

## **National Clarion Cycling Club**

### **National Committee Meeting**

#### **By Zoom**

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 20:00 (8pm)**

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

**1] Apologies for absence:** Edward Gilder, Ian Clarke for item 5.

**2] Minutes of last meeting:** Item 8: C1995 should read C1895. Item 14: 2<sup>nd</sup> line should read "has given". Item 19: Michael Hickman should read Martin Hickman. Otherwise agreed as a true record.

**3] Any confidential items in minutes:** None

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

**5] Easter Meet 2024 at Newark:** Ian Clarke had had to give apologies due to a clash with a Tuxford Clarion meeting but had briefed Steve to speak on his behalf. Ian was looking at various options. He would be visiting various venues. For the guest speaker on the Saturday night he was considering either someone who had ridden the "End to End" on a penny farthing or another who had gone round the world on a tandem. He was planning a 100 mile ride on the Saturday with other easier rides. He was looking at a 10 mile time trial on the Sunday. For those who arrived early, on the Friday evening there would be a get together at a cyclists' café. Michael asked about the location of the campsite. Jonathan wanted further information on the hotels. Neil asked about a gravel ride. Steve said there was a local organisation called Glorious Gravel and also they could use the National Cycle Network, which included a stretch of old railway.

**6] Update on the insurance excess:** Michael said there was no point in asking for a quote yet but he would contact the broker before the next meeting. Insurance rates were going up. 15% seemed to be a common increase.

**7] Summer Meet at York Rally:** Michael reported that it had been formally agreed that the Clarion would be at the rally. He and Steve would be our reps on the committee. Steve would take the lead on the grass track racing, which would probably be on the Saturday afternoon. He would check if there were any existing trophies for the event. All the Clarion sections could camp together. Edward G needed the dimensions of our display boards from Steve. **Action: Steve.** There was discussion of the charge for display boards. Was the price for design only or did it include the cost of their production?

**8] Covering Acting National Secretary role in Edward G's absence:** Edward had given apologies for this meeting and was unlikely to be at the December or January meetings. Charlie felt he was able to handle the paperwork and correspondence but not to provide the leadership or direction that the Clarion needed.

**9] Recruitment of a new National Secretary and Data Protection/Compliance Officer:** Appeals for a Secretary would be going in the next B&S and B&S extra.

**10] Legal structure of the NCCC / Insurance for NC members and other officers:** Clive had spoken to a specialist in the field. There was no benefit from changing our legal status. Insurance for club officers was relatively cheap and he would send us links to suitable policies.

**11] Membership report:** Paul reported that there were no new joiner this month. It was agreed that Steve would draft a letter to Section Secretaries that Charlie would send out to them reminding them of the reduction in subscriptions. They had already received the Annual Conference draft minutes but may not have noticed the change. **Action: Steve/Charlie.** Jonathan noted that there were minor disparities between his membership figures and Paul's. Paul would check on this. **Action: Paul.**

**12] Treasurer's report:** Jonathan had phoned Barclays. It was now possible to change the signatories. Paul needed to confirm his details so he could become a signatory. **Action: Paul.** We now had £51,288-77 in the account, of which £40,000 was in a savings account that paid 1.4% interest. We had £212-02 in the PayPal account.

**14] IT update:** Michael had drafted an email to Sections asking for feedback on what they wanted in the new website. The NC found it was very comprehensive and was happy for it to go out. Steve suggested something on club records and sporting events. Jonathan suggested it could be used by smaller sections, who might not have their own website or Facebook page to publicise their activities. He also asked Charlie to send him the minutes of the latest NC meetings for the website. **Action: Charlie.** Ionos who host our website have been making a big increase in prices.

**15] Safeguarding:** Nothing to report.

**16] Boots & Spurs / Boots & Spurs Extra:** Edward G was unable to attend but had sent a written report. B&S would be printed and possibly dispatched by the middle of next week. The back page included a map of the UK with sections on it. He planned to develop this further for the stand at York Rally. He had ordered a small overprint of B&S to give us some copies to sell or give away at the rally.

**17] Competitions and Events:** Steve reported that our affiliations to British Cycling, Cycling Time Trials and Cycling UK were due to be renewed. He was contacting sections re: their planned event for next year.

**18] Section Liaison:** Charlie had recently emailed Cotswold and Gosport. Gosport had an active programme of ride. He was waiting to hear from Cotswold.

**19] AOB:**

Wortley Hall: Charlie reported on the recent emails he'd had from them re: Shareholders Meetings and changes in personal and the Shareholders Christmas Dinner on 8<sup>th</sup> December. Jonathan asked for details of the dinner. **Action: Charlie.**

**20] Time and date of next meetings :** The future meetings agreed are: Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 9 (on Zoom at 20:00), Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> January (in person in Birmingham 10:00).

