



Cheadle & Gatley 41 Club Minutes AGM 15 April 2024

Date:	15 April 2024	Cheadle Golf Club 7:30 p.m. / 8:00 p.m.
Activity		Annual General Meeting 2024
Grace:	David Croft	
Toast to Absent Friends	Peter Lee	<p>Peter delivered a very heartfelt memory addressing those who cannot attend, either because of other commitments, illness or having passed away.</p> <p>He remembered those we lost in the year, John Newsome, 41 Stalwart and Secretary Alan Walker and more recently Mark Tipping, a close personal friend of Peter and Rischard Seth.</p> <p>An excellent Toast – well done Peter (H I P)</p>
Meal		Good wholesome nosh
Loyal Toast:	Mike Green	Toast to the King, Duke of Lancaster
Aims & Objects:	Ron Blyth	Eloquently read in Scottish by Mr Blyth – almost added an extra item, but chose against. (H I P)
Notice Convening Meeting	Mike Green	<p>Mike threatened if we didn't approve, he would remain Chairman. Quickest ever approval for an AGM !</p> <p>Prop; Peter Lee; Sec. Sir James Fairbrother Passed</p>
Welcome to Guests & Visitors:	Mike Green	None present _ Alun Griffith sent a message as did Ed Painter – incoming RT Chairman
Apologies for absence:	Mike Green	<p>Country members Curran, Rose and, Sloan</p> <p>41'ers Messrs Barrow, Coleman, Cotter, Davies, Gilland, Gray, Kershaw, Pennell, Seth, and Smith.</p> <p>Thus 18/31 attendees</p> <p>Graham asked to be remembered to us all</p>
Minutes of previous AGM	David Ham	Trundled/ summarised/ bored through by David
Matters arising Amendments (if necessary)		None
Vote for Acceptance of Minutes		Prop, Neil Kellett; Sec. Ron Blyth ; Passed
Minute Secretary's report:	David Ham	Not much to say really

Chairman's Report:	Mike Green	<p>More to follow, in MG's Closing remarks, but ostensibly a good fun year.</p> <p>Trifling report really!!</p>
Vice Chairman's Report:	Kevin Lovett	N T R at this point
Secretary's Report:	Russell Dymond	<p>Reiterated the rule that all Business be communicated by email, not WhatsApp. Email is the only platform that all members receive, even reluctantly.</p> <p>All communication should be issued via the Secretary – (or his oppo) as they are the only ones guaranteed to hold the latest and complete contact lists.</p> <p>They also use the Blind Copy (bcc) function to maintain members privacy.</p>
Charter 2024 Report	Peter Owen	<p>Peter reminded us that the date – Friday 15 November 2024 will be on us far too soon. We currently have 30 confirmed attendees – mainly 41'ers but even some of them remain uncommitted.</p> <p>Peter's notes are attached but in summary, we need our 41, the guys in Manchester 41, Manchester RT, all our old contacts in area, and wherever to reach our break-even of 80 people.</p> <p>If the Dress code is a blocker, we will consider softening this to Lounge suit.</p> <p>This will be the last event of this nature – we are celebrating 60 years of our founding RT and 50 of our own 41 club. In a further 10 years, we may not have the energy to organise such an event.</p> <p>Book in via David Ham or on the C&G website.</p> <p>Flyer advert in 41 National magazine to be corrected ASAP by Kevin.</p>
Treasurer's Report:	Kevin Lovett	<p>Kevin handed out the accounts copies and personal statements.</p> <p>There was a minimal positive excess of income over expenditure, but alas we have no more free port (Thank you Alan W)– will need to use SAA funds in future.</p> <p>Guest meals inc Nat Pres and Nat Councillor at Christmas, plus speaker in May.</p> <p>No wreaths costs - the widows requested not.</p>

