

## **National Clarion Cycling Club**

### **National Committee Meeting**

**By Zoom**

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

**Present:** Ian Bullock (Chair), Steve Clarke, Edward Gilder, Charlie Harvey, Jackie Hickman, Martin Hickman, Edward Ireland, Andrew Martin (until 21:00), Neil Matheson.

**1] Ken Hemsley:** A minute's silence was held for our President, Ken Hemsley, who died on the 25<sup>th</sup> February. Jackie will send a card to Lynn, his widow.

**Action: Jackie**

**2] Apologies for absence:** None

**3] Minutes of last meeting:** Agreed

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

**5] Matters arising:**

West of Scotland Clarion: Edward G had received a cheque to pay for all the membership subs and a kind donation.

Neil and Edward G to take Ian Clarke off Member Mojo. **Action: Neil and Edward G**

The constitution lays down that there should be two auditors. As the NCCC is an unincorporated club, it does not require an auditor though it is good practice to have one Independent Financial Examiner. Agreed to move an amendment to the rules at the Annual Conference to reflect this. Roger Hinton (Brighton & Hove Clarion) was happy to take on this role.

**6] Collection of subscriptions:** Martin reported that subs had been received from Yorkshire Coast, Gosport, Coatbridge and Barnoldswick sections had all paid their subs. Martin would need to pull a list of members from Membership Mojo so Andrew could calculate what was owed. **Action: Martin/Andrew**

**7] Planned National Clarion NC's reorganisation : Job descriptions:** Steve was still working on detailed job descriptions. There was discussion on whether the role of Standing Orders Secretary should be reinstated in our proposed rule change but this was felt to be unnecessary. **Action: Steve**

**8] Co-opted posts:** Agreed to leave this until the next meeting.

**9] Annual Conference:** Due to the capacity of 100 on Neil's Zoom account, it was agreed that Clarion sections (2 reps each) and individual members would be asked to pre-book. Sections would be asked in advance who which rep would be casting their vote. If there was a large demand to attend Annual Conference, it was possible to temporarily increase the limit on Zoom to 500 or 1000 for a fee or to stream it on YouTube or similar if people were observing but not participating. Date confirmed for 12<sup>th</sup> June at 18:00.

**10] Standing Orders:** Covered under item 7. Neil to put them on the website. **Action: Neil**

### **11] Motions to Conference**

a) from Tuxford re: changes to objects, aims and policies. To be discussed at a special NC meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> March at 17:00. Ian Clarke had written to express Tuxford's displeasure that the motion had been leaked, before it had been discussed by the NC, to people outside the club. Tuxford was also highly critical of the comments made by our former Campaigns Officer.

b) from Steve re: Section Secretaries having to be paid up members of NCCC. Agreed wording with one amendment, elected Officer instead of elected Secretary.

Charlie to provide the NC with a list of other proposed changes agreed in 2019 that would have gone to the Annual Conference at Warwick, had it not had to be cancelled due to the pandemic. **Action: Charlie**

**12] 2020 Awards:** Agreed that the NC should ask sections for nominations as some had managed to run some events when the first lockdown had finished in July. Steve to pass a list of awards to Edward G. **Action: Steve**

**13] Competitions and Events:** Steve reported that it would be possible to run time trials after 29<sup>th</sup> March as it was possible to maintain social distancing. He

also looking at the possibility of sportifs and audaxes and a gravel bike / bike packing weekend. An Autumn weekend at Wortley Hall was also discussed. Jackie to contact Wortley Hall re: this. **Action: Steve/Jackie**

**14] "Camping" weekend:** Edward G outline plans for a possible weekend based on the village hall in a hamlet near his home in Reedham, Norfolk, with options for camping, motor caravan parking or accommodation in a nearby Travel Lodge. Family rides and walking and running options could also be possible. He would make enquiries and report back at the next meeting.

**Action: Edward G**

**15] Update on archives / dates on documents:** Charlie reported that he had now listed what was in the archives up to the end of the 1960s. When the coronavirus restrictions allowed, he would take them up to the Working Class Movement Library (WCML) in Salford. He made a plea that all documents, other than emails which had a time stamp on them, should be clearly dated. It would make the work of future archivists and historians much easier. The WCML can now accept electronic records on memory sticks.

**16] Merchandising:** Edward G was finding getting word cloud Clarion snoods made more difficult than he expected but he had now found a firm that could manage a minimum order of 25. He was also investigating gilets from Endura and new caps.

### **17] AOB**

A Crompton Clarion seemed to be forming. There were few details as their website was under construction.

Jeremy Burns wanted to revive the former Midland Clarion as Cannock Clarion. He needed advice from how set up a Membership Mojo account. **Action: Martin**

Cycle Campaigning: Charlie reported that Cycling UK, to which Clarion is affiliated, was taking the council at Shoreham to court for taking up a cycle lane (see link below). It was encouraging cyclists to use report potholes though the website <https://www.fillthathole.org.uk/>

Steve was renewing our affiliation to British Cycling (BC). If we had members under 18, we had to appoint a Welfare Officer, who had done a BC training course or other relevant training. Agreed he would state that those sections that had Junior Members had Welfare Officers but we may need to appoint one at national level.

**18] Time and date of next meetings (on Zoom):**

Special meeting: Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> March at 17:00 (5pm)

Regular meeting: Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April at 20:00 (8pm)

<https://www.cyclinguk.org/press-release/cycling-uk-takes-council-court-irrational-and-unlawful-removal-cycle-lane>