

DeVere Orchard Hotel, Nottingham, NG7 2RJ

MINUTES

National Board Officers Peter Good Jim Conway Bernard Elwen Kevin Lovett Glen Lyon Andy Ventress Peter McBride Don Mullane Steve James Andrew Mackereth	National President National Vice President National Secretary National Treasurer National Membership Officer International Relations Officer NCLO + Region 24 National Communications and IT Officer National Fellowship Officer Immediate Past President			
National Councillors Colin McKenzie Kevin Stewart Aidan Coyne Roger Spensley Wynn Parry John Kilshaw Peter Walker John Manley Steve Tasker Rory Tompsett Richard Holland Neal Lowe Kelly Clarke Jason Thomson David Chard Mark Hinchliffe Richard Dyson	Region 1 Region 2 Region 3 Region 5 Region 6 Region 9 Region 10 Region 11 Region 12 Region 14 Region 15 Region 17 Region 17 Region 18 Region 20 Region 22 Region 23	CM KS AC RS WP JK PW JM ST RH NL KC JT DC MH RD		

National Honorary Officers

Mark House	Honorary Webmaster	МНо
Bruce Bennett	YAP Convenor	BB

Apologies

Peter Milburn	National	Councillor -	Region 4	
			-	

National Councillor (Caretaker) - Region 13 Duncan Kennedy

Paul Simmons National Councillor - Region 16





DeVere Orchard Hotel, Nottingham, NG72RJ

Kevin Chard David Smith Sean McCormick National Councillor - Region 21

Honorary Solicitor Honorary Archivist

Guests

Gordon Macnab Tom Atkins

Lichfield 41 Club/Past President GM Nuneaton 41 Club

David Illingworth Bridge of Weir & Kilmacolm 41 Club

Tim Smith Long Eaton 41 Club

1. Welcome to Incoming National Councillors. PG welcomed all to the meeting, especially those who were physically attending for the first time.

2. Purposes and Objects Read by Colin McKenzie

3. Declaration of Business Interests Neal Lowe (Insurance)

4. Apologies for Absence As above

5. Minutes of Meetings on 10th July Agreed as an accurate record.

6. Matters Arising None

7. Questions of Board Reports PMcB stated that some committees had not yet met, and Board members needed to ensure that they kept their Councillors involved.

8. Questions of National Councillors' Reports None

9. Questions of Honorary Officers' Reports None

10. National Arboretum PG welcomed Gordon Macnab, who gave a presentation on the National Arboretum and the 41 Club Garden within it. GM explained that 41 Club had agreed in the past to fund the garden, and Lichfield 41 Club had taken on the maintenance. His club now thought that 41 Club as an Association should be responsible on a long-term basis for the upkeep. He presented some options, and it was recommended that the 41 Club membership be asked to approve at the next AGM the purchase of an annuity for £27k, enabling upkeep and maintenance in perpetuity. It was also agreed by National Council to donate £700 towards immediate maintenance required. It was also agreed that, should the membership approve the purchase of an annuity, Round Table and Tangent be asked for a contribution.



DeVere Orchard Hotel, Nottingham. NG72RJ

- 11. Forward Planning Exercise Progress This followed up the initial forward planning exercise at the previous National Council meeting in Cobham in July. The initial exercise had generated 97 suggestions for improving the Association and helping us to become the club of choice for those leaving Round Table. Those 97 suggestions had been discussed by the Board at a meeting in August and been allocated to the appropriate committee to discuss further and make recommendations. Some of those committees had met, and many recommendations were put forward for consideration by National Council at this meeting. Much discussion ensued. It was agreed that each committee would put its recommendations on a spreadsheet in a shared workspace facility (GoogleSheets or similar) and, if necessary, prepare resolutions for an AGM if rule changes were required. It was also suggested that the membership be surveyed for their opinions if necessary.
- 12. Fellowship Report Various Decisions SJ asked the meeting to approve three proposals, as follows:
 - 41 Club funds one member of Round Table (with his partner if applicable) to attend National Conference. Pay for tickets to the Friday Night Banquet, one night's hotel accommodation and travel expenses. The Tabler to be aged between 41-45 and selected by ballot. Cost approximately £350, Approved.
 - Member Benefits affiliation to Cinema Society. Cost £250+VAT. Approved.
 - Travel allowance for National Council. Agreed to increase from 35p/mile to 45p/mile, in line with HMRC. Effective from 01 January 2022. Approved.
- 13. CAS2 Update DM gave an update, assisted by ST. The database has been sorted out. New clubs had been added and disaffiliated ones had been removed. The e-mail system was still a work in progress. ST added that most of the improvements on the list had now been implemented. Some items requested by KL had been sent for a quotation. Individual club landing pages had not been part of the original specification and had been added on. It was noted that there was no support agreement in place on an ongoing basis. ST asked that the developer work on one project at a time. This would help to ensure that work was prioritised according to importance. ST would continue to be the day-to-day contact for the developer.
 - It was agreed by the meeting that £2.5k be spent on improvements not originally part of the specification, with £5k per annum for ongoing support.
- 14. Proposals for Future AGMs BE said that the Admin Committee would be producing guidelines for canvassing, to be approved at the next National Council meeting. There would also be a proposal for the Cardiff AGM to allow online voting and participation in parallel with physical presence in the venue.



DeVere Orchard Hotel, Nottingham, NG72RJ

- 15. International Questionnaire AV asked JT to give the highlights. There had been 170 responses from clubs, which was encouraging.
- 16. International Half Year Meeting AV
- 17. Forthcoming Fellowship events SJ
- 18. Membership Approvals and Disaffiliations The two clubs approved for affiliation were:
 - Airdrie & Coatbridge
 - Peebles

The following were approved for disaffiliation:

- Ampthill and District
- Burton Abbey
- York Ebor
- Stevenage and District
- Goring-on-Thames
- Spen Valley
- 19. Any Other Business TA, as the outgoing NCLO, presented a gift on behalf of the National Councillors, to AM as the outgoing president.
- 20. Collarets. These were presented to Peter walker (Region 9) and Mark House (Honorary Webmaster). The collaret for Paul Simmons was given to Jim Conway, to be presented at a later date.
- 21. Master at Alms. We all had to dig deep Colin McKenzie was on a roll.
- 22. Next Meeting Friday 4th February 2022 at 2:00 pm at NSSW, Okehampton. Devon

Signed:

Dated: 4/2/2022

Peter Good - National President 2020-22

