

The Forty Plus Cycling Club

Year 1955



SECRETARY'S NOTES

June 1955

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome

J.B. Franks,
158 New North Road,
London, N.1.

L.T. Rowsell
64 Kings Road,
Edmonton, N.18

F.A. Spruson
63 Hatherley Gardens
East Ham, E.6.

who were elected to membership on the 23rd May 1955

RESIGNATION

Mr. F. Perry has resigned from the office of Social Secretary and from the Club. Mr. Groom has kindly undertaken his duties for the time being

OFFICERS

Mr. Osborn has been re-appointed as Hon. Auditor.

Mr. Weaire having resigned the Deputy Leadership of the Eastern Section owing to other commitments, Mr. Wilcox has been appointed in his place

MEMBERSHIP

Our strength is now 99, including the Bournemouth Members and Messrs. H.T. Eynon and F.E. Pond, whose applications were unfortunately received just too late for the last Committee Meeting.

ANNUAL DINNER

This will be held on Friday, 25th November at the 'Talbot', London Wall. Details will be published later.

THE NEWS-SHEET

The Hon. Editor being on holiday, the News-Sheet may be a little late this Quarter

FIXTURE LIST

The runs during the next three months include a week-end at West Bergholt, organised by Tom Wooder for the 9th/10th July, a 'special request' run on July 17th piloted by "Nut" Wilcox, an August tourlet by Leslie Seymour and a joint run with the Over-Forties Section of the West Metropolitan D.A. on September 25th, arranged by Ted Groom.

FOR SALE

A few copies of the 1955 Kuklos Annual at 2/3rd post free (List price 2/6d.) Orders to your Section Leaders please

MEETING PLACES FOR THE QUARTER.

HL = Hanger Lane Station, W.5	WL = The Wilfred Lawson, Woodford
RC = Ruxley Corner, Sidcup By-pass	PB = Putney Bridge, North side
P = The Plough, Gallows Corner	SB = Stanmore Broadway
CB = The Cambridge, Gt. Cambridge Road	

SECTION LEADERS

Section Leaders' names and addresses will be found in the annexed List of Officers for 1955

MINUTES of COMMITTEE MEETING held on Tuesday
15th September, 1955, at 7.30 p.m. at the
Red Lion, Parliament Street, London, W.1.

ATTENDANCE

Mr. Iving (Chairman), Mrs. Lane, Messrs. Pilgrim,
Fackley, Russell, Groom, Seymour, Dadd, Pett,
Wilcox and Gamble (Secretary)

The Meeting commenced at 7.30 pm. and the Chairman
welcomed Mr. Wilcox as a new Committee member

MINUTES OF
LAST MEETING

These were taken as read and approved, after the
Secretary had explained the situation with regard to
Mr. Perry's resignation

SECRETARY'S
REPORT

The membership strength now stood at 97, or 100 including
the three new members awaiting election. Club funds
showed a credit balance of £50.2.6. with outstanding
accounts of £4.12.1. The correspondence for the
previous three months included Mr. Perry's formal
resignation, letters from Mr. Seymour and Mr. Groom
reporting payments of 11/-d. and 6/9d. respectively to
caterers for deficiences in bookings, and a letter
from Mr. Seymour indicating he would be resigning his
honorary posts at the end of the year.

On a proposal by Mr. Pett, seconded by Mr. Dadd, the
Secretary's report was adopted.

MATTERS
ARISING

Mr. Groom explained how the 6/9d. deficit arose, and
said that in his view there was an obligation on a
leader to back according to the support he expects to
have for a run. Mr. Pilgrim suggested it was Mr.
Groom's own responsibility in this instance, because he
had no firm bookings. Mr. Seymour thought that the
responsibility rested jointly on the leader and the
members, that Mr. Groom had reasonably estimated the
likely attendance for this particular day. After some
further discussion Mr. Fackley proposed reimbursement
of the sums to Messrs. Groom and Seymour so that they
be brought into the club's accounts, which would in
turn result in the matter being brought up at the A.G.M.
This proposal was seconded by Mr. Pett and agreed to by
the Committee. Mr. Seymour then proposed that a
strong directive be sent out by the Secretary to all
members to the effect that they should recognise
their definite responsibility under Rule 9 to back
seals beforehand, and their moral responsibility to
honour bookings by attending the run. This was
seconded by Mr. Pilgrim and agreed to by the Committee

Mr. Green informed the Meeting that Mr. Neville had paid him two years' subscriptions and explained that Mr. Neville had been very seriously ill and therefore out of touch with the Club over a long period, but that his enthusiasm was undiminished.

