

National Council Meeting
Saturday 9th July 2022 at 11:00am

**Stuart Hotel, 119 London Road, DERBY, DE1
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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
Peter McBride	National Membership Officer	PM
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

Aidan Coyne	Region 3	AC*
John Manley	Region 10	JM
Steve Tasker	Region 11	ST
Richard Holland	Region 14	RH*
Stuart Bizley	Region 17	SB
Jason Thomson	Region 18	JT*
David Chard	Region 20	DC
Kevin Chard	Region 21	KCh
Stuart George	Region 22	SG
Richard Dyson	Region 23	RD
Martin Manuel	Region 25	MM

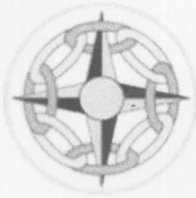
National Honorary Officers

Mark House	Honorary Webmaster	MH*
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Apologies

Colin McKenzie	Region 1
Bill Freeman	Region 2 (represented by Kevin Stewart)
Peter Milburn	Region 4
Roger Spensley	Region 5
John Kilshaw	Region 8
Peter Walker	Region 9
Rory Tompsett	Region 12
John Bell	Region 13
Neal Lowe	Region 15
Paul Simmons	Region 16
Sean McCormick	Honorary Archivist
David Smith	Honorary Solicitor

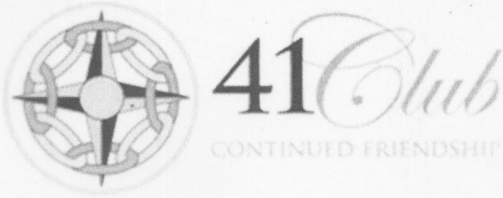




1. Welcome and Permission for guests to speak JC welcomed National Council members to the meeting. There were no guests.
It was noted that some participants had joined the meeting on Zoom. This presented difficulties in that the hotel wi-fi was not reliable, meaning that they could not see or hear the proceedings very well. There was also no PowerPoint projector to connect to the laptop, meaning that the participants could not be seen or heard by those in the room. SJ proposed that future National Council meetings should be face-to-face only. This was agreed by all in the room.
2. Purposes and Objects Read by Stuart Bizley
3. Declaration of Business Interests None
4. Apologies for Absence As above
5. Minutes of Meeting on 1st April 2022 Agreed as an accurate record.
6. Matters Arising None
7. National Council Reports – Questions None
8. Membership PM delivered a membership presentation. He had managed to obtain a list of Round Table regional reps and had forwarded this to National Councillors so that they could make contact.
There had been several requests to disaffiliate, as follows:
 - Region 10 - Sandiacre & Stapleford – 21 Members
 - Region 11 - Stoke-on-Trent Wedgewood – 8 Members
 - Region 15 - Lapworth Exits – 9 Members
 - Region 19 - Hoddesdon – 15 Members
 - Region 22 - Newton Abbot – 19 Members
 - Region 24 - Horsham – 12 Members
 - Region 24 - Crowborough – 13 Members

Proposed PM, seconded JM. SJ queried whether it was necessary to ask National Council to vote on disaffiliations, given that clubs, once they had decided to do so, would disaffiliate regardless. BE would ask the Honorary Solicitor for his advice.

The association had just over 12,000 members, after correction for those who were in more than one club. Disaffiliations were mainly due to clubs feeling the impact of ageing and dwindling membership and losing the will to carry on



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as a formal club. Only one had disaffiliated as a consequence of the resolution on invited membership.

There was also an interactive session on membership, to share ideas and best practice. This was summarised afterwards by PM and circulated to National Council.

There was one club being formed, which was Area36XRT in Region 11.

SG asked if the name of the club Okehampton could be spelt correctly on CAS, and that it changed its name from "Active" to "XRT". These were agreed.

9. Fellowship KC had received a proposal from John Kilshaw, to hold a NSSW event in St Helens in February 2023. It was noted that the next scheduled NSSW would be in Stranraer in October 2023. The idea behind the proposed event in St Helens was to enable one to be held in JC's presidential year. JC replied that he was not overly concerned about this – what was best for the Association was more important. After some discussion, it was agreed not to pursue John Kilshaw's suggestion, as it was thought it would impact on the attendance in Stranraer.

KC had circulated details of a proposed debating competition that clubs and regions could take part in. It was proposed to hold the final in Jersey after the AGM.

KC was unhappy about the lack of response from some members of National Council. This made it difficult for him to book meals and accommodation for National Council meetings. He asked that National Council responded promptly to his messages.

10. Comms and IT DM had previously circulated several items for discussion and approval.

Webmaster. DM advised that MH had tendered his resignation as webmaster, with effect from the end of the year. The meeting thanked MH for what he had achieved in the role. DM suggested that a member be appointed to oversee the IT function in 41 Club in an honorary capacity. He also suggested that his own role be repositions as Communications and Marketing Officer when his post came up for re-election. Further proposals would be put to the October meeting.

