

*The Forty Plus Cycling Club*

*Year 1952*

MINUTES of Committee Meeting held on Monday, 14th January 1952  
at the "One Tun" P.H., Saffron Hill, E.C. at 6.30 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: Mr. & Mrs. E.P. Groom, Mrs. M.A. Lang, Messrs. T.W.V. Rowe,  
D.M. Irving, Charles Pett, C.P. Meers, and C.W. Cooke (hon.  
sec.)

CHAIRMAN: Mr. Irving was appointed chairman.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the previous Meeting held on 15th  
October 1951 were read, confirmed and signed by the  
chairman.

HON. SECRETARY'S REPORT. The hon. secretary reported the addition of  
four new members since last meeting, making a total of  
68 for the year. Nomination forms for three further  
candidates were handed in by Mrs. Lang bringing the total  
to date to 71. There were two enquiries from prospective  
new members which were dealt with. A letter from Mr. Evans  
regretting his inability to attend the meeting was read.  
The hon. secretary raised the question of the strict  
interpretation of Rule 6 relating to one entrance fee  
covering married couples joining together and expressed  
the view that this might cover husband & wife joining  
during the same financial year but otherwise two entrance  
fees would be required. This was agreed to by the meeting.

ANNUAL DINNER REPORT. Mr. Groom's report was read by the hon. secretary  
in which it was stated that a total of 53 dinners were  
served including four guests paid for by the Club, but  
as 54 had been booked, this number had to be paid for  
at a cost of £22-19-0 plus £3-7-6d. for printing menus  
which shewed a deficit of 12s.0d. It was agreed that this  
should be met from the result of a raffle arranged by Mrs.  
Lang at the dinner towards the cost of a Die for Club Badge  
A very hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mr. & Mrs. Groom  
for their work in organizing a most successful function.

FINANCE: The hon. secretary stated that there was a small cash  
balance of 14s.5d. in hand after meeting all liabilities  
for the year to December 31st, after payment of postage  
expenses to the four section leaders as follows ;  
Mrs. Lang 15s., Mrs. Groom 10s., Mr. Irving 10s., Mr. Evans 10s.  
The statement of account together with hon. secretary's  
annual report would be circulated to members with the  
agenda of the A.G.M. Mr. D.A. Osborn having kindly  
offered his services as auditor, he was duly appointed  
by the meeting.

A.G.M. The date of this having been fixed at last meeting for  
Saturday, March 15th, it was decided to hold it at the

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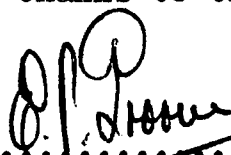
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"One Tun" P.H. Saffron Hill, E.C. commencing at 3.0 p.m. It had been arranged with the proprietor to served tea to those attending the meeting at its conclusion. Notices of Motion were to be in the hands of the hon. secretary by February 15th.

1952 Handbook & Summer Fixtures: The hon. secretary raised the question of the cost of printing handbook & runs lists for the coming year, pointing out that the income from entrance fees by new members received in 1951 would not be expected to the same extent for 1952 unless membership were doubled. He suggested two proposals for consideration of the meeting, the first that six months fixtures be incorporated in the Handbook which would be printed and circulated to members as soon as possible after the A.G.M. and the second that no fixtures should be published in the Handbook thereby reducing cost of printing and that a quarterly news sheet or bulletin containing runs for 3 months with any other matters of information be duplicated and circulated to members. The latter proposal was preferred and adopted by the meeting. The question of planning the runs for the months of April, May and June was discussed and it was decided that the four section leaders should meet & arrange these at an early date with a view to them being circulated to members with the agenda of the annual meeting on or before March 1st.

OTHER BUSINESS: There being no further business for consideration, the Meeting closed at 8.45 with a vote of thanks to the chairman.

Date..... 2/14/52 .....

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CHAIRMAN.

LIST OF FIXTURES NOVEMBER 1951-MARCH 1952.

