

National Clarion Cycling Club

National Committee Meeting

By Zoom

Thursday 6th January 2022 at 20:00 (8pm)

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

1] Apologies for absence: Neil Shand (lateness)

2] Minutes of last meeting: Agreed with one change to AOB

3] Any confidential items in minutes: None

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

5] Easter Meet 2022 / Events at Easter Meet: Edward G has spoken with Martin Hickman. The hotel had been arranged but not the programme. The hotel was asking for a £400 non-returnable deposit. Agreed that we needed an end date, after which, if there were not enough participants, the meet would have to be cancelled. Steve suggested a month before the meet. Edward G was happy to discuss arrangements with the hotel but needed some idea of the programme.

The programme was likely to be:

Friday: an informal social gathering. Signing in desk.

Saturday: 200 km Audax, Paul would ask Graeme Walters to run a social ride. A town walk in Lancaster was another option. Social evening with entertainment in the evening, probably with a buffet.

Sunday evening: Circuit racing. Dinner and presentation of awards.

Monday morning: 10m time trial

Booking would be through the NCCC website or Eventbrite.

There would be a meet levy for those attending for the whole weekend and a lower one for those just attending the Sunday dinner and presentation.

We could ask for expressions of interest through B&S.

As regards a meet ribbon, Steve would check with Jacquard Weaving to see if their loom was now working,

Action: Edward G / Steve

Note: It has since been agreed to have a special NC meeting on Sunday January 16th to finalise details of the Easter Meet.

6] Easter Meet 2023: Deferred to a future meeting.

7] Membership report (Paul): Paul presented a detailed report. As of 2/1/22, we had 1793 members. The Dronfield section was now up and running. Members could update their own details though Member Mojo. He had been in touch with Yorkshire Coast section as their membership details were formatted differently to other sections. Some sections had asked about laminated membership cards. The membership survey indicated that many members appreciated them but the cost of the cards and postage was regarded as prohibitive. The main reason members needed it was to claim their discounts. Steve asked if a digital membership card could be sent to a member's mobile phone. Neil M would look into this. Edward G had received few emails re: not getting cards. Confirmation of their membership and the discount number could be included in a letter. Edward G would check if a QR code could be provided by Cotswold Leisure for members to use. Andrew would look into a privacy notice setting how members' data would be used.

Action: Edward G / Andrew / Neil M

8] Collection of subscriptions (Paul / Andrew):

Andrew presented a list of 2021 NCCC subscriptions. As regards collection of 2022 subscriptions, it was felt that the best approach was to send sections the names of their members and ask for payment. Members need to be reminded that if they were not covered by our insurance if they had not paid their subscriptions. The usual amount would be £12 adult, £8 under 18 single, £24 family. No payment is expected for life members. Paul and Edward would work out an appropriate wording to send out to sections. W. Lothian, Calder and

Blackpool needed chasing for arrears. Edward G would email them. There was also the issue that different sections were using different payment methods.

Action: Paul / Edward G

9] Website / web hosting – any further updates (Neil): Neil had emailed Toby at Tasty, who have come up with a better offer allowing us up to 20 email addresses, though we are nearing the limit of our disk space. It was agreed to stay with Tasty rather than transfer to Mythical Beasts. The cost would be £150pa. Though this was more expensive, we would continue to benefit from Tasty's technical support and would not have spend time on migrating our records.

10] Boots & Spurs / Boots & Spurs Extra (Edward G)

Steve had spoken to Smooth Law who would send some copy to him to pass on to Edward G. There had been one complaint about an editorial.

11] Competitions and Events (Steve): Steve was working on the Easter Meet races. He had been unable to get the track for February 2022 but would book for February 2023 for the track competition. Joanna was still chasing past records that the NC may have to ratify. He had the idea that we could encourage Clarion members to support Cycle to Work Day (Thursday 4th August). The URL for this is <https://www.cyclescheme.co.uk/ctwd>

12] Any campaigning news (Charlie): Charlie had already circulated Cycling UK's campaigning news and had little further to report. Steve had seen magazine coverage of the London Cycling Campaign's dangerous junctions campaign. Charlie had contributed personally to it and had been with other London Clarion members at one of the demos. He gave the NC further details. It was agreed that any contributions to local campaigns should be made by local sections but the NC might support national campaigns, e.g. the one by Cycling UK on the revision of the Highway Code. Edward G hoped to include information on the revision on the Highway Code in B&S. Neil S had put information about it in on his section's Facebook page and was asked if he could put this on the national FB page. Steve would then ensure that this was distributed amongst the sections.

Action: Neil S

13] AOB

Insurance: The cover note for 2021 was on the website. Edward G would send Neil M the 2022 insurance paperwork to put on the website.

Action: Edward G / Neil M

Barnoldswick: There will be a review of a history of the Barnoldswick section in the next B&S.

14] Time and date of next meeting (on Zoom):

Thursday 3rd February 20:00 (8pm).