		<p>We have the Buxton Festival (Mr Pennell) stale cheque. KL & RP to deal</p> <p>Tony Smith and Calum Gray want to keep their membership live but may remain missing for a while.</p> <p>Accounts all OK?</p> <p>Prop, David Ham; Sec. Ron Blyth; Passed</p>
Auditors Report	Roy Davies aka Russell Dymond	Russell advised Roy had said "It looks Alright!!" .
Budget subs 2024/25	Kevin Lovett	National Capitation remains at £20 so our budget should be £30 as we do seem to cover our costs.
Acceptance of accts/ budgets and Audit		Prop, David Ham; Sec. Ron Blyth; Passed
Membership/ Table Liaison Report:	Mike Green/ Jeremy Toone	<p>Discussion surrounded Manchester RT and 41, the Charter and why a breakaway group was created.</p> <p>See Peter Owen's notes attached, but the message was when PO and others joined 41 it was no fun and it was only by tackling the issues from inside 41, that the club still exists.</p> <p>If feelings are similar now, we should arrange a joint meeting to find common ground. KL to take on board. If we need to flex some of our meeting dates, so be it.</p> <p>(Post meeting note – the February meeting at the Waterside was a joint event – just 3 from Manchester 41 turned up, no RT!! Also , do we need to include their members in our email communications?</p> <p>RT membership is steady at about 9 + 2 prospectives.</p> <p>Do we need to get 'modern' and use Social Media? – Aargh! We could always link to the website. DB?</p> <p>RT are hosting the Beer Festival 3 and 4 May – we agreed to sponsor a Barrel of beer £150</p> <p>Prop Dave Khan; Sec Mike Heyes; Passed</p>
House Report and Late Apology Award	Richard Seth aka Mike Green	<p>Mike Green spoke on behalf of Richard who was persuaded to take on the role last year, but is so happy with it, and has done such a great job, he will stay in role.</p> <p>The Late Apology award was given, not for late apologies, but for booking in, then forgetting to turn up. Well received by Sir James Fairbrother</p>

Programme report	Mike Green	Mike listed a number of events and Thanked his team of Organisers. To name a few, there was a Cemetery tour – (another dead end Mike?) DK Whodunnit in the rain, Frisby Golf, Bowls, Lee and Alison's Memorial quiz, Terry's Flecky Bennet tour of Didsbury, Gin night, Joint speaker event and Flight Club – Mr Pennell reckons he was robbed. (H I P)
Webmaster Report	Dave Barrow (by proxy) D Ham	<p>Eighth year of website – some 5 ½ K items, including profiles of Chairman and Vice Chairman, who we are, our programme, etc. Hang your heads chaps for not updating it!!</p> <p>Poor, no very poor response to DB. Takes him time to keep it up to date – Do we want it ?? Show of hands said Yes we do, but to encourage its use, could we link to Social Media – MG to talk to DB when he returns.</p> <p>Members area includes all past trips, photos, Minutes, WhatsApp stuff, etc. etc.</p> <p>Plans 2024/25 to DB pls</p> <p>All awards listed on website too</p>
National Report	Kevin Lovett	<p>Nat Conf and AGM next week 20 April, Liverpool – our voting delegate is NK.</p> <p>41 club is somehow unincorporated as an Association; thus a disastrous event could cost each member. After the AGM, we will be incorporated !</p> <p>Membership has reduced, but only by 500 to 12.5K, over 50% of whom are over 70. RT has circa 3k members, slight increase.</p> <p>KL – incoming vice is up for National Vice President vs Jason Thomson. Our vote was for Kevin who did promise to take care of himself and his health!!</p> <p>We agreed we will need to support him .</p> <p>KL is handing down from National Treasurer, vote from the floor Saturday.</p> <p>KL will continue to visit local clubs, went to Rochdale with NK, will do Ringway/Altrincham soon. Important to keep in with local clubs, especially for the Charter. (H I P)</p>

