionality is similar to CAS. JB agreed that it looked good and asked if we can customise it for 41 Club JT replied that we can.

JM asked about capturing data from Round Table. Permission would be needed from each individual to transfer their data from Round Table database to our own. BF uses it as he is still in Round Table. There is an option to share data with third parties.

SJ wanted reassurances that we did not lose members if they chose not to engage with 41erWorld.

DM explained that it was up to each association to decide which add-ons it required.

JT explained that users could turn off their profile visibility and still receive e-mails and book onto events.

SG raised the problems of getting permission to migrate data. KL asked how many members had opted out. JT replied that several members had dummy e-mail addresses. This covered those who did not have actual e-mail addresses. MH asked about slow migration. JT replied that all association members had to be migrated at once. The aim was to migrate by December 2023 and keep CAS until January 2024. SJ thought we could not set a date. ST said there was a difference opting in and moving data to a third-party provider. ST knew of a specialist company and would ask them for a quote. DM added that we would need to review our GDPR policy. SG asked DS if a letter to each member would work. DS disagreed. RS thought we were looking at this as a problem rather than an opportunity.

AV said that Peopl (the data holder) would want all the user data on one spreadsheet. DM would prefer to transfer club by club and region by region.

MH said that we would need an interim solution if CAS failed.

After a vote was taken, all agreed in principle that our association should progress the transition from CAS to 41erWorld.

Honorary Webmaster – MH was prepared to carry on for the time being. ST would be the IT Officer.

12. National Councillors Liaison WP had submitted his report beforehand. There was some discussion over the process for endorsing the nomination for International Secretary. It was accepted that the timescales meant that it could not have been discussed at a National Council meeting. AV explained that we were following the process two years ago when a previous candidate stood for International Treasurer. WP thought that we needed to look at the process for endorsing applications for international posts.

WP also thought that the message from the Membership Officer aimed at all National Councillors should have gone to him first.

13. International Relationships Officer AV reported that money was still coming in for Ukraine. Round Table Germany have set up a bank account and were sending convoys to Turkey. Money was coming in to support the earthquake in Syria.

AV presented his paper with the options for Young Ambassador Programme (YAP) Convenor. After discussion and questions, it was proposed by AV and seconded by PG that Option 4 be preferred. This was agreed unanimously. This meant that the YAP Convenor post would be as an Honorary member of National Council. The YAP Convenor expenses would come from the international budget line.

AV asked for clubs to consider home hosting for this year's tour. He asked if a group of 12 young people could be home hosted in one location. The next tour would start on 16th July for 14 nights, with the young people arriving at Heathrow Airport.



SB asked about the cost of Ukraine badges. AV would enquire.

14. Treasurer KL had circulated the 2022 accounts and 2024 budget, for approval at the AGM.

MH asked if we were prepared to disaffiliate clubs for non-payment. KL agreed that this was something that should be pursued.

SB asked about our reserves policy. KL replied that our policy was to keep a minimum of six months and a maximum of twelve months, and saw no reason to change this.

KL was looking to change our accountants. At present, we pay £16k per annum for examined accounts.

2024 budget – KL proposed increasing capitation from £14.50 to £16.

SJ suggested we have a line in the budget for YAP.

KL proposed to move £500 from the community budget to the IRO budget.

BF suggested that YAP budget is reviewed in 12 months when the YAP tour has concluded. The 2024 budget was proposed by KL, seconded by WP and carried by a large majority.

Balance Sheet – KL explained that we were holding money for future events and this was giving us interest.

15. Vice President SJ presented the Forward Planning papers, which had been circulated beforehand. These would be presented at the AGM.

16. Secretary BE presented the resolutions which were to be submitted to the AGM. There were four from National Council. Three were rule changes and one was the proposal to add YAP Convenor to the list of Honorary council positions. In addition, there were two "spoof" ones, from Isis 41 Club (NC had no opinion) and the Andy Pandys (which NC supported).

BE advised that DS would be retiring as Honorary Solicitor at the forthcoming AGM, and he was thanked by National Council for his service. BE proposed that Duncan Kennedy be appointed in post as from the AGM. This was unanimously approved.

17. Immediate Past President PG had nothing to report.

18. National President JC informed the meeting that he was ready to step up to his next fundraising challenge for his chosen charity, Children's Wish. He was about to have his head shaved after the meeting, and this would be livestreamed on Facebook.

It was also noted that the gavel had gone walkabout. Of course, this had absolutely nothing to do with RT(???)



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19. Any Other Business

- KC presented a quaich to WP
- Vice President candidates – order of speaking at AGM

Don Mullane – first
Wynn Parry - second

20. Master at Arms (or Arms) Roger Spensley had been taking notes of all our misdemeanours.

21. Next National Council Meeting Friday 31st March 2023 at 10:30am at the Merton Hotel, St Saviour, Jersey.

Signed:

Dated:

31/3/23

Jim Conway – National President 2022-23