APPOINTMENT
OF SOCIAL
SECRETARY

Mr. Green having indicated his willingness to carry on in this office until the A.M. his appointment was formally proposed by Mrs. Lane, seconded by Mr. Tackley and carried.

Messrs. Synon, Ford and Willis were duly elected.

APPOINTMENT
OF LEADER
OF S/EAST
SECTION

This office being vacant because Mrs. Lane is moving out of the district, Mr. Synon's appointment was proposed by Mr. Russell, seconded by Mr. Wilcox and passed.

ANNUAL
DINNER
ARRANGEMENTS

Mr. Green explained his proposals in detail. The Talbot had been asked to provide for 75-80 members and guests at a charge of 11/3d. per head. A larger number could be accommodated if the support was forthcoming. A three-piece band would be in attendance including Arthur Lane, and there would be dancing after the meal. Mr. Green was proposing to send out a personal letter to all members, including Bournemouth members, in an endeavour to get about 100. Tickets would be 15/- per head and it was suggested that there should be no formal invitations to special guests, invitations of guests being left to the members themselves. Mr. Tackley proposed that Mr. Green's arrangements be accepted, with very sincere thanks to Mr. Green for so ably stepping into the breach left by Mr. Perry. This was seconded by Mr. Pilgrim and passed.

Mr. Tackley
12 Dec 1935

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm.
with a vote of thanks to the
Chairman

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MINUTES of Committee Meeting held on Monday 12th December 1955, at the Red Lion, 48 Parliament Street, London S.W.1.

In attendance: Mr. Irving (Chairman), Messrs. Dadd, Dymon, Pett, Groom, Pilgrim, Russell & Cannon (Secy)

The Meeting commenced at 7.40 p.m.

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

These were taken as read, and approved.

2. No matters raised on the Minutes.

3. Secretary's Report

Membership strength is now 104 with 2 applicants awaiting election. Club funds showed 2/2d. in hand, and £27.10.8d. in the Post Office Savings Bank. Correspondence for the quarter was mainly formal, but included resignations from Messrs. Kilborn and Mr. Spruson. Rough accounts for the year 1955 had been prepared and were explained to the Meeting later. The Secretary's Report was adopted.

4. Social Secretary's Report

Mr. Groom said the Dinner had undoubtedly been enjoyed by those present, but the attendance was low. Only 52 of the 69 persons were members. He himself had brought nine guests, and Mr. Hooder five. The only complimentary tickets were those given to Mr. and Mrs. Nixon, and Arthur Lyne. The Dinner entailed a considerable amount of work, and would not have been so successful in the absence of the guests. He had had a letter from Mr. Pett saying that he, Mr. Pett, had heard nothing but praise for the Dinner, but that he thought there were not enough "putters in" and too many "takers out".

The Dinner Account showed a loss of £1.5.6d which would have been considerably more if we had paid the full price for the Arthur Lyne band. This cost us merely £3.0.0. instead of the normal fee of £10.10.0d. In the discussion on Mr. Groom's report, Mr. Pilgrim said that it should be made clear to the membership that if the Dinner had no support then there was to be no Dinner. Mr. Dadd suggested that the function might get better support on a Saturday. Mr. Irving was more optimistic, and said he was convinced the Club had found the right formula. He thought that it would get known among the members that the affair had been a success, and that this would revive the enthusiasm. He therefore considered we should give the Dinner another try. He mentioned that Mr. Hooder had suggested an instalment plan by which members could purchase their tickets in advance. Mr. Groom then said that we had to bear in mind that there could be no promise of a band at the same price, and we must have better support if the Dinner was to pay. If each member were to bring only one guest, this would most certainly turn the scale. In conclusion it was moved by Mr. Pett that the Club should make provisional arrangements for the holding of the Annual Dinner on Saturday, 24th November 1956 at the Talbot, and that the membership should be told of this at the A.G.E. His proposal seconded by Mr. Pilgrim and agreed upon.

