

# *The Forty Plus Cycling Club*

*Year 1957*

MINUTES OF THE SIXTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
OF THE FORTY-PLUS CYCLING CLUB, HELD AT CHURCH HOUSE,  
WESTMINSTER, S.W.1.. ON SATURDAY, 26TH JANUARY, 1957

The meeting commenced at 2.40 p.m. with Mr. Irving in the Chair and 31 members present.

The Chairman welcomed members present and stated that the Minutes and Agenda had been circulated, together with a copy of the draft new rules.

Minutes of the Fifth Annual General Meeting.

It was moved by Mr. Edwards, seconded by Mr. Pilgrim and agreed that the Minutes of the Fifth Annual General Meeting be adopted. There being no questions as to their accuracy the Chairman signed them as a correct record of the proceedings.

Matters Arising from the Minutes.

Mr. Tackley asked about advertising, but it was agreed that this be dealt with after the Secretary's Report, as it was referred to there.

Secretary's Report.

It was moved by Mr. Pilgrim, seconded by Mr. Webb and agreed that the Secretary's Report be accepted.

The Secretary, Mr. Canham, enlarged on the point concerning membership strength and stated that we now numbered 110, adding that we had recruited 22 new members and suffered 19 resignations this year. Mr. Pilgrim asked for the reason for the resignations and the Secretary referred him to the reasons given in last year's Minutes, which accounted for the majority. On being asked the reason for Mr. Frank's resignation the Secretary read the correspondence which had passed. Mr. Fitzpatrick asked how the new members had been recruited, and the Secretary replied that five joined as the result of advertising in "Cycling", one from advertising in the "C.T.C. Gazette", and the rest for various reasons, mainly from recommendation by members.

When Mr. Fitzpatrick asked whether it was expected to form a Sub-Committee for the purpose of enquiring into the raising of the subscription, it was agreed to deal with this when considering the proposed new rules.

The Report was then accepted with appreciation.

Audited Accounts for 1956.

It was moved by Mr. Groom and seconded by Mr. Russell that the accounts as circulated be accepted.

Mrs. Lang suggested that the cost of the hire of rooms was unnecessarily high, and the Secretary explained that the figure given covered the cost of the A.G.M. room and of the Committee room four times a year. The hire of the A.G.M. room last year was £3, while the Committee room cost 10/- per time. Mrs. Lang pointed out that the room at the "One Tun", now used by the V.T.T.A. for their A.G.M., only cost 7/6, and a room at "The King", Leather Lane, at 2/6 was suggested for Committee meetings. The Chairman made a note of these and agreed that the Committee should consider the use of a cheaper room for Committee meetings, but thought that the room for the A.G.M./

A.G.M. should be one capable of holding almost the complete membership, which was not true of the one suggested, which in any case was used on a Sunday morning, which might not suit the Club's convenience.

There being no further questions the accounts were adopted with no dissentients.

#### Consideration of Revised Rules.

The Chairman remarked that much work had gone into the draft of these rules and he hoped that amendments would be kept down to a minimum, but invited comments from members.

Mr. Lincoln suggested and Mr. Edwards seconded that the rules be taken one at a time and the agreement of the meeting sought to each. This was done, the following being the points on which discussion arose.

##### Rule 3(a)

Mr. Lincoln proposed that the Chairman and Secretary should not be ex officio, saying that in his opinion it was open to question whether ex officio members had any right to vote. This was seconded by Mrs. Lang and the meeting agreed to the deletion of the words "ex officio". Mrs. Lang also expressed the opinion that the Section Leaders should, ipso facto, be members of the Committee, but after discussion the rule was passed with the deletion mentioned above.

##### Rule 4(i)

The amount of the subscription had been left blank in the draft rules in order that this matter could be discussed, whereupon Mr. Lincoln proposed that the annual subscription be raised to 10/-. Mr. Wooder mentioned that the Leaders' expenses could be much more than that shown in the accounts, as many leaders did not charge up their full expenses; but Mr. Lincoln thought that all Leaders should show their expenses and, if they did not want to charge them up, these should be shown as donations. Mr. Irving pointed out that the purchase of the duplicator had brought down the cost of producing the Magazine but that the money borrowed from members for this purpose would have to be paid back. Mr. Lincoln proposed and Mr. Edwards seconded -

"That, as from 1st January 1958, the annual subscription be 10/-."