Sports/ Social Report:	Jeremy Toone/ Lee Childs	<p>PL and RS went topless mud wrestling – sorry chaps not a sport, no award !</p> <p>Bowls won by Peter O, LC suggested PO as SPoY Golf – Jeremy Toone – no trophy. Darts – Peter Owen – Rick Pennell wuz robbed ??</p> <p>Awards – Cracked Humour Peter Lee, Hot Air – Mike Green tearfully parted with the lamp, given to Peter Owen – see Porto trip. Cracked Humour – deservedly Peter Lee. Big Knob of the Year – Well Roy Davies can't stop earning this – charge is a car too big to fit Peter Owen's drive – Back to you Roy. MCP – Russ Dymond parted with this after 20 years and inexplicably gave it Hammy.</p>
International Report:	Andy Hunter	<p>Andy gave a great account of the Porto trip – full report attached. Highlights are our members use of technology – scanning passports not boarding passes; using unsigned passports, trying to pay by cash for contactless Metro points; etc. etc. Use the bus tour to sleep upright, Some members links to LGBT, More likely Cockburns port trip Great trip overall – see Andy's notes Hasta la vista, baby!</p>
Regalia Report:	Neil Kellett	<p>Neil confirmed we were founded in 1974 – he has the Charter to prove it. Plate and Charter on show, cheap car stickers available on request.</p>
Chairman's closing remarks and handover	Mike Green	<p>Mike thanked all his supporters – especially Russell Dymond for stepping into Secretary role. It was a very good year.</p> <p>He then left us in the 'capable' hands of Kevin Lovett, another dedicated warrior, and passed over the chain</p>
Present Past Chairman Jewel	Kevin Lovett	Ah well, it may arrive
New Chairman opening remarks	Kevin Lovett	<p>The opportunity for the incoming new boy to promise the world.</p> <p>Kevin thanked Mike Green for a great year- loads of fun, good numbers, good ideas He did good. Kevin Congratulated Mike on a good year despite Liverpool losing at the footie.</p>

		<p>The National President role is good, but Chairing C&G 41 club is a real pleasure.</p> <p>Theme for the Year – Back to basics – Good members, good programme. We did vote a few years ago to have some informal meetings, some formal, some out, some in. Keep Bowls PO, Memorial quiz, Adrian to arrange speaker on Covid etc etc.</p> <p>Don't need to spend lots to have fun. Watch this space</p> <p>Kevin introduced his team:</p>
Appointment of Scrutineers etc	Russell Dymond	<p>Includes Voting Rules, Nominations for vacant positions, etc</p> <p>None required</p>
Appointment of Officers	Kevin Lovett	<p>The Secret list was revealed</p> <p>Vice Chair – Adrian McElvenny</p> <p>Secretary - Russell Dymond</p> <p>Treasurer – Mike Green</p> <p>Charter – Peter Owen</p> <p>Programme – Rick Pennell</p> <p>House – Richard Seth</p> <p>CS, Sports and Social – Lee Childs and Jeremy Toone</p> <p>International – Dave Khan</p> <p>S.H.I.T and Webmaster – Dave Barrow</p> <p>Regalia – Mr Kellett</p> <p>Table Liaison and Membership – Jeremy Toone/ Ed Painter</p> <p>Auditor – No current volunteers</p> <p>Minute Secretary – David Ham</p> <p>Sergeant at Arms - TBA later</p>
Induction of new members		N/A
AOB		<p>Peter Lee, following on from Peter Owen's comments regarding the formulation of Manchester 41 club, pointed out that was exactly what happened with Poynton 41. RS, PL and MT opted out and joined us in C&G. The original club folded, the breakaway just being a social drinking club with no future or direction.</p> <p>It was suggested this be shelved for now, subject to a further meeting, ideally joint between Manchester 41, RT and us.</p> <p>Russell re-iterated communications route is Secretary sends email with event details, name of organiser and to whom booking in/ apologies required with their email address.</p> <p>Members respond to said organiser - Simple</p>

41 CLUB AGM CHARTER NOTES

November 15th seems a long way off but it will come round remarkably quickly, so our Charter night needs action to get the numbers we require up to 80 to breakeven.