It was then suggested that the Secretary should write Arthur Lyne a letter of appreciation of his services, and also a letter to Mr. Shas regretting that he could not be present. The Committee also instructed the Secretary

to record the debt of gratitude owed by the Club to Mr. Groom for taking over the duties of Mr. Perry

5. Election of New Members

Mr. Willson and Mr. Major were duly elected

6. Fixtures for January, February, March 1956

The Secretary pointed out that as no run was being held on Christmas Day, the Eastern Section would miss a run unless the rota was changed. The Committee saw no objection to this. Mr. Pilgrim said that the Southern Section was receiving no support and he moved that the runs for the South-Eastern Section be held on the dates thus left open. This was seconded by Mr. Russell and passed

7. Committee Members' Expenses

Leaders claimed expenses as follows:-

Northern : 15/6d. Southern : 6/9d. Western : 10/- S/Eastern : 3/-

8. The Secretary took note of the badge sales and stock position and informed the Committee that he had been unable to obtain the return of the badge sent on loan to Rene Menzies. It was agreed that this should be written off.

9. GW arrangements

The Secretary explained that he had put this item on the Agenda in case there was any special resolution to come from the Committee as such. The Secretary was instructed to mention in the Notice that all the present officers would offer themselves for re-election, except Mr. Seymour and Mr. Groom (as Social Secretary)

10. Other business

Mr. Pett, mentioned his proposal for an Easter tourlet in 1956, and it was ascertained that there were also plans for a tourlet in Hampshire. The Secretary was asked to mention these in his Notes. Mr. Groom suggested that there might be a joint run with the South-Eastern Road Club Old Members, the 35 Plus Section of the West Kent D.A. and the Forty Plus S/Eastern Section on the 29th April. The Secretary was instructed to mention this also in his Notes.

There being no other business the Meeting closed at

9.45 p.m. with a vote of thanks to the Chairman...

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Dr. J. J. J. J.
12th March 1956

FORTY PLUS CYCLING CLUB

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MINUTES OF THE FOURTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING,
held at the Albert Tavern, Victoria St., S.W.1.
on Saturday, 29th January 1955, at 2.30 p.m.

The meeting commenced at 2.40 p.m. with Mr. Groom in the Chair and 47 members present.

The Chairman opened the meeting with a welcome to the President, Mrs. Cooke, and expressed pleasure at seeing such a large gathering. He remarked that it had been a momentous year. A record in cycling history was made when 16 members of the Forty Plus tackled the Towy Valley and the crossing from the Elan Valley to Pontrhydfendigaid. At Whitsun a record attendance of 20 or 22 toured in Essex and 8 members had a memorable tour in Bavaria and Austria during the summer. Tom Wooder had made a fine gesture at Doddington, where he had organised a Christmas party for old age pensioners, who had showed great appreciation. He added that there would be changes in the Club officers and that it was up to members to select good officers to carry on the Club.

1. Minutes of the Third A.G.M.

Re (a) (ii) (page 1), Mr. Canham thought it should be recorded that the subject of other publications was not debated. He proposed that the minute dealing with other publications should read - "it was resolved by way of amendment of the previous resolution, and without debating the subject of other publications, to delete the words 'other publications should be first submitted to the Committee'". This was seconded by Mr. Pilgrim and carried unanimously.

Mr. Tackley asked for clarification of that part of the minutes dealing with the date of the next A.G.M., and the Secretary explained that it had been decided that this meeting should always be held on the last Saturday in January if possible, and if not, at the first available Saturday after that date.

It was proposed by Mr. Irving, seconded by Mr. Perry, and carried unanimously that the minutes be approved as amended.

