

National Clarion Cycling Club

National Committee Meeting

9th April 2025 at 19:30 (7.30pm)

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, LCC: London Cycling Campaign, 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), Jonathan Leigh (Treasurer), Chris Nicol (Data Protection Officer), Clive O'Connell (Standing Orders Secretary), Neil Shand (President), Michael Stainer (Webmaster/IT Manager), Paul Whitehead (Membership Secretary)

1] Apologies for absence: None

2] Minutes of last meeting: Agreed

3] Any confidential items in minutes: None

4] Matters arising, not covered elsewhere in the agenda: Insurance: As we'd only recently renewed, Clive would contact the insurers re: the excess later in the summer. He recommended that for the time being we used the following form of words. "There is a £500 excess payable on any insurance claim. Members who make claims and who are obliged to bear this excess are invited to apply to the Committee who may, at their absolute discretion, consider making a grant to assist them with the excess." This was agreed by all the committee.

5] Correspondence: From Cotswold Clarion- see item 8.

6] 2024/5 Annual Conference retrospective: Charlie recommended that in future all amendments should be put in writing in the chat. All felt that the

meeting had gone on for too long, partly due to the confusion caused by having two different documents listing the proposed changes. Edward G suggested that in future we should ask for comments and amendment in writing well in advance and then he would ask for the racing rules and SOs to be voted for en bloc. It was agreed that the 2025 Annual Conference should be on Tuesday 30th September at 7.30pm.

7] Resignation of Andrew Livesley as National Secretary: Edward I would write to Andrew thanking him for his time as National Secretary. Charlie would send out the date of the 2025 Annual Conference to sections and on FaceBook and would also let them know that it was “business as usual” at the NC and that emails sent to the bike@clarioncc.org address were now coming to him again.

Action: Charlie

8] Cotswold Clarion – request for grant: Charlie introduced this item as he was responsible for liaison with Cotswold. The NC decided that they were happy to pay for the printed publicity materials that Cotswold wanted and a designer’s time. They were not prepared to pay for winter jackets as other sections paid for their own. As regards the mudflaps, this was felt to be unnecessary as Nation Clarion mudflaps were available. The estimated cost for the printed materials and designer time was £414.

9] 2025 Easter Meet: Steve reported the numbers coming were lower than he hoped. He was planning to book 30 at the dinner. There were bookings for all the rides and TTs. He would put out another email to members.

10] York Rally 2025: Little to report. Steve and Michael were unable to attend the next rally committee meeting. The ride organiser had been in contact with Charlie and Edward G. Paul hadn’t had a response from her yet. Jonathan reported Dronfield Clarion had ridden Edward G’s planned ride and it was fine.

11] 2025 Autumn meet: Steve was planning a weekend at Wortley Hall on 25th/26 October. He would give it some attention once the Easter Meet was over.

12] 2025 Annual Conference: Largely covered under items 6 and 7. Some NC members queried whether we needed SOs as well as a constitution. Lengthy meetings about rules were a turn off for most members.

13] Membership report: Paul reported that he had found that we had no postal address for 7 members and he had emailed them to ask for this information. The current membership was 1883 in 27 sections (26 geographical sections + private members). 1480 have chosen to receive Boots & Spurs and 403 have not.

14] Treasurer's report: Martin Perfect had audited the 2023 accounts and found them in order. The current balances were Paypal £2754.91, Barclays current £3700.00, Barclays savings £50030.13, Total £56485.04.

15] IT update: Michael had little to report. We need, once the Easter Meet is over, to publicise the York Rally. Edward G would send him an updated map of the Clarion sections website. Edward I noted that the Clitheroe jersey on the website was not the correct one. He would send a JPEG image on the current one to Michael. **Action: Edward I /Edward G**

16] Data protection: Chris reported on his phone conversation with Jane Taylor (WCML) re: our archives. Any official documents such as agendas and minutes of Annual Conferences and NC meetings are regarded as already in the public domain and are open to researchers. More private information is "locked" for 100 years. Information that has no historical value is shredded. The NC was happy with this arrangement, which is normal archiving practice. He'll be consulting with Steve re: our privacy notice as some governing bodies have rules on how long information must be kept. **Action: Chris/Steve**

17] Safeguarding: Ian had nothing to report. As the grass track racing we were putting on at the York Rally were under BC auspices, we would need a Safeguarding Officer to be present and he was happy to this.

18] Boots & Spurs / Boots & Spurs Extra: Edward reported that, despite all odds, the next B&S should be with the printers in a few days. Jason, the stand in graphic designer, has managed to produce an attractive edition, much in Matt's style. Agreed that we should send Matt a get well card. **Action: Edward G**

19] Competitions and Events: Steve reported that we have a TT at the Easter Meet and North Cheshire Clarion have circuit racing on May 17th at the Litherland cycle circuit.

20] Section Liaison: Charlie reported his conversations with Chris Giles of Cotswold Clarion. They are a small but active section and have regular rides in the Cotswold area, usually starting from Tetbury.

21] AOB: Edward I asked about discretionary awards. Steve would contact sections again re: suitable nominations. **Action: Steve**

22] Time and date of next meetings:

Tuesday 6th May (please note that this is a change from the original planned date 15/5/25).

No June meeting. Many of us will be seeing each other at York.

Tuesday 1st July

Meetings are at 7.30pm (19:30) on Zoom.