DATE 1951	Meet at 9.30 am.	11.0 a.m.	LUNCHEON AT 1.0 p.m.	TEA AT 4.30 p.m.
Nov. 4	(N.E.)	Hatfield Heath (Fox & Hounds)	Bishops Stortford (Melting Pot)	High Beech (Kings Oak)
" 11	(S.W.)	Hook (Refresh- ment Hut)	Fetcham (Shamrock)	Chipstead Lane (Old Monkswell)
" 18	(N.W.)	Watford (Black & White Cafe)	Harpenden (Gleneagle Hotel)	Borehamwood (Grosvenor Rest).
" 25	(S.E.)	Cudham(Bungalow)	Ide Hill (Forge Cafe)	Eynsford (Hill Croft)
" 30	CLUB DINNER (See separate note).			
Dec. 2	(N.E.)	Roydon	Tewin(Rose & Crown)	Cheshunt (Poplars)
" 9	(S.W.)	Chipstead Lane (Monkswell)	Leatherhead (Skyhigh)	Egham (Old House)
" 16	(N.W.)	Hunton Bridge	Berkhamsted (Old Mill House)	Chenies (Red Lion)
" 23	(S.E.)	Otford (Belmore)	Borough Green (Four Ways)	Knockholt (Crown)
" 30	(N.E.)	Theydon Bois (White House)	Fyfield (Gipsy Tea Rooms)	Honey Lane (Riley's)

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Jan. 6	(S.W.)	Esher (Sandown Tea Rooms)	Chertsey (Park Restaurant)	Hampton Court (Norfolk Rest)
" 13	(N.W.)	Verulamium & St. St. Alban's (Nell Gwynne Cafe)	Albans Cathedral St. Alban's (Abbey Rest).	North Minns (Old Maypole)
" 20	(S.E.)	Green St. Green (Pavilion)	Edenbright (Cake Shop)	Hawley(s Corner (Paddocks)
1.3 27	(N.E.)	Wormley (Cosy Cafe)	Bramfield (Grandison Arms)	Thornwood Common (Meadow View)
Feb. 3	(S.W.)	Malden (Malden Cafe)	Martyrs Green (Black Swan)	Sunbury-on-Thames (Magpie)
" 10	(N.W.)	THE CHALFONTS.	Little Chalfont (Copper Kettle)	Chalfont St. Peter (River Cafe)
" 17	(S.E.)	Downe (First Cafe)	Godstone (Curds)	Green St. Green (Pavilion)
3.2 24	(N.E.)	Potter Street	Much Hadham (Jolly Waggoners)	"Utility Ride" X
MAR. 2	(S.W.)	Cranford (Bungalow Cafe)	Old Windsor (Jolly Gardeners)	Weybridge (York House)
" 9	(N.W.)	CHILDREN SCRAMBLE	Aldbury (Valiant Trooper)	Nash Mills (Three Tuns)
" 16	(S.E.)	Farningham(Bull)	Cobham (Ship)	Shoreham (The Spinn)
9.2 " 22	(N.E.)	WEEK-END at	Thundersley (Barn Come	Guost House)
" Sat. 23	3.0 p.m.	Gallows Corner (Avenue Cafe)	Little Burstod (Poggy's Farm)	Abridge
" 30	(S.W.)	Esher (Sandown Tea Rooms)	Chobham (White House Cafe)	Leatherhead Sky High)

Meeting Places: (S.W.) Putney Bridge, (N.W.) Stanmore Broadway  
(S.E.) Bromley (Opp. Police Sta.) (N.E.) Wilfred Lawson,  
Woodford.

CLUB DINNER. The first dinner of the Forty-Plus C.C. will be held on Friday, 30th November 1951 6.30 for 7.0 p.m. at the "One Tun" P.H. Saffron Hill, E.C. (near Farringdon St. Station). The price of dinner will be 10s.6d each inclusive with souvenir menu card and bookings (with cash) must be made to Mr. E.P. Groom, "Clovelly", Elstree Rd, Bushey Heath, Herts, as soon as possible before November 15th. Accommodation being limited, members wishing to bring a friend should inform Mr. Groom when booking so that any seats not taken by closing date can be allotted to them. Artistes have been engaged for the musical programme & dancing after dinner and an enjoyable & memorable evening is assured. Mr. R.C. Shaw (Secretary of the C.T.C.) will be the chief guest and will propose the Toast of the Forty-Plus Cycling Club. Dress optional.

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A visit to "Big Ben" is contemplated on November 3rd. Please see Mr. Groom.

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A New Year's Theatre Party is in contemplation of which members will be notified later.

