

National Clarion Cycling Club

Annual Conference 2025

Unapproved Draft Minutes

30th September 7.30pm via Zoom

Abbreviations used: BC: British Cycling, B&S: Boots & Spurs, CTT: Cycling Time Trials, JD: Job Description, NC: National Committee, NCCC: National Clarion Cycling Club, SOs: Standing Orders

Present: Brighton & Hove, Broadland, Blackpool, Bury, Calder, Clitheroe, Cotswold, Dronfield, Fenland, London, North Cheshire, Saddleworth, Tuxford, West Lothian.

1] Election of Chair for the meeting: Edward Ireland

2] Adoption of Standing Orders: Version 3 accepted as amended.

3] Minutes of 2024/2025 Annual Conference: Agreed. Proposed: Tuxford, Seconded: Calder.

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

5] Committee report: Previously circulated. Taken as read. Edward Gilder was thanked for his editorship of Boots & Spurs.

6] Treasurer's Report: Jonathan Leigh (Treasurer) had already circulated the financial statement. Martin Perfect had examined and approved the 2023 accounts. Martin had sadly died this year and a new examiner was needed. Jonathan suggested that it might be worth paying for professional help if there was no suitable volunteer. Anthony Sedgewick (Calder) had extensive accounting experience and kindly volunteered to take on the examiner's role. He would liaise with Jonathan re: the examination of the 2024 accounts. Ian Clarke (Fenland) asked about the difference of income between the year ending 2023 and 2024. Jonathan confirmed that the high income in 2023 was largely due to overdue 2022 subscriptions that had been chased up and appeared in the 2023 accounts. Jonathan stressed that it was much easier for the Treasurer if the Annual Conference was held early in the year. Niall Mulholland (London) asked if the post of Treasurer was essential to fill. The

Chair confirmed that it was and a nomination from the floor was allowed by the constitution if no one had been nominated in advance. A vote of thanks was given to Jonathan for his work as Treasurer.

7] Subscriptions for 2026: The NC proposal was to continue to freeze the current section fees (£10 adults, £6 under 18) and again to give a £5 rebate on all section fees. After some discussion, it was agreed that the conference could vote to keep the fees as they were but that a rebate would have to be put to the 2026 conference as a formal motion by the NC. The motion to keep the fees as they were was passed by a large majority with only one section voting against it.

8] Revision/update of Racing Rules: Steve Clarke introduced this item. The Racing Rules were now separate from the constitution. The wording was unchanged but some of the numbering had been revised. Ian Clarke noted that there were still some errors in the numbering. It was proposed by Broadland, seconded by Cotswold, to adopt the racing rules subject to a revision of the numbering. Agreed unanimously.

9] Election of Officers:

President: Neil Shand

Chair: Edward Ireland

Secretary: Vacancy

Membership Secretary: Paul Whitehead

Treasurer: Vacancy

Admin / Minutes Secretary: Charlie Harvey

Competition and Events Secretary: Steve Clarke

Webmaster / IT Manager Michael Stainer

Section Liaison Officer: Vacancy

Safeguarding Officer: Ian Hoyle

Data Protection Officer: Chris Nicol

Boots & Spurs Editor: Edward Gilder

Standing Orders Secretary: Ian Clarke

Women's Officer: Vacancy

Young Members (under 28 years old) Officer: Vacancy

Ethnic Diverse and Inclusion Officer: Vacancy

LGBTQ+ Officer: Vacancy

There were no posts where more than one person was nominated so no elections were necessary. Niall Mulholland suggested that it would helpful if job descriptions for the roles we urgently need to fill (principally Secretary and Treasurer) could be circulated to sections with any appeals for volunteers. Jonathan had drawn up a JD of the Treasurer's role after the January NC meeting and there was an existing JD for the Secretary.

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Easter Meet: Ian and Steve Clarke were planning a meet in Ashbourne, where the first Clarion meet was held in 1895. Most of the activities would be on the Saturday and Sunday. The Chair appealed for any help that local sections could offer.

Meeting for Section Secretaries and Representatives: The NC was planning to set up a Zoom meeting for reps of the section. It would probably be on a Thursday in late October. It was hoped that sections could learn from what had worked well in other sections.

Ian Clarke asked for a copy of the latest copy of the constitution and SOs in Word. The Chair had a copy and would send it to him.

Merchandise: Anthony Sedgewick (Calder) said that his section's arrangements with Kalas to supply cycle clothing was working well. Members ordered directly from Kalas so there was no need to keep stock. Other sections had similar arrangements with other suppliers. Edward Gilder would check with Tim Wadsworth (Merchandising Officer) what stock we still had. Edward asked Anthony to send details to Charlie Harvey.

Clarion short film: Niall Mulholland reported that a London Clarion member had produced a short film on the Clarion, mainly about the London section. He would let us know when there were showings.