



**MINUTES OF THE 211th MEETING OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL HELD AT
THE CROWN SPA HOTEL, SCARBOROUGH,
ON FRIDAY 16TH APRIL 2010**

National President – Richard Matthews - called the meeting to order at 1.15 pm.

He then welcomed all members of Council, together with the Honorary Archivist – David Addison, the Honorary Webmaster – David Hewitt and the Honorary Solicitor- Paul Cammiss.

He also welcomed:-

Ian Mackenzie -	Past National President Haverhill 41 Club
Gordon Macnab -	Past National President Lichfield 41 Club
Phil Jones -	Past Association International Officer Deeside 41 Club
David Yardley -	Southport Hesketh 41 Club
Ray Jones -	Malvern Hills 41 Club
Tony Pawson-	Malvern Hills 41 Club
Sue Barnicoat -	41 Club Administrator (part)

1. Apologies for absence

Andrew Bellamy	Region 6 National Councillor
Duncan Kennedy	Region 13 National Councillor
Mark Ramsay	Region 17 National Councillor
Peter Manley	Immediate Past President Round Table

2. Minutes of the 210th Meeting of the National Council – Rednal

Following the amendment to the minutes to correct :-

- i) Two spelling errors
- ii) The capitation fee to £10.00 from £110.00

It was agreed by all that it was a true and accurate record.

Proposed:	Martin Green
Seconded:	Drew Cochran

The President signed the minutes.

3. Matters Arising

Allan Thomson requested, that due to the increase in community service/fundraising activities, the Treasurer check the Association's Insurance cover, to make sure that all clubs/members were properly covered

There were no other matters arising from the 210th meeting of the National Council, which would not be dealt with under another agenda item.

4. Reports

a. President – Richard Matthews

-Richard's report was as circulated.

Richard updated his report as follows :-

- i) Richard said it has been a wonderful privilege to have been given the opportunity to have been President and was looking forward to seeing everyone in the future.

b. Vice President – Malcolm Lockey

- Malcolm's report was as circulated.

Malcolm updated his report as follows :-

- i) Malcolm thanked Alan Pattinson for taking on the responsibility of exploring the implications of a Community Service and Welfare Officer.
- ii) Malcolm updated the meeting on his chosen charity – Ocean Youth Trust.
- iii) Malcolm thanked everyone for their support throughout the year.

c. Immediate Past President – Drew Cochran

- Drew's report was as circulated.

Drew updated his report as follows :-

- i) Drew presented a cheque for £50.00 from his own club (North Berwick 41 Club) to Richard for Help for Heroes.
- ii) Drew presented a trophy to the Association called the "Cochran Cup" which was to be presented to the winner of the National Golf Competition.
- iii) Drew wished the new Incoming President and the Vice-President all the best for the coming year.

d. Secretary – Vaughan Harris

- Vaughan's report was as circulated.

Vaughan updated his report as follows :-

- i) The proposal to amend the Sales and Marketing Officer's job description was approved by Council.

Proposed: Martin Green
Seconded: Terry Cooper

- ii) Phillip Ellis, a member of Bangor, Co. Down 41 Club was ratified as the National Councillor for Region 3.

e. Treasurer – Mike Turner

- i) Mike issued the “Variance Against Annual Budget 2010” report (see attached). He was satisfied with the report and had no comments make.
- ii) Mike asked Councillors to chase up outstanding capitation fees for 2009 as a matter of urgency.

f. Membership & Extensions - Jim Smith

- Jim’s report was as circulated.

Jim updated his report as follows :-

- i) After discussion, the proposal to affiliate Gloucester Active 41 Club, was agreed in principle, but Jim was asked to hold further discussions with the existing Gloucester 41 club.
- ii) After discussion approval was given to disaffiliate the following Clubs :-
 - a) Marlborough
 - b) Penrith
- iii) After discussion, approval was given to hold the disaffiliation of Helensborough 41 Club in abeyance for further reports.
- iv) After discussion, the following was approved by National Council as regards Medway 41 Club:-
 - a) To disaffiliate Medway 41 Club
 - b) To affiliate Medway 2010 41 Club
 - c) To rename the club Medway 41 Club

g. Sales and Marketing – Martin Green

- Martin’s report was as circulated.

Martin updated his report as follows :-

- i) Martin updated the Council as regards sales noting the following :-
 - a) early problems with the ordering/receipt of jewels were now hopefully resolved.
 - b) the new jewels/collarets for National Council would now hopefully be here by June; the previous batch had been rejected as he felt the quality was not good enough
 - c) the engraving would now be done in England (not China), with a three day turnaround.
 - d) together with Masterparts, he was looking at upgrading the website to make it faster (Masterparts host the website).
 - e) he was looking at the system to assure Masterparts were not selling to disaffiliated clubs.
 - f) he presented a sales commission cheque to Mike Turner to the value of £4363.18.

- ii) David Hewitt passed around a “high quality” blazer badge for Councillors/Executive to buy; cost £13.00 (only available via David).
- iii) Martin reported on possible changes to the “Platinum Privileges” leaflet, especially as other companies had expressed an interest in joining the scheme.
- iv) Martin reported on the progress of works at the National Memorial Arboretum, which were due to start next month.

h. Communications – David Smith

- David’s report was as circulated.

David updated his report as follows :-

- i) After discussion it was agreed to carry on with the newsletter. It would be monthly and Ray Hill again agreed to look after the project..
- ii) After discussion it was agreed to look at the possibility of sending the newsletter to members/clubs, who had disaffiliated from the Association. David Addison agreed to look into this project.