2. Hon. Secretary's Report and Accounts

These were read by the Hon. Secretary, after which a question was asked as to whether the statement of accounts included funds held by Bournemouth Section. The Secretary stated that he had separated the accounts for Bournemouth Section and explained that we had received two subscriptions in accordance with the rule to receive 1 in every 10; but details of the Bournemouth Section funds had been received too late to be included in the accounts before to-day's meeting. The facts were, however, that there were 11 members, who had paid in £5.10.0. plus £1.1.0. for 7 badges, making a total of £6.11.0. They had spent 19/8d. and now held £5.11.4. plus 5 badges. He added that it should be clearly laid down whether, if either of the two halves of the Club should be in debt at any time, the funds at either end could be called upon. For every subscription each of the Bournemouth members had been given a copy of everything except special notices, including the handbook, and their funds were accumulating.

In reply to a question as to whether there had been any return for the 26/- spent on advertising, the Secretary answered that we had acquired 4 new members from the 2 advertisements. It may have done good in advertising the Club, but had not been very successful in bringing in new members.

In reply to a query as to where the address of the Forty Plus could be found, it was stated that this was kept at the C.T.C. and by "Cycling". It was suggested that the N.C.U. should be asked to include our name in their handbook.

Mr. Edwards proposed and Mr. Weaire seconded, that the Secretary's Report and Statement of Accounts be adopted. This was carried unanimously.

3. Resolutions

(a) From Mr. Wooder

"That the South-east Section be re-started and to run on the same Sunday as the South Section, there being two section runs on the same Sunday."

Mr. Wooder explained that the present arrangement was not working well, the South Section not being keen on going into Kent and the East Section not being inclined to go across the Thames. Mr. Groom stated that Mrs. Lane was willing to act as leader of the South-east Section if elected. Mr. Tackley suggested that the new run be on the same day as that on the opposite side of London, say the West Section. After discussion Mrs. Lang suggested that general approval of the motion should be received from the meeting first and then the question of dates discussed afterwards, and it was agreed to take the latter under "Club Runs". Finally the following amended resolution was proposed by Mr. Wooder, seconded by Mr. Drewett and carried unanimously :-

"That the South-east Section be re-started and to run on the same Sunday as another section, there being two section runs on the same Sunday."

(b) From Mrs. Lang

"That the Club should be affiliated to the E.C.C.A."

Mrs. Lang thought this would be a good advertisement for the Club because the E.C.C.A. covered many clubs and the name of the Forty Plus would be in the Eastern Counties Handbook. The subscription was 25/- per year for a club and about 12 members had affiliated privately last year at 2/6d. each. Our team had finished 6th in the Utility Ride last year. The resolution was seconded by Mr. Canham.

Mr. Weaire put forward an amendment:-

"That the Club may, at the discretion of the Committee, affiliate to any other cycling body, provided such affiliation fees are met by the members interested and not by the Club as a whole."

This was seconded by Mrs. Weaire

Many spoke against both resolution and amendment, mainly on the grounds that, if passed, they would throw open the door to affiliation with so many other bodies that there would be an "avalanche" effect.

The amendment was lost by 40-5 and the motion by 29-13



4. Club Runs

(a) Distances, Meeting Places, Directions, Venues

The Secretary said that we had lost members through distances and other points in connection with the runs and that some members wanted long runs, others wanted to start later and others wanted shorter runs. He explained that this point was being raised in order that members might have an opportunity of talking on these subjects.

Mr. Tackley suggested cutting out the original meeting place, making 11 o'clock the first venue and cutting out tea stops in winter. Others pointed out that the present arrangements allowed plenty of flexibility and that no objection was raised to members skipping any meeting or meal places. It was proposed that the views of the meeting on this question be borne in mind by the Committee when making out the runs list. In general, present arrangements were approved by the meeting.

After discussion on the subject of the date for the new South-east Section runs (see 3(a)), Mr. Wooder proposed "That the new South-east Section should meet on the same Sunday as the West Section," adding that this was only experimental. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Lang and carried unanimously.

(b) "That runs should include regular visits to places of interest, thus vesting the run with the purpose of Rule 2."

