

National Clarion Cycling Club

National Committee Meeting

By Zoom

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

Present: Ian Bullock (Chair), Steve Clarke, Edward Gilder, Charlie Harvey, Jackie Hickman, Martin Hickman, Andrew Livesey, Andrew Martin.

1] Apologies for absence: Edward Ireland, Neil Matheson. Ian thanked Neil for setting up the meeting on Zoom.

2] Minutes of last meeting: Agreed except for one correction in 7] Cycle campaigning, Anthony should read Andrew.

3] Any confidential items in minutes: None

4] Matters arising: Charlie was in touch with [member's] niece and had already put a card in the post to him. He planned to phone him on his birthday. Edward G had yet to check if Honorary Life Membership had to be agreed by Annual Conference or by the NC. **Action Edward G.**

5] Correspondence from Charles Jepson: Ian had already circulated his response. Edward G had also been in touch with Charles and would circulate a paper outlining a suggested way forward. Agreed to have a special NC meeting to discuss it. Provisionally arranged for Sunday 13th December at 17:00.

6] Planned National Clarion NC's reorganisation: Paper from Edward G and Charlie to discuss. Charlie introduced the paper. It suggests 8 "core" NC members elected at Annual Conference and opportunities for additional co-opted members. In addition to the co-options suggested in the paper, NC members suggested legal /governance, data protection, safeguarding / welfare, youth development. Steve suggested revised job titles and a written list of duties attached to each post. Edward G noted that Chris Henderson's report had made some suggestions about job titles we should consider. Agreed that Charlie, Edward G and Steve would confer and circulate a revised paper in advance of the January meeting. Other NC members were welcome to send their suggestions to this group. **Action: Charlie, Edward G, Steve**

7] Approaching possible replacements for the National Secretary:

Continuation of discussion. No further suggestions. Has been advertised further in B&S Extra.

8] Cycle campaigning: Andrew L spoke of the need for the Clarion to have greater involvement in campaigning, as indicated in the results of the membership survey. Steve suggested that the affiliation fees for sections to affiliate to their local cycling campaigns should be paid centrally up to a reasonable limit. Charlie reported that most cycle campaigning organisations were listed in <https://www.cyclenetwork.org.uk/>

9] Financial report: Andrew M presented the latest figures. (See his figures circulated in advance of the meeting for full details.) Income this year was nearly £11,800 compared with about £20,850 last year as many sections had not yet paid their 2020 dues. Our biggest expenditure was on 3rd party insurance, Boots & Spurs, printing off membership cards and the hire of the track for the Track Champs. We had new expenditure on the storage of the Clarion archives. We had a deficit of approx. £2,700 pounds. Our reserves now stood at about £33,500.

10] Subscription arrears from sections: We still had about £8,700 owing in 2019 section fees. There was an issue that some were still paying into the old HSBC account, where there was a problem with getting statements, not the current Barclays one. The main sections that seemed to be owing were West Lothian, Calder, Blackpool and Coatbridge. As regards 2020, several sections were still owing. Andrew was happy to write to sections but needed an accurate list of section secretaries and / or treasurers. Andrew would contact Ian Clarke re: this. Steve suggested that Andrew should send out a report form, similar to that used by Bury Clarion, when writing to sections requesting fees to detail their membership. Steve suggested that sections should formally affiliate giving contact details. Andrew was thanked for his detailed report.

Action: Andrew M

11] Easter Meet – a) *If, as we hope, it can go ahead, b) contingency plan if Covid restrictions are still in force.* Martin and Jackie reported that they were getting little correspondence from Warwick or Lancaster as many staff were on

furlough and they did not know what would be happening due to Covid. They were doubtful if there would be a Warwick Easter Meet in 2021.

12] Resolutions for Annual Conference: Not taken due to uncertainty of an Easter Meet.

13] Boots and Spurs / Boots and Spurs Extra: Edward G has had a good response to his appeal for articles. There was little on cycling but a lot on history, including the Emily Pankhurst Memorial Lecture on Suffragettes and the Clarion. B&S Extra had gone out to members. He was looking for a designer for a custom made buff.

14] AOB: Steve asked about reduced fees for next year. Andrew M said that this depended on any reduction on our insurance premium.

15] Time and date of next meeting (on Zoom). Tuesday 5th January at 8.00pm.

Plus extra meeting on CJ / C1895 on Sunday 13th December at 5pm or Tuesday 15th (evening).