

## **National Clarion Cycling Club**

### **National Committee Meeting**

#### **By Zoom**

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at 20:00 (8pm)**

**Present:** Steve Clarke, Edward Gilder, Charlie Harvey, Edward Ireland, Andrew Martin, Neil Matheson, Neil Shand, Paul Whitehead.

**1] Welcome to Neil Shand as President:** Edward G introduced Neil who was welcomed as the new President.

**2] Apologies for absence:** None.

**3] Minutes of last meeting:** Agreed with one amendment. AOB: 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph to read "Edward G had been offered a photograph of the 1936 Newark Clarion dinner".

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

**5] Matters arising, not covered elsewhere in the agenda:** Edward G still had to have look at the revision of the constitution and job description for the President. The financial statement still had to go on the website.

**6] Website / web hosting** (Neil / Edward G): We were short of email addresses and have reached the limit of six in our current package. Our current hosting package costs £12.50 per month. £24.50 pm would give us three more and more storage. Tasty Digital, our web host, had set up the site and had been helpful when modifications had been made. Our current contract lasted until February 2022. Edward G suggested that we contacted Tasty Digital to see if we could get a better deal. Steve briefed the committee on the original setting up of the website. Neil said there were deficiencies of the current site but said that it had the advantage that it used WordPress, which was widely used.

**7] Merchandise** (Edward G): Edward had been in touch with Chris Goode over Fellowship Is Life. He plans to revise the book but cannot do so at present due to family responsibilities. Edward has five copies left to sell though London Clarion still has copies. We will be getting a resupply of mud flaps. A box of merchandise has been sent to Steve to take to Bury. Caps could be awarded as

prizes for the National Hill Climb Championships. N. Cheshire has had some Clarion frame stickers made.

**8] Easter Meet 2022 and 2023:** Edward G has spoken to Martin. Capacity of the ballroom is 80 and the meeting room hold 40. The hotel wants a deposit of £1,200. He would liaise with Martin and Andrew about this and would seek assurances that the deposit would be safe in case Covid resurfaced or the hotel went bankrupt. Re: 2023, the committee agreed to appeal for a section or individual to run the meet.

**9] Membership (Paul):** Now has addresses for London Clarion. We needed to do a headcount of West Lothian Clarion for 2020 and 2021 to work out what they owe us in subscriptions. No membership cards had gone out this year. Edward G had put out an explanation for it this year. Given that the of cost of printing and distributing membership cards was about £3,000 pa, it was agreed to discuss whether to continue with them at a future meeting. Andrew asked Paul to send him the membership list so he could chase up sections that owed the NCCC money. **Action: Paul.**

**10] Collection of subscriptions (Paul / Andrew):** Taken under item 9.

**11] Boots & Spurs / Boots & Spurs Extra (Edward G):** Edward G felt that the latest edition wasn't as good as a last two as he'd not had as much material to select from. Andrew mentioned that Jack Levick (Tuxford Clarion) was taking part in the National Time Trial Championships and this would make a good story. Edward G would get in touch with Ian Clarke to see if there was a story for B&S. Steve would have some material from the Autumn Meet. **Action Edward G / Steve.**

**12] Competitions and Events (Steve):** 65 had signed up for the Autumn Meet, mainly from Bury, and 20 pre-entries for the hill climb. N. Cheshire was planning a cyclo-cross event near Crewe in November. Joanna Cebrat was eager to take over as Records Keeper. He would be in touch with the velodrome at Derby re: the track championships in February. Tuxford would be running the "three up" again. He had discussed having some Audax events with a Clarion Audax point competition. Steve had got the Clubman and Clubwoman trophies back from Martin and Jackie and would get all the trophies engraved. **Action: To go on next agenda.**

**13] Any campaigning news** (Charlie): There had been another demonstration in London, organised by the London Cycling Campaign re: the Holborn gyratory system. Camden Council were promising a redesign of it. He had circulated a worrying Cycling UK report on increasing cycling casualties on rural A roads, in contrast to urban A roads where the trend was downwards. Edward and Steve had had little response from sections re: working with Cycling UK (aka CTC) on campaigning. Edward had linked up with the Norwich Cycling Campaign.

**14] AOB:**

Clarion Sunday had been a success. It was agreed that Edward G should write to Clarion 1985 to congratulate them.

Charlie had had problems with contacting London Clarion. It was understood that communication via Martin Perfect was the best way.

**15] Time and date of next meeting** (on Zoom)

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 20:00 (8pm)