

Friday 19th April 2019
 York Railway Institute
 22 Queen Street
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 Start at 15:00
 Finish c. 18:00



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National Conference MINUTES – 19th April - Easter 2019 York

1. Election of Chair for the 2019 conference – Ian Bullock – Brighton & Hove section
2. Standing orders secretary's report – none were produced but happy to run with previous SOs. Action - Ian Clarke would distribute the current SOs to all section secretaries.
3. Apologies for absence; Steve Clarke, Matthew Ball, Ken Hemsley, Nick Tanner.
4. Election of teller – Jackie Hickman
5. Minutes of the conference held at Southend Easter 2018: proposed Jackie Hickman North Cheshire, seconded Sue Bullock B&H.
6. National Secretary's report (as circulated prior to conference) was delivered prior to the meeting and was accepted.
7. Financial report and balance sheet for 2018
 Andrew Martin delivered the financial report and explained the main surplus was due to no Boots & Spurs in 2018, but we did spend on the 3rd party insurance of £3,884 (discounted by £1000 for 2018).
 Balance sheet, cash at bank across 4 accounts, with £26,698 at those accounts. Plus stock of £3,097.
 Total reserves of £32,219 as shown on the accounts.
 Vote of thanks for Andrew Martin, with chair recording a vote of thanks.
8. Election of officers

The following positions were appointed by conference with no objections or voting needed:

Position	Nomination	Of which section:	
Chair	Ian Bullock	Brighton & Hove	nominated
President	Ken Hemsley	Fenland	Standing
Vice President	Kath Leese	Heanor	Standing
Secretary	Ian Clarke	Tuxford	Standing
Treasurer	Andrew Martin	Tuxford	Standing
Minutes Secretary	Charlie Harvey	London	Standing
Racing Secretary	Steve Clarke	Fenland	Standing
Standing Orders Sec'	VACANCY		VACANCY
Committee member 1	Edward Ireland	Clitheroe	nominated
Committee member 2	Jackie Hickman	North Cheshire	nominated
Webmaster	Neil Mathieson	West Lothian	Standing
Membership Secretary	Martin Hickman	North Cheshire	nominated
Auditors	Vacancy x 2		VACANCY

9. Motions for conference (see on the separate sheet, voting to be by card vote*)

Motions 1 to 6 were all carried unanimously.

Discussion #7

1. Various views for and against the idea of saving costs. Some felt that it was easy to print a PDF and others felt that the hassle of laminating your own card was too much for the cost saving. Some felt that it gave a sense of ownership.

Based on a show of hands, those in favour of dropping membership cards 4, those in favour of keeping it 9. One person abstained.

This was agreed that the matter could go on a membership survey to gauge depth of opinions.

2. Regarding making Boots & Spurs becoming an e-book and saving costs.

The magazine can and is already put on ISSUU as a pdf to be read. Suggestions that it could be both online and in print. There was a general feeling that most people still like it. But if it was online, then those who wanted to save the paper and postage, they could opt out from receiving it.

Based on a show of hands, those in favour of dropping B&S in paper form 1, those against 13.

Note that neither of the above votes are representative of sections or membership as this was only a motion for discussion that was sent by North Cheshire Clarion as a 'suggestion'.

10. National events for 2019

Saturday 20th April	Circuit races at York Sports Village
Sunday 21st at April	13 mile non-aero TT at York
Sunday 2nd June	50 mile TT Champs, Granby, Notts
Saturday 6 th July	10 mile TT Champs, Fenland / N&DCA
Sunday 21 st July	3-up 25 mile TT
Sunday 28th July	25 mile TT, Stockport
Saturday 17th August	Circuit race, Calder
Cyclo-cross	TBA
Hill climb	TBA
Autumn Meet	2019 – Possibly North Cheshire (2020/2019)

11. National events for 2020 (sections to volunteer) As per the above championships
50 mile TT champs – Nottingham
3-up – Nottingham

12. Easter Meet venue and organiser for 2020 – John Hirst from Blackpool said maybe

13. Autumn Meet venue and organiser for 2020

14. AOB

- 14.1 Electric bicycle policy? Should we have one? From Nick Tanner. A short discussion where we agreed that local sections should make their own policy.
- 14.2 Should we revamp the National Clarion jersey? From John Hirst. A short discussion where it was suggested that, if anyone felt strongly enough, they could redesign a jersey and propose it to National Committee.
- 14.3 Vote of thanks for the chairman Ian Bullock.