

National Clarion Cycling Club

National Committee Meeting

7.30pm Wednesday 4th March

On Zoom

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), Edward Gilder (Boots & Spurs Editor), Charlie Harvey (Admin/Minutes Secretary), Ian Hoyle (Safeguarding Officer), Michael Stainer (Webmaster/IT Manager),.

Gary Bentley (Insurance Adviser) attended the meeting up the end of item 5.

1] Apologies for absence: Neil Shand (President), Paul Whitehead (Membership Secretary).

2] Minutes of last meeting: Agreed

3] Any confidential items in minutes: None

4] Matters arising, not covered elsewhere in the agenda: Charlie had not yet been in contact with Steve about the old photographs in our collection. **Action: Charlie/Steve.**

4.1 Bury Clarion: Steve had been in contact with Bury. The status quo had been maintained and the matter agreed democratically.

5] Insurance: Gary had been informed by Butterworth- Spengler that the premium had been paid on time and we were covered for 2026. No specific names were mentioned in the policy so there was no need to update it when officers changed. However, the contact address was that of Andrew Livesey.

Gary would contact Butterworth-Spengler to give them Edward I's contact details. **Action: Gary**

Gary explained that insurance companies were increasing excesses and it was hard to find policies for specialist cover – most club policies are not mainly to cover road accidents. He was doubtful if we would be able to find policies with lower excesses but would also see if there were any policies that had lower premiums.

There was discussion on the wording on our website re: goodwill payments to defray the excesses in our policy. Gary felt that the wording was suitable.

6] Correspondence:

From Neil Lang re: Beard Cup hill climb saying that there had been little coverage of youth and female riders. Steve would contact him. It was noted that we had vacancies for Women's Officer, Young Members (under 28 years old) Officer and Ethnically Diverse and Inclusion Officer that had not been filled. **Action: Steve**

From Moira and Bernard Beagan and Felix Gibson (Coatbridge Clarion) – re: Clarion Memorabilia. Felix had visited Moira and Bernard. They had had a successful and cheerful meeting and Coatbridge had now taken over the memorabilia that had once belonged to Mr Davy of the former Govan Clarion section. Coatbridge may be in touch in the future re: repurposing some of the trophies.

7] Easter Meet 2026: Steve was taking the bookings. So far, we had taken 6/7 rooms out of the 10 we'd booked and 4 motor homes would be coming. He hoped to get more for the Saturday evening meal and would send out another email. Ian had several suggested routes. They were looking at a way riders could register on a ride.

8] Awards for 2024 & 2025: Steve hadn't yet sent out an email to sections. He would do so shortly and pass on nominations to the NC would vote on them. There could also be some discussion on Zoom prior to the meeting with Clarion sections on 11/3/26.

9] York(shire) Cycle Rally 2026: Steve had sent contact details of the organisers to Edward G. To date, Edward G had been in touch with the Rides Organiser for the event but not the Organising Committee. Edward G was leading a 42 mile ride to Hornsea on the Saturday. Charlie would be at the event and would be able to staff the Clarion stall while Edward G was leading his ride. Charlie was driving up and could bring up materials sent to him for the stall.

Edward G asked if the Yorkshire Rally would be our Summer Meet again. It was confirmed that this was the case. The rally seemed to be in a better position financially and did not need a donation from the Clarion this year to keep going. Edward G would book a stand. He'd see if there was a building or other feature that could figure in a meet ribbon and pass the details to Ian C. **Action: Edward G**

10] Recruitment of new Treasurer and Secretary: Jonathan Leigh had written to Edward I. He was keen to fully stand down from the role. Approx. 10 sections had not yet paid their 2025 subs. Edward I would go through a spreadsheet to identify what sections had paid and work with Paul to cross reference them with the membership figures to work out what sections owed. **Action: Edward I/Paul**

10.1 Employment of part time book keeper? Steve had a possible contact, which he would chase up.

11] Motions from National Committee:

Motion drafted by Ian C substituting the term AGM in place of Annual Conference:

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And to replace all other mentions of 'Conference' with 'The AGM'. (c. 26 references) and remove the word 'annual' where it precedes 'conference'.

New rule:

Note that section 6. Refers to the Conference and Annual Meet, but there are no sub-rules defining the annual meet, hence the new rule 6.8 below.