Mr. Tackley proposed as an amendment that the subscription be 8/6, as he thought the raising of our income by £12 was more than was necessary. Mr. Bolch seconded this. Mr. Edwards supported the proposal to make it 10/- because he considered the debt on the duplicator should be paid off. The Secretary pointed out that we would only receive 50% of the Bournemouth' Section's subscriptions, so that the gain would not be so high as Mr. Tackley assumed, and that the cost of paper etc. was still increasing; Mr. Wooder expressed the opinion that, it was always "more difficult to sell an item when the price was raised". He also suggested that the Magazine costs should be cut by giving them to the Section Leaders to distribute. This latter suggestion, however, was turned down as impracticable. Mr. Tackley and Mr. Bolch then agreed to withdraw their amendment and the meeting agreed to the original motion.

##### Rule 4(ii)/

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Mr. Drewett moved, Mr. Wooder seconded and the meeting confirmed the deletion of the word "first" from the draft, so that members joining after the 31st October in any year retained full membership until the end of the following year.

Rule 6(i)

Mr. Fitzpatrick pointed out that there was nothing in the rules concerning the notification to members of the date of the A.G.M. and Mr. Lincoln also thought that this should be mentioned. After discussion the Secretary agreed that members should have 14 days notice of the A.G.M. but added that the meeting could not therefore in practice be held before the end of January. It was then moved by Mr. Edwards, seconded by Mr. Russell and agreed, that the Rule be amended to provide for 14 days notice to be given to members.

The complete rules as amended having been adopted, the Chairman stated that the Committee would decide whether to send out an amended duplicated copy of them or to have a reprint of the Handbook.

Election of Officials for 1957.

These were elected as follows:-

<u>Post</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Proposer</u>	<u>Seconded</u>
President	Mrs. Cooke	Mrs. Lang	Mr. Eynon
Chairman	Mr. Irving	Mrs. Lang	Mr. Pilgrim
Secretary	Mr. Canham	Mr. Groom	Mr. Cannon
Editor	Mr. Tackley	Mr. Pilgrim	Mr. Eynon
Social Sec.	Mr. Groom	Mrs. Irving	Mr. Pilgrim
Offtee. Members	Mr. Wooder	Mr. Pilgrim	Mr. Pond
	Mr. Eynon	Mr. Tackley	Mr. Cannon
	Mr. Drewett	Mrs. Lang	Mr. Wooder
	Mr. Cannon	Mr. Tackley	Mr. Groom
	Mr. Fletcher	Mr. Wooder	Mr. Jeffreys
	Mr. Dadd	Mr. Drewett	Mr. Pilgrim
Auditor	Mr. Fitzpatrick	Mr. Groom	Mrs. Lang

Discussions then arose over the new method of election of committee members (i.e. present election of six general committee members in place of the former election of Runs Leaders and Deputy Runs Leaders, as such, for each section) and, in answer to questions, the Secretary and Chairman agreed that the Committee would now be responsible for appointing Leaders and arranging runs lists. Mrs. Lang and Mr. Seymour both thought there were weaknesses in the new system, saying that it would be possible for one or more sections to have no members on the Committee, in which case a member of the Northern Section might, for instance, be called upon to lead a Southern Section run and similarly be responsible for that run's meal bookings, and they urged the Committee to bear this point in mind. The Chairman, however, considered that no responsible meeting would allow this position to arise, while Mr. Fitzpatrick pointed out that if the position did arise that a section was without a leader on the Committee it would be possible to co-opt. Mrs. Lang and Mr. Seymour continued to stress that the committee must contain a member from each section. Mr. Groom proposed, and the Chairman agreed, that when the runs lists were issued the leaders of each section should be named.

Mr. Osborne/

Mr. Osborne had resigned as Auditor. Appreciation of his work was expressed by the meeting and the Secretary agreed to write to him to this effect.

Consideration of Award of Hon. Membership to Mr. & Mrs. Marshall

The Chairman explained that Mr. and Mrs. Marshall had expressed a wish to remain members of the Club, and wished the Club to consider the possibility of some form of life membership. There being certain difficulties with regard to Life Membership as such, the Committee had suggested that they become Hon. Members, sending a lump sum subscription to cover the cost of the Magazine for several years at a time, and they agreed to this. Mr. Seymour proposed an amendment as follows:-

"That Mr. and Mrs. Marshall be not asked to pay for the Magazine".

Mr. Pemberton, however, considered that the payment of a subscription would be a connecting link, as if they had not been heard of for some time we should, by receipt of the subscription, know that Mr. and Mrs. Marshall were still interested. Mr. Seymour said that should contact be lost a letter could be sent, asking if they still wanted the Magazine. The Chairman considered that this would set a precedent - for instance "what would happen if a member went to Australia, didn't like it and returned?" - and said that it could lead to supplying Magazines ad lib. Mr. Seymour, on being assured that we were not conferring an honour but acceding to a request, withdrew his amendment.