Currently we have only 30 people booked in.

There are several members not yet booked in or remain undecided, if you are one of those then please decide to book in.

This is going to be the last of such a traditional event we have the numbers and interest to make viable, so let's make it a cracking one.

I am aware some current Tablers aren't supportive of such a formal, all male dinner, but as this is likely to be the last such event and as it is also their 60th birthday, it would be great if they could support us just one more time and then do their thing from then on.

And the breakaway Manchester 41 Club should definitely be encouraged to support the event and invite guests.

It means a lot to us old guys to make this a success and to do that we need to contact everyone we know from our Tabling and 41Club years and invite them to join us, so dig out your phone books or old directories and make a determined effort to contact those you knew best.

David Ham will co-ordinate any such lists so please let him know who you are planning to contact so we don't duplicate effort.

I would also propose that we "soften" the black tie and dinner suit requirements as many older former members don't have such outfits anymore and new Tablers and maybe some guests don't have such things anyway and lounge suits should be acceptable.

If numbers don't increase substantially then we need to decide a deadline for cancelling to avoid any more expense.

Any other ideas or suggestions would be appreciated.

Thanks.

Peter Owen

Breakaway 41 Club;

PO Comments and thoughts.

This seemed to be established without any real consultation or involvement with us and was presented a “fait accompli”.

I, and other fellow C&G 41 ers think it is divisive and destructive. We fully understand the perceived need for change, but revolution is not the way; evolution from within would be more effective.

We are all slowly dying off or ageing to a point where attendance number will decline, with no new members we will cease to exist and that would be very sad for what is still a very well supported and relatively energetic club, Porto trip etc being a prime example of what we can do and enjoy.

We have always changed from within and our current club bears very little resemblance to the one I joined back in the day, Cheadle & Gatley 41 club was very formal, staid and extremely dull. A breakaway club was discussed by us new boys then, but in the end common sense took over and we evolved. There was a structure in place which allowed for change as younger members took office and introduced new ideas.

To start a new club from scratch seems unnecessary and will almost certainly not work, so look at what else you are likely to destroy as well Let's work together, Chaps



Cheadle and Gatley 41 Club International Report 2023/4

Our club is truly international with members coming from the distant shores of Scotland, Wales and Yorkshire.

Not content with this status, however, 15 members were persuaded to travel to Porto in early April, having been encouraged by forecasts that the rain there would be warmer than in Cheadle. Arriving at the airport for a 4.30 am start, members immediately demonstrated their travelling mastery by endeavouring to scan passports instead of boarding cards, presenting passports that were unsigned and trying to tap into the public transport contactless system using Euro notes.

Once arrived in Porto, the team selected the metro stop closest to the hotel from Google maps, unaware that the route was a mile long one in three hill surfaced with cobbles. Arriving at reception exhausted we did, however, find comfortable rooms in a central square and established base camp in the Café Java, affectionately renamed 'Kellet's Bar'. Whilst some retired to the hotel to catch up on sleep, others preferred to invest 20 Euros in a tour bus ticket so they could sleep sitting upright in the open air.

The rest of the weekend passed in an alcoholic haze. During a guided walking tour of the city, two members showed their support for the local LGBT community by wearing pink shirts and holding hands before everyone tested their eyesight when a young woman was spotted preparing to jump from a third floor balcony.

The following day featured a guided tour of the Cockburns port lodge complete with tasting followed by an abortive attempt to find an outside restaurant for lunch before being relegated to an old warehouse where we were forced to eat alone.

On the last day, everyone took the metro to the beach at Matasinhos to partake of a team lunch in a beachside restaurant before returning to the airport for one last Super Bock before joining the flight home, arriving at midnight and disappearing into the balmy Manchester night. Hasta la vista, baby!

Andy Hunter

International Officer