

## **National Clarion Cycling Club (NCCC)**

### **Annual Conference**

**By Zoom 12/06/2021**

**Sections represented:** Tuxford, Saddleworth, Bury, Fenland, West Lothian, West Lothian Youth, Barnoldswick, North Cheshire, Brighton, London, Stockport, Clitheroe, Broadland, Yorkshire Coast plus one private member.

**Election of Chair for the conference:** Edward Ireland was elected Chair.

**Minutes of previous conference – York Easter Meet 2019:** Agreed. Proposed Clitheroe, seconded Fenland.

**Matters arising not otherwise on the agenda:** None

**Secretary's report** (previously published on website): There were no questions about the report and it was accepted. Mathew Ball and Ian Clarke asked for Conference's thanks to be recorded to Edward Gilder.

**Treasurer's Report** (previously published on website): Expenditure for the year was £14,799. The principal costs were the 3<sup>rd</sup> party insurance and the production and distribution of Boots & Spurs. There was a small surplus of £482. £6216 was still owing from some sections and was being followed up. The funds of the club stood at £36,929. The Treasurer took questions from Julian Tatam, Peter Roscoe and Ian Clarke.

**Subscriptions for 2022:** The National Committee (NC) proposed that 2022 subscriptions remained unchanged. Seconded by Tuxford. Agreed.

### **Motions:**

Preamble to rules: NC motion on origins of NCCC, seconded by Fenland.

Amendment by Yorkshire Coast, seconded by Broadland, to delete "always" in line 5. Motion amended and passed nem con.

Change to rule 3.4: NC motion stating that each section should nominate an elected representative who will be the contact with the NC and a list of other key officers. Seconded by Bury. Motion passed nem con.

Change to rule 5: NC motion to change the structure of the NC. All sections in favour and passed unanimously.

Change to rules 6 to 9: NC motion re: trophies and awards. Amendment moved to change 9.1 to “two clear months before the Annual Meet” rather than “two 2 clear months before Easter”, proposed by Tuxford and seconded by West Lothian. Amendment accepted and motion passed unanimously.

Change to rule 2: Tuxford motion, seconded by West Lothian, to rule 2 on Aims and Policies. Ian Clarke proposed the motion, saying that he felt the current aims and policies put off some potential members and that good fellowship and a love of cycling was what appealed to most members. He wanted it recorded that this was an open and inclusive motion and not politically motivated. In the debate, West Lothian, Fenland and Bury spoke in support. Speakers from Saddleworth, Yorkshire Coast, Brighton and London spoke against the motion, arguing that the Clarion’s history, tradition and political stance were the reasons that many joined it rather than any other cycling club. On a vote, there were 983 for the motion, 333 against the motion and 16 abstentions. As the vote for the motion was over two thirds of the votes cast, the motion was carried.

Tuxford motion re: interpretation of rule re: 1.2. Seconded by Bury. As this was not a rule change, a simple majority was needed to pass it. The NC recommended that the word “outdated” was deleted. Tuxford accepted the amendment. In the debate, Brighton, Saddleworth, Yorkshire Coast, Broadland and North Cheshire spoke against the motion. Graham Geeson (private member) suggested that the NCCC had a set of media guidelines with good quality high definition logos for sections to use. Edward Gilder said this would be a good idea and Mathew Ball volunteered to assist with this task. Replying to the debate, Ian Clarke asked for his objections to the comments by Brighton to be recorded. He said it was a national motion and did not attempt to stop sections using what language they liked. On a vote, there were 625 votes in favour, 556 against with 151 abstentions so the motion was carried.

Motion from Bury Clarion: Not taken as a formal motion but agreed without a vote that the NC would add a page to the website on the Clarion’s Heroes, Legends, Achievers and Worthies.

Motion from Bury and Tuxford: New rule 9.13 Bury accepted a revised wording for their motion by Tuxford, It now read “For the avoidance of doubt,

all records and championships unless stated as 'female' specifically, can be claimed and won on a non-gender specific basis.” Agreed without a vote. Saddleworth raised the question of equal prize money for male and female riders. This was ruled to be a separate motion, which could be brought by the NC or a section to the next Annual Conference.