(Arising from the above Mrs. Lang suggested that members who were unable to ride any more for various reasons should be kept in contact by payment of a small subscription - say 2/6. The Chairman pointed out this motion would need 14 days notice to all members, and suggested that it should be borne in mind for the next A.G.M.)

Mr. Lincoln proposed and Mr. Edwards seconded -

"That Mr. and Mrs. Marshall should be given Honorary Membership of the Club whilst in Australia, and supplied with the Magazine at cost price".

Mr. Fitzpatrick proposed an amended resolution as follows:-

"That the Club awards Hon. Membership to Mr. & Mrs. Marshall".

This was lost and the original motion, when put to the vote, was carried by 16 votes to 7.

Other Competent Business.

Affiliation to N.C.U.

The Secretary explained that it had been suggested that we affiliate to the N.C.U. for the purpose of advertising in their Magazine, the cost to the Club being £1 per annum. After discussion it was proposed by Mr. Lincoln, seconded by Mr. Dadd and agreed:-

"That we should not affiliate to the N.C.U."

Election of New Members

The Secretary having received application for membership/

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membership from Mr. and Mrs. Attfield of Bournemouth, it was moved by Mr. Wooder, seconded by Mr. Eynon and agreed that these two members be elected. ✓

Saturday Meeting.

The Secretary reported that he had received a letter from Mr. Fletcher suggesting that arrangements should be made for fixing tea places where members of the respective sections might meet on Saturday afternoons. Mr. Fletcher spoke in support of his proposition, saying that the fact there was a tea place on the Runs List might be an incentive to members to get out but stressing that he was not suggesting an official run. Finally he proposed:-

"That Saturday tea places be incorporated in each Runs List."

This was seconded by Mrs. Lang and agreed.

Name of Magazine

After discussion, the following motion was proposed by Mrs. Wilcox, seconded by Mr. Eynon and carried:-

"That the Committee be charged with the task of obtaining members' suggestions for a name for the Club Magazine".

It was added that this matter should be raised again at the next A.G.M.

Annual Dinner - Chigwell Rally

The Secretary announced the date of the next Annual Dinner as having been fixed for 2nd November, and that the arrangements for the Chigwell Rally were in hand. It would be held on June 1st/2nd 1957.

Easter Tour

This was to be in Somerset and led by Mr. Wooder.

Vote of Thanks to Organisers of Annual Dinner

The meeting passed a vote of thanks to Mr. Groom, Mr. Irving and Mr. Canham for carrying out the arrangements for the last Annual Dinner so successfully and at such short notice.

Vote of Thanks to Leaders

The meeting passed a vote of thanks to all leaders of Sunday runs and especially to Mr. Wooder, who had in addition led week-ends.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 5.30 p.m.

*Dr. H. S. M. J.*  
*25th Jan. 1958*

## PORTY PLUS CYCLING CLUB

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at The Red  
Lion, Parliament Street, London, S.W.1. on  
Monday 4th March, 1957.

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### **Present:**

Mr. Irving - Chairman

Messrs. Dadd, Drewett, Cannon, Eynon,  
Fletcher, Groom, Tackley, Wooder and  
Canham (Secretary)

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The Meeting commenced at 7.15 p.m. and the Chairman welcomed  
as new Committee Members Messrs. Drewett and Fletcher.

### Minutes of last Meeting:

These were taken as a true record on a motion by Mr. Groom  
seconded by Mr. Wooder.

### Matters Arising:

Mr. Cannon reported shortly on the first run of the  
reconstituted South Western Section.

### Secretary's Report:

The Secretary reported that 72 members had so far renewed  
in the London area, and so far as he knew all the Bournemouth  
members were expected to renew their subscriptions.

Cash in hand was £50.19.8. but of course there was £20 due  
to members on the Duplicator Fund, and we had to provide for a  
year's requirements of stationery, postage, etc.

The Secretary reported the general correspondence for the  
quarter, which included correspondence with the N.C.U., as a result  
of which they accepted the Club's advertisement without insisting  
on affiliation.

The Secretary also reported the suggestions so far received  
for the Magazine title.

The Report was accepted with appreciation on a motion by  
Mr. Drewett seconded by Mr. Cannon.

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Matters arising from A.G.M.

Draft Minutes:

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The Meeting approved the draft Minutes with