

National Clarion Cycling Club (NCCC)

Annual Conference

By Zoom 17/9/2022

Sections represented: Barnoldswick, Blackpool, Brighton & Hove, Broadland, Clitheroe, Cotswold, Dronfield, Fenland, London, North Cheshire, Tuxford, West Lothian, Yorkshire Coast plus one private member.

Standing Orders: Ian Clarke noted that the Standing Orders used for the Zoom Annual Conference referred to votes based on the number of paid up adult members in a section, not all members as laid down in the constitution. Edward Gilder apologised for the error and it was agreed that votes should be based on all members in membership 14 days before the conference. It would take longer to count votes and these would be published on the NCCC website

In the Chair: Edward Ireland (Clitheroe)

Apologies for absence: Michael Stainer (Dronfield), Nick Tanner (Clitheroe)

Minutes of previous conference – Zoom meeting June 2121: Agreed. Proposed Broadland, seconded Fenland.

Matters arising not otherwise on the agenda: Ian Clarke requested that the Clarion logo was used on correspondence. Charlie Harvey said he was happy to do this if someone could tell him how to format the documents.

Ian Clarke followed up on a motion from Bury Clarion agreed at the 2021 conference that “the NC would add a page to the website on the Clarion’s Heroes, Legends, Achievers and Worthies”. At the time, Bury had admitted that they were not sure how this could be done. Edward Gilder said the National Committee (NC) would look at ways of doing it.

Election of Officers: Nominations were:

President: Neil Shand (N Cheshire)

Chair: Edward Ireland (Clitheroe)

National Secretary: Edward Gilder (Broadland)

Membership Secretary: Paul Whitehead (Blackpool)

Admin Secretary: Charlie Harvey (Broadland)

Competition and Events Secretary: Steve Clarke (Fenland)

Treasurer: Jonathan Leigh (Dronfield)

Webmaster / IT Manager: Michael Stainer (Dronfield)

Boots & Spurs Editor: Edward Gilder (Broadland)

Section Liaison Officer: No nomination

The officers were invited to introduce themselves. Edward Gilder indicated he would like to stand down as the National Secretary next year and concentrate on being Editor of Boots & Spurs. Niall Mulholland indicated that he might be able to offer some help. Edward and Niall would confer outside the meeting.

Neil Matheson and Andrew Martin were thanked for all their work on the NC.

There being no other nominations, the officers were elected en bloc, proposed by Tuxford, seconded by W Lothian.

Secretary's report (previously published on website): There were no questions about the report and it was accepted. Ian Clarke asked for Conference's thanks to be recorded to Edward Gilder. Niall Mulholland suggested future Annual Conferences could be hybrid online and in person meetings. The meeting would be held, as was traditional, as part of the Easter Meet but those unable to attend could attend online. This was seconded by Ian Clarke with an amendment that it was "reasonably practicable", given the technical facilities available. As nobody opposed the proposal, it was accepted without a formal vote.

Competition and Events Secretary's Report (previously published on website): Report accepted. Matthew Ball asked if a W Lothian cycle cross event in January could be used for a national event. He also asked if the cycle circuit being built in West Lothian could be used for a weekend event combining a time trial and a criterium. Marcus Hurst (Bury) asked if NCCC could use undersubscribed events local to them as Clarion events.

Treasurer's Report (previously published on website):

Income for the year had been £18,663. Expenditure for the year was £13,673. The principal costs were the 3rd party insurance and the production and

distribution of Boots & Spurs. There was a surplus of £4,990. The funds of the club stood at £40,317. The Treasurer took questions from Matthew Ball re: grants for sections and from Ian Clarke re: match funding and membership cards. Andrew was thanked for all his work on the committee and wished his successor Jonathan Leigh all the best for the future.

Motions:

1] From Tuxford re: welcoming refugees from Ukraine into the Clarion. Tuxford were happy to accept the NC's view that all refugees should be included in the scope of the motion. It was felt by several delegates that working with a local Bike Project or other refugee cycle groups was the best way forward. Barry Raynor suggested that contact be made with the Ukrainian Embassy. Edward Gilder would write a piece in Boots & Spurs summarising the discussion. This motion was for discussion and no formal vote was taken.

2] From London, seconded Cotswold: re: rolling membership i.e. members should get a year's membership from the date they joined. Paul Whitehead was broadly favourable. Ian Clarke was concerned that it would create an extra burden on the Treasurer and the Membership Secretary. This view was supported by several sections. The motion was defeated by 825 to 307 votes.

3] From Brighton & Hove, seconded London: re: moving from the current block vote delegate system to one member one vote (OMOV). It was argued that this was more democratic and participatory. Those sections opposed felt that the strength of the Clarion was in its sections and the current system encouraged internal debate within them. Furthermore, it was a system suited to a national organisation with autonomous sections. It was argued that OMOV could work but there would have to be a minimum number of votes cast to prevent the NCCC being taken over by small single issue groups. Concern was expressed on the cost of any system that could accommodate up to 2,000 individual voters. The motion was defeated by 766 to 294 votes with 4 sections abstaining.

AOB: None notified

Ian Clarke proposed a vote of thanks to Edward Ireland for chairing the meeting.