

National Clarion Cycling Club

National Committee Meeting

Tuesday 1st July 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), Michael Stainer (Webmaster/IT Manager).

1] Apologies for absence: 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: Jonathan had contacted Wortley Hall re: our supposed shares. They had no record of our shares though there were some in the name of Charles Jepson. Paul would get in touch with them again to ask why they were emailing us as shareholders and to check when Charles Jepson's shares had been bought. Steve would send Peter Roscoe's email address to Jonathan. As a previous Treasurer, he might be able to shed some light on the matter.

Jonathan would not be sending the article for B&S that Edward G had asked him to resend as it referred to the 2024 York Rally and was now out of date.

5] Correspondence: None

6] Summer Meet (York Rally) retrospective: Edward I felt it was an enjoyable event with good weather and good company. All the lightweight campers from the Clarion had been allocated plots together. 46 members from 9 sections had attended. Charlie noted that there was little going on the Friday evening. Several members had suffered from diarrhoea after the Indian meal on Saturday evening. Steve could contact the caterers to let them know. **Action: Steve.** Steve was sad that the grass track racing had to be cancelled. It might have had to be cancelled anyway as the first aid cover that the organisers had booked had not turned up. The rally committee had had to submit a detailed report to the police re: the death of a day visitor to the rally. Edward G was thanked for the quality of the display materials at our stand. Edward I would look into buying a table covering with the NCCC logo on it. **Action: Edward I.** It was suggested that some A5 flyers, along the lines of the current Dronfield flyers, could be provided to give out to people at the Clarion stall. Edward G would contact Matt, our graphic designer, re: producing some. **Action: Edward G.** Edward would try to encourage more members to attend though B&S. It was felt that the Saturday meal could have gone better. The talks tent we had been allocated was already full and there was a band playing. It had not been possible for everyone to sit together. A separate venue might be necessary. Edward G suggested the Holiday Inn near to the racecourse. It was agreed that Steve should produce meet ribbons for the event. **Action: Steve.**

7] 2025 Annual Conference: Charlie said that he had sent out notices to all the sections. The Stockport and Cotswold emails had initially bounced but he'd sent them emails with corrected addresses. He'd also sent out notices to private members. It was agreed that Steve would contact Ian Clarke to see if he's happy with the proposed SOs and Racing Rules. **Action: Steve.** As we had no Secretary, there would be no Secretary's report but we would try to produce a NC report with a paragraph each from the relevant officers.

8] Autumn Meet (Wortley Hall): Nothing new to report.

9] Easter Meet 2026: Steve will be discussing with Ian Clarke the proposed meet in Ashbourne.

10] Membership report: Currently we had 1984 members. This was slightly down on last year. Edward G felt that the West Midlands might be an area to recruit in and would make some enquiries. Steve suggested that it would be worth looking at the list of private members and seeing if there were enough in a particular area to form a section. It would be possible to have a laptop at next year's York Rally so we could sign people up on the spot.

11] Treasurer's report: Jonathan reported that the account balances were: Barclays current £2155.99, Barclays saving £50194.83, Paypal £871.07, Total £53221.8.

12] IT update: Michael had put details of the Annual Conference on the Clarion Facebook page.

13] Data protection: Chris had given apologies. Steve would send him the links to the DP policies of BC and CTT. **Action: Steve**

14] Safeguarding: Ian had nothing to report.

15] Boots & Spurs / Boots & Spurs Extra: Edward would be sending out a B&S Extra shortly. He hoped to get another full edition out in November provided he had enough contributions.

16] Competitions and Events. (Steve) Steve had little new to report. Ian asked about road races and this led to a more general discussion of races and other events. Generally, it was getting more difficult to get enough members to sign up for races and TTs though, sometimes for no apparent reason, an event would attract an unexpectedly large field. Members were often unwilling to travel far to events. It was important to get the dates of events published well in advance so members didn't make clashing commitments.

17] Section Liaison: Nothing to report

18] AOB: Jonathan asked if anyone had shown an interest in the Treasurer post. There was none to date. The post has been advertised in B&S Extra.

Edward suggested a conference for Section Secretaries / Reps to discuss how to grow the Clarion. October, after Conference, was suggested as a possible time. The consensus was to begin with an online meeting first and then an in-person

meeting if required. For an in-person meeting, Birmingham and Wortley Hall were suggested as venues. 16th October was the provisional date.

19] Time and date of next meeting: Tuesday 2nd September. 7.30pm on Zoom.