

**National Clarion Cycling Club**

**National Committee Meeting**

**By Zoom**

**Tuesday 2nd November 2021 at 20:00 (8pm)**

**Present:** Steve Clarke, Edward Gilder, Charlie Harvey, Edward Ireland, Neil Matheson, Neil Shand.

**1] Apologies for absence:** Andrew Martin, Paul Whitehead.

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

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

**4] Matters arising, not covered elsewhere in the agenda:** None

**5] Clarion Audax (continued from last meeting):** It was agreed that the Clarion would try to organise a national Audax award. It would make sense to align it with the Audax year (1<sup>st</sup> November to 31<sup>st</sup> October). Edward G would distribute a suggested scoring system, which would probably be based on the number of Audaxes completed, regardless of the distance covered. **Action: Edward G.**

**6] Website / web hosting update:** Neil outlined his discussions with Toby of Tasty Digital, who had suggested a different email provider or using Gmail or Outlook. The committee agreed that it would be better to seek alternative hosting from 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2022 when the current agreement ran out. He would check if Clarion retained the intellectual property on the current website. Neil would like to move the domain registration to the new host. He would email Andrew re: the relevant paperwork. He would bring suggestions to the December meeting. **Action: Neil M**

**7] Funding for Alex Ball:** The committee considered Alex's request for assistance in furthering his racing career. It was agreed to make a grant to him of £500 (proposed Edward G, seconded Steve). He would be asked to write an article for Boots & Spurs on his progress. Neil S would inform him as President. **Action: Edward G / Neil S**

**8] Easter Meet 2022 and 2023:** Edward G had spoken to Martin Hickman. We needed to send a deposit of £400 to the hotel. They would hold rooms until March. Edward G would speak with Martin about a programme. It was felt that the Annual Conference this year on Zoom had gone well. It was felt that it would be preferable to run it separately on Zoom from the Easter Meet. This would make it easier for sections distant from the meet venue to be represented. Edward G would consult members on this through Boots & Spurs Extra. **Action: Edward G**

**9] Membership:** Not taken in detail as Paul had had to give apologies for absence. It was noted that we had an increasing number of private members, possibly attracted by the Clarion's insurance cover. The new Dronfield section had about 16 members.

**10] Collection of subscriptions:** We were due a payment from Saddleworth. West Lothian were now paid up.

**11] Boots & Spurs / Boots & Spurs Extra:** All members should have now received it. Edward G was now gathering material for a new edition that he hoped would come out in February. He would be producing a B&S Extra re: Annual Conference.

**12] Competitions and Events:** Steve reported that Autumn Meet had gone well. 55 had signed up with 23 on the hill climb. There had been four different rides and a walk on the Saturday. The event had broken even. He had been unable to provide meet ribbons but had sold some merchandise. Future events included the N. Cheshire cyclo-cross, the Fenland Open 25 and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Broadland Weekend. He had sent to information he had on records to Joanna Cebrat.

**13] Any campaigning news:** Charlie had circulated Cycling UK's digest of campaigning news to the committee and was personally involved in a local campaign over the A1000 cycle route in Finchley.

**14] AOB:**

Steve asked about a reprint of "Fellowship Is Life" (FIL). Chris Goode had been given the copyright and hope to revise it but, at the moment, family commitments didn't allow him the time to do it. Edward G had 5 copies left

and London Clarion also had some for sale. There was history of the Barnoldswick section that we could sell if we ran out of FIL.

Steve had had contact with the merchants of big bobble hats which are popular with cyclo-cross fans with an eye to producing a Clarion bobble hat.

Smooth Law wanted to join the Clarion Facebook page. Steve would speak to them.

North Cheshire Clarion were developing an app for their youth section. Neil S would report back on how it was progressing.

**15] Time and date of next meeting (on Zoom):** Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 20:00 (8pm).