**Election of Officers:**

Nominations received:

President: No nomination

Chair: Edward Ireland

National Secretary: Edward Gilder

Treasurer: Andrew Martin

Admin Secretary: Charlie Harvey

Racing and Events Secretary: Steve Clarke

Webmaster / IT Manager: Neil Matheson

Membership Secretary: No nomination but interest had been notified to the National Secretary.

There being no other nominations, the officers were elected en bloc, proposed by Tuxford, seconded by West Lothian.

**AOB:** None notified

Ian Clarke proposed a vote of thanks to Edward Ireland for chairing the meeting and to the whole NC for organising a Zoom conference in difficult circumstances.

## **Appendices – Rule changes and motions as passed by conference**

### **National Committee – proposed preamble to the rules Passed by conference 12/6/21**

#### **Our Origins**

The Club began as part of the socialist movement of the Clarion newspaper in the 1890s. Its chief objectives then were the promotion of democracy and opposition to every form of inequality. These remain crucial concerns which we all should try and further in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Clarion socialism was more social and cultural than political and the Club does not seek to prescribe the political views and affiliations of members.

### **Nation Committee – Change to Rule 3.4. Passed at conference 12/6/21**

#### **3.4**

Sections should (as a minimum) comply with the following operational criteria:

- Name an elected representative who will be a paid up member of the National Clarion and will be the contact for the National Clarion office.
- Hold their own bank account (within the first 12 months of establishing).
- Meet on regular occasions throughout the year to conduct section affairs.
- Hold an AGM (annual general meeting) each year, to which all Section members are invited.
- Submit names and contact details of their key officers annually and no later than 1<sup>st</sup> March annually. (Secretary/Treasurer/Racing Secretary/Touring Secretary/Youth Development Officer/Club Coach(es)/Welfare Officer)

### **National Committee – proposed changes to section 5 of the rules**

#### **Passed by conference 12/6/21**

#### **5. COMMITTEE & OFFICERS**

##### **5.1**

The officers of The Clarion will be:

President

Chair

National Secretary

Membership Secretary

Treasurer

Admin Secretary

Competition and Events Secretary

Webmaster / IT Manager

Section Liaison Officer

Officers will be elected annually at the Annual Conference.

All officers will retire each year but will be eligible for re-appointment.

Conference may elect Vice-Presidents as honorary positions to recognise service to The Clarion.

5.2

The Committee shall consist of all officers elected at the Annual Conference

5.3

The quorum for a Committee Meeting shall be 4, unless those present agree that business should continue and minutes recorded.

5.4

Committee may appoint or co-opt other such officers as they think desirable. The number of appointed or co-opted officers must always be less than the number of officers elected by the Annual Conference.

Voting Powers – all officers elected at conference are entitled to one vote each. Appointed and co-opted officers may be invited to attend committee meetings and may vote on matters relevant to their role.

The Clarion Committee Meetings.

5.5

The chair may use a second or casting vote in the case of an equal number of votes for or against the resolution. He/she may not use his/her casting vote to overturn the status quo.

## 5.6

Decisions relating to donations or grants of any nature shall be at the discretion of national committee. The committee shall have authorisation levels of up to £1,000 for any one cause per annum. Donations above this level shall be referred to the annual conference for approval.

### **Motions to National Clarion conference 2021 from Tuxford section**

**Passed by conference 12/6/21**

**Rule change:**

## **2. Aims and policies**

### 2.1

The Clarion's aims are to protect and further the interests of cycling and cyclists.

In all its activities, the Clarion and its members shall endeavour to promote and encourage; Mutual Aid, Good Fellowship, Fairness, Equality, Inclusion and Diversity.

### 2.2

The Clarion shall not tolerate harassment or bullying in any form, including but not restricted to; verbal, non-verbal, written or in social media.

**Motion to conference:**

That any promotional (e.g. printed, online or social media) activities, using logos, phrases, sentences, headlines or straplines shall not use the terms of

'socialism', 'socialism hope of the world', 'lack of fellowship is death' or any similar variant including these words.

**Motion from Bury and Tuxford**

**Passed by conference 12/6/21**

New rule 9.13

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