In introducing this proposal, Mr. Perry expressed the view that we should make our runs more than purely social and cycling. He subsequently amended the above resolution to read:-

"That the Committee be asked to pay particular attention to arranging runs to places of interest."

and stated that he would be happy to leave this suggestion in the hands of the Committee and Runs Leaders, and that he would be prepared to help in suggesting places of interest which would at least combine with the West and South Sections

5. Club Magazine and Other Publications

The Secretary stated that £5 had been suggested at the last A.G.M. as the limit of the cost of the Bulletin. The actual cost had amounted to £4.9.6. but next year duplicating might have to be paid for. Mr. Groom proposed, and the meeting supported, a vote of thanks to Mr. Seymour for his work on the Club Bulletin.

6. Club Dinner

The Secretary said that numbers were down last time and that if they went down any more it would not be possible to carry on without a loss. If the numbers went below 60 it would be uneconomical to hold it any more. Mr. Groom asked that it should be borne in mind, to avoid the date being overlooked by members, that the dinner is usually held on the last Friday in November.

Mr. Tackley suggested a country venue for the dinner; but the Secretary remarked that a central place was necessary - otherwise it would be impossible for many members and visitors to attend.

Mr. Irving moved that this item also be referred to the Committee and that members be requested to put forward their views on the subject through the Section Leaders. This was seconded by Mr. George and agreed.

7. Election of Officials for 1955

Mr. Groom announced that he did not wish to stand for re-election as Chairman owing to other commitments. He had been delighted to see the Club grow and wished to thank all those who had supported him in the 3 years during which he had officiated. The meeting passed a vote of thanks for his services

Mr. Marshall also said that he was unable to seek re-election as Secretary, as he was moving out of the district. Mr. Groom thanked him for performing his job, with the help of his wife, so successfully, and a presentation was made to them from the Club.

Mrs. Lang was unwilling to stand again as North Section Leader

The 1955 officials were elected as follows:-

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Proposed by:</u>	<u>Seconded by:</u>
President	Mrs. Cooke	Mrs. Lang	Mr. Canham
Chairman	Mr. Irving	Mr. Pilgrim	Mr. Bolch
Hon. Sec.	Mr. Canham	Mr. Irving	Mr. Perry
Social Sec.	Mr. Perry	Mrs. Wilcox	Mr. Canham
N. Sec. Leader	Mr. Pett	Mr. Ford	Mr. Wilcox
S. " "	Mr. Pilgrim	Mr. Martin	Mr. R.L. Read
W. " "	Mr. Groom	Mrs. Wilcox	Mr. Fitzpatrick
S.E. " "	Mrs. Lane	Mrs. Irving	Mrs. Lang
E. " "	Mr. Wooder	Mrs. Lang	Mr. Drewett
Deputy N. Sec. Leader	Mr. Russell	Mrs. Lang	Mr. Canham
" S. " "	Mr. Dadd	Mr. Wooder	Mr. Perry
" W. " "	Mr. Seymour	Mr. Wooder	Mr. Perry
" S.E. " "	Mr. Tackley	Mr. Groom	Mr. Fletcher
" E. " "	Mr. Weaire	Mr. Marshall	Mr. Drewett
Editor	Mr. Seymour	Mr. Weaire	Mrs. Marshall

8. Other Competent Business

Mr. Wooder proposed that anybody booking for meals on runs should, assuming the caterer demanded payment, offer to pay if they did not turn up, and the meeting agreed that those not turning out although booked should pay the amount demanded by the caterer between them.

Mr. Seymour remarked that complaints had been heard about the distances of runs and the inclusion of rough stuff and also about the dinner. He asked that those views should be ventilated at this meeting, but there was no response

The meeting terminated at 5.5 p.m. after a vote of thanks to the Chairman for so ably conducting it.

*On Irving
25th January 1956*

THE PORTY LUG CYCLING CLUB

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Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Monday
28th February 1955 at the "Red Lion" Parliament
Street, London, S. 4. 1. commencing at 7 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: Mr. Irving (Chairman), Mrs. Lane, Messrs. Groom, Weaire, Perry, Wooder, Pett, Tackley, Dadd, Pilgrim, Seymour and Canham (Secretary). Mr. Wooder conveyed Mr. Russell's apology for non-attendance.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: These having been circulated, were taken as read, and approved.

