

National Clarion Cycling Club

National Committee Meeting

By Zoom

Tuesday 1st March 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: None

2] Minutes of last meeting: Agreed with the correction of a typo in item 5, an amendment to item 6 to read “some sections” and the deletion of para 1 of section 14.

3] Any confidential items in minutes: None

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

5] Easter Meet 2022: Edward G said that only eight had paid to come so far, though more were expected. Agreed to meet to have a special meeting on whether to ahead on the 16th March. Agree that NC members would their best to publicise the meet. A 10 mile TT would be held in conjunction with the North Lancs Road Club on the Saturday morning. The circuit race details were to be arranged. Charlie had found that many of the staff had hazy knowledge of the meet discount.

6] Membership report: Paul reported that the proposed Doncaster Section was hanging fire. Most of them had joined the NCCC as private members but hadn't formed a section yet. We currently had just under 2,000 members. He raised the question of a membership card so that members could claim discounts. Andrew reported that the last membership card run had cost £2,970 including postage. The feeling of the NC was that this was not a good use of club money as few members asked for cards and the discounts could be claimed in other ways. Cotswold had given us a barcode which members can use to claim their discount. The other firms that gave us a discount had given us discount numbers. These could be publicised to members. Andrew would present a budget at annual conference including a “Where your money goes”

guide outlining how the membership fees were used. Paul noted that some sections was charging its junior members £7 so that, in effect, the adult members were subsidising them. Edward had been emailing sections with their numbers so they know what to pay. Two sections had already paid some of their subs in January. We had about 80 private members. Steve asked if there any concentrations of private members who might form new sections. Paul would look into this. Edward G would contact some former Crewe Clarion members who were no longer members. Neil S would send him their contact details. Saddleworth was remaining in the NCCC but retaining the pre-2021 objects in their own constitution. The West of Scotland group had send Andrew a cheque for £100.

7] Membership issue: London Clarion had refused to renew Charlie's membership so he would be accepting an invitation to join Broadland Clarion. Paul would check to see if we had enough private members In Hertfordshire so he could join a section there. Steve would put a post on our Facebook page about this.

8] Collection of subscriptions (Paul / Andrew): West Lothian have paid what was owing. Three sections were still owing. Calder and Blackpool had not paid in 2019,2020 and 2021. Paul would follow up with Blackpool. Coatbridge had paid in 2021 but not 2019 and 2020. Changes in Treasurer or Secretary seemed to be the usual reason for a problem. Edward would send emails to remind Calder and Coatbridge.

9] Website / email – further updates (Neil M): No invoice had been received yet from Tasty. Neil M would send their contact details to Andrew, who would email them. Now we had more email addresses available from them, we would create new mails. Agreed to set up chair@ and president@. He would sent out login and password instructions to those who had Clarion email addresses. Racing@ and membership@ seemed to be working but Edward G was having problems with accessing bike@. Some members had been having problems paying for the Easter Meet through PayPal though it was agreed to stick with it for the time being.

10] Boots & Spurs / Boots & Spurs Extra (Edward G): Boot & Spurs had gone to the printer. It had proved difficult to get copy from the sections. He thanked

Paul whose piece on his tour of the Alps was a major item of the edition. He asked Steve to send him the racing calendar for the next Boots & Spurs Extra.

11] Competitions and Events: Steve reported that most of the races had been organised, except for the hill climb and the cyclo-cross. He was considering an Autumn meet at Ironbridge. Joanna and Francis were working on the records. Neil M mentioned that it had been agreed at the last Annual Conference to put the club's records on the website.

12] Any campaigning news: Charlie reported that another cyclist had been killed on the Holborn gyratory system. There had been another death the previous summer and eight in all since 2008. The London Cycling Campaign would be organising a vigil and demonstration. Several members of London Clarion had attended the one last year and he expected that there would be a Clarion presence at this one.

13] AOB:

Edward G asked if his postage receipts had been received. Andrew confirmed they had.

Steve asked Edward G if he had received an email re: support for coach education. Edward asked for it to be sent to him the message again. This could be discussed at our special meeting on 16th March. Neil reported that there was a shortage of suitable British Cycling (BC) courses. The possibility for a private BC was discussed.

14] Time and date of next meetings (on Zoom)

Wednesday 16th March, special meeting re: Easter Meet and support for youth coaching.

Tuesday 5th April, regular meeting.

Both at 20:00, (8pm)

Appendix 1: Notes on meeting of 16/3/22. Apologies from Andrew. Other NC members present.

1] Support for coach education: Steve had passed on Edward G's contact details but as yet he had not yet received the email.

2] Easter Meet: Only 14 had paid to come so far but as we had a paid non-returnable deposit for the room the consensus was that we went ahead even if the numbers were small. The deadline for food orders was 31st March. Neil M to send out another email to members and Steve would publicise the Meet again on Facebook. Neil S had a dozen entries for the long Audax but only one for the short one. Charlie noted that the train the West Coast Mainline was severely affected by engineering work during the Easter weekend. **Action: Steve, Neil M**

Appendix 2: Notes on meeting: Sunday 27th March at 20:00 (8pm). Apologies for absence: Andrew, Paul, Neil S. Present: Steve, Edward G, Charlie, Edward I, Neil M.

1] Easter Meet: 21 members had now booked. Some members had experienced problems booking through the website. Neil would look into this. Edward would contact the hotel to advise them about the numbers and would send out menus to those who had booked. Through Paul, he would contact Pete Lashley re: payment. **Action: Neil M, Edward G**