

**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	National Councillors' Liaison Officer	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
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
Neal Lowe	Region 15	NL
Kelly Clarke	Region 17	KC
Jason Thomson	Region 18	JT
David Chard	Region 20	DC
Kevin Chard	Region 21	KC
Mark Hinchliffe	Region 22	MH*
Richard Dyson	Region 23	RD
Peter McBride	Region 24	PMcB

**National Honorary Officers**

David Smith	National Honorary Solicitor	DS*
Bruce Bennett	YAP Convenor	BB

\* = Attended via Zoom link

**Apologies**

Richard Holland                      National Councillor – Region 14



**National Council Meeting**  
**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at 11:30 am**

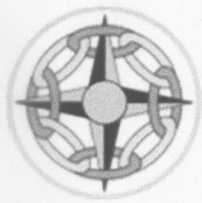
**Hilton International Hotel, Cobham,  
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Paul Simmons  
Mark House  
Sean McCormick

National Councillor – Region 16  
Honorary Webmaster  
Honorary Archivist

1. Welcome to Incoming National Councillors. PG welcomed all to the meeting and presented collarets to the following:  
Colin McKenzie – Region 1  
Jason Thomson – Region 18  
Kevin Chard – Region 21  
Peter McBride – National Councillors' Liaison Officer
2. Purposes and Objects Read by Jason Thomson
3. Declaration of Business Interests Neal Lowe (Insurance)
4. Apologies for Absence As above
5. Minutes of Meetings on 18<sup>th</sup> April Agreed as an accurate record.
6. Matters Arising None
7. Questions of Board Reports PMcB asked JC what the word "sagacious" meant. He was told to look it up in the dictionary.
8. Questions of National Councillors' Reports None
9. Questions of Honorary Members' Reports None
10. Feedback from Online AGM on 24<sup>th</sup> April BE and JK presented the results of a questionnaire which had been sent to all clubs after the online AGM. 32 replies had been received, and the feedback was generally very positive. *The report, with comments, is circulated to all National Council members with these minutes and will be shared with the wider membership in a newsletter article.*
11. CAS2 Update DM advised that the problems with clubs and their access to the CAS database had largely been resolved. There had been no negative feedback from clubs. There were a few issues still to be resolved with the e-mail system. ST was working through these with Carl Smalley. There were problems with those regions which had more than 560 members, and the workaround was to send more than one message to fewer recipients. RS sought an assurance that we would not introduce any more functionality into CAS until the current problems had been identified and rectified. DM





reassured him that his team were working on a priority list before an added functionality list.

KS said that new clubs were still not on CAS. DM would investigate. ST added that they were on CAS, but problems with the indexing meant that they were not visible to the front-end user.

PMcB thought there was a lack of proactive communication, in that users only found out about issues when they had raised them as problem. ST replied that he had several priorities in life to contend with but would do his best to communicate progress every 1-2 weeks. GL added that communication works both ways.

**12. 41 Club Connects** DM reported that there had been a reduction in the number of meetings over the summer months, but the plan was to resume weekly events from September onwards. They would start with meetings on the Spitfire Museum and a return to the North York Moors Railway. There would also be a welfare element to the programme. There was a budget for 4-6 "big spend" events each year. The feedback had been extremely positive.

**13. 41er World** AV gave an update. There had previously been an agreement that our Association could put a structure onto this application that included National Council and anyone else who wished to subscribe. He had subsequently been informed that it was all members or none. Negotiations were ongoing. NL asked what the benefits were of belonging to 41er World, and AV replied that it was like a social media interactive platform.

**14. Young Ambassadors Programme** BB gave an overview of the programme, and what the benefits were. He handed round leaflets to all present. There was an online event planned for 11<sup>th</sup> September. SJ suggested that a 41 Club Connects be organised on the day.

**15. Rule Changes and Resolutions** BE had previously circulated a document with proposed changes to the rules which he intended to put before the Special General Meeting in October. These had been formulated by the Administration Committee for the approval of National Council.

**15.1 Honorary Membership.** The proposal was to define honorary membership more clearly and make a distinction between Club and Association honorary members. Clubs were expected to pay capitation for anyone they declared on CAS to be an honorary member. National Council agreed with this in principle.

**15.2 Canvassing.** There was concern that the current rules on canvassing were too vague and took no account of the widespread use of social media. This had caused problems for both candidates and overseers at the last election. BE introduced a proposal which would give candidates an opportunity to take part in a Q&A online session, rather like the



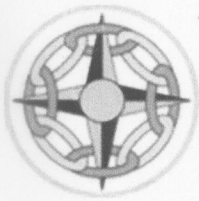
leaders of political parties before a general election. It was hoped that this would reduce the temptation for candidates to advertise and promote themselves in the runup to the election. The format of the Q&A session would be determined by National Council, with all candidates having an opportunity to address the same range of questions. National Council would still retain the right to disqualify a candidate if any prohibited canvassing had taken place. National Council agreed that this idea should be put before the membership.

