

## **National Clarion Cycling Club**

### **National Committee Meeting**

#### **By Zoom**

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2021 at 20:00 (8pm)**

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

**1] Apologies for absence:** Andrew Livesey, Andrew Martin. As usual, Ian had rung Ken Hemsley, our President. He was unwell. Ian would ring again later in the week and would inform the committee how he was. It was agreed that in future the minutes would include the names of those who had not attended, even if they had not given apologies.

**2] Minutes of last meeting:** Agree with two changes. **Item 6]** line 2, take amended to taken. **Item 9]** lines 1-2 amended to read “Andrew L had written to say that much could be done working jointly with the existing major cycling organisations such as Cycling UK (formerly CTC), British Cycling and other cycling clubs and campaign groups.”

**3] Any confidential items in minutes:** None

**4] Matters arising:** None

**5] Membership records / subscription collection:** Agreed that sections would be written on the basis of their membership on 1<sup>st</sup> March and their money owing to the NCCC and their section’s representation at Annual Conference would be based their numbers on that day. A second membership count would be taken on 1<sup>st</sup> August and any further payments to the NCCC would be based on their membership on that day. Card printing would take place twice a year on the basis of the March and August membership counts. Edward G to write to sections. **Action: Edward G.**

**6] Charles Jepson update:** There had been further discussions with Charles but he had decided to withdraw his application to rejoin the NCCC.

**7] Planned National Clarion NC's reorganisation:** No further developments. Charlie had drafted rule changes to implement the NC's current proposals. Steve was drafting short job descriptions for the proposed roles. **Action: Steve**

**8] Alternatives to Easter Meet / Annual Conference:** Agreed to hold an Annual Conference on Zoom not earlier than the end of May. Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> June was the planned date, subject to confirmation. The planned representation was two delegates per section plus the individual members. Pre-registration would be required due to the limits to how many attendees Neil's Zoom could handle. Neil would act as technical host to assist the Chair in running the conference. Edward to email sections to inform them. **Action: Edward G**

**9] Motions to Conference:** None planned from the NC apart from the proposed rule changes. There was a possibility that Tuxford Clarion would submit motions.

**10] Co-opted posts:** No further developments until the main NC structure was agreed.

**11] Website review:** Some sections were missing from the website and the Join Us section needed attention. We would be revising and shortening our wording on C1895. Edward would send Neil photographs he could use on the site. **Action: Neil / Edward G**

**12] Cycle campaigning:** Andrew L was not at the meeting. We were renewing our affiliations to Cycling UK and British Cycling. London Clarion was affiliated to the London Cycling Campaign. It was felt that the best role that the Clarion could play was in providing additional support to existing campaigning groups. It could take the lead where there were no campaign groups. As most cycle campaign groups were based on cities, the dangers facing cyclists on rural roads might be a particular issue to focus on. Charlie reported on the controversies over new cycle lanes in urban areas (e.g. Kensington and Chelsea).

**13] Advertising in Cycling Weekly and / or Cycle:** Edward noted that the Rough Stuff Fellowship (RSF) had advertised in Cycle (Cycling UK's magazine) for many years. Edward would see what the advertising rates of these publications were. **Action Edward G**

**14] Boots and Spurs / Boots and Spurs Extra:** Edward G reported that the new edition would be out in about two week's time. It had 44 pages, including articles on cycle campaigning in Brighton and Hove and in London. He hoped to have a Boots and Spurs Extra out in March.

**15] AOB:**

Merchandise: Edward presented designs for a new neck buff. Members gave their views on the designs. He was planning to use a firm in Glasgow who used recycled material and paid the Living Wage. The minimum order was 50.

Tandem: Martin and Jackie were keen to find a new home for the Clarion tandem, which could be borrowed by members. Both Edward I and Edward G might be able to store it. NB the minimum height for the stoker was 5ft.

**Action: Edward I / Edward G**

Easter Meet: The 2021 meet had already been cancelled due to Covid-19 restrictions. It was decided to abandon any plans to try Warwick again and to plan for 2022 in Lancaster.

Autumn Meet: Martin and Jackie to look at the possibility of a meet at Wortley Hall on a weekend in the autumn. They would also research places with a youth hostel nearby, to make it more affordable.

Martin reported on West of Scotland Clarion. Its members were elderly but keen to keep the section going. Due to the special circumstances, he was accepting payment by one cheque for the whole section.

**16] Time and date of next meeting (on Zoom):** Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March.

Provisionally 20:00 (8pm) start. Edward to consult with Andrew L about the start time.