

National Clarion Cycling Club

National Committee Meeting

By Zoom

Tuesday 12th September 2023 at 20:00 (8pm)

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

1] Apologies for absence: Paul Whitehead.

2] Minutes of last meeting:

Present: O'Donnell should read O'Connell

Time, date and place of next meetings: November date should read 7th November.

Otherwise agreed as a true record.

3] Any confidential items in minutes: None

4] Matters arising, not covered elsewhere in the agenda: Jonathan queried the amount notified to sections for family membership. It should be twice the adult membership fee. Edward G to check. **Action: Edward G**

5] Ian Hoyle (Safeguarding Officer): Ian introduced himself. He suggested that his contact details should be publicised in Boots & Spurs, on the website and through the Facebook page. Agreed. He had done the British Cycling training and would use their documentation and procedures. He could act as an adviser for larger sections who had their own Safeguarding/Welfare Officer and act in that role for small sections that had no such post. Agreed to put relevant info on the website a.s.a.p. Agreed to send some brief details to Michael to go on the website. **Action: Ian/Edward G/Michael.**

6] Recruitment of a new National Secretary and Data Protection/Compliance Officer: Standing item. No further progress. Edward would appeal for

volunteers in the next B&S. It was agreed that Edward G would circulate the revised slimmed down job description to the rest of the committee. **Action: Edward G.** The NC discussed the option of paying an honorarium to the National Secretary. We would have to put this to an Annual Conference.

7] 2024 Easter Meet:

a] An offer had been made by Tuxford at to run the event at Newark. The consensus was that Newark would be an attractive venue and that we should accept this kind offer and agreed to the request for financial support. The NC had already agreed to have the Annual Conference at another time. Steve would let Ian know. **Action: Steve.** Agreed to include Ian Clarke in the mailing list for NC meetings and put him near the top of the agenda so he would not have to sit through the other business. It was also agreed not to have a meet levy as we have funds that should be used to benefit the members and it would reduce admin. Agreed to allow Tuxford up to £1,500 to pay for any necessary invoices.

b] Option of combining with York Rally: Michael had been unable to attend the last meeting re: The York Rally. The next meeting would be on 30th September. Edward G wanted to know what our unique selling point (USP) was. The feeling was that it was our national network of sections, Boots & Spurs, insurance cover and our long and distinctive history were the main selling points. We could also offer to assist with leading rides, starting at a Clarion gazebo Steve said that we have some display materials in the store in Peterborough. Michael would indicate to the York Rally Committee that the NCCC is interested in taking part and obtain information on any costs involved.

8] Timing of 2024 Annual Conference: The planned date was Thursday 25th April 2024, starting at 19:00. It will be virtual by Zoom.

9] Transfer of bike@clarion.org to Admin Secretary: Charlie had taken over responsibility for the club's email w.e.f. 24/8/23. He'd found there was an issue in a number of cases when he'd passed on an email to people who'd already received it but this wasn't clear in the "From" box. He wanted to clear what the situation was. After discussion the following procedures were agreed:

a] From Member Mojo – no need to forward on.

b] From Pay Pal - no need to forward on.

c] Web shop – forward on to Tim Wadsworth (Merchandising Officer).

e] Re individual sections – forward to the section. Edward G to send a list of section emails to Charlie **Action: Edward G**

e] Other emails – Forward to relevant officer or, if he has the relevant information, Charlie will answer them himself.

10] Legal structure of the NCCC (e.g. Limited company, charitable status, company limited by guarantee). Any update?: No further news. Clive and Edward G would discuss this further and report back. **Action: Clive/Edward G.**

11] Membership report: Paul not present. Steve reported that some sections may have been overcharged for junior membership fees. NC voted 8-2 not to take any action due to the complexity of unscrambling the financial records for small sums of money. To date, no sections have asked for refunds. If they felt they had been overcharged, they could contact us and we would look into it.

12] Treasurer's report: Jonathan was awaiting membership figures from Paul so he could send out the 2023 invoices to sections. Currently, we had £3,906-99 in the Pay Pal account and £47,645-49 in the bank account. No progress with Barclays.

13] IT update: Michael had added the latest NC minutes and the draft Annual Conference minutes to the website. He was awaiting a steer from the NC over other content on the new website. Edward G had had an offer from a London Clarion member of help on this. Agreed to discuss this at our in person meeting in January.

14] Boots & Spurs / Boots & Spurs Extra: Edward G has 26 pages of material so far, not enough for a full edition. He hopes to get a new edition out in October.

15] Competitions and Events: Steve reported on the Bury Weekend on 7th/8th October. Michael would send out an email reminder about it using the older membership data if he hadn't received up to date info from Paul. Peter

Rowton, a former Central Section and Heanor Clarion member, had died and left a lot of cycling publications and other memorabilia to the Clarion. Steve was sorting through the material to pick out the material that was relevant to the Clarion and would liaise with Charlie re: depositing it in the Working Class Movement Library (WCML) in Salford. **Action: Steve/Charlie.** Steve had nearly completed the drafting of a survey to members re: Easter Meets. He will send it out to the NC members shortly. **Action: Steve.**

16] Herne Hill Velodrome Plaque: Clarion had been invited to send a representative to the unveiling of a plaque at Herne Hill Velodrome commemorating the 1948 Olympics as one of our members, Tommy Godwin, had been in the British team. Neil had been invited but was unable to attend and Charlie had gone in his place. It seems that there had been an understandable mistake as there were two Tommy Godwins who had been prominent in cycling in the 1930/1940s. One had set a World Endurance record that lasted from 1939 to 2016. The other was in the GB Olympic team at Herne Hill in 1948. The former had been in the now defunct Potteries Clarion but the latter had no known connections with the Clarion. Charlie had written up the details for an article in Boots & Spurs.

17] AOB: None

18] Time and date of next meetings. The future meetings agreed at July meeting are: Tuesday 10th October, Tuesday 7th November, Tuesday 5th December (on Zoom). Saturday 6th January in Birmingham (In person).