SECRETARY'S NOTE REPORT: The Secretary reported as follows:-

The membership strength was 104, and this would be brought up to 108 on the el ction of four new members whose applications were in hand. 67 members had paid up or renewed for 1955 dis- regarding the Bournemouth Section whose members pay to Mr. Folds direct. Cash in hand was £25-1-4, of which £18-7-2 was on deposit at the Post Office and earning interest. The sub- stantial reduction of cash in hand as given at the A. G. M. was accounted for by heavy purchases of stationery, settlement of a disputed account with Goulds the Printers, printing for the dinner, hire of room for the A.G.M. and payment of £10-17-4 for badges. Correspondence during the month had included a letter from Mr. Osborn querying the purchase of 72 badges, when the Club held a stock of 42. The Secretary had written to Rene Menzies (who was still holding a badge although he had not joined) also a special letter to Goulds which seemed to have disposed of the dispute over their account. There had been correspondence with the Press and with prospective new members.

The Secretary was asked to write to the Hon. Auditor explaining that the badge stock he had referred to consisted mostly of stud badges, whereas the demand was for brooches.

Subject to this, the Secretary's Report was adopted on a proposal by Mr. Groom, seconded by Mr. Perry.

NEW MEMBERS: Messrs. Cannon, Daw Holden and Knowles were duly elected.

MATTERS ARISING FROM A.G.M.: A draft of the Minutes of the A.G.M. was circulated and matters arising therefrom dealt with as follows:-

(a) South-east Section runs

Mrs. Lane explained that the present rota would clash with the runs of the C.F.C. Section which she leads and which she founded. After full discussion and having regard to the likelihood that heavy bookings for the Easter Year would mean very little support for an Easter Sunday run, it was resolved, on a proposal by Mr. Groom, seconded by Mr. Pilgrim, that there be no day run on Easter Sunday and that a new runs rota should start from the 17th April in the order: East, North, South and East/South-east.

(b) Appointment of Auditor

It was explained by the Chairman that this was overlooked at

the A.G.M. The Committee had power, under Rule 3, to appoint or co-opt, but it was proposed by Mr. Seymour, seconded by Mr. Tackley, and carried unanimously, that an appropriate note be inserted in the Fixture List saying that the Committee proposed to re-appoint Mr. Osborn provided no objections were received within, say, a fourteen day period.

(c) Venus for the next A.G.M.

Mr. Tackley suggested that the Club should find a meeting place at which the agenda could be completed without regard to any time limit. After discussion it was resolved, on a proposal by Mr. Groom, seconded by Mr. Wooder, that this should be left to the Secretary.

FIXTURE LIST: The runs list for the ensuing quarter was discussed. The Secretary was asked to make special notes regarding Mr. Seymour's week-end, the Chigwell Rally, meeting times and meal bookings at Whiteun. Mr. Pett offered to cancel the Northern Section's run on June 19th to give support to the Chigwell Rally, and to handle all arrangements.

DINNER ARRANGEMENTS: Dissatisfaction was expressed with the past dinner arrangements and the falling off in attendance was discussed. Mr. Groom referred to the special circumstances which existed last year, and explained the need to 'plug' the dinner in the News-Sheet and by personal contacts by the Social Secretary. Mr. Dadd contended that the cost was the main trouble, but Mr. Groom considered that the cost was normal and it would be difficult to arrange a dinner in keeping with the Club's standing at anything less than 15/- per head. After general discussion the Social Secretary was asked to make enquiries and was authorised to make provisional bookings and report back to the next Committee Meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Under this heading sundry matters were discussed as follows:

- (a) It was generally agreed not to advertise in the cycling press, but the Secretary was authorised to put an entry in the N.C.U. List of London Clubs at a cost of 6/-d.
- (c) The profits of the Dinner photographs having been found, it was agreed that members' orders should be placed through their Section Leaders, and the Secretary was asked to mention this in his Notes.
- (e) The possible formation of a Lincoln Section was brought up by Mr. Groom.

The meeting closed at 9.45 pm. with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

Mr. Groom
23rd May 1953

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING
held on Monday, 23rd May 1955, at the
Red Lion, Parliament Street, London, SW.1.

