

**MINUTES OF THE 41st COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE ARDEN HOTEL, COVENTRY ROAD,
BIRMINGHAM ON SATURDAY 2ND APRIL 2016 AT 14.30.**

TRUSTEES PRESENT	Mr D Marshall	Vice Chairman - SAKA
	Mr W Beale	Treasurer - Bristol Area KPA
	Mrs D Abbott	Secretary – Gloucestershire KPA
	Mrs A Beale	Bristol Area KPA
	Mr J Burdett	Northamptonshire KPA
	Mr D Davies	
	Miss D Griffiths	
	Mr D MacDonald	Wessex KPA
	Mr J McGann	North East KPA
	Mr R Van Roon	Six Counties KPA
	Mr M Walker	Leicestershire KPA

In attendance	Mr T Statham	Chief Executive
	Mr P Revell	Head of Fundraising
	Mrs A Brown	Office Manager
	Mrs D Blizard	Senior Office & Accounts Administrator

There were 20 Official voting delegates (as per register) and 43 non-voting delegates as per the Attendance Register.

A quorum of 30% of official representatives was met.

- 634 Welcome and Apologies for absence** – David Marshall welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies had been received from David Spensley – St Helier & Surrey KPA, Christine Walker – Royal Derby KPA, Sharon Orpen – Dudley KPA, Robert Price – Six Counties KPA, Jack Cohan – South Eastern KPA, David Errington – Tyneside KPA, Jackie Fisher – Royal London KPA, Kate Balfour – Coventry & Warwickshire KPA.
- 635 Minutes of the Council meeting held on 11th October 2015** - It was proposed by Angela Beale Bristol area KPA, seconded by Richard Van Roon Six Counties KPA and agreed unanimously to accept the minutes of the meeting held 11th October 2015.
- 636 Matters arising** – Ralph Slattery Addenbrookes KPA asked if the VAT had been recovered on the purchase price of NKF Head Quarters, Michael Abbott informed him it had not. The task had been passed to NKF Auditors, Wright Vigar who came up against a brick wall with HMRC, this was due to time regulations and it seems there is nothing that can be done about it. William Beale in his role as Treasurer will endeavour through negotiation to get this back.
- 637 NKF Conference 7th – 9th October 2016** – Denise Abbott informed the meeting this year’s conference would be held at the Hilton Blackpool Hotel, with the theme of ‘Changes’? Most of the conference speakers were in place with some still to confirm. She hoped to see everyone at the conference and that it would be as successful as last year’s conference at Reading. Ralph Slattery Addenbrookes KPA mentioned the NKF Annual report claimed numbers were down on the conference last year and he wondered if this was one of the reasons the conference was to be held in Blackpool again. Denise Abbott confirmed this was one of the reasons, other reasons were, trying to hold the conference one year north and another year south, it was also difficult to find suitable venues at the right price with the facilities required. Alison Blezard SESKPA suggested looking at the geography of where delegates were coming from and said she would be willing to help look at suitable venues in Scotland.

Timothy Statham Chief Executive NKF had already looked at venues in Scotland but patients from the south (who were currently in the majority) would find the location too expensive. Tracy Sinclair Wessex KPA, suggested holding the conference in a holiday camp or on a university campus to cut costs, this idea will be taken to the Executive Committee.

638 Open Forum – Jean Aplin Exeter & District KPA was horrified that the Kidney Life magazine had been cut from four issues per year to three and thought they contained too much Fundraising information. Deborah Duval Kidney Life Editor stated it was impossible to squeeze all the material for the magazine into the three issues. It was suggested that KPA's could make a contribution towards the cost of producing Kidney Life and input some of their own material into the magazine. Another idea was KPA's which did not pay NKF membership fees could perhaps pay a third or half of the fees to help finance it. John Champion Six Counties KPA, thought the magazine was important as it communicates with members and other expenditure should be saved so the magazine could be financed. David Marshall Vice Chairman, will take this to the next Executive Committee meeting, it was up to the new Executive Committee to investigate the finances and make a decision.

David Marshall thanked everyone for their attendance at this meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 15.30.

Chairman Date