

## National Clarion Cycling Club

### National Committee Special Meeting

Tuesday 19th March 2024 at 19:30 (7.30pm)

#### On Zoom

**Present:** Steve Clarke, Charlie Harvey, Edward Ireland, Jonathan Leigh, Chris Nicol, Clive O'Connell. Michael Stainer

**1] Apologies for absence:** Edward Gilder, Ian Hoyle, Paul Whitehead.

**2] Draft revision of the constitution, standing orders and racing rules:**

The main points of discussion were:

#### Constitution:

3.3, 3.4 NC agreed with the wording re “a geographically proximate section”.

3.6 : Clive would look into Steve’s suggestion that sections affiliating to the NCCC should have to give the names of their principal officers, as was the case with affiliation to British Cycling.

4.2 iv Should be worded to accommodate single parent families.

4.2 v NC members raised the issue of Private Members who did not live anywhere near a section. Agreed to change the wording from “must” to “be encouraged to”.

5.1 Agreed to retain the post of Section Liaison Officer, despite our difficulties in filling the post. Agreed to the title of Competition and Events Secretary rather than Racing Secretary.

6.1 Agreed to retain two month’s notice of motions and nominations.

Agreed an addition to section 6 that “Sections should have paid their current year’s subscription one month before conference/AGM. A second payment should be made in September to reflect any further members who’ve joined between the end of February and the end of August”

8.3, 8.5 Agreed to delete “have paid the Meet Levy and signed the register”

### Standing Orders

6.2, 6.3 Should read report and accounts.

6.4 Remove reference to membership cards.

11 Delete reference to Citrine.

18 Needs to be amended to be appropriate for an online meeting.

### Racing Rules

Agreed that this should be left to Clive and to Steve, in his role as Competition and Events Secretary.

Clive thanked the NC for their comments and noted that this was work in progress that might need further revision in the future.

### **3] Our response to the motions from:**

**Calder Clarion:** Clive had written to Anthony Sedgewick, the Calder Clarion Secretary. Anthony had responded welcoming the fact that grants to sections have are already available but saying that they were not adequately publicised. He felt that there was still a need for financial planning in light of our current large surplus. He was sending Clive a revised motion. Clive felt that our current surplus was due to the once in a lifetime situation of the Covid pandemic and Jonathan felt that in a normal year expenditure would take up most of our funds. He suggested a £5 rebate per member for the coming year only.

**London Clarion:** At our previous meeting, Edward G had opposed rides solely commemorating Clarion members killed fighting with the International Brigades while many more had been killed in the World Wars. Clive disagreed with this. All cycling clubs had lost members in the two World Wars but Clarion members had a unique role in fighting in defence of the elected government in the Spanish Civil War. Charlie was opposed to the NC organising a ride to or within Spain. It was too expensive and complicated, particularly as we had no National Secretary. However there could be rides within the UK. There were memorials commemorating individual Clarion members killed in Spain at

Leicester and Southampton and other memorials to the Internation Brigades elsewhere in the UK. If sections could organise rides taking in such monuments, we could endorse them.

**4] Accounts:** Jonathan introduced the accounts. He was grateful for Martin Perfect's assistance in examining past accounts but he would prefer to have them examined professionally and locally. He'd had a quote for about £500-£600 last year. The NC was happy for him to look into this. A formal motion was passed to this effect.

**5] Agenda for the Annual Conference:** Agreed that Charlie and Edward I would draft an agenda to be sent out to sections.

**6] Procedures for the Annual Conference:** We needed to find a member to assist Paul as a Teller as Clive would not be able to attend. Steve would set up the Zoom link. **Action: Steve**

**7] AOB:**

There was a discussion on the best day to meet. Charlie would put it on the agenda for the next meeting. **Action: Charlie**

Martin reported that the bookings to date for the Easter Meet were 39 for the dinner, 28 for the 100K ride and 22 for the 100M ride.

**8] Time and date of next meeting:** Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April, all at 19:30 (7.30pm) on Zoom.