

National Clarion Cycling Club

National Committee Meeting

Monday 8th July 2024 at 19:30 (7.30pm)

On Zoom

Present: Steve Clarke (Racing and Events Secretary), Edward Ireland (Chair), Edward Gilder (Boots & Spurs Editor), Charlie Harvey (Admin/Minutes Secretary), Clive O'Connell (Standing Orders Secretary), Neil Shand (President), Paul Whitehead (Membership Secretary)

Abbreviations regularly used: BC: British Cycling, B&S: Boots & Spurs. CTT: Cycling Time Trials, CUK: Cycling UK, DP: Data protection, ICO: information Commissioner's Office, NC: National Committee, NCCC: National Clarion Cycling Club, SOs: Standing Orders. TT: Time Trial.

1] Apologies for absence: Ian Hoyle (Safeguarding Officer), Jonathan Leigh (Treasurer), Chris Nicol (Data Protection Officer), Michael Stainer (Webmaster/IT Manager).

2] Minutes of last meeting: Agreed.

3] Any confidential items in minutes: None

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

5] Correspondence:

We'd had an email from a Bury Clarion member re: the circulation of information about a Big Ride for Palestine. The NC noted that the Clarion's constitution states that "the Club does not seek to prescribe the political views and affiliations of members". The email from the Section Secretary had simply forwarded on information about the ride, not endorsed it. Accordingly, the NC agreed that no further action was needed. Charlie would draft an email to the member, c.c. the Section Secretary to this effect. **Action: Charlie**

6] York Rally: It was felt that event had been a success. Steve and Lindsey were thanked for their work on the grass track racing. The one disappointment was that the Clarion members had not been located together as planned.

It was agreed to make a £1,000 donation to the York Rally funds.

It was agreed that we'd go back in York next year. Edward G had suggested that next year that we organise a meal for all Clarion members in the marquee by our stand, probably using one of the rally caterers. Michael had written in to say that next year we'd need to do more promotion and do it earlier in the year to all members. We would also need more input into the York Rally Committee when it comes to allocating pitches so that all members are camped close together. This year, a section of the Knavesmire had been double booked by the council but his understanding was that the York Rally Committee were aware of this when starting to mark out the pitches on Wednesday so they had ample opportunity to consult with us on the revised pitch layout for Clarion members. Edward I and Steve suggested a display of all the Clarion sections' jerseys. Edward G suggested that a display of the designs on board on our stand. It was noted that we did not have thumbnails of the Cotswold and Gosport sections on our website. Other suggestions for next year were casual merchandise, pull up banners, a two day grass track event, "freewheel" (on normal bikes) grass track races for kids and a "legends" race.

7] Annual Conference: NC proposals on the constitution, standing orders, racing rules: Charlie had sent out a holding email to sections and private members who had attended Annual Conference explaining that Clive would be busy until after the general election. Now that the election was over, Clive hoped to have detailed proposals ready for our next meeting in September.

8] Recruitment of a new National Secretary (Standing item): Nothing to report. Edward G would be publicising the vacancy in the next edition of B&S.

9] Ironbridge Clarion and Nottingham Clarion: Steve reported that Nottingham has now paid their subscription for 2023. The section's committee had not met recently and their Treasurer had been ill. Most members were local members only and not members of the NCCC. Many did not join through Member Mojo.

He expected that NCCC membership would have gone up following the Easter Meet. Paul reported that NCCC membership in Nottingham was now 35.

As regards Ironbridge, he would contact them again to see if there was any way we could assist them to keep going.

10] Membership report: Paul reported that membership now stood at 2,123, of whom 1,633 has opted to receive B&S by post. He noted that we had members in Germany, Italy, France, Andorra and Northern Ireland.

11] Treasurer's report: Jonathan was unable to attend but had sent in the details. PayPal: £4827-68, Barclays Current: £2,938, Barclays Savings: £50,367-93.

12] IT update: Michael had given apologies for absence. He'd sent in written comments on the York Rally (see item 6)

13] Insurance policy for NC members: Clive would be setting aside several days to catch up with his Clarion admin (see item 7).

14] Safeguarding: Ian had given apologies for absence.

15] Data Protection: Chris had given apologies for absence. He was still looking at the privacy notices and will give an update at a future meeting. He asked for a membership figure for NCCC and then affiliated sections (doesn't have to be exact) so he could investigate if we need to register with the ICO.

16] Boots & Spurs / Boots & Spurs Extra: Edward G reported that it was with the designer. He was having to edit a couple of lengthy articles. He was getting a quote from a local printer to compare with our current printers in Glasgow. He noted the big increases in the cost of paper, printing and particularly postage. He hadn't be able to take any photos of the York Rally but Steve and Paul did have photos that might be suitable for B&S. **Action: Steve, Paul**

17] Competitions and Events: Steve reported that we now had the gazebo. The Tuxford 3Up event was on the next weekend and we were entering a junior team for the grass track racing at the Heckington Show. It was agreed that we should try to supply the team with Clarion jerseys. He would contact Tim Wadsworth to see what was available.

18] Section Liaison: Steve suggested that NC members should give a brief summary of their own sections.

Clitheroe: Two members had been at York. Regular weekend club rides, publicised by FaceBook and WhatApp. Typically 6-8 on rides. Occasional mountain bike or gravel rides.

London: Membership is growing. A wide variety of weekly rides of differing lengths. One member is on the Pan-Celtic Race. They have recruited new ride leaders, who are committed to leading four rides. Some of their members organise the annual "Dieppe Raid" event.

Broadland: Currently 27 members with about 6-8 on rides. Rides advertised on WhatsApp.

North Cheshire: Strong youth section, mainly geared to racing. Adult social rides, mainly on Saturdays. Usually about 12 on rides.

Fenland: Four rides on Sundays of different lengths and speeds. Midweek TTs. Running open road race and TT. Youth programme with steady numbers. Edward Lowe is in Team GB in the Olympics.

Blackpool: Little to report.

19] AOB: Jonathan had asked if Fenland wanted a contribution to the use of their Zoom account. Steve felt this was unnecessary. Fenland benefited from the Clarion's storage space.

20] Time and date of next meetings: No meeting in August. Next meeting: Tuesday 3rd September. Provisional dates: Wednesday 2nd October, Thursday 7th November. All on Zoom at 19:30 (7.30pm).