

The Forty Plus Cycling Club

Year 1956

FORTY PLUS CYCLING CLUB

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MINUTES OF THE FIFTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
held at the Caxton Hall, Westminster, S.W.1.
on Saturday, the 28th Jan. 1956.

The Meeting commenced at 2.40 p.m. with Mr. Irving in the Chair and 30 members present.

The Chairman opened the Meeting with a welcome to the President, Mrs. Cooke, and all who had turned out on an unpleasant day. He stated that the Minutes and Agenda had been circulated to all members

1. Apologies for Absence

These had been received from Mr. Lincoln and Mr. and Mrs. Weaire, all of whom had prior engagements.

2. Minutes of the Fourth A.G.M.

It was moved by Mr. Pilgrim, seconded by Mr. Wooder and agreed by the Meeting that the Minutes be adopted, and they were accordingly signed as a correct record.

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes not already on the Agenda

It was decided to take these under "Other Competent Business"

4. Hon. Secretary's Report

This was read by Mr. Canham, the Hon. Secretary, after which the Chairman suggested that the Secretary would answer any questions. Mr. Norman asked whether he was right in assuming from the Report that there had been eighteen resignations, to which the Secretary replied that some of these were non-renewals and that the membership figures had remained more or less constant over three years. He offered to give some of the reasons for resignation proffered by members themselves, which were as follows:-

One or two were members of other clubs and wished to give more time to these

Two thought the runs too hard

Another thought the runs too easy

Someone else said he now had no time for riding

Another said he was not now cycling

Another said that his "interest had ceased".

Two said they had too many other activities

He added that there had been twelve new members and twenty-one resignations, leaving a net loss of nine.

Mr. Fitzpatrick asked for amplification by the Secretary of his remarks in the Report that the Club had outgrown its Constitution. In reply the Secretary referred to Rules 2 and 5 and stated that the Bournemouth Section was not provided for. The rule that items be submitted for the A.G.M. Agenda fourteen days before the Meeting, was difficult to work in practice because unless Members were circularised twice, they did not know of the Meeting until fourteen days beforehand. Further, by the present constitution the Sections were limited to those now in existence.

Mr. Tackley proposed that a Rules sub-committee of three be formed to make a report on matters arising out of the Secretary's comments and submit it to the main committee, the results being put before the next A.G.M. Mr. Fitzpatrick suggested, and Mr. Tackley agreed, that these three should be drawn from the Executive Committee. On Mr. Tackley moving that the motion be put to the vote, it was seconded by Mr. Fitzpatrick and agreed without dissentients.

Mr. Neville said that he felt that the Annual Dinner was too expensive, whereat Mr. Groom gave reasons why it seemed impossible to hold a dinner for less than 15/- in town and other members spoke supporting him.

Mr. Franks asked the Secretary to amplify his statement about duplicating costing more in the future, to which the Secretary replied that in past years typing had been done by friends and stencils run off on employers' duplicators, etc., but that during the coming year his own firm's duplicator would no longer be available. The point had really been made to draw members' attention to the cost of the magazine and he suggested, and the Meeting agreed, that this matter should be discussed under Other Competent Business.

It was then proposed by Mr. Webb, seconded by Mr. Wooder and agreed without any votes against, that the Secretary's report be adopted.

5. Accounts

Mr. Osborn, the Auditor, not being present, the Secretary agreed to answer any questions.

He first pointed out that the expenditure on badges had been incurred in December 1954. Mr. Seymour then asked the reason for the purchase of so large a quantity of badges. It was explained that the Club had run out of badges except for the stud type, which were not popular, and it had been found impossible to get a fresh supply at the right price without ordering at least six dozen. The Chairman pointed out that the cost of the badges would increase and that therefore the Club would benefit in the long run.

Mr. Groom remarked that the dinner would have been run at a loss if Mr. Shaw had not paid for tickets which he was unable to use owing to illness, and that he need not have done this, as he had given ample notice of non-attendance.

