

National Clarion Cycling Club

National Committee Meeting

11:00 -16:00 Saturday 24th January 2026

Bassetlaw Action Centre, Canal St, Retford, Notts DN22 6EZ

Abbreviations regularly used: AUK: Audax UK, 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: Ian Clarke (Standing Orders Secretary), Steve Clarke (Racing and Events Secretary), Edward Ireland (Chair), Charlie Harvey (Admin/Minutes Secretary), Neil Shand (President), Paul Whitehead (Membership Secretary).

1] Apologies for absence: Edward Gilder (Boots & Spurs Editor), Ian Hoyle (Safeguarding Officer), Michael Stainer (Webmaster/IT Manager).

2] Minutes of last meeting: Agreed

3] Any confidential items in minutes: One item

4] Matters arising, not covered elsewhere in the agenda: Cotswold rebate – to go on the agenda of the next meeting as Edward G, who was contacting them, had given apologies. **Action Charlie/Edward G.**

5] Correspondence:

From Coatbridge Clarion. Felix Gibson, their new President, had been in touch and had a phone conversation with Charlie. Charlie had advised Felix to deal with Paul re: any issues with membership. He had also put him in touch with Moira and Bernard Beegan re; the artifacts they had from Mr Davy of the former Govan Clarion as Coatbridge was the nearest section. Felix has since sent Charlie the Coatbridge programme and an impressive Member's Charter which he shared with the NC. Steve would contact them re: the Govan cups trophies and Charlie would be the contact with Coatbridge on other matters.

From Bury Clarion. The section had written to Steve and Ian C. There was an issue about the status of 2nd claim riders. There had also been a phone conversation on the matter with Edward I. The feeling of the NC that it was up to the section and for paid up members of the Bury Clarion to vote for what they wanted at their AGM. It was agreed that Steve and Ian C should write to Bury with their suggestion for solution. **Action: Steve/Ian C.** It was agreed to have an item on having a Clarion development team on the next agenda.

Action: Charlie.

6] Easter Meet 2026: Ian and Steve had booked the Mount Cook Adventure Centre. Steve would contact Michael with the full details for the website.

Action: Steve. They favoured having the meet ribbons made in the UK from the successors to Jacquard. They had circulated a planned programme. As a guest speaker, Ian C suggested the couple who hold the round the world record for a tandem. It was agreed to pay for their accommodation.

7] Awards for 2024 & 2025: Steve would write to sections asking for nominations for awards. Neil would draft a new rule to cover Audax awards to go to the next Annual Conference. **Action: Steve/Neil.** Only Tuxford had made a claim to Tom Groom Trophy for 2024. Ian C suggested that in future the Tom Groom Trophy should be based on the section reports in B&S so Section Secretaries would only have to write about their achievements once.

8] York(shire) Cycle Rally 2026: Steve and Michael were no longer on the organising committee. Steve reported that this year the event would be at Driffield and a week earlier (12th-14th June). Due the change of date, several of the NC would not be able to attend so we were not sure what sort of presence we would have there. Edward I would check with Edward G to see if he would be attending. **Action: Edward I/Edward G.**

9] Recruitment of new Treasurer and Secretary: Jonathan Leigh had sent the 2025 accounts to Andrew Sedgewick for examination. It was discussed whether we could employ someone with bookkeeping experience to do the work. We could advertise this on Facebook. Ian C suggested different job titles might make the roles more attractive.

10] Date for annual conference/AGM 2026. The NC decided on Thursday 21st May. This meant the deadlines to meet were:

Saturday 21st February. Notification of conference and request for nominations and motions.

Saturday 21st March. Receipt of nominations and motions.

Tuesday 21st April Notification of agenda, motions and nominations to sections.

11] Motions from National Committee: New rules 6.8 (Conference date and format), 6.9 (Proxy voting), 6.10 (Delegates to conference) and 7.3 (Return of trophies) had already been agreed at the November meeting and, accordingly, would go to conference. Charlie would liaise with Ian C on the agenda **Action: Charlie/Ian C.** Ian C would draft an amendment changing the title of our annual meeting from Annual Conference to Annual General Meeting (AGM). **Action: Ian C**

12] Clarion Tandem: Neil outlined his correspondence with London Clarion. The tandem was donated to the NCCC by Ann Burchell (former Central Section) and Phil Packwood currently had it on loan. It was agreed that Neil would write to London Clarion confirming that the tandem had been donated to the NCCC and asking if we could have it back in time for the Easter Meet. **Action: Neil**

13] Insurance: The insurance had been renewed at the same cost and with the same excess. It was agreed that we would invite Gary Bentley to our next meeting and put the insurance item high on the agenda so he could leave the meeting early. **Action: Charlie**

14] Single location for storage of all Clarion documents, maybe a “one drive” account or similar: Agreed to postpone this item as Micheal had given apologies.

15] Donation to Clarion House: It was agreed that we would contribute £500 towards the renovation of the drive on the proviso that we could put a display plaque in the house. We would provide the artwork for the plaque and fix it.

16] Future of online shop: We now had to pay a fee of £70 for the use of the online shop facility. Previously, it had been free. We now only had S and XL

sizes of jerseys and many sections order clothing direct from suppliers. The Clarion mudflaps continued to sell. We would ask Edward G to liaise with Tim Wadsworth to check what the stock we currently had. **Action: Edward G**

17] Another meeting with Section Secretaries / Officers: Agreed to have the next meeting on Wednesday 25th February. We would discuss racing, audax and regional development squads. But we were happy for sections to bring up other matters.

18] Historical Clarion Photos: A French journalist had been in touch asking for permission to use some of the photos on our website to accompany an article. Steve believed we had some more. Some of our photos had gone to the WCML. Steve and Charlie would liaise to see what else we had. Steve thought that we had some digital copies in the memory stick that Ian C had passed on to Charlie. **Action: Steve/Charlie**

19] Membership report: Paul reported that we had 1,554 members in 25 sections as of 10/1/25. We had 2,186 in December so hopefully some of those who were members last year would be rejoining. 1,660 copies of B&S had been posted out, based on the December membership. Two sections had only two members so were probably no longer viable. Two other sections had altered their Member Mojo pages which had made it difficult to read their addresses.

20] Financial report in lieu of a Treasurer: Current account - £604.19. Savings account - £44,708.38. Charlie reported that we had just received an invoice from Tasty Digital for £470.80. He should send it to Jonathan Leigh and to Steve and Edward I so they can approve it. **Action: Charlie, Jonathan Leigh, Edward I, Steve, Michael.** It was agreed to retain the rebate on subscription for another year.

21] IT update: Michael had given apologies.

22] Data protection: Chris Nicol had now left the NC.

23] Safeguarding: Ian H had given apologies,

24] Boots & Spurs / Boots & Spurs Extra: Edward G had given apologies. The latest edition of B&S had just gone out. It was hoped that Edward G could put

out an edition of B&S Extra to publicise the Easter Meet. There was a discussion of whether it would be possible for B&S could also go on Issuu and, in the long run, old editions could go on it.

25] Competitions and Events: Nothing new to report.

26] Section Liaison: We needed get an up to date list of which sections we had liaison NC members for.

27] AOB: Edward I noted that there were some errors on our insurance policy. For example, Andrew Livesey is shown as the Secretary and the Clarion is not given its proper title of the National Clarion Cycling Club. Edward I was to contact Gary about this. **Action: Edward I**

28] Time and date of next meetings:

Wednesday 25th February - Informal Zoom meeting with Section Secretaries and/or Section Officers.

Wednesday 4th of March - NC meeting on Zoom, 7.30pm