

National Clarion Cycling Club

National Committee Meeting

By Zoom

Monday 10th July 2023 at 20:00 (8pm)

Present: Steve Clarke, Edward Gilder, Charlie Harvey, Edward Ireland, Jonathan Leigh, Clive O'Connell, Neil Shand, Michael Stainer, Paul Whitehead.

1] Apologies for absence: None

2] Minutes of last meeting: In item 10 Treasurer's Report, the action point was for Jonathan, not Steve.

3] Any confidential items in minutes: None

4] Matters arising, not covered elsewhere in the agenda: Michael raised the issue of the questionnaire re: the Easter Meet. It was agreed to take this under item 8.

5] Ian Hoyle (Safeguarding Officer): Not present.

6] Clive O'Connell (Standing Orders Secretary): Clive was welcomed to the NC. He queried the draft minutes of the Annual Conference (see below) which indicated that the conference had voted against having a Standing Orders Secretary. This was obviously an error and the voting figures were the wrong way round. He also wanted to check that he was now an officer and a member of the NC. This was confirmed. He planned to undertake a review of the constitution and standing orders, hopefully by October. In particular the review would take in the use of Zoom, for meetings.

7] Annual Conference draft minutes: Charlie apologised for the delay in producing them. He had had difficulties minuting such a very long hybrid meeting. He thanked Jonathan for his corrections on financial matters. When he sent them out, he had queried the voting figures for the vote to appoint a Standing Order Secretary (see item 6 above) and the vote on the Saddleworth motion, as amended by London and Tuxford, on donations to charity. He asked if the voting figures could be checked for the latter. **Action: Edward G/Paul.** Charlie was thanked for his efforts and asked to number the pages next year.

8] 2024's NCCC Annual Meet, possibly to be held at the York Rally?: Paul and Michael opened the discussion. It was cheap to camp at and, being in late June, was not at a time of peak time accommodation hotel costs. We could organise some Clarion led rides and, if we wish to, have our own social functions. Michael was authorised to let the York Rally organisers know that we'd be interested in taking part and to find out costs and how we could contribute to the event. Chris mentioned that the York Rally clashed with the "Dieppe Raid", which several Clarion sections attended. Steve would refine the questionnaire to take in the York Rally. Neil suggested that we still keep to the tradition of meeting at Easter by meeting up at the Clarion House. **Action: Michael/Steve**

9] Dates of future meetings: Jonathan asked if we could fix dates in advance for rest of the year. He would also like us to have an occasional in person meeting. The following dates were scheduled:

Tuesday 12th September

Tuesday 10th October

Tuesday 10th December

Tuesday 5th December

10] Legal structure of the NCCC (e.g. Limited company, charitable status, company limited by guarantee). Any update?: Edward G was going to contact Audax UK who had moved from being a member club to being a limited company. Chris would also make enquiries.

11] Recruitment of a new National Secretary and Data Protection/ Compliance Officer: No progress. No one had come forward. Regarding the National Secretary role, it was felt the duties would have to be slimmed down before it would attract anyone.

12] Membership report: Paul currently had 2,112 members. There were a few anomalies in some

sections. Barnoldswick, Yorkshire Coast, Nottingham and London had members who were not NCCC members. There was an issue of members in future having to opt in to get additional communications. It seemed that B&S came as part of NCCC membership and so members did not have to opt in to

receive it. Also, there were differences between what information was required on MemberMojo. Chris would make enquiries.

13] Treasurer's report: Jonathan reported that cost of the 2023 Easter Meet had been approx. £1,200. As of 10th July we had £47,287.29 in the Barclays account, £3,878.59 in PayPal, giving a total of £51,165.88. Some sections have already paid their subscriptions for this year. There were a few anomalies that he needed to check. He was making sure that he usually used the Treasurer@ email address so that if anything should happen to him or someone else took over the role they would still have access to any past correspondence.

14] IT update: Michael asked for March to June NC minutes for the website. **Action: Charlie.** Once the voting figures has been checked the draft Annual Conference minutes should go out to Section Secretaries. **Action: Charlie/Edward G/Paul.** He also needed to put an updated list of officers and the updated constitution on the site. Edward would send the latest electronic version of the minutes to Chris, who would update them based on the Annual Conference minutes. **Action: Edward G/Chris.** Michael had made little progress on the new website. He felt its major purpose was to promote the benefits of Clarion membership to both prospective new members as well as existing members which he felt were 1] The low cost of insurance compared with Cycling UK & British Cycling 2] Providing up to date details of the over 30 Clarion sections across the country 3] The promotion of national events and events run by individual sections. He felt rather demotivated after the Annual Conference and felt that he needed more support from the Committee. A small working group could be of benefit in developing the design and content and that an in-person meeting might be useful for coming up with ideas. Edward G suggested Birmingham as a possible venue due to its central location. One section had written to Edward G saying that the website looked out of date and that they might have someone who might be able to help. Edward G would check with the section involved and get back to Michael. **Action: Edward G/Michael.**

15] Boots & Spurs / Boots & Spurs Extra: Edward G had put out a further appeal to sections for contributions. He was getting towards enough material for the next issue. Jonathan found that having a coloured backgrounds to

articles made reading them more difficult. Edward G would remind the designer about this. **Action: Edward G**

16] Competitions and Events: Steve reported that the “three up” TT organised by Tuxford was happening the following weekend with a good number of sign-ups. We’d also had our first yellow jersey in the Tour de France! Chris reported that one London member had won the Pan Celtic race and another had completed the Trans Continental on a Brompton. Neil asked if Steve had a list of awards presented at the Annual Conference. Steve did and could let Edward G have a list for B&S.

17] AOB:

a] Section liaison: Charlie had written to Gosport, Cotswold and Brighton & Hove sections. He had received a detailed email from Gosport followed up by a lengthy phone conversation. The Cotswold Secretary was on holiday but would respond later.

b] New memberships fees: Edward G would remind the section of the reduction in fees for 2024, which would be Family £20, Adults (18+) £10 and Junior (under 18) £6.

c] Annual Conference 2024: Chris asked about the date of the 2024 Annual Conference. More time was needed was for sections to give proper consideration to motions. To go on to the agenda at our next meeting. **Action: Charlie**

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

Tuesday 12th September at 20:00 (8pm)

Future meetings: Tuesday 10th October, Tuesday 7th November, Tuesday 5th December.