Mr. Groom proposed, Mr. Edwards seconded and it was agreed with no dissentients, that the Accounts and Balance Sheet be adopted

6. Consideration of Proposal on Agenda

This was proposed by Mr. Wooder and seconded by Mr. Drewett and was worded as follows:-

"That the date of the South-Eastern Section run should be the same as that of the Southern Section."

Mr. Wooder reported that this matter had "ironed itself out" at a committee meeting and that he thought it best to withdraw his motion; but Mr. Groom expressed the opinion that the matter must still come before the A.G.M., as there was still officially a Southern Section. Mr. Wooder then said that the membership in the south was growing and that he felt that a well-supported run created enthusiasm and attracted more members on subsequent runs. Mr. Pilgrim expressed agreement with this and Mr. Tackley then suggested the following amended resolution:-

"That the date of the South-Eastern Section run should be substituted for that of the Southern Section."

Mr. Pilgrim thought it should be made clear that the Southern Section was defunct; but the Chairman said that the question as to whether the Southern Section would organise any further runs would be decided later in the meeting, when the runs leaders were elected. After further discussion, Mr. Wooder withdrew his original motion and proposed:-

"That the South-Eastern and Southern Sections be amalgamated and that the date of the run be the date of the old Southern Section, the amalgamated sections to be called the "Southern Section".

This was seconded by Mr. Drewett and carried unanimously.

7. Election of Officials for 1956.

The Chairman expressed on behalf of the Club the regret that Mr. Groom and Mr. Seymour had found it necessary to resign from their posts of Social Secretary and Editor respectively, and thanked them for the work they had done.

The 1956 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. Pilgrim
Chairman	Mr. Irving	Mr. Pilgrim	Mr. Pemberton
Hon. Sec. & Treas.	Mr. Canham	Mr. Groom	Mr. Webb
Hon. Social Sec.	Mr. Franks	Mr. Russell	Mr. Pett
<u>Leaders:</u>			
North	Mr. Pett	Mr. Wilcox	Mrs. Pett
South	Mr. Eynon	Mr. Tackley	Mrs. Lang
East:	Mr. Wooder	Mrs. Lang	Mrs. Wilcox
West	Mr. Groom	Mrs. Pett	Mr. Drewett
<u>Deputy Leaders:</u>			
North	Mr. Russell	Mrs. Lang	Mr. Franks
South	Mr. Cannon	Mr. Wooder	Mr. Eynon
East	Mr. Wilcox	Mr. Wooder	Mr. Russell
West	Mr. Bangs	Mr. Groom	Mr. Seymour
Hon. Editor	Mr. Tackley	Mr. Pemberton	Mr. Pilgrim
Auditor:	Mr. Osborn	Mr. Wooder	Mr. Dadd

8. Other Competent Business(a) Advertising

Mr. Tackley, raising the question of advertising, proposed that the Club spend money on advertising for new members during the coming year, and this was seconded by Mr. Russell. Mr. Wooder thought the best place to advertise was in "Cycling" rather than in the "C.T.C. Gazette", as readers of the latter were already members of clubs. Mr. Tackley urged a programme of advertising instead of two advertisements only, as before, and stated that outsiders appeared to think that we were a social club only, while the Secretary said that he had received letters indicating that we were not sufficiently known. Mr. Groom recommended that the advertisement should include suggestions that sections should be formed in provincial areas and Mr. Pemberton suggested getting our name put in the N.C.U. directory, while several members mentioned the cumulative effects of advertising. It was finally agreed that the Club should spend money on advertising during 1956, the question of amount being left to the discretion of the Committee

(b) Club Magazine

Mr. Webb suggested cutting the articles to save cost; but Mr. Fitzpatrick did not agree with this and stressed the usefulness of the magazine in keeping people in touch. Mr. Dadd's proposal to increase the Club subscription to 8/- to cover the increased cost of the magazine was not seconded. The Secretary informed the meeting that the cost of supplying the magazine at its present size, paying for our own duplicating, would be at least £7. per issue. After further discussion the conclusion was reached that it would probably be possible to purchase a duplicator for £20 and it was then proposed by Mr. Wooder and seconded by Mr. Webb:-

"That an unconditional interest-free loan fund be established for the purpose of purchasing a duplicator for the Club."

This motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Seymour, speaking as ex-Editor, apologised for leaving the magazine before it had become established. He spoke against raising the subscription, supported the idea of a loan fund and pointed out that in a few years costs could be met by advertising also. He also urged being completely independent.

(c) Train-aided Runs.

Mr. Bangs suggested that the Committee should explore the possibility of using the railway on at least on day run during the coming season as an experiment, in order to break new ground, the train being taken 50 or 60 miles out. This proposal was supported by Mr. Fitzpatrick and carried unanimously.

(d) Invitation Runs

Mrs. Lang suggested that we have an open invitation run to people over 40 in each section during the summer months - these runs being first advertised in "Cycling". She also said that she felt that prospective members should be allowed to come out on one or two runs before paying a subscription, in order that they should know something of the pace. Mr. Groom suggested that as a start Mr. Eynon's proposed Sevenoaks run with the West Kent D.A. in April should be made an open invitation run.

(e) Booked Meals

Mrs. Pett thought that it should be stressed that meals must be booked on Club runs and, having been booked, must be paid for by individual members, for if, as in the past, meals booked and not taken had to be paid for from Club funds, the Club would soon be in financial trouble.

(f) Dinner

The Secretary said that some members had asked for the Annual Dinner to be on a Saturday instead of a Friday, to make it easier to get to town, but stated that this made the booking position difficult; moreover, the "Talbot" was not available on a Saturday. Mr. Edwards then moved, Mr. Groom seconded and it was carried unanimously, that the "Talbot" be booked for a Friday again in 1956.

The Meeting closed at 5 p.m. with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

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On the 26 Jan 1956

THE FORTY-PLUS CYCLING CLUB

SECRETARY'S REPORT 1956.

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1956 was not without it's difficulties - including the weather - but I think we can honestly claim that this Club had a successful year.

At the end of December, our members numbered 109, so that, numerically, the Club is stronger than ever before. For this, we must give due credit to the recruiting spirit of the members, helped out by a modest advertising campaign.

Financially, the year's efforts have produced a balance on the right side. In this connection I would like to mention Bournemouth Section, who generously donated a sum to cover the previous year's loss.

I do not propose to review all the events of the year. Suffice it to say that you will find ample evidence of continuing activity and enthusiasm in the reports in the Club's magazine. A good sign, too, is the demand for more runs in some London districts - a demand which your Committee has already gone some way towards meeting.

For some time past, the expansion of our activities, including the formation of the Bournemouth Section, has indicated the need for some revision of the Rules. This was referred to at the last Annual General Meeting and, in consequence, a specially appointed sub-committee has prepared an amended set of Rules for your consideration.

With regard to the Accounts, although we are by no means insolvent, it is quite obvious that the margin between our annual income and our annual expenditure is very narrow. If we are to continue to supply the Club magazine free to members in spite of it's rising cost, it seems clear to me that our present very modest subscription rate will have to be increased in the near future.

Although there were last minute difficulties, the Annual Dinner was again successful and I sincerely thank those who took over it's organisation. The Committee has already authorised the provisional booking of a date for 1957, in order that we can hold the Dinner on a Saturday instead of a Friday.

A worthwhile step taken in 1956 was the purchase by the Club of it's own duplicator. It is doubtful whether our worthy Chairman and his lady regard this machine as an absolutely unmixd blessing, because they volunteered to house it and thus find themselves acting as the Club's official (unpaid) printers for the rest of time. However, I am sure we are all grateful to them and best thanks are also due to Mr. Taokley for so ably performing his first year's duties as the Editor of our still nameless, but highly successful, Club magazine.