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(N.E.) Section Notices. - Thursday evening runs to EPPING (Cottage Tea Rooms). Members intending to support these mid-week runs should notify Mrs. Lang with a view to changing the venue to Riley's, Honey Lane.

X. Utility Ride (Feb. 24) is a speed-judging cum map reading contest, two to form a team. Book early with Mrs. Lang.

Also early bookings for week-end at Thundersley (Mar. 22/23). Club room with games, etc.

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19th October, 1951.

C. W. COOKE  
Hon Secretary.

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### List of new members since last issue.

- 36, 37. Mr. & Mrs. H.O. Blomley; 126, Abercorn Crescent  
South Harrow.
- 38, 39. Mr. & Mrs. H.J. Cole; 4, Cromartie Rd, N. 19
42. P.A.T. Baker; 34, Wiltshire Close, S.W. 3.
43. S. Gowing; 11, Salisbury Road, E. 10.
44. Geo. Smerdon; 21a, Beverley Ave, Canvey  
Island, Essex.
45. G. Edwards; 69, Deepdene Rd, Loughton, Essex.
- 46, 47. Mr. & Mrs. John Holmes; 101, Cater Drive,  
Romford, Ex.
48. Thos. Wooder; 128, Upminster Rd, Rainham Ex.
49. S. J. Ager; 29, Newport Rd, Saffron Walden.
50. Mrs. L. Stanborough; 23, Warwick Rd, Wanstead,
51. G.L. Moore; 16, George Lane, E. 18. (E. 11.)
- 52, 53. Mr. & Mrs. S.R. Russell; 66, Church Rd,  
Ponders End, Middx.
54. H.L. Fletcher; 42, Cambridge Ave, N.W. 6.
55. Miss M.E. Hall; "Lyndhurst", Belswains Lane  
Hemel Hempstead, Herts.
56. A.T. Titmuss; 47, Tawny Ave, Upminster, Ex.
57. R. Prignore; 4, Cromwell Road, Bedford.
58. A.G. Neville; 44, Uplands Road, N. 8.
59. F.A. Moony; 41, Gateley Road, S.W. 9.
60. L.P. Henderson; 13, Hampton Rd, Worcester  
Park, Surrey.
61. H.J. Press; 13, Risingholme Rd, Wealdstone.
62. J.W. Handley; 17, Rathcoole Gardens, N. 8.
63. S.A. Tackley; 127, Brownspring Drive, S.E. 9.
64. Mrs. Blanche Pett; 3, Linnell Rd, Edmonton,  
N. 18.

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(N.W.) Section Note: Wednesday evening runs to the "Old Maypole" at Water End, North Minns 8.0 p.m. commencing November 7th. Meet Stammore Broadway 7.0 p.m. or at venue.

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40, 41. Mr & Mrs A. Hardy; 513, Hornsey Road, N. 19

MINUTES of Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 2nd April/52 at the "One Tun" P.H. Saffron Hill, E.C.I. at 6.30.p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Mr. E.P.Groom (Chairman) Mr.A.H.Marshall (Hon.Sec).  
Mrs.Groom, Mrs.M.A.Lang. Messrs. D.M.Irving, C.Pett,  
W.Pilgrim. Mr.T.Evans wrote apologising for unavoidable  
absence, and Mr.Groom had received a similar message  
from Mr.C.P.Meers.

MINUTES.

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on the 14th  
Jan/52 were read, confirmed, and signed by the Chairman.

HON.SECRETARY'S REPORT. The Hon.Sec. reported that the membership  
figures were now 79 enrolled members of whom 65 had paid  
subscriptions for the current year. The financial  
position in regard to the transfer of the funds had been  
balanced, but it had come to light that Mr.Cooke had  
opened a banking account earmarked for the 40 plus, and  
that the assets therein were apparently frozen until re-  
leased by Mr.Cooke's executors. After some discussion  
it was decided that in future the club money should be  
invested in a Post Office account, which could be drawn  
on two of three signatures. In the first place it was  
decided these should be Mr.E.P.Groom, Mr.T.Wooder, and  
the Hon.Sec.

