

National Clarion Cycling Club

National Committee Meeting

By Zoom

Sunday 1st November 2020 16:00 (4pm)

Present: Ian Bullock (Chair), Steve Clarke, Edward Gilder, Charlie Harvey, Edward Ireland, Neil Matheson.

1] Apologies for absence: Jackie Hickman, Martin Hickman, Andrew Livesey.

2] Minutes of last meeting: Agreed as a true record with two corrections: 4] Matters arising 7) Working Class Memorial Library should read Working Class Movement Library. 7] Approaching possible replacements for the National Secretary line 8 should read “Edward G said he was happy to act as Secretary up to Easter but wouldn’t want to stand in the way of volunteers.”

3] Any confidential items in minutes: None

4] Matters arising:

Agreed following Ian Clarke’s email that he should continue to be the owner of the trademark. Other points from his email were covered in other items below.

Charlie had written to Alex Keys’ niece. No reply yet. **Action Charlie**

5] Planned National Clarion NC’s reorganisation. *Continuation of discussion.* Charlie and Edward G had both come up with proposals in the light of Chris Henderson’s report and the results of the membership survey. They would speak directly and try to come up with a proposal incorporating both their ideas. **Action Charlie / Edward G**

6] Approaching possible replacements for the National Secretary.

Continuation of discussion. Ian Shand did not want to take on the role and Edward G had kindly agreed to take on the role until Easter. Charlie had approached Martin Perfect about a possible committee role, but not that of National Secretary. Edward I had drafted an email to go out to Section Secretaries about the need to find a new National Secretary. He’d get an up to date list of section secretaries from Martin. **Action Edward I / Martin**

7] Cycle campaigning. Andrew has signed up for Cycling UK's campaigning briefings and Charlie would send him materials produced by the London Cycling Campaign. Andrew was also interested in finding members to take an interest in and responsibility for Clarion history. **Action Charlie**

8] Financial report. None as Treasurer not present. Edward G had had an email from West Lothian about the possibility of a refund due to the lack of activities due to Covid. He had written back in line with the previous NC discussion (Item 10, minutes of meeting 1/10/20). The 2021 subs are already fixed by a 2019 Annual Conference decision and insurance cover and Boots & Spurs, the main costs at nation level, had been delivered as usual. Sections were at liberty to reduce their local fees if they wished to.

9] Subscription arrears from sections. It was understood that several sections had not paid their affiliation fees for 2020 and in some cases for 2019. It was agreed that in future section would be sent an invoice based on their January membership with a 30 day payment deadline and warning that those sections who do not pay will be riding uninsured. Sections owing money should be sent a statement. There was concern that some sections were "free riding" on the insurance and other services provided centrally. Agreed that Edward G would contact Andrew re: this. **Action Edward G / Andrew**

10] Easter Meet – a) *If, as we hope, it can go ahead, b) contingency plan if Covid restrictions are still in force.* No report as Jackie and Martin had given apologies so there was no further information on a). The new lockdown had added another level of uncertainty. As regards b) Neil was going to look to see if a Zoom Annual Conference was practicable. Steve suggested that if the Annual Conference was done online at Easter and the Covid restrictions were relaxed later in the year, some purely social gathering should be considered, either one national one or several local ones. It was noted that Clarion 1895 was planning to run an Easter Meet at Barrow on Furness and at Ashbourne the following year. Agreed also that Ian should resume his correspondence with Charles Jepson to see if a reconciliation was possible. The NC's view was that, at the very least, 1895 should not run Easter Meets in competition with the NCCC's official meets and that it should not use official Clarion emblems. If it rejoined the NCCC, it would be expected to comply with the geographical naming laid down in the constitution. The constitution said nothing about the

readmission of expelled members but it was noted that, in the Labour Party, expelled members could apply for readmission after two years. **Action Neil (re Zoom), Ian (re Charles Jepson)**

11] Resolutions for Annual Conference: Taken as part of item 10]

12] Boots & Spurs / Boots & Spurs Express: Edward G had enough material for the next B&S, which would focus on cycle campaigning, but little material for the next B&S Extra.

13] AOB:

Edward G raised the question of how we could honour Ian Clarke for his many years of work for the Clarion as National Secretary. Much would depend on whether we could have an Easter Meet in 2021 as planned. Ian suggested awarding him Honorary Life Membership. Edward G would check to see if it had to be agreed by an Annual Conference or decided by the NC. It had already been agreed at the September meeting that a presentation would be made to him at the 2021 Easter Meet. **Action Edward G**

Following the discussion on membership cards and a welcome pack for new members at the October meeting and an email from Ian Clarke, there was discussion of the practicability of sending new members a letter with card image at the bottom of the letter they could print out so they would immediately be able take advantage of discounts and be able to prove their Clarion membership in sporting events.

14] Time and date of next meeting 1st December at 20:00 (8pm) on Zoom