In conclusion I would like to express my sincere appreciation of the help I have received from so many members in various ways, including in particular our Chairman and the Section Leaders and other officials - not forgetting Mr. Folds of Bournemouth, whose cheery notes have certainly been one of the brighter features of my Secretarial life. I also thank our lady President most sincerely for her continued interest in the Club's affairs.

George L. Canham

January, 1957.

FORTY PLUS CYCLING CLUB

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at the "Red Lion",
48 Parliament Street SW.1. on Monday 12th March, 1956

The Meeting commenced at 7.15 pm.

Present: Mr. Irving(Chairman) Messrs. Pett, Wooder, Eynon,
Tackley, Russell, Cannon, Bangs, Franks & Canham(Secy).

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

These having been circulated were taken as read and approved.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Secretary stated that 62 London members had paid their subscriptions for 1956. The Bournemouth Secretary expected his Section's strength to remain at approximately 12. There were 3 newmembers awaiting election, one for Bournemouth and two for London. The balance on the cash book was £40.4.1. The Secretary commented that this figure was higher than ever before, but it should be borne in mind that nothing had been paid out during the current year except £3.3.0. for room hire, and it would be necessary to replenish all stocks of notepaper, stationery, stencils, etc. The main items of correspondence for the past quarter were read over, including the letters between Mr. Franks and the "Talbot" confirming the date of the Annual Dinner, an offer from Bournemouth to pay £2.14.4. from their funds to cover the Club's loss on the last year's working, and a letter from Mr. Wilcox resigning his post as Deputy Leader of the Eastern Section. In the general discussion which followed his report, the Secretary was instructed to write to Mr. Folds accepting his Section's offer with gratitude. The secretary said he had seen Mr. Wilcox on the previous day's run, and he had now withdrawn his resignation. Mr. Pett and Mr. Franks gave the Meeting information on the events which led to Mr. Wilcox's resignation, but it was decided to take no action for the present but to raise the matter again at the next Committee Meeting. The Secretary's Report was adopted on a proposal by Mr. Franks, seconded by Mr. Tackley.

NEW MEMBERS

Mr. Lissett and Mr. and Mrs. Fitzgerald were duly elected to membership, on a proposal by Mr. Wooder, seconded by Mr. Cannon.

FIXTURE LIST

The Secretary pointed out that tourlets were being organised both at Easter and at Whitsun, and it was accordingly decided to cancel the Section runs which would otherwise have been held on Easter Sunday and Whitsunday, but to keep to the present rota. It was also decided not to make the Inter-club fixture with the West Kent D.A. on April 29th an open Invitation Run suggested at the A.G.M. because this was really in the nature of a joint venture by the West Kent D.A. and the Forty Plus. This being so, the Forty Plus were hardly entitled to use the occasion for recruiting, it was felt that this might lead to misunderstanding with the D.A. Mr. Franks

informed the Meeting that he had made tentative arrangements for a three-day tourlet at Whitsun. It would be train-assisted to and from Reading, and limited to twelve members. The Secretary was instructed to include a note of this fixture in the quarter's list, and to make it clear that bookings were limited to the first 12 applicants and that the train would be used.

A.G.M. MINUTES

The draft prepared by the Secretary, as amended in discussion, was provisionally accepted by the Committee as a true record of the A.G.M. It was further decided not to issue these Minutes to the members generally, until the next A.G.M. but in lieu Mr. Tackley would include an informal report of the A.G.M. in the next issue of the Next-Sheet. The Secretary was instructed to send copies to all Committee members as soon as possible

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE A.G.M.

