

National Clarion Cycling Club

National Committee Meeting

Tuesday 6th February 2024 at 19:30 (7.30pm)

On Zoom

Present: Ian Clarke (for item 6 on Easter Meet only) Steve Clarke, Edward Gilder, Charlie Harvey, Ian Hoyle, Edward Ireland, Jonathan Leigh, Clive O'Connell

1] Apologies for absence: Chris Nicol, Neil Shand, Michael Stainer, Paul Whitehead,

2] Minutes of last meeting: Item 6 should read “ a 100 km ride and a 100 mile ride”. The ride was not suited to be run as an audax. Item 8 6.5-6.7 should read “it might be easier”. Item 9 Chris should read Clive.

3] Any confidential items in minutes: One item.

4] Matters arising, not covered elsewhere in the agenda: Clive would not be able to attend the AGM as one of the tellers. Edward G offered to act as a teller together with Paul.

5] Correspondence: Charlie outlined a recent letter from Wortley Hall re: the next Shareholders Quarterly Meeting on 18/2/24. Steve expressed an interest and Charlie would forward the email. **Action: Charlie.**

He had been contacted by a post card collector re: a post card postmarked 1907 showing three gentlemen described as Clarionettes. He had put it on the NCCC Facebook page to see if any members had any further information.

6] Easter Meet 2024 at Newark: Ian had circulated details of the event to the NC. The cost would be £15 for the evening meal and the rides would be free to Clarion members. It was agreed in a formal motion to spend up to £1,000 to support the meet. We could use a local cyclist café to see the Tour of Flanders on the Sunday afternoon. Edward G asked if there was a cut off point when we should cancel if there were insufficient numbers attending. It was felt the caterers would need to know numbers attending by a specific date. Steve

would speak to Ian C re: this. Edward I would email Michael to confirm that the NC had agreed to Ian C's plans and costings and they could go on the website.

Action: Steve / Edward I

7] Summer Meet at York Rally: There had been a further meeting of the organising committee. We were running the grass track racing. Neil Paul and Barry Traynor (Dronfield Clarion) would be leading rides. Edward G asked about insurance. Was it covered by the York Rally or Clarion? If it was Clarion, did we need to make a list of non-Clarion members on the ride? Steve believed it would come under the York Rally's insurance but would check. **Action: Steve** There would be a club marquee. The pitch was free for cycling organisations. Tables could be hired for £10. Steve was registering the grass tack ride with British Cycling (BC) and doing the risk assessment. Edward G asked him if he could resend the dimensions of the display boards so he could brief our designer on display materials. **Action: Steve.** Steve asked about an awning we could use for events. Agreed that Steve should get a price. Edward G asked about a budget for display boards. He was asked to get some prices. **Action: Edward G** Edward I said he could bring a trestle table if we couldn't get hire/get one at York. The next York Rally meeting was scheduled for 6th April.

8] Merchandise and club shop: Tim Wadsworth's email had already been circulated. He recommended running down our stock, posting on the website what was no longer available and, in the long run, set up a system for ordering kit directly from suppliers, who would then send it out. Several NC members had experience of this working well in Clarion sections and other cycle clubs. Usually there is a minimum order and an "order window" during which kit has to be ordered. Charlie was due to ring Tim Wadsworth the next day and would tell him that we agreed with his recommendations. **Action: Charlie.** Edward I had been impressed by Matthew Ball's designs for West Lothian Clarion and would discuss a possible redesign once our existing stocks had run out.

9] Constitution and standing orders (including discussion on being specific when sections pay their subscriptions): Clive would put a day aside to work on their revision. Edward G noted the tiresome and lengthy procedures that needed to be followed in the three months before Annual Conference and suggested that much of it could now be done through our website. Edward

would pass on his suggestions to Clive and they would speak on the phone about bringing our rules into the electronic age. Steve would check the sections of the constitution that deal with racing and awards and would also be in contact with Clive. **Action: Clive / Edward G / Steve.** Jonathan wanted set times for when sections paid their subscriptions. Section's votes at Annual Conference should be the basis of the numbers fully paid up.

10] Recruitment of a new National Secretary: As we still don't have a National Secretary, Charlie suggested that we did not present an annual report this year as it is part of his/her role. Jonathan noted that several sections had a Women's Officer / Co-Ordinator (titles varied) and suggested we considered such a post. BAME and LBGT Officers were also suggested. Agreed to put Equality/Diversity/Inclusion Officer(s) on the next month's agenda. **Action: Charlie**

11] Membership report: Paul had given apologies for absence. Jonathan sought the NC's agreement to renew our Member Mojo subscription for Private Members on the basis of 100+ members at £95. This was agreed.

12] Treasurer's report: Jonathan reported that nearly all sections had now paid their 2023 subscriptions. He was still chasing two sections, Nottingham and Manchester. Edward G would write in B&S about it. Small amounts were owing from Brighton, Coatbridge and Gosport but he expected that they would be paying as part of their 2024 subscriptions. He had sent the 2022 accounts to be checked by Martin Perfect, who had already examined the 2021 accounts. The current balances were Barclays account £54,509-26 and PayPal account £2,020-25. Steve suggested that the amount the NC could spend (currently up to £1,000) had been fixed many years ago and needed to be increased. £10,000 was suggested as an appropriate amount. It was understood that Calder Clarion would be bringing to Annual Conference a motion on how our funds were used. Edward G would put an article in B&S Extra about the availability of grants. Youth development, community engagement and support for new sections were suggested as suitable areas to give grants to.

13] IT update: Michael had given apologies for absence.

14] Renewal of insurance policy for all members and insurance for NC members: The policy for members had been renewed. Clive had put aside a

day to work on a policy for NC members as well as drafting suggested updates to the constitution.

15] Safeguarding: Ian H reported that he was doing his safeguarding training in March. This enable us to renew our BC affiliations. Steve said our policies needed go on the website once Michael was back.

16] Boots & Spurs / Boots & Spurs Extra: Edward G would try to get a new Extra out shortly. He was planning to get the next B&S out in May/June. As usual he needed more copy. At present he had enough to fill about 20 pages.

17] Competitions and Events: Steve had been working on events at the Easter Meet and the York Rally. He had emailed sections asking for their national events and suggesting that all open events should give points. He will need to set up a new points structure. He hopes to have a full national programme by the end for the month. As regards claims for Audax points, Edward G would send a request to Steve that he would then send out to sections. **Action: Edward G / Steve**

18] Section Liaison: Charlie would be speaking on the phone to Tim Wadsworth (Cotswold) the following day so Steve might be able to pick up merchandise for Newark and York en route to a South Wales which he was travelling to shortly. **Action Charlie / Steve.** Steve had been in touch with Nottingham and Heanor.

19] AOB: None

20] Time and date of next meetings: Tuesday 5th March, Tuesday 9th April, all at 19:30 (7.30pm) on Zoom.