

The National President welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised them of the format for the day.

### 1. APOLOGIES:

Dai Bryson	Region 4 National Councillor
Mike Garner	Region 7 National Councillor
Lawrence Bamber	Region 12 Caretaker
Mark Ramsay	Region 17 National Councillor
Nigel Cayne	Region 18 National Councillor
Robert Browning	Region 19 National Councillor
Dave Campbell	Region 25 National Councillor
Jim McCullom	Past National President 1991-92

The President welcomed the following who was representing Dave Campbell of Region 25.:  
Simon Green                      Vigo Village and North Kent 41 Club

Mark Fairchild was commended on his attire for the day. Blazer, collar and tie, and shorts...

The President then presented Councillors jewels to:

Phillip Ellis	Region 3
Peter Good	Region 10
Terry Wells	Region 14
Manny Martins	Region 24

A past National Councillors jewel was also presented to Hugh Milward for his time as Region 10 Councillor.

### 2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2010 at Scarborough were approved. The approval was proposed by Richard Matthews and seconded by Mark Fairchild. These were agreed.

### 3. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

### 4. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

#### NATIONAL PRESIDENT – MALCOLM LOCKEY

As circulated.

#### VICE PRESIDENT – VAUGHAN HARRIS

As circulated.

### **IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT – RICHARD MATTHEWS**

As circulated.

### **NATIONAL SECRETARY – MARTIN GREEN**

As circulated.

### **NATIONAL TREASURER – MIKE TURNER**

MT had circulated the meeting a financial status report.

He reported that a letter had been sent to 105 Clubs (Chairman and Treasurer) to chase capitation and at the time 65 had not paid.

He emphasised the importance of resolving this before disaffiliation occurred.

He estimated that we would 'break-even' on this year's budget.

Steve Leonard reported that sometimes chasing capitation was difficult as he had lost contact completely with one of his outstanding clubs.

It was requested that the Treasurers report be circulated in advance of the meeting along with all other reports.

### **MEMBERSHIP & EXTENSION OFFICER – JIM SMITH**

The President commented that he hoped Councillors were using all the material provided by Jim as it was very valuable in promoting membership.

### **COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER – DAVID SMITH**

As circulated

### **INTERNATIONAL OFFICER – ANDY WAITE**

As circulated with the following addition:

Andy appealed for support of Michael Katende as mentioned in his report.

The President welcomed Andy back after his recent absence due to an accident.

### **CONFERENCE OFFICER – DICK STANLEY**

As circulated.

### **SALES & MARKETING OFFICER – HUGH MILWARD**

As circulated.

Hugh reminded everyone that he had a stock of all current pin badges and blazer badges with him available for sale.

Barry Durman advised anyone that he had the 'antique shop' with him with a load of old badges for sale.

### **NATIONAL COUNCILLORS REPRESENTATIVE – BARRY DURMAN**

A set of minutes was produced (attached)

## 5. COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

All as circulated with the following additions:

Allan Pattinson reported the Yellow Belly Ball had raised money for the Presidents Charity (OYT).

Alan Thompson presented a cheque for OYT for £112.21.

The President commented that he had raised around £5k for OYT so far.

Donald Watson presented £65 from the Golf Tournament for OYT.

Ray Hill reported the newsletter was 'struggling'. Material for it was needed. He also presented £60 to OYT as proceeds from his 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

The President commented that the Millennium Walk was very successful and we should look for more activities of this nature that could be shared.

Jim Smith commented that Facebook was very 'instant'. A recent posting had been commented on within hours.

The Secretary expressed concern at the poor timekeeping and quality of Council Reports. He would be adopting a new policy next time of not circulating anything that is late.

### HONORARY WEBMASTER

Nothing to report.

### HONORARY ARCHIVIST

The Archivist gave details on his proposals for archiving electronically the Association's archives. He had produced one proposal that eventually came to £3.5k for scanning and £2k for un-binding and re-binding the bound volumes.