Rules Sub-Committee

Messrs. Irving, Pett and Canham were appointed to act as a sub-committee and were instructed to make a provisional report on their proposed revisions of the Rules to the next meeting of the Executive Committee

Advertising

After general discussion the Secretary was instructed to ascertain the approximately cost of advertising in the GTC GAZETTE, in CYCLING and in the NCU CLUB DIRECTORY. He was authorised to spend up to £5. in advertising

Duplicator purchase

Mr. Wooder explained that he had so far collected £7 for the loan fund established at the AGM. He produced a secondhand EMGEE duplicator which was available at £15. Mr. Franks knew of a secondhand machine which was available for £17, and the Secretary gave particulars of the BULMER duplicator which could be purchased new for £21 with a year's guarantee. The respective advantages and disadvantages of new and secondhand machines were debated and it was ultimately proposed by Mr. Franks (seconded by Mr. Pett) that the Club should purchase a new Bulmer duplicator and this was agreed to. Mr. Wooder handed over £7 from the loan fund and advanced a further £14 to enable the Secretary to complete the purchase forthwith. The Secretary was instructed to repay this advance from the Club's Post Office account. The Committee also instructed the Secretary to record, in these Minutes, their appreciation of Mr. Wooder's action in bringing the Emgee to the Meeting for inspection

Club Hand-book

It was decided not to print the Handbook this year, having regard to the proposed revision of the Rules, but the Secretary was instructed to prepare and circulate an up-to-date list of members as soon as practicable

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr Irving
4th June 1955

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MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING held at
Red Lion, Parliament Street, on Monday,
4th June 1956.

Present: Mr. Irving - Chairman
Messrs. Pett, Wooder, Eynon, Tackley,
Russell, Cannon, Bangs, Franks, Groom,
and Canham (Secretary)

The Meeting commenced at 7.35 p.m.

Minutes of last Meeting:

These having been circulated were taken as read, and approved.

Matters Arising:

With regard to the duplicator purchase, Mr. Wooder reported the state of the loan fund and suggested that it should be closed. However, as the figures showed that he himself had contributed a considerable sum, and it was known that there were several other members who were likely to make contributions, it was proposed by Mr. Groom and seconded by Mr. Franks (a) that the matter should be re-opened and a further appeal made in the Secretary's Notes for the quarter, and (b) that these Minutes should record the Club's appreciation of Mr. Wooder's perspicacity in the handling of the matter. This was agreed to by the Committee.

The Secretary's Report:

The Secretary reported that the paid-up membership strength in the London area was 74, and there were 14 paid-up members in Bournemouth, disregarding outstanding applications for membership. The Secretary gave a list of the members who had not renewed their membership.

Cash in hand amounted to £6.3.8. and cash at bank £30.18.4. but the Secretary pointed out that these figures did not take into account the sums collected by Mr. Wooder towards the purchase of the duplicator - in other words the Club still owed Mr. Wooder £21, but he was accountable for the contributions.

Election of New Members:

The Committee duly approved the applications of:-

Miss Mary Francis
Mr. George L. Umbers

Mrs. May A. Hardy
Mr. & Mrs. W. Newton

Fixture List:

The Committee decided that as Mr. Wooder was proposing to organise a Bank Holiday Tourlet this should take the place of the Eastern Section run for the holiday.

The position with regard to June 17th was looked into, because both the Leader and Deputy Leader would be away on holiday and several members were known to be going to the Chigwell Rally of the C.T.C. Ultimately Mr. Wooder volunteered to turn up at the meeting place on June 17th to meet any members and prospective members who might arrive.

Subject to these points the Fixture List for the ensuing quarter was settled, including a Saturday visit to the Sunday Express kindly arranged by the Social Secretary.

Rules Sub-Committee's Report:

The Secretary explained that whilst it had not been possible for the three members of the Sub-Committee to meet as yet, he and the Chairman had prepared the preliminary lists of suggested amendments to the Rules, but Mr. Pett's views on these had not yet been obtained. Mr. Pett clearly disapproved of some of the proposals, and the suggestions were therefore debated by the Committee for the guidance of the Sub-Committee.

