

National Clarion Cycling Club

National Committee Meeting

Tuesday 6th May 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),

1] Apologies for absence: Paul Whitehead (Membership Secretary)

2] Minutes of last meeting: Agreed with two corrections. Item 4: delete (believed to be Bikmo). Item 14: should read 2023 accounts not 2025 accounts.

3] Any confidential items in minutes: None

4] Matters arising, not covered elsewhere in the agenda: Jonathan wanted to check that the wording re: insurance agreed at the last meeting was on the website. Michael confirmed it was.

5] Correspondence: Taken under item 7.

6] Postal address for the NCCC: This item had come about due to some correspondence with Wortley Hall. We get little surface mail nowadays but Wortley Hall will still need a postal address for their share register. Surface mail was still going to Ian Clarke due the recent fluidity of National Secretaries. It was agreed that Edward's I's postal address should be the postal address of the NCCC. Charlie was to let Edward I have Ian Clarke's email address. Edward would then send Ian his postal address. **Action: Charlie/Edward I**

7] Cotswold Clarion: Charlie briefed the NC re: his phone and email correspondence with Cotswold. They should contact Jonathan with the details of their bank account. The money, £414, is to pay for design work and printing of publicity materials.

8] 2025 Easter Meet retrospective: Steve circulated a written report. The turnout was disappointing but he felt that those who did attend had a good time. The attendance figures were: Dinner 18, Challenge Ride (100 miles) 14, Challenge Ride (100 km) 6, Challenge Ride (50 km) 6, Time Trial 15 entries + 4 marshals, Club Run 18. Eight sections were represented. The guest of honour at the dinner was John Hughes, whose clever and funny poems about cycling were much appreciated by those who attended. Edward asked Steve if he could get the Clarion related poem from John Hughes so it could be published in B&S.

Action: Steve. Steve and Steve Hope were thanked for organising the event. Michael noted that the attendance at recent Easter Meets had been poor. Other NC members noted the high cost of accommodation, the unpredictability of the weather at Easter and competition from other cycling events.

9] Summer Meet (York Rally) 2025: Michael had put full details on the website. So far, 12 had booked on the campsite. This figure did not include those who were coming to York but not camping. Steve asked if, as last year, it was possible to register those who were not camping though the website. We should have a combined area for all Clarion members. Steve would be contacting the caterers. Agreed that the meal would be subsidised but next year we would not be subsidising meals. Neil asked about grass track racing for young riders. Steve responded that there would be races that young people could ride on both days, including freewheel rides.

10] Easter Meet 2026: Steve and Ian Clarke were planning an Easter Meet at Ashbourne in 2026 and hoped that that as many NC members as possible would attend. Ashbourne was the location of the first NCCC Easter Meet in 1895. Steve and Ian were asked to confirm that the Isaac Walton Hotel was able to cater for us ASAP so we could get the date in members' diaries.

11] Autumn Meet (Wortley Hall): This was scheduled for 25th - 26th October. Steve suggested the meeting could be used for presentations of 2024 and 2025 events. Steve would contact Wortley Hall again to confirm availability, prices etc. **Action: Steve**

12] 2025 Annual Conference 30th September 7.30pm: Edward I had circulated a summary of the key deadlines. They were:

By 30th June: Notice of conference and request for any motions and nominations for NC posts to go out to sections.

By 31st July: Motions and nominations to be sent to the NC.

By 31st August: Notice of motions and NC nominations received, agenda and accounts to be sent to sections and private members.

We needed to have the latest version of the constitution, as agreed at the Annual Conference, on the website. **Action: Clive.**

Charlie had already circulated the minutes of the 2024/5 Annual Conference to the NC and members were asked to inform him of any errors and omissions by 9/5/25. To save time at the Annual Conference, sections would be asked to inform the NC of any proposed amendments to the proposed SOs and Racing Rules by the 31st July so they could be voted for en bloc.

Jonathan did not plan to stand for the NC again so we would need to elect a new Treasurer. Michael and Paul had still to make up their minds. The other officers were planning to stand for re-election. Charlie had already indicated to the NC that he planned to stand down in 2028.

13] Membership report: Nothing to report as Paul had given apologies.

14] Treasurer's report: Jonathan reported that all the bills relating to the Easter Meet had been paid. He planned to write off the two shares in Wortley Hall. He would contact them re: getting a copy of the share certificate. **Action: Jonathan**

15] IT update: Nothing to report. Michael had added details of the York Rally. Italy would be removed from the list of sections.

16] Data protection: Chris had little to report. We had a satisfactory privacy statement on the website. He would work with Steve on an update taking in advice from BC and CTT which might affect members involved in racing and TTs. **Action: Chris/Steve**

17] Safeguarding: Nothing to report.

18] Boots & Spurs / Boots & Spurs Extra: Edward G reported that the latest edition had just gone out to members and been well received. Jason, who had stood in for Matt, had managed to produce an edition in much the same style as Matt's. Happily, Matt was now well enough to produce the next edition. Edward now looked forward to receiving further copy from members. Jonathan and Charlie said that they'd both sent in material for B&S that hadn't been published yet. Edward G asked them to resend it. **Action: Charlie/ Jonathan**

19] Competitions and Events: Steve reported that the Circuit Champs run by North Cheshire was scheduled for later in the month but, at present, there were few entries. He would be talking to Saddleworth re: organising a hill climb again. Clive said that, while London Clarion did not race, some of its members did race with other clubs and it would be worth keeping them informed of any Clarion races. Steve said that all races / TTs already went on Facebook



but he would try to send a list of events to Michael to go out to all members.

Action: Steve. Clive also drew our attention to Clarion Sunday (15th June) which attracts a large attendance. Charlie noted that there is an item about it in the latest B&S. Ian asked about sharing Facebook information with BC. Steve said that it seems to be technically difficult.

20] Section Liaison: Steve had been in contact with Teesside. There had been a query via Facebook about setting up a section in the West Country. Edward I would follow up on this. **Action: Edward I**

21] AOB: Ian raised a question about life membership. This membership option was still in the constitution and life members would be covered by our insurance like any other member.

22] Time and date of next meetings:

No June meeting as many of us will see each other at the York Rally (20th-22nd June).

Tuesday 1st July

Tuesday 2nd September

Both at 7.30pm on Zoom