

National Clarion Cycling Club

National Committee Meeting

By Zoom

Tuesday 5th January 2021 at 20:00 (8pm)

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

Apologies for absence: Martin Hickman, Jackie Hickman, Andrew Livesey. Ian had, as usual, spoken to Ken Hemsley, our President.

Not present: Andrew Martin

2] Minutes of last meeting: Agreed with one change. Item 13] Boots and Spurs Express should read Boots and Spurs Extra.

3] Any confidential items in minutes: None.

4] Matters arising: As agreed, Charlie had sent [member] a birthday card and rung him on his 90th birthday. He has subsequently received an appreciative email thanking the Clarion from his niece. Thanks had also been recorded on Facebook.

5] Notes of special meeting 15/12/20: Agreed.

6] Correspondence with Charles Jepson: Ian had written to Charles Jepson (CJ) using the wording agreed on 15/12/20. After his response, Edward G had taken over the correspondence, seeking clarification of the role of Clarion 1895 (C1895). CJ is happy to continue contact by letter and email but not by phone or Zoom. If they rejoined they would have to revise their website and Wikipedia entry. Much would depend on whether the wider C1895 membership wanted to rejoin the National Clarion or not. Edward I and Charlie also supported Edward G's approach. Ian felt that we should leave a historical record that showed that we had behaved reasonably. Steve said they would have to change their title so it could not be confused with the NCCC.

7] Planned National Clarion NC's reorganisation. Proposals and rule changes from Edward G, Steve and Charlie to discuss: Charlie explained that they

envisaged that appointed or co-opted officers may be invited to attend committee meetings and may vote on matters relevant to their role. The post of Vice-President would cease to be on the committee but retained as an honorific role. The role of Webmaster / IT Manager would be made a permanent one in the committee. The Racing Secretary's role would be expanded to that of Competitions and Events Secretary. There would be a new role of Section Liaison Officer. Edward G presented a draft job description for this.

8] Approaching possible replacements for the National Secretary: Agreed to defer until the new committee structure was agreed.

9] Cycle campaigning: 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. Charlie agreed with this but added that where there were no existing local campaign group then a Clarion section might then take the lead.

10] Financial report: Andrew M was not at the meeting (see item 11 below).

11] Subscription arrears from sections: Though Andrew M was not present, Edward G reported that he was chasing up money paid to sections but not yet passed on to the National Clarion. Edward G would contact him for an update on situation. **Action: Edward G**

12] Easter Meet – a) *If it can go ahead, b) contingency plan if Covid restrictions are still in force.*

Martin had suggested the cancellation of the Easter Meet and some form of gathering in October. Others had suggested August might be a better time. It was decided to cancel the 2021 Easter Meet but plan to run an Annual Conference on Zoom a bit later in the year, probably in May, with perhaps two delegates per section. Edward G would put an announcement in Boots & Spurs Extra. Edward and Charlie were to confer to discuss the paperwork and deadlines involved. Edward G would email Ian Clarke re: any relevant standing orders. **Action: Edward G and Charlie**

13] Motions for Annual Conference: In addition to a proposed rule change on the new committee structure (see item 7), Steve suggested a rule that Section Secretaries must be NCCC members. Steve would draft a suggested wording.

Edward G also suggested that in the future we might consider term limits for committee posts. **Action: Steve**

14] Boots and Spurs / Boots and Spurs Extra: B&S was complete with 40 pages, possibly 44. It would go to the printers at the end of the week.

15] AOB: None

16] Time and date of next meeting (on Zoom): Monday 1st February at 20:00 (8pm)