Other Business:

Mr. Pett again raised the question of a printed cover for the Magazine, and the Committee instructed the Secretary to look into the question of cost.

Mr. Franks suggested that there should be a Club photograph album. Mr. Groom pointed out that there was one already in existence, but there had never been any cut and dried arrangement by which members could see it or obtain copies of the photographs. It was our practice to produce the album at the Annual General Meeting and the Club Dinner. The Committee asked Mr. Franks to formulate some definite proposal for the next meeting.

With regard to the Sunday Express tour, the Secretary was instructed to publish in his notes that the number of visits must be limited to the first 15 bookings received by Mr. Franks through the post after publication of the notes.

The Meeting closed at 10.15 p.m. with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

Dr. King
3rd August 1956

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING held at
Red Lion, Parliament Street, on Friday,
31st August, 1956

Present:

Mr. Irving - Chairman

Messrs. Cannon, Franks, Groom,
Russell, Tackley, Wilcox, and
Canham (Secretary)

The Meeting commenced at 7.25 p.m.

Minutes of last Meeting:

These having been circulated were taken as read, and approved as a true record, on a proposal by Mr. Franks seconded by Mr. Russell.

The Secretary's Report:

The Secretary reported that paid-up membership strength in London was 79, plus 15 in Bournemouth, with 3 London members and 1 Bournemouth member awaiting election.

The credit balance on the Club's books was £32. 6.8. disregarding the duplicator loan fund position, which made no difference however, because Mr. Wooder had collected £19. 5.0. towards the £21. 0.0. and was putting in the balance of £1. 15.0. himself.

Advertisements in "Cycling" and the C.T.C. Gazette had brought forth eleven replies; of these applicants two had joined the Club to date, and it was thought that at least three or four more would join at a later date.

The Secretary first read the general correspondence for the previous three months, and then read a letter received from Mr. Pett. The Secretary also reported a telephone conversation that he had had the previous evening with Mrs. Pett. Before any discussion opened on the Secretary's report the Chairman ruled that the matter raised by Mrs. Pett on the telephone with the Secretary was not "competent business" for the purpose of this Meeting, because the Committee had no disciplinary powers against anyone. Moreover, the Committee had received no complaints from anyone against Mrs. Pett.

Mr. Pett's/

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Mr. Pett's letter was then discussed, and on a motion from the Chair, seconded by Mr. Groom, it was decided to write to Mr. Pett to the effect that his letter had been received with very great regret, but that the Committee was glad to know that he was finishing out the year as a member of the Club, and it was sincerely hoped that he would be in a different frame of mind by then.

Election of New Members:

The application of Messrs. Best, Davey, Grout and Suckling were approved on a proposal by Mr. Franks, seconded by Mr. Cannon.

Fixture List:

The Secretary explained why it was necessary to bring forward the date to October 7th for the joint run of the Over 40's with the West Met. D.A. It was ultimately decided to make this run a joint fixture of the Western and Northern sections, and meeting places and times were fixed.

The Secretary also referred to Mr. Wooder's suggestion that he would organise week-end parties on certain dates in areas corresponding with the Sunday runs. This idea was unanimously approved.

Dinner Arrangements:

Mr. Franks reported the progress made so far, produced printing quotations, band quotation and specimen menus. The Chairman also told the Meeting about Butch Bullock and his band, whose quotation was slightly higher but allowed for a slightly longer period. The Meeting approved the Kingfisher Press quotations for menus and tickets, decided on the mixed grill menu, and chose the Chairman's band.

The question of guests was gone into, and on Mr. Groom's suggestion that Dr. Woodard might attend the Social Secretary was asked to write to him with an invitation, mentioning that he would be asked to propose the toast of the Club. If Dr. Woodard was unable to accept the Social Secretary was instructed to contact the Secretary with a view to finding an alternative principal guest.

