

Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018  
 Meeting Room,  
 Hadleigh Park, Chapel Ln  
 Hadleigh, Benfleet  
 SS7 2PP  
 Start at 10:00am  
 Finish c. 12:30pm



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## National Conference MINUTES – Easter 2018 Southend

1. Election of Chair for the 2018 conference, Bob Harber was elected from the floor.  
 Bob started the meeting by paying thanks to Alex & Alan for all their work this year and especially for organising this weekend's meet.
2. Standing orders secretary's report – Bob explained that standing orders had been updated to version 2. He passed on his apologies having not submitting a written report prior to meeting.
3. Apologies for absence; Francis Grafton - Nottingham & Ken Hemsley - Fenland
4. Election of tellers (2) John Royle Fenland, Mick O'Rourke London
5. Minutes of the conference held at Chester 2017 – these were approved by conference. The chair suggested that in future we should circulate the minutes of prior conference at the same time as the agenda for the current conference. **Action Ian C**
6. National Secretary's report (as circulated prior to conference)
7. Financial report and balance sheet for 2017  
 Ian Clarke proposed a vote of thanks to Andrew Martin, and the accounts were accepted by conference with the premise of having an inspector of accounts in future rather than auditors.  
 Comment from Alan Kiddle that if we only do one Boots & Spurs magazine, this could save the club £2,500 for the year of 2018.  
 Comment from Chair, that as the club grows we should expect paid services to be something we incur more frequently.  
 There was a general view that we should continue to affiliate to Cycling UK **Action Ian C**  
 It was also mentioned that sections should normally affiliate to CTT (Cycling Time Trials) if their members wish to time trial. If they do not affiliate to CTT, they must ride under the name of the National Clarion CC who are to remain affiliated to CTT.

### 8. Election of officers

Position	Nomination	Of which section:	
Chair	Bob Harber	Brighton & Hove	Elected from floor
President	Ken Hemsley	Fenland	Standing
Vice President	Kath Leese	Heanor	Standing
Vice President	David Bisset	Bolton	Standing
Secretary	Ian Clarke	Tuxford	Standing
Assistant Secretary	VACANCY		VACANCY
Treasurer	Andrew Martin	Tuxford	Standing
Minutes Secretary	VACANCY		VACANCY
Racing Secretary	Steve Clarke	Fenland	Standing
Standing Orders Sec'	Bob Harber	Brighton & Hove	Standing
Committee member 1	Chris Goode	Yorkshire Coast	Standing
Committee member 2	Martin Hickman	North Cheshire	Standing
Webmaster	Alan Kiddle	London	Standing
Membership Secretary	VACANCY		VACANCY
Auditor/Inspector	Vacancy x 2		VACANCY

It was proposed by the National Secretary that all of the above should be accepted 'en-bloc'. Conference agreed.  
 All of the above are now officers for the Clarion for 2018/19 to Conference 2019.

The secretary made the point that in the absence of nominations for membership secretary and minutes secretary that this work falls back to him. All delegates should take this back to their sections to find nominations from their members.

**Action All**

## **Motions for conference**

Note that there was 804 members (48% of 1685) represented from 9 sections (1/3<sup>rd</sup> of 27 sections)

### **9. Motions to conference requiring rule changes.**

#### **Item 9 Motion to conference:**

##### **Membership fee increase for 3rd Party insurance (proposed by National Committee)**

In the best interests of all members and section officials, that the National Clarion should adopt an inclusive 3rd Party Public Liability Insurance as part of the standard membership fee. This would provide peace of mind to all members. Meaning that they and all of their fellow members would have 3rd Party Insurance whilst cycling.

This would require an increase in all membership category fees\*, for all paying members:

Senior membership fee:	from £8 to £12
U18 membership fee:	from £4 to £6
Family membership fee:	from £16 to £24

Note that a separate document detailing this proposal has already been circulated to section secretaries.

Proposed by committee, seconded Colin of Barlick section. Carried 651 for 153 against. **Motion Passed**

#### **Item 10 Motions requiring Rule Changes**

##### **A) To modify Rule 3.1.** (proposed by National Committee)

Insert new sentence after 'geographical location'. 'A section may only use the Clarion name and logos whilst they remain a fully paid up section of the Clarion.'

*Founding members of a new Section will be required to complete and sign a form, to confirm they recognise that the Clarion is granting them a licence to use the Clarion name and logo.*

Seconded Tony Bowles of Bolton, carried 758 in favour, 0 against, 46 abstained **Motion Passed**

##### **B) To modify Rule 4.2ii.** (proposed by National Committee)

Change 'Juniors' to 'U18'.

The rule would now read

"Rule 4.2(ii) U18: under 18 years at the time of payment."

Seconded Tony Bowles carried unanimous **Motion Passed**

Note: the following items C) & D) both relate to second claim membership. C) is non-contentious whereas D) requires sections to make a decision about second claim members breaking records.

