

National Clarion Cycling Club

National Committee Meeting

By Zoom

19:00 (7pm) Monday 1st June 2020

Present: Ian Bullock (Chair), Ian Clarke, Steve Clarke, Edward Gilder, Charlie Harvey, Chris Henderson, Jackie Hickman, Martin Hickman, Edward Ireland, Neil Matheson.

1] Apologies for absence: Ken Hemsley, Andrew Martin.

2] Minutes of last meeting. Two corrections:

Under 3] Matters arising, last line should read Action: Martin, Steve

Under 6] Confirming the temporary changes made until the new National Secretary has been elected, line 5 should read Ian C to contact Butterworth Spengler.

With these corrections agreed as a true record.

4] Cycling UK affiliation: After discussion, it was agreed to renew our affiliation to support their campaigning activities on behalf of cyclists. Ian C had passed details to Steve as he was taking over our affiliations. The cost is £80.

Action: Steve

5] GDPR (email from London Clarion): Agreed to agree to the two points in their email of 21/5/20. Martin Hickman to write to them.

Action: Martin

6] Discussion of results of Clarion membership survey: Ian C outlined the findings and the members of the committee in turn said what that they felt were the most significant points.

Approx. 700 had replied out of total membership of about 2,000, a high rate of return for a survey.

Most members did not take part in National Clarion activities and only rode with their own section.

Most wanted to receive a printed membership card.

Most wanted to receive B&S as a printed magazine.

An overwhelming number felt that the Clarion membership fees were good value for money.

Most members took part in local club rides and enjoyed the company of their fellow members. Few took part in competitive cycling. Club runs, leisure riding, sportifs and touring were the most popular activities. Audax was also popular.

B&S, Facebook and section officials were the main sources of information on Clarion activities.

Most members took a balanced view of the club history, being proud of its socialist past but now more concerned with its future as a great cycling club.

In the future members wanted to see more emphasis on cyclists' rights and protection.

The 3rd party liability insurance was particularly appreciated.

7] Review by Chris Henderson of the National Clarion CC's organisation: Chris had already had responses in writing from some NC members. He would be contacting them all together with all the Clarion sections.

He hoped to complete this by September and complete his report and recommendations by the turn of the year. Agreed to keep his report on this work as a standing item on the agenda.

There might be a need for an Interim Nation Secretary until a permanent person could be found.

8] AOB:

Edward G reported on B&S. He would be talking to the printer shortly so see if a print edition would be possible in the present situation. He was planning two editions a year including some content on the Clarion's history. Any surplus material could go on the internet.

It was felt that as there may not be a paper B&S edition and that many activities had been cancelled due to the pandemic, the committee should consider a one off reduction in membership fees for this year.

Martin raised the question of the Easter Meets in 2021 and 2022. To be on the agenda of our next meeting.

Ian B moved a vote of thanks. Agreed by acclamation.

"The National Committee would like to thank Jess Beyer for all her work in organising the ill-fated Warwick Easter Meet.

It must have been extremely frustrating for her to see all that hard work go to waste. We fully recognise this and thank her for her exemplary effort."

Charlie to write to her with a cycle themed card.

Action: Charlie

Steve was in contact with CTT and BC about the resumption of cycling sport. He hoped it would restart in August / September.

Agreed to pay the invoice for the Warwick 2020 meet ribbons even though we would be unable to use them.

Ian C had had an offer from a cycle clothing company offering the Clarion a 20% discount. Edward G to get the details from Ian C and contact the firm.

Action: Edward G

9] Time and date of next meeting (On Zoom). Neil to circulate a Doodle chart to find the preferred date in late June / early July. Members fill in the dates they could do promptly and to notify Charlie of agenda items.

Action: All