1952 HANDBOOKS. The Hon.Sec. reported that it appeared from corres-  
pondence that Mr.Cooke had obtained quotations from firms  
for the printing of the 1952 handbook, but no copy was  
available either of the work proposed or the quotations.  
Mrs.Lang had seen one of the printers whose quotation was  
£4.5.0 for 8 pages and covers, and \$4.15.0 for 12 pages  
and covers for 120 copies. It was agreed that a photo-  
graph of the founder should be chosen and printed inside  
the front cover at an additional cost of £1. The Hon.Sec.  
was asked to prepare the copy and to obtain 144 copies  
from S.Hearn of Leyton as soon as possible. The names of  
all paid up members on March 31st are to be included.

BADGES.

The Hon.Sec. had asked for quotations from three firms  
for producing 144 badges. Two had replied. Messrs.  
Simpson's now quoting 2/- each and £5.10.0. for die,  
while Messrs.Denton & Downs were preparing sketch and  
quotation. If, on receipt, Denton & Downs price appears  
reasonable Mr.Groom agreed to negotiate further with the  
firm, otherwise the Hon.Sec. will accept Messrs.Simpson's  
offer. Two dozen badges are to be stud type. It was also  
agreed that the Hon.Sec. should contact a firm offering  
cloth badges to obtain a quotation.

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RUNS

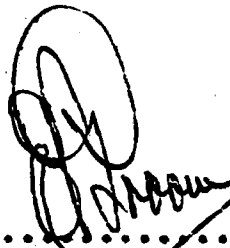
The Hon.Sec. asked that the runs lists for July, August & September be in his hands by June 1st, so that the bulletin and runs lists could be sent out early in that month. Mr.Groom drew attention to the possibilities of the National Garden Scheme as an object for some runs.

ANNUAL DINNER.

Mr. & Mrs. Groom intimated that they were already making preliminary enquiries re a venue for the Annual Dinner, and hoped to keep the cost between 12/6d and 15/- per person. It was suggested that one of the guests this year might be a lady, and this was agreed.

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 8.15.pm. with a vote of thanks to the Chairman and Hon. Secretary.

Date..... 5/9/52 .....

Signed.....  .....

CHAIRMAN.

MINUTES of Committee Meeting held on Friday Sept. 5th 1952 at the "One Tun" P.H. Saffron Hill E.C.I. at 6.30.p.m.

ATTENDANCE Mr. E.P.Groom (Chairman) Mr.A.H.Marshall (Hon Sec.) 8 ✓  
Mrs.M.A.Lang, Mr & Mrs D.M.Irving, Messrs C.Pett,W.Pilgrim  
T.Evans. Mrs Groom sent apologies for her unavoidable  
absence.

MINUTES The Minutes of the previous meeting were briefly reviewed,  
confirmed as circulated to the Committee and signed by  
the Chairman.

HON. SECRETARY'S REPORT. The Hon.Sec. reported that there were 77  
members who had fully paid current subscriptions and 88  
names on the roll. The wastage of 11 members was discussed  
and it was agreed that there was good reason for the loss  
in each case, and no action was recommended to press in  
members who seemed unsuited to the club. Financially the  
position was largely overshadowed by the money held by  
Mr.Cooke's Executors. After paying for the badges there  
was a deficit of £13.19.2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>d plus an outstanding account of  
about £4. for stationery making £18. Against this was  
£9.7.1d held by the Executors, £5.5.0d. deposit on the  
dinner, and money from the sale of some badges. It was  
therefore agreed that the financial position was satis-  
factory, and Mr.Groom thanked the Hon.Sec. for covering  
the deficit.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS. The Hon.Sec.gave names of 7 members proposed  
since the handbook was published, and these were elected  
en bloc.

RUNS PROGRAMME. Each leader submitted his runs list for Oct.Nov. &  
Decr. One or two amendments were suggested and agreed, and  
it was emphasized, after a short discussion, that a run  
must take place on every week-end, any other activities  
being additional. The Hon.Sec. asked that each leader  
would send a very short note, giving the number of members  
attending runs, and other information, so that a record of  
the runs can be kept.

ANNUAL DINNER. Mr. Groom gave an account of the arrangements which he  
and Mrs.Groom had so far made for the Annual Dinner. The  
toasts and speeches were considered, and also the seating  
arrangements, and after some discussion it was agreed that  
Mr. & Mrs.Groom continue to have a free hand in the matter  
of the arrangements. The price was fixed at 15/- to include  
everything, including tips (except wines). Each members, in  
the first place may bring one guest, and propose others.  
These latter will be accommodated as far as possible after  
seats have been allocated. Last date for all applications  
Nov.8th, with no extension.