Other Business:

The Secretary having unwittingly omitted to refer to the Sunday Express visit, the Social Secretary was asked to report on it. He said that it was a very bad day, and he very much appreciated the attendance/

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attendance of those who had braved the elements. He thought everyone had had a good time, and Mr. Tackley agreed.

The Secretary raised the question of a hall for the A.G.M. Having regard to the small attendance in the past he thought that the Club might possibly use 48 Parliament Street, but since the accommodation there is very limited it was eventually decided to make enquiries about two halls named by Mr. Tackley as possible alternatives to Caxton Hall.

The Meeting closed at 10. p.m. with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

Don Inwing
31st Dec. 1956

MINUTES of Committee Meeting held on
7th December, 1956, at The Red Lion,
Parliament Street, S.W.1.

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The Meeting commenced at 7.15. p.m.

Present: Mr. Irving - Chairman
Mr. Canham - Secretary

Messrs. Groom, Russell, Tackley, Wooder

Minutes of last Meeting.

These having been circulated were taken as read and adopted on a motion by Mr. Groom, seconded by Mr. Russell.

Matters arising.

No matters were raised and the Minutes were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Secretary's Report.

The Secretary reported the membership strength as 90 in London, plus 17 in Bournemouth, with 8 members waiting for election.

Cash in hand was £30.17.4. with £21 owing to members on the Duplicator Loan Fund.

The Secretary read the correspondence for the previous three months, which included the resignation of Mr. Franks.

The Secretary reported that Mr. and Mrs. Marshall wished to remain members of the Club whilst they were in Australia, and would be glad if they could either commute their subscriptions or become Life members on some terms.

The Secretary also reported Mr. Cannon's offer to restart runs in the south-west area.

The Report was adopted on a motion moved by Mr. Tackley and seconded by Mr. Wooder. It was also moved by Mr. Tackley and seconded by Mr. Wooder and agreed that the Club accept Mr. Cannon's offer with gratitude.

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Matters arising from the Secretary's Report.

The question of life membership or commuted subscription for Mr. and Mrs. Marshall was discussed at length, culminating in a proposal from the Chairman that the Secretary should enquire from Mr. and Mrs. Marshall whether they were prepared to accept honorary membership, the magazine to be supplied at cost during the duration of their stay. This was seconded by Mr. Tackley and agreed to.

The resignation of Mr. Franks was also discussed, and the Secretary was instructed to write accepting the resignation with sincere regret, saying at the same time that we would always be pleased to see him.

There being no other matters arising out of the Secretary's Report it was duly adopted.

Acting Social Secretary's Report.

Mr. Groom now having taken over Mr. Franks' duties, he gave details concerning the Annual Dinner and produced accounts. He also mentioned the provisional booking for the 1957 Dinner on 2nd November. The Report was accepted with appreciation, and Mr. Groom was asked to confirm the Dinner date with The Talbot.

Election of new members.

The following new members were elected on a motion moved by Mr. Groom and seconded by Mr. Tackley.

Mr. Crooke	Mr. Goldsmith
Mr. Skelton	Mr. White
Mr. Elsdon	Mr. Simpson
Mr. Davey	Mrs. Russell

Fixture List.

This was discussed and arranged, after deciding that Mr. Cannon's runs should take place on 17th February and 17th March.

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Proposed Rules.

The Committee perused the draft of the proposed new rules prepared by the Rules Sub-Committee, and they were slightly amended. It was then proposed by Mr. Tackley, seconded by Mr. Wooder, that the rules as so amended should be submitted to the Annual General Meeting for adoption. This was agreed, the Secretary being instructed to circulate copies of the Rules with the copies of notices convening the Annual General Meeting.

Other Business.

The Chairman suggested that Mr. Franks' contribution to the Duplicator Loan Fund should be repaid, and the Secretary was instructed to deal with this.

The Secretary was also authorised to appeal for funds for the C.T.C. Defence Fund in the next issue of the Club Magazine.

The Meeting closed at 10 p.m. with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

Mr. King
4th March 1957