Attendance

Mr. Irving (Chairman), Mrs. Lane, Messrs. Groom, Russell, Tackley, Pett, Wooder, Dadd, Seymour, Pilgrim and Canham (Hon. Secretary)

The Meeting commenced at 7.5 pm.

Minutes of
Last Meeting

These were taken as read and approved

Secretary's
Report

It was reported that the total paid up membership strength (including Bournemouth members) was 95, or 98 with the 3 new members waiting election. Club funds showed a credit balance of £32.1.1. of which £26.9.8. was in the Post Office earning interest and the rest was in hand, but there were outstanding accounts for duplicating, stationery, etc., of £4.12.1. Bournemouth had paid in two subscriptions (one for each ten members of the Section) and had also accounted for badge sales to date. Correspondence for the previous 3 months was summarised and the Meeting was informed of Mr. Weaire's resignation of the Deputy Leadership of the Eastern Section and Mr. Tackley's wish to resign as Deputy leader of the South/Eastern Section. The Secretary's report was accepted with thanks

New Members

Messrs. Spruson, Franks and Rowsell were duly elected

Appointment
of Auditor

In accordance with the arrangements made at the last Meeting, Mr. Osborn, ~~who~~ re-appointed as Hon. Auditor under Rule 4

Deputy
Leadership
of the
Eastern
Section

Mr. Wooder said Mr. Wilcox was prepared to fill the vacancy left by Mr. Weaire's resignation and he was accordingly appointed on a motion by Mr. Wooder, seconded by Mr. Russell. The Secretary was instructed to write to Mr. Weaire expressing regret at his resignation but thanking him for his services

Deputy
Leadership
of the
South/East-
ern Section

Mr. Tackley's proposal to resign led to a general discussion of the Section. Mrs. Lane explained that illness prevented her leading the first run but it had been well attended and conducted, although there was little support for the second run. In this connection Mr. Wooder explained that a Western Section run and a week-end clashed with the South/Eastern run, and he himself thought they should persevere. The membership list showed six active members on the South/Eastern area and Mr. Wooder offered to take runs if Mrs. Lane left the district. It was ultimately proposed by Mr. Wooder that the question of election of Leader and Deputy Leader should be left over until the next Meeting and that the runs should be programmed meanwhile. Mr. Russell seconded this proposal and it was duly carried.

Annual
Dinner
Arrangements

The Secretary reported the position as it had been explained to him by Mr. Perry, namely that there were satisfactory quotations from the Shaftesbury Hotel and the Talbot Hotel. and a provisional booking had been made with the latter. Mr. Groom thought that the Talbot was to be preferred and after discussion the Secretary was asked to instruct Mr. Perry to proceed with the arrangements at the Talbot on whichever Friday was free in November

Other
Business

The Chairman read a letter from Mr. Perry in which he complained of the length and speed of club runs and about the conduct of the Southern Section run. The complaint was very fully discussed. Mr. Groom remarked that it was becoming difficult to find suitable refreshment places, especially near London, but the practice was for Leaders to rehearse their runs so that they knew beforehand whether they would fit in with time schedules. He commented that in his view it was the Leader's duty to look after stragglers. Mr. Pilgrim, whose run was the subject of special complaint, pointed out that at the Annual General Meeting the membership was invited to give its views about the length and nature of runs, but no criticism of any sort was then forthcoming, Mr. Pilgrim also pointed out that Mr. Perry's letter was inaccurate. For instance, he mentioned that he had left the Reid brothers behind, whereas in fact the Reid brothers arrived in Milford before the Leader. It was also wrong to say that no-one waited for stragglers, because at every turning point somebody waited. Mr. Pilgrim also said that the hard conditions of that particular run and the late arrival at lunch were, in the main, due to the weather. Mr. Dadd and Mr. Pett both confirmed that they waited behind at turning points. It was ultimately proposed by Mr. Seymour that the Secretary should write to Mr. Perry saying that the Committee had taken note of his letter, and placed on record that in their opinion there was a dual obligation on the part of Leaders and members to co-operate in making runs as enjoyable as possible for all concerned. This was seconded by Mr. Pett and duly carried.

The Meeting closed at 9.30 pm with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

Dr. Irving
13th Sept. 1955