FORMATION OF OTHER SECTIONS. (a) Letters from Mr. A.G.Neville on the  
formation of another section (following his suggestion at  
the A.G.M.) were read and discussed, together with other  
proposals. It was agreed that the formation of other  
sections in the Home Counties was not desirable, and that  
the suggestions would be put forward to the members at the  
next A.G.M.



(b) The Hon. Sec. reported on an approach he had received from Southampton for information. This had been given, but no further reply had materialised. It was agreed that a proposal to amend Rule 2 to permit of provincial sections might be put to the A.G.M. when further information was available.

INVITATION OF NEW MEMBERS & FRIENDS. The position where members were bringing their wives on runs without enrolling them was discussed. It was agreed that it was a very delicate point, but that the club was losing finance. The matter was to be ventilated discreetly at the next A.G.M.

OTHER BUSINESS.

- 1) Mr. Evans drew attention to the announcement in the C.T.C. Gazette that the Herts D.A. were holding a Cecil Cooke Memorial Ride on Sept. 28th. The Committee agreed that the Hon. Sec. should write to the Secretary of the Herts D.A. pointing out that Cecil Cooke was Founder of the 40 Plus C.C. and met with his unfortunate accident whilst out with that Club. Also that this Club intended to hold a Memorial Run on the last Sunday in February (the corresponding day to the accident) in the same area, but avoiding the route taken in 1952, inviting all people interested to participate. In order to associate the Club with the Herts D.A. run Mr. & Mrs. Groom, possibly with other C.T.C. members, intended to join the run on Sept. 28th.
- (2) In order to facilitate records and publication of the handbook it was proposed to suggest at the A.G.M. that the date in future be brought forward to January. The Hon. Sec. intimated that he anticipated the present 1952 handbook would probably last out through 1953, so saving one printing.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm. with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

DATE December 15th 1952 signed Am. Irving

Chairman

FIFTY PLUS CYCLING CLUB.

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MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING held on Monday, December 15th/52 at the St. John of Jerusalem P.H. St. John St. E.C.I. at 6.30.p.m.

ATTENDANCE. Mr. E.P. Groom (Chairman) Mrs. M.A. Lang, Mr & Mrs. D.M. Irving, Messrs C. Pett, T. Evans, H. Webb, Mrs. J. Marshall, who tendered the apologies of the Hon. Sec. who was unable to attend owing to illness. Apologies for absence were also sent by Mrs. Groom and Mr. Pilgrim.

Mr. Groom acted on behalf of the Hon. Sec. and Mr. Irving was asked to take the Chair.

MINUTES. The Minutes of the previous meeting held on Friday Sept. 5th 1952 were read and confirmed.

HON. SECRETARY'S REPORT. The Hon. Sec. reported that the financial position was now cleared up. Mr. Cooke's Solicitors had sent a cheque for the money held by them, and there was now a small balance in hand to pay the leaders' expenses &c.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS. Six new members were elected

CECIL COOKE MEMORIAL RIDE Mrs Lang reported that arrangements were well advanced in regard to the invitation ride on Feb. 22nd. It was agreed that Mr. Groom should contact the Secretaries of the Finsbury Park and Barnet C.C.s. Mrs. Lang and Mr. Pett will meet Mr. Groom early in January to finalize the arrangements.

RUNS PROGRAMME. Runs programmes were submitted by the leaders and agreed.

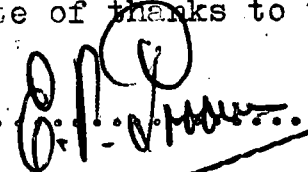
LEADERS EXPENSES. Each leader assessed his or her expenses or produced a statement and these amounts will be paid by the Hon. Sec. It is suggested that Leaders keep a statement as they are probably considerably out of pocket when making an estimate.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. Fixed for Saturday afternoon March 21st 1953 at the "Albert" Victoria St. The Hon Sec. will ascertain how long the room can be retained for a SOCIAL event afterwards. High tea will be provided after the meeting at 5/- per head.