- 15.3 National Councillors' Eligibility. This resolution sought to remove Rule 9.6. BE explained that the notion of a catchment area was irrelevant to 41 Clubs, as it was Round Tables who had defined catchment areas for their activities. The resolution instead sought to let National Council determine whether a prospective National Councillor could represent his region effectively. National Council agreed with this resolution.
- 15.4 Procedure for Club Delegates. This resolution proposed that voting delegates could only represent one club. This was because of all the problems that had been encountered at the online AGM. National Council did not agree to this. It was suggested that delegates attending in person could represent more than one club, and that a solution be explored whereby voting delegates could attend and vote online as well.
- 15.5 41 Club Charity Status. BE explained that 41 Club was now actively involved in community and fundraising activities, and it would be beneficial to have any monies raised put into a separate charity account. It was agreed by National Council that we would ask the Special General Meeting for a mandate to create a suitable trust deed in order to pursue charitable status for our organisation.
- 15.6 Waiving National Capitation for Elderly Members. This had been submitted by London Old Tablers' Society. The proposal was that more elderly members receive free membership, as it was acknowledged that many such members were at a stage where they found it difficult to attend meetings. Clubs in this situation found it embarrassing to ask them for their subscriptions, and equally embarrassing to regard them as non-members. It was agreed that the age of 85 by the 31<sup>st</sup> of December of a given year should entitle such members to be classed as free members the following year. The date of birth would need to be entered on the CAS system. This would work in the same way as members under the age of 46. National Council agreed to this resolution.
- 15.7 Widows and Surviving Partners. This was a proposal by London Old Tablers' Society, that the surviving partners of deceased members should (at the discretion of the members' club) be invited by the club to register with the association in order that they might continue to receive the benefits of continued friendship as if their partner were still alive. It was pointed out that clubs generally supported the widows of their



former members, and that such support should be at club level. It was agreed that clubs could ask for widows and surviving partners to receive the newsletter and magazine if they so wished. After some discussion, National Council agreed to support the resolution.

- 15.8** National Councillors' Liaison Officer. This post had been filled by election at the last AGM, but the postholder had subsequently resigned. The Board had agreed to co-opt a National Councillor to the position, and the National Councillors themselves had elected PMcB to represent them as a co-opted Board member until the 2022 AGM. National Council wished to revert to the previous arrangement whereby the National Councillors' Liaison Officer was elected immediately after the AGM each year from amongst National Councillors by the National Councillors themselves. This had worked well in the past. To revert to this would require changes to our current rules to be brought to the SGM in October, which would enable the proposed arrangements to be enacted in Cardiff in 2022.
- 16.** Forward Planning Exercise JC introduced an interactive exercise, which all present in the room were asked to take part in after the meeting. The aim of the exercise was to seek ideas on how 41 Club could be the club of choice for existing members and those former Tablers who we were encouraging to join. The ideas expressed would be considered by the Board at a future date and presented to National Council and the membership in the form of resolutions as appropriate.
- 17.** Forthcoming Fellowship events SJ informed the meeting that the next National Council meeting would take place in Nottingham on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October at 2:00 pm. The February National Council meeting had yet to be arranged. SJ and KC would be talking to Potters Resort about National Sports and Social Weekend.
- 18.** Membership – Approvals and Disaffiliations GL proposed the following three clubs for affiliation:
- Baildon (reaffiliation)
  - Middlewich and District XRT
  - Solihull Central
- All were approved unanimously. For this item, the meeting briefly welcomed Adrian Leonard (Solihull Central) and Ian Anderson (Middlewich) on Zoom.
- The following club was approved for disaffiliation: Goring (Region 20)
- GL reported that birthday cards from 41 Club had been sent out to every member of Round Table approaching the point of leaving under the age rule. This initiative had been in conjunction with RTBI. The next initiative would be to identify those Tablers who had joined Rotary instead of 41 Club, pointing



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out that the two Associations were not mutually exclusive. DK asked if the membership committee could pursue those names on the list of ex-Tablers who had expressed an interest in joining 41 Club. PMcB asked GL if he would have an input into the next training day for new National Councillors.

19. NC Expense Claims SJ informed the meeting that they should claim £150 for the weekend instead of the full allowance of £180 as the two evening meals had been paid for.
20. Any Other Business KS was collecting pin badges and hoped to gather enough to completely cover a jacket, which would be auctioned at The Big Weekend as a fundraiser for the President's charity.  
NL had brought gifts for each member of National Council from Tom Atkins, thanking us for making his time on National Board and Council so enjoyable.  
DM informed the meeting that the current practice of auto forwarding messages to personal e-mail accounts from Office 365 would be discontinued. He explained that this was because of subject access requests and privacy issues.  
RD made a presentation to the National President from Ringwood 41 Club.  
AV confirmed that the half yearly meeting in Brasov would be cancelled.  
JT asked about capitation invoices for clubs and KL replied that these were available from the CAS system from 1<sup>st</sup> January each year.
21. Master at Alms. PMcB ensured that no minor misdemeanour went unpunished.
22. Next Meeting Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021 at 2:00 pm Brailsford Suite, DeVere Conference Centre, Beeston Lane, University of Nottingham, Nottingham, NG7 2RJ

Signed:

Dated:

01/10/21

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

