

National Clarion Cycling Club

National Committee Meeting

By Zoom

Tuesday 1st September 2020 20:00 (8pm)

Present: Ian Bullock (Chair), Steve Clarke, Edward Gilder, Charlie Harvey, Jackie Hickman, Martin Hickman, Edward Ireland, Andrew Martin, Neil Matheson, Paul Henderson (for items 1-6).

1] Apologies for absence: Ian had, as usual, spoken to Ken Hemsley on the phone about the agenda.

2] Minutes of last meeting: Agreed.

3] Any confidential items in minutes: None

4] Matters arising:

Martin and Jackie were currently custodians of the tandem that had been kept at Ian Clarke's home. It was available for all Clarion members to use.

Edward I had applied to the IPO to be the owner of the Clarion trademark but had, to date, not had any response from them.

Edward G recorded his thanks to Neil for his help in sending out B&S in an email form. Over half the emails had been read, a good response.

5] Review by Chris Henderson of the National Clarion CC's organisation: Chris had spoken to Clarion sections and the response was positive. Now was the time to sound out members who might be interested in joining or assisting the committee. The committee agreed to his suggestion that a NC member should attend virtually or physically a committee meeting of all the sections. He would divide up the sections amongst the NC on a broadly geographical basis. Various member had indicated an interest in particular activities, e.g. racing, touring, campaigning and these would be followed up.

6] New National Secretary (Chair under suggested new structure): Ian asked why many of the activities done by the National Secretary in past were now being given to the Chair in the suggested new structure. Chris explained that it was to make the job more manageable and that the differing roles of keeping

the club running on a day to day basis in a proper manner and the more forward looking role of planning the direction of the club were difficult to be loaded on one person. Ian also raised the issue of how a Chair who might have innovative and controversial view could also act as the neutral Chair of the Annual Conference. It was agreed that it might be appropriate to nominate a respected neutral figure to chair the conference but not be Chair of the NC.

7] Financial report: Andrew had just come back off leave so would send a financial report out to NC members to discuss at the next meeting.

8] Boots & Spurs / Boots & Spurs Extra: Edward G reported that all members who wanted one should have now received B&S and also the email B&S Extra. It had been well received and Edward was thanked for his work on this. He planned to have another B&S Extra out in October. One topic would be an explanation of the role the different roles required in the proposed new NC structure.

9] Clarion archives: Steve reported that all the materials that had been stored at Ian Clarke's home were now in a secure storage unit in Peterborough. Charlie taken the papers home and was sorting them on a decade by decade basis. He was in touch with the Working Class Memorial Library (WCML) Salford <https://www.wcml.org.uk/> and would transfer them to the WCML once it was able to accept donations again. Currently it was closed due to the COVID pandemic. Agreed that a link should be made from the Clarion website to the WCML once the papers had been lodged with them.

10] bike@clarioncc.org email address: Charlie explained that it was sometimes unclear who was also receiving emails from this account and sometime he had been forwarding on emails to those who had already received e.g. membership info. Now that Charlie was back at work, Edward G had kindly offered to take over responsibility for the email account later in the month. He, Charlie and Neil would liaise amongst themselves over the transfer.

11] Clarion response to consultation on the revision of the Highway Code: The committee agree that Charlie's draft response to the consultation should go forward as the official National Clarion response.

12] AOB

Charlie had received an email from the niece of a long standing member who was having his 90th birthday in December. She asked if there was a way that his

70 years support for the club could be recognised. It was agreed that Martin would check his membership records and some suitable card and presentation could be made by the NC or a local Clarion section. A photograph and short piece could go in B&S Extra.

Martin and Jackie had had no response from Jess Beyer as to whether she wanted to be involved in a 2021 Easter Meet in Warwick in place of the one that had had to be cancelled this year due to the COVID pandemic. Steve, though, had heard from her and would try to make contact. It was agreed that Martin and Jackie would go ahead with arrangements for a 2021 Warwick meet.

Edward G asked if any arrangements had been discussed to commemorate Ian Clarke's two long periods as National Secretary. It was agreed that a presentation would be made to him at the 2021 Easter Meet.

13] Time and date of next meeting (Likely to be on Zoom): Thursday 1st October at 20:00 (8pm) on Zoom.