JACK COLE. The Committee heard with regret that Jack Cole had died on the previous Friday in hospital. Mr. Groom had already arranged to attend the funeral and for a floral tribute. The Committee thanked Mr. Groom for his prompt action.

The meeting closed at 9.15.p.m. with a vote of thanks to the Chairman (Mr. D.M. Irving)

Date.....

Signed.... 

Chairman.

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THE FORTY PLUS CYCLING CLUB.

SECOND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MINUTES of the Second Annual General Meeting held at Reggiori's Restaurant, King's Cross, London N.1 on Saturday, 15th March 1952 at 2.45 pm.

The meeting opened at 3.0 pm. under the Chairmanship of Mr. Groom who explained that in view of the circumstances he had, at the request of the four section leaders, taken on the duties of Hon. Sec. until members met.

ATTENDANCE. Forty two members signed the attendance register.

HON. PRESIDENT: Mrs. M. Lang proposed and Mr. E. Edwards seconded the proposal that Mrs. Cooke be elected the first Hon. President of the Forty Plus Cycling Club. The decision of the meeting was unanimously in favour and Mrs. Cooke accepted the invitation.

CHAIRMAN. It was proposed by Mr. Webb that Mr. E. P. Groom be elected Chairman, and this was seconded by Mrs. Lang and carried unanimously.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS Mr. Groom paid tribute to Mr. C. W. Cooke's work in founding the Club, and deplored the great loss to Cycling as a whole occasioned by his tragic death as a result of the mishap which occurred on the Club run on Feb. 24th, near Epping. He told how a meeting of the four leaders had been held the following Sunday at which it was decided to go forward with this meeting as already arranged. It was also agreed to ask Mr. A. H. Marshall to accept the Hon. Secretaryship of the Club if elected at the A.G.M.

HON. SECRETARY That Mr. A. H. Marshall be elected Hon. Secretary was proposed by Mr. Turner, seconded by Mr. Groom, and carried unanimously. Mr. Groom thereupon relinquished his temporary position as Hon. Sec.

NEW MEMBERS The new members who had joined since the last C'tee meeting were duly elected.

MINUTES The minutes of the First General Meeting, which had been circulated to all members were adopted. Proposed Mr. C. Pett; seconded Mr. C. O. Meers.

SECRETARY'S REPORT & ACCOUNTS Mr. Cooke had already made his report, and this had been circulated with the account. Mr. E. Edwards proposed and Mr. H. Webb seconded that these should be accepted as printed and the Meeting agreed.

- RESOLUTIONS
- (a) Mr. Meers proposed and Mr. Wooder seconded the proposal that all founder members should be elected to the C'tee. After some discussion the motion was put to the meeting but not carried, only two members voting for the proposition. It was then proposed by Mr. E. Edwards, and seconded by Mr. Baker that the C'tee be appointed in accordance with Rule 3, and carried.
- (b) The proposal by Mr. Webb that members joining after Oct. 1st be entitled to membership until the end of the following year was seconded by Mr. Wooder and agreed.
- (c) A proposal originally made by Mr. Cooke to amend Rule 8 to require that motions for the agenda be in the hands of the Hon. Sec. one month prior to the date of the meeting was put by Mr. E. Edwards, seconded by Mr. Seaman and carried.
- (d) The appointment of a Social Secretary to deal mainly with the organisation of the Annual Dinner was proposed by Mr. E. Edwards, seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried.
- (f) Mrs. Lang's proposal, seconded by Mr. Wooder, that a General Runs Captain be appointed was not carried, after some discussion on what duties such a Captain could perform.
- (g) The motion proposed by Mrs. Lang and seconded by Mr. Johnson that the joining fee for new members be 2/6d and the annual subscription be 7/6d (to date from Jan. 1st 1953) was carried after a short discussion. It was pointed out that the first cost to a new member would remain unchanged, but that the renewal subscription would be increased. This was considered necessary in view of the narrow margin in the financial statement for 1951.
- (h) Mr. Neville proposed that a new section be formed for North London (Highgate, Hornsey and Wood Green) It was pointed out by the Hon. Sec. that this would perhaps be the beginning of a series of such requests, and other members pointed out that the difficulties suggested by Mr. Neville in reaching the meeting places was common to many members. The motion was defeated, only 6 votes being cast in favour.

