

National Clarion Cycling Club

National Committee Meeting

Wednesday 5th March 2025 at 19:00 (7.00pm)

On Zoom

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, WCML: Working Class Movement Library

Present: Steve Clarke (Racing and Events Secretary), Edward Ireland (Chair), Edward Gilder (Boots & Spurs Editor), Charlie Harvey (Admin/Minutes Secretary), Ian Hoyle (Safeguarding Officer), Michael Stainer (Webmaster/IT Manager),

1] Apologies for absence: Jonathan Leigh (Treasurer), Andrew Livesey (Secretary), Chris Nicol (Data Protection Officer), Clive O'Connell (Standing Orders Secretary), Neil Shand (President), Paul Whitehead (Membership Secretary).

2] Minutes of last meeting: Agreed with one correction.

3] Any confidential items in minutes: None.

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

5] Correspondence: Andrew had given apologies but sent a written report. He had received emails on the correct spelling of clarionette and about Hill Specials. Cotswold Clarion had enquired about getting a grant. He had asked them for further details. Tuxford Clarion had sent him an email re: Standing Orders for the forthcoming Annual Conference, notably about the deletion of the reference to Citrine's guide to chairing meetings. (*Note: this is out of print though there is now an online version <https://chair.guide/>*). It was agreed that Edward I should write to Clive to get his permission to send his comment on this to Tuxford. **Action:**

Edward I. Agreed also that Charlie would put a post on Facebook about the reconvened Annual Conference. **Action: Charlie**

6] IT Update: The website had gone down for about an hour. Michael had little to report otherwise but was awaiting information on the Easter Meet and the York Rally to put on the website.

7] Safeguarding: As agreed in February, Michael has set up a welfare@clarioncc.org email address so members could contact the Safeguarding Officer direct.

8] Easter Meet: Steve reported that Anglian Water would not give any concessions on parking charges so he was looking for an alternative start point for rides. Rides would probably start outside the Wisteria Hotel. He had approached the public school in Oakham. If this wasn't available, public parking would cost £5-80 for a day, which he felt was reasonable. Charlie would lead a slow social ride round Rutland Water starting at 10:00. For the time trial, he had found a suitable start point and HQ. There was a café popular with cyclists near the start point which had ample parking.

7] York Rally: Michael was unable to attend the next meeting of the rally committee and Steve was unlikely to attend. Edward, Paul and Edward G were leading rides and Charlie would reconnoitre a ride for 2026. Steve would pass on the names of our ride leaders to Yvonne Ramage (York Rally Rides Coordinator). Some of the previous ride leaders had dropped out of leading rides this year and she was keen to recruit new ones. Steve would be writing to the rally committee re: our request for a meal in one of the tents, provision for table etc. He would also ask for the grass in the camping area to be cut. As we were making a £1000 donation, we'd expect a free advertisement in the program. He'd found a firm who could produce meet ribbons at about half the price for our previous supplier.

8] Autumn Meet: Likely be at Wortley Hall 25th/25th October. He'd put the dates of the York Rally and Autumn Meet in with our publicity for the Easter Meet.

9] Awards: Steve reported that he needed to write to sections re: nominations for discretionary awards. **Action: Steve**

10] Structure of meetings: Andrew had queried whether we needed to meet as often as we do. The consensus of the meeting was to stick to monthly meetings but to go back to a 19:30/7.30pm start with a comfort/tea break after an hour.

11] Boots & Spurs: Edward G reported that our graphic designer had had an operation for cancer. Edward G would be seeing him to see how he was and, if necessary, use another designer for the forthcoming edition. He would pass on our regards. **Action: Edward G**

12] Continuation of 2024 annual conference: Andrew had written to the NC re: the resumption of the adjourned Annual Conference. The proposed new standing orders should restrict the length of speeches and, as it was simply the continuation of the 2024 conference, we did not need to prepare a new agenda.

13] AOB: None

14] Time and date of next meetings:

Wednesday 9th April

Thursday 15th May.

On Zoom. Please note that we will be starting at 19:30/7.30pm and we will have a comfort/tea break after about an hour.