The Secretary expressed concerns over :-

- records of disaffiliated clubs are removed from CAS to comply with Data Protection.
 - the only records held would be the details of the office holders.(hard copy).
 - many of these records would be out of date.
 - many had expressed a wish not to receive anything further from the Association.
 - would the Association be breaking Data Protection by sending them this information and this needs to be authorised/checked by the Hon. Solicitor.
- iii) David Hewitt and Jim Smith agreed to talk to Avid PR about publishing the magazine on “Issue”, an on-line media programme..

i. Conference – Terry Cooper

- Terry’s report was as circulated.

Terry updated his report as follows :-

- i) Terry thanked Steve Slade and the Scarborough Conference Committee for all their hard work in what promised to be a very successful Conference.
- ii) Terry reported that the dates for 2012 National Conference in Jersey were still to be finalised
- iii) Booking forms for the National Council meeting in Durham on the 18/19th June 2010 were circulated.
- iv) The venue of the National Council Meeting on the 1/2nd October 2010 would be Dublin at a cost of £150.00 per person (there might be a slight single supplement).

j. International – Andy Waite

- Andy's report was as circulated.

k. National Councillors' Representative – Tony Henderson

Tony reported on the earlier meeting of the National Councillors, with the following points noted:-

- i) The Health and Safety Policy, recently agreed by National Council, was requested to be looked at again; Martin Green and Lawrence Bamber agreed to follow this up.
- ii) The Councillors felt that a revised policy was required for the chasing of capitation fees and the disaffiliation process resulting therefrom. Mike Turner, Jim Smith and Barry Durman agreed to report back with an updated Schedule of dates by which certain actions should have been taken place.
- iii) A review of the voting procedure for a new National Councillors' Representative was to take place, which would look at such items as each candidate preparing a 300 word statement.

l. National Councillors

Region 1 – Donald Watson

- Report as circulated.
- Donald reported that he was still working on updating the Disaffiliation Procedure.

Region 2 – Allan Thomson

- Report as circulated.

Region 3 – Tony Henderson

- Report as circulated.

Region 4 – Dai Bryson

- Report as circulated.

Region 5 – Andrew Mackereth

- Report as circulated.
- Andrew presented a cheque for £250.00 from his own club (Lancaster 41 Club) and the Red Rose Dinner to Richard for Help for Heroes.

Region 6 – Andrew Bellamy

- No report submitted.

Region 7 – Lawrence Bamber

- Report as circulated.
- Lawrence presented a cheque for £102.00 from Poynton 41 Club to Richard for Help for Heroes.

Region 8 – Steve Leonard

- Report as circulated.
- Steve presented a cheque for £400.00 from the joint Region 7 and 8 Annual Dinner to Richard for Help for Heroes.

Region 9 – Alan Pattinson

– Report as circulated.

Region 10 – Hugh Milward

– Report as circulated.

Region 11 – Ray Hill

– Report as circulated.

- Richard thanked Ray for his Club's Contribution to Help for Heroes of approximately £36,000.00

Region 12 – Lawrence Bamber (Caretaker)

– Report as circulated.

- Lawrence reported that the St David's Day Dinner Region 12 Dinner would take place on the 25th March 2011 not the 5th as shown.

Region 13 – Duncan Kennedy

- Report as circulated.

Region 14 – Dick Stanley (Caretaker)

– No report submitted.

Region 15 – Barry Durman

- Report as circulated.

Region 16 – Nigel Davies

- Report as circulated.

- Nigel presented a cheque for £85.00 from his clubs/regional activities to Richard for Help for Heroes

Region 17 – Mark Ramsay

- No report submitted.

Region 18 – Nigel Cayne

– Report as circulated.

Region 19 – Robert Browning

- Report as circulated.

Region 20 – Brian Southgate

- Report as circulated.

- Brian presented a cheque for £95.00(plus some coins) from the Region 20 Quiz to Richard for Help for Heroes.

Region 21 – Dick Stanley

- Report as circulated.

Region 22 – Mark Fairchild

- Report as circulated.

Region 23 – Steve Bolter

– Report as circulated.

Region 24 – Vaughan Harris (Caretaker)

- Report as circulated.

Region 25 – Dave Campbell

- Report as circulated.

-Dave presented monies to the value of £75.00 to Richard for Help for Heroes; £64.00 came from his collection tin at the Working Men’s Club in Westerham (run by an ex-serviceman) and £11.00 came from the sale of surplus bands at the Conference Registration Desk. Dave reported that there should be more monies to come from the sale of the wristbands before the weekend was finished.

m. Honorary Members

Honorary Archivist – David Addison

- David reported that progress was being made in his enquiries into scanning the Archives and he hoped to have something to report at the June National Council Meeting.

Honorary Solicitor – Paul Cammiss

- Nothing to report.

Honorary Webmaster – David Hewitt

- Nothing to report.

5. Any Other Business

i) Avid PR

Following a presentation from Avid PR, the following resolution was agreed by Council :-

“To appoint Avid PR as our PR Company to promote and publicise the Association both locally and nationally to build our profile, with an initial contract of 12 months”.

Proposed: Jim Smith

Seconded: Martin Green

The following sub committee was approved to liaise with Avid Pr :-

Jim Smith (Membership)

Hugh Milward (Sales and Marketing)

David Smith (Communications)

Ray Hill (Communications)

ii) Barry Durman was elected National Councillor’ Representative for the year 2010-2011.

iii) Robert Browning requested that future dates for 41 Club for National Conference be checked to ensure that, as far as practicable, they did not clash with Rotary Club National Conference (they are normally held at the same time of the year).

6. Date of Next Meeting

Saturday June 19th 2010

Location Durham

The meeting closed at 4.45 pm.

Vaughan Harris
National Secretary

Signed as a true and accurate record:

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National President

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Date