OFFICIALS

The following officials were elected to the offices for the year 1952/3.

PRESIDENT. Mrs. Cooke (elected at commencement of meeting)

CHAIRMAN Mr. E. P. Groom

HON. Mr. A. H. Marshall (elected at commencement of meeting)

SECRETARY

SOCIAL SECRETARY Mrs. Groom (proposed Mr. Burchell (seconded Mr. Pilgrim))

TREASURER To be combined with office of Sec. Propose: Mr. Webb. Sec. Mr. E. Edwards.

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DISTRICT LEADERS. N.W. Mrs.Groom  
 N.E. Mrs.Lang. re-elected  
 S.E. Mr.Evans. en bloc  
 S.W. Mr.Irving.

) Proposed Mr.Wooder  
 ) Seconded Mr.Edwards.  
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DEPUTY LEADERS. N.W. Mr.Webb. Proposed Mrs.Lang Sec.Mrs.Cooke  
 N.E. Mr.Pett " " " Sec.Mr.Wooder  
 S.E. Mr.Meers " Mr.Groom Sec.Mr.Burchall  
 S.W. Mr.Pilgrim " Mr.Irving Sec.Mrs.Irving.

C'TEE MEMBERS Mr.Webb. )  
 Mr.Pett ) Proposed Mr.Tackley  
 Mr.Pilgrim ) Seconded Mr.Baker.  
 Mr.Meers. )

SUMMER PROGRAMME. Mr.Baker proposed and Mr.Johnson seconded the motion that the compiling of the runs list be left in the hands of the C'tee. This was agreed.

ANNUAL DINNER & OTHER SOCIAL FIXTURES FOR WINTER PROGRAMME. It was agreed on a motion proposed by Mr.Webb and seconded by Mr.Johnson that the Social Secretary be given a free hand in these matters

CLUB COLOURS & BADGE. Mrs.Lang gave a report on the progress of the Die Fund, and the Hon.Sec. was asked to obtain quotations.

CLUB M.P LIBRARY. A suggestion from Mr.T.Evans that a map club be formed was discussed, and the C'tee was asked to consider details.

The meeting concluded at 5.5.pm. when the members thanked Mrs.Cooke for her presence. The Secretary also thanked Mr. Groom on behalf of the club for stepping into the breach in the difficult circumstances, and Mrs.Lang asked that it should be coupled with their appreciation for the able way he had occupied the chair.

Thirty three of the members partook of tea before breaking up.

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HONORARY SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR 1952

During the second year of its life the Club has every reason to be very satisfied with the progress which has been made. Over 100 people have now completed entry forms, and the total membership on Decr.31st was 84. Already more than 60 members have renewed their membership this year. As was the case last year several also sent a further donation to the funds.

1952 was financially a very difficult year. We had several heavy expenses, printing handbooks, and the purchase of badge book and badges, and I am pleased to say that we finished the year, as you will see from the accounts, with a small excess expenditure of £6.9.0. Against this we hold a stock of badges worth over £11. With the increased subscription this year we shall be able to "spread" ourselves a little more freely.

The Committee has met four times during the year, and attendance by all members has been good. I would particularly like to thank Mr.E.P. Groom for the able way in which he has occupied the chair on every occasion.

Runs have been held on every Sunday during the year, and the attendance has been surprising, often exceeding 20 members, and even on the bad days during the winter several members have always arrived at the meal venues.

The Annual Dinner held at the Albert Tavern was a very successful event, graced by several well known names in the Cycling world, and this again was due to the untiring efforts of Mrs.Groom, ably assisted by Mr.Groom.

My report would not be complete without an acknowledgment of the work carried out by the four section leaders, who by their prompt replies to demands for fixtures have considerably helped in the compilation of the runs lists, and also I must thank them for their efforts in collecting money and new members.

You will see in the Agenda a proposal to widen the field in which we can operate. If this is agreed it will enable us to gradually spread into other areas where support is forthcoming.

Finally, I must thank our Hon.Auditor, Mr. D.A.Osborn, who has again corrected all my mistakes in addition and subtraction, and provided the attached Statement of Accounts.

6th March 1953

A.H.MARSHALL.

Hon.Secretary.