##### **C) To modify Rule 4.6:** (proposed by National Committee)

Delete all after "activities and races."

Rule 4.6 in its entirety would now read

"Second claim members are permitted to join at the same fee as full members. Second claim members may participate in all activities and races."

& To create new rule 9.12:(proposed by National Committee)

Add at the end the wording:

Second claim members are eligible to compete in the Clarion Points Competition in their first year. In the second year of membership second claim members who have previously completed at least 4 events of the points competition are eligible to compete for Clarion Championships. Otherwise second claim members have to wait until payment of their third subscription before they qualify to compete for Clarion Championships.

*Note: that in effect, these two changes moves the topic of eligibility for championships from Membership (rules 4) to Racing championships (rules 9).*

Seconded by Steve Clarke of Fenland, carried unanimously. **Motion Passed**

**D) To modify Rule 9.5.**(proposed by Nottingham Section)

Note that an appendix explaining this proposal is submitted under separate cover.

This needs to be seen as a 'clarification ruling' and presents to conference an either/or choice.

Either D1 – records can only be broken by first claim members, or D2 – clarify the conditions for records to be broken by second claim members.

**D1) To modify Rule 9.5.**

After the words 'must be paid up' insert 'first claim', and replace 'record/event' with the words 'qualifying performance' so that the relevant part shall read:

“A member wishing to claim a Clarion record shall satisfy the following requirements:

i) Claimants must be paid up first-claim members of the National Clarion Cycling Club at the time of the qualifying performance.

*This would ensure that Clarion record holders are Clarion first-claim committed riders.*

Seconded by Bob Harber, motion carried 758 votes

**Motion Passed**

Or...

**D2) To modify Rule 9.5**

At the end of the requirements for a record claimant, add:

v) Eligibility for club records by second claim members shall be consistent with the conditions for Clarion Championships.

**This (D2) alternative motion fell automatically due to D1) being passed**

**E) To replace existing Rule 6.2.**(proposed by Tuxford Section)

Rule 6.2 would now read:

Sections may give notice of motions to conference and nominations of officers and committee members each year prior to conference. These motions and nominations shall be sent the Clarion Secretary not later than two months before Conference. A suitable form is available on request if needed.

*The existing 4 months is recognised as unworkable.*

Seconded by Fenland, all in favour none against

**Motion Passed**

**F) To modify Rule 8.2.**(proposed by National Committee)

After 'trophies and medals.', insert 'A Junior is defined as being under 19 on 31 December of the relevant year.'  
*A definition of 'Junior' is required.*

Seconded by Alan Armstrong, all in favour, none against

**Motion Passed**

**G) Conference debate** (potentially leading to a motion & or a rule change):

That for a trial period (e.g. for 2019) the annual conference shall be held outside of the Easter Meet timetable (in order to provide more time for cycling and social activities at the annual meet).

**Motion Falls**

*This will not require a Rule Change.*

Or to Delete Rule 6.1.(proposed by National Committee)

*This would allow for Conference to be held outside of the Annual Meet.*

Seconded by Colin. carried 740 in favour to 14 against

**Motion Passed**

**H) Request by West Lothian for a donation/contribution towards the Linlithgow Cycling Circuit**

Following a request by West Lothian, the National Committee has pledged £1000 towards this worthy cause. Whilst the suggested sum was much higher, committee felt that a further £1000 should be sanctioned only by conference.

After some debate no proposer for this motion came forward.

**Motion Falls**

**10. National events for 2018**

- Sunday 1st April, 10 mile TT champs – Southend E34/10
- Sunday 3rd June, 50 mile TT champs – Nottingham A50/5
- Sunday 17th June, 25 mile TT champs – Sunderland M254
- Sunday 8th July, 3-up TT 25 mile champs – Tuxford A25/3
- Saturday 18th August Circuit Race Champs – Wakefield
- Track Champs – TBA
- Cyclo-cross – TBA hopefully North Cheshire
- Hill climb – TBA
- Autumn Meet – 2018,

Ian said that he would speak with Ironbridge and Saddleworth to test their interest for 2018

**Action Ian C**

It was discussed that there was a possibility of a summer meet by North Cheshire. **Action Ian C**

**11. National events for 2019 (sections to volunteer) As per the above championships**

- 3-up TTT to be run by Nottingham or Tuxford
- 50 mile TT to be run by Nottingham

**12. Easter Meet venues and organiser for 2019 & 2020 are still needed and it is of some concern that we leave the 2018 meet with no venue or organiser for 2019.**

**Action All**

**13. Autumn Meet venue and organiser for 2019**

**Action All**

**14. AOB: A vote of thanks was recorded for Dave Bisset for his hard work and service as chair of the National Clarion CC for several years.**

**15. The meeting was closed at 12:30pm**

Ian Clarke – Secretary National Clarion Cycling Club