Ongoing CAS Contract. Back in 2019, before the decision had been taken to embark on the CAS2 project, there was a suggestion that we join 41er World. The suggestion was rejected at that time, but as RTBI is now on TablerWorld, the idea is being revisited. It was agreed to set up a working party to examine the long-term feasibility of CAS and 41erWorld.

CAS Support. A contract had been drawn up and agreed by the Board. The sum of £6k per year had been agreed with the application developer. This was agreed by National Council. It had not been budgeted for, so there would need to be a discussion at the end of the year as to which budget it came



from. WP added that the feedback he had received suggested that CAS was fine when it worked, but there were too many instances of the system going down, and users not being advised of progress.

Social Media Policy. This was agreed by the meeting and would be placed on the 41 Club website.

11. National Councillors Liaison WP asked if National Council reports could be completed as a template in MS Teams. This was agreed. It was also agreed that each committee would use MS Teams to collaborate and share their work and organise their team meetings.

WP requested that National Councillors be copied into correspondence between individual clubs and Marchesi House. BE would advise Marchesi House.

The question of resilience and cover for Board members in cases of absence and illness was discussed. It was noted that KL had recently been ill and there had been a query about who was able to authorise payments. Similarly, there was the question of who was authorised to sign contracts. It was agreed that the outgoing National treasurer would be retained on the bank mandate as a signatory, while the National President or Treasurer could sign contracts in lieu of the Secretary if necessary. This was proposed by WP, seconded by MM and agreed by the meeting.

12. International Relationships Officer AV reported that the Ukraine pins were being sold and income coming in.

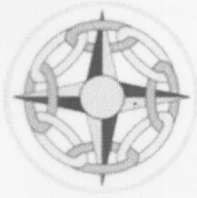
A video produced by 41 Club Belgium had been circulated. It was suggested that this be adapted for GB&I.

Young Ambassador Programme (YAP) Convenor. It was noted that Bruce Bennett's term was coming to an end, and it was suggested that this role would fall to the Immediate Past President. This was common practice in other countries. All were in favour. The next YAP tour would coincide with the International AGM in Stratford in May 2023.

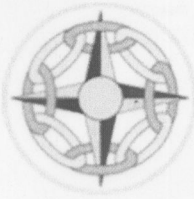
13. Treasurer KL announced that the 6-monthly figures had been previously circulated. The figures presented to National Council for the meetings would be as at a random date, while the figures put on the 41 Club website would be quarterly.

14. Vice President SJ said that a Forward Planning report had been circulated. A strategy and action document would be prepared for the October meeting.

The Memorandum of Understanding between the 4-Club family had been tweaked and would be revised by Forward Planning. We were working towards a 4-Club family overarching structure.



15. Secretary He had been approached by a Past President, who asked for a gong to go with his jewel. It was agreed that he would have to fund this himself.
The Admin Committee had met and reviewed the rules. These would be presented to the October meeting.
The contract with Marchesi House was up for renewal at the end of this calendar year. The Admin Committee would be suggesting a revised contract from 2023 onwards.
Discussion followed about using Marchesi House to store and display regalia. We had been asked by Round Table to contribute towards the cost of display cabinets, which the Treasurer thought we could afford. JC would investigate further.
16. Immediate Past President PG had nothing to report, other than that he had continued to enjoy fellowship with other clubs.
17. National President JC gave an update on Jersey Conference and encouraged us all to book in. He had recently been to Jersey with KC and BE, along with Tangent counterparts. The venues for the meetings and evening events were most impressive.
He also promoted his Presidents Ball on Saturday 1st October (the next Council Meeting is on that day too)
He has set himself various challenges and milestones – involving broad beans and feta cheese, which he detests. He even put himself up for head shaving and a tattoo.
JC presented a joke book to ST for the best contribution to the meeting.
18. Any Other Business
DM referred to the Honorary Webmaster's report. As we had agreed to make better use of Microsoft Teams, it was agreed that we would reduce the number of paid Zoom accounts.
WP promoted the White Rose Dinner in Shipley, Yorkshire on Friday 21st October.
ST had been asked why 41 Club and Round Table National Councils were not having a joint meeting, given that they were meeting on the same weekend.
SJ replied that our meeting was in Derby because it had not been possible to arrange accommodation in Birmingham.
19. Master at Alms (or Arms) He revealed himself in the earthly form of JM, so it was a good job some of us had cash in our pockets.



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20. Next National Council Meeting Saturday 1st October 2022 at the Ramada
Encore Hotel, Leicester.

Signed:

Dated:

1/10/22

Jim Conway – National President 2022-23