

National Clarion Cycling Club

National Committee Meeting

By Zoom

Thursday 2nd December 2021 at 20:00 (8pm)

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

1] Apologies for absence: Andrew Martin, Neil Shand, Neil Matheson (lateness).

2] Minutes of last meeting: Agreed.

3] Any confidential items in minutes: None

4] Matters arising, not covered elsewhere in the agenda:

Steve has spoken to Smooth Law. Not many jobs had been passed on to them. We could commend their services to members as a service on offer. They had offered some sponsorship to the NCCC. Edward G asked him to ask his contact at Smooth Law to send him some details for Boots & Spurs Extra. **Action: Steve**

Steve had been sent a sample bobble hat. The badge sewn on didn't really work. It as agreed that he should request a hat in Clarion colours but with a better badge or without a badge. **Action: Steve**

5] Website / web hosting – further update: Neil M reported on two options. He recommended using Mythic Beasts, based in Cambridge. The cost would be £70pa + VAT. This was agreed. He had hadn't heard yet from Andrew re: the intellectual property status of our website. **Action: Neil / Andrew**

6] Easter Meet 2022 and 2023: Edward G had been in touch with Neil S re: an Audax route. This would be a calendar event, open to others. The main event would be 200km but with shorter alternatives. Steve had been in touch with British Cycling's organiser at the racing circuit and was also planning a time trial with the local CTT. Edward G would talk to Martin Hickman re: entertainment.

7] Events at Easter Meet: Taken under item 6

8] Membership: Paul was now able to download membership data for Boots & Spurs mailouts. Clarion members can update their own data. It was agreed that there should be a membership audit at the end of February. We could then let sections know how many members they have and how much they owed the NCCC. There would be a second audit in August. Edward G noted that we now had about 90 private members. He and Paul would see if there were enough members in an area to form new sections.

9] Collection of subscriptions: Taken under item 8 as Treasurer not present.

10] Boots & Spurs / Boots & Spurs Extra: Edward G would try and put out an edition of B&S Extra before Christmas and a full B&S in February.

11] Competitions and Events: Steve had contacted the Derby velodrome as a venue for the Track Championship in February. Joanna Cebrat was chasing up old records. Edward G had written to Neil S re: his suggestions for a Clarion Audax competition. He proposed an individual trophy and one for sections. He would send Charlie a copy for the scoring scheme for the minutes. He envisaged that the competition could start in January. We could publicise events in the website, B&S Extra and the Audax magazine. Steve would check to see if we had any trophies we could reprocess.

12] Any campaigning news: Charles had circulated the latest Cycling UK campaigning news. The London Cycling Campaign was asking its borough groups to check if they were signing up to the CLOCS (Construction Logistics and Community Safety) scheme for safer lorries. They were also trying to recruit "Climate Champions" for each borough. He would also circulate BBC coverage of the increasing number of cycling casualties on rural roads. Edward G drew the committee's attention to the "Gear Change" document and had written to Norfolk highways re: its plans for the A47.

13] AOB:

Kath Leese – We had only recently learned that Kath Lees had died in January. Edward G would see if someone could write an obituary for Boots & Spurs.

A section had written to complain about the way that Neil S had become President. The committee felt that it had been done within the procedures in

the constitution. We could have a formal vote on the matter at the next Annual Conference, at which all members of the NCCC would be represented.

It was noted that Saddleworth had publicised an alternative Easter Meet at Barrow on Furness on Facebook. Agreed we needed to give notice of the official Easter Meet asap.

Neil reported on an Instagram posting purporting to be from the NCCC.

14] Time and date of next meeting (on Zoom): Thursday 6th January 2022 at 20:00 (8pm)