Andrew Bellamy suggested a 'pilot', Barry Durman said it could be done 'in bits', Manny Martins said 'do the lot', Frank Venables said the bound items should be done first, David Hewitt said he had scanned a magazine himself and used Optical Character Recognition (OCR) software – and this had been successful.

In the end it was agreed to do this in principal within a budget of £5,500 and on this basis the Archivist confirmed he was now in a position to obtain 3 quotes The decision would be taken by the Executive. This was proposed by Martin Green and seconded by Mark Fairchild. All agreed.

### HONORARY SOLICITOR

Not present.

## 6. FORWARD PLANNING REPORT

Vaughan Harris reported that the FP group had met twice and a lot of hard work had been carried out.

He highlighted the names of those who had been involved.

He explained that the various proposals would now be presented and questions taken. No decisions would be taken – except it was hoped to move the Community Service & Welfare officer role forward at this meeting.

Comments on the proposals were requested in writing by the end of October to Vaughan and the FP meeting would meet in November to discuss. Outcomes would be fed back to everyone and final decisions taken at the Council meeting in February 2011.

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At this point the National President recognised the arrival of Keith Howard – Past National President – who had joined the meeting.

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## **COUNCIL RESTRUCTURE**

Richard Matthews presented the plans.

Allan Thomson felt that Scotland should be split into 3 Regions.

Steve Leonard felt the Regions need to reflect Round Tables proposals

Donald Watson felt there should only be one committee – not Executive and Council.

Richard Matthews responded that he felt that was too big to make decisions.

David Addison asked if it had been considered to add a paid officer – this was not the case.

Manny Martins thought this was a 'vision of hope'!

## **POSTAL VOTING**

Martin Green presented a complex paper on Postal Voting. The Executive and the FP had agreed that this was too complicated and may not fulfil the objective of more delegates going to the AGM.

The Council agreed with the view, however the paper would be distributed as there may be a need to take the proposal to the AGM with a recommendation from Council not to do this. This would ensure any other non-workable solutions were not proposed at the AGM.

The President commended the Secretary on the detailed amount of work that he had done on this.

## **IT PROPOSALS**

Martin Green presented proposals to upgrade the IT systems of 41 Club. He had verified that our CAS system was very stable and should not be changed.

Barry Durman felt we should progress with this as soon as possible.

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE AND WELFARE OFFICER**

Allan Pattinson presented a passionate presentation on the proposed role of National Community Service and Welfare Officer.

After very little discussion Alan proposed (seconded by Martin Green) that this proposal be taken to the AGM in Ipswich. Invitations for candidates would be circulated with other Officers in November with the codicil that this role was subject to the AGM's approval. This was agreed by everyone with one abstention.

## **DEVELOPING CLOSER TIES WITH ROUND TABLE**

Jim Smith presented this paper.

Manny Martins commended this work.

Some concern was expressed that because the papers had not been presented to Council ahead of the meeting, there was no time to properly absorb the implications of all the various issues. It was felt that the individual written comments on the proposals which were now to be submitted by the end of the month may have been more informed with the benefit of some group discussion. David Addison proposed that the Executive facilitate this by setting up a conference call - after all, even the Archives project sub-committee had found that it was easy - and effective

## **7. APPROVALS**

The following new affiliations were approved:

Three Steps Behind  
Riyadh  
Northwood

The following Clubs were disaffiliated:

Burntisland  
North Dublin



Wexford  
Richmond and District  
Bootle, Crosby & District  
Ipswich Avalon  
Ammanford

It was agreed not to renew the old 41 Club trademark.

## 8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

David Addison referred to the National Councillors' Representative's report that the consensus of the Councillors' Meeting was that the Executive was making poor use of Committees. He himself had raised this issue in the recent past, with no response. All Councillors were appointed by the Exec members to a particular committee for good reason, with responsibilities imposed on them. Standing Orders exist governing the situation. Shouldn't the Executive be calling committee meetings.

Keith Howard brought greeting and stated it was a pleasure that we were still embracing change. He was also pleased that the Secretary was still able to talk a lot of Bull S\*\*\*!

The meeting closed at 12:50.

The next National Council Meeting will take place on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2011 at the Hillscourt Conference Centre, Rednal, Birmingham, starting at 1pm

Signed as a true and accurate record:

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National President

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Date

Attached: Councillors Meeting Minutes.

## Minutes of the National Councillors Meeting at the City North Hotel, Gormanston, Ireland

Present:- Barry Durman (National Councillor's Representative – Chair); Frank Venables; Allan Thomson; Phillip Ellis; Andrew Mackereth; Manny Martins; Ray Jones; Ray Hill; Peter Good; Duncan Kennedy; Andrew Bellamy; Steve Leonard; Terry Wells; Nigel Davies; Mark Fairchild; Donald Watson.

Apologies:- Lawrence Bamber; Dai Bryson; Robert Browning; Nigel Cayne; Steve Bolter; Mike Garner; Dave Campbell; Allan Pattinson; Mark Ramsay

Minutes of the Last Meeting:-

Matters Arising:- These are to be covered as agenda items.

### Minutes

- 1) Attendance at Councillors Meeting, if a Councillor is unable to attend a meeting every attempt should be made to appoint a deputy to attend. It should be noted that expenses are payable to deputised attendees.
- 2) CAS – It was acknowledged that it is a National Councillors responsibility to attempt to keep their individual club's records up to date as soon as possible after any change.
- 3) The Councillors Representative switches off his mobile phone during Councillors Meeting – This was approved unanimously. The extent of the fine was debated but not defined; perhaps a round of drinks would be appropriate.
- 4) Clubs in Danger: - Councillors were reminded of their responsibility to attend meetings of these clubs to encourage their activities.
- 5) A substitute for a Councillor may be appointed to vote at the Councillors Meeting and the National Council and that our Vice President investigate means of incorporating this proposal in the rules of the association. Straw Poll 11-1 in favour.
- 6) DW outlined the recent National Final at Longcliffe Golf Club, and announced the date of the next final. 29<sup>th</sup> September 2011, at the same location. He expressed his appreciation to all those who supported him by trying to raise a team or to provide a team for the Final. He also expressed his concern about those six Councillors who provided no support and did not reply to his emails.
- 7) Clusters can be a source of good fellowship, and the success of the recent Leicester Cluster with 99 attendees was highlighted.

- 8) There was a straw poll about the focus for a National Councillors Weekend and that there should be a more business conducted directed at the future of the organisation, the operation of the committees and the focus groups. The opinion expressed was 7-5 in favour with a couple of abstentions.
- 9) Several members questioned the effectiveness of Councillors submitting reports. There was significant opinion that the more use should be made extracted reports from CAS to show statistics about Regional performance. Key points from Councillors Reports should be extracted and submitted for discussion or review at the National Council Meeting, it was opined that purely Regional matters should be excluded and only issues applicable nationally should be discussed.
- 10) Generally speaking the Executive make poor use of Committees and in our unanimous opinion that the issue be addressed by involving all members of the committee with the proceedings of the committee. This can be facilitated by the use of modern communication techniques for "On-line" meetings, as has been demonstrated recently by our Archivist and his project team. More use of time available at Council Weekends can be made by arranging Committee Meetings during "free time" at the weekend. There was also opinion that in it's present format Council business could be conducted in 1 day. More business, less play for the future of the organisation.
- 11) Finance Reports, it was unanimously agreed by those present that a formal financial report be circulated prior to the National Council Meeting, outlining the current financial status of the organisation.
- 12) Following the AGM there should be a meeting, hosted by the President, to meet his Councillors, new and existing, to outline his plans for his Presidential year and share his vision with the Councillors.
- 13) National Council Meeting date for the "Autumn" meeting should be delayed by a week or two from 2012, this was inconclusive. Nevertheless it was stressed that strategies for the coming presidential year be well in hand for this meeting and be subject to progress review at this meeting.
- 14) The meeting closed at 17:44.