6.8

The Annual Meet will normally be held at Easter at a location accessible by as many sections as possible. The committee will seek organiser(s) to plan the event which should include group rides, an annual dinner and the annual prize presentation.

Ian suggested, if this passed, that the Standing Orders should be undated in 2027 to reflect the change of title.

There was a lengthy discussion on fees for the following year. The term “rebate” was causing some confusion. It was agreed that for *this year only* the adult fee would be £5 and the family and junior rates would be reduced pro rata. It should be made clear at the Annual Conference that this was a temporary measure and subs would probably go up again the year afterwards.

12] Clarion Tandem – any update: Neil had given apologies so this item will be discussed at the next meeting.

13] Donation to Clarion House - any update: Carried forward to next meeting. The original correspondence was between Charles Jepson and Neil. Accordingly, the matter will be discussed at the next meeting that Neil can attend.

14] Topics for meeting with Section Secretaries / Officers / Reps on 11th March: Steve had sent out a short agenda. The main items were to do with racing and Audax. There was an AOB item which would cover the running of events. He’d been in contact with Fenland, Nottingham, Saddleworth and Yorkshire Coast.

15] Secretarial issues: (Charlie)

17.1. Financial / membership queries: Charlie had recently received several emails from sections re: payments and membership. In the absence of a Treasurer, he’d forwarded them on to Steve, Edward, Paul and Jonathon Leigh.

17.2 Eyesight / font size: Charlie had had a detached retina in his right eye in 2012 and had continuing eye trouble since then. He had just had his fourth eye operation. He could cope with the agenda and minutes side of the role, which

he wrote in large print and then reduced the font size before sending them out. But he was struggling with the amount of close work involved with dealing with emails in small print sent to him at bike@clarioncc.org . Michael would arrange to set up a Zoom meeting with Charlie to talk him through increasing font sizes.

Action: Michael/Charlie

18] Membership report: Paul had given apologies.

18.1 Format of London Clarion's Member Mojo records: This has to be corrected each time a mailing goes out to London members.

19] Financial report in lieu of a Treasurer: Current account: £4,678.71, Savings account: £40,114.94.

20.1 Payments and rebates: Covered under item 11.

21] IT update: Michael had set up a One Drive account as a location for the storage of all Clarion documents but One Drive was not designed for multiple users. He would send it to Edward I who would see if it worked well. **Action: Michael/Edward I**

23] Safeguarding: Nothing to report.

24] Boots & Spurs / Boots & Spurs Extra: Edward G was working on a new edition but could use more contributions. He hoped to get the next edition out in May.

25] Competitions and Events: Steve hoped that Zoom meeting with sections on 11/3/26 would enthuse some sections to run events. Saddleworth had kindly offered to run the hill climb again. He and Ian had been discussing organising a structure for young riders to progress. They proposed organising a training day in the school holidays at Wakefield Cycle Circuit. He has spoken to Alex Ball as a possible coach. They would like to make the event free to the young people attending with, possibly, a souvenir of event such as a sweatshirt. It was agreed that a budget of up to £2,000 could be allocated to it.

Bury Clarion were running a road race. Joanna Cebrat had asked if this could be the Clarion National Championship. Bury also asked if we could pay for the £25 prizes for the winning male and winning female rider. NC approved this but

would remind Bury that they had received a rebate on the subscription which could be used to pay for any other prizes. The event would be discussed further at the meeting on 11/3/26.

26] Section Liaison

26.1 Brighton Clarion: Edward G had contacted them. Currently they had 7 members and were still going.

26.2 Reallocation of links between NC members and sections: The liaison NC members are now:

Ian C: Stockport

Steve: Bury, Calder, Heanor, Nottingham, West Lothian

Edward I: Barnoldswick, Blackpool, Sunderland, Teesside

Edward G: Brighton & Hove, London, Yorkshire Coast

Charlie: Coatbridge, Cotswold, Gosport

Ian H:

Neil Shand: Manchester, Saddleworth

Michael,

Paul: Bolton

Sections that have a member on the NC have not been allocated a liaison officer as informal links already exist.

27] AOB: None

28] Time and date of next meeting:

Wednesday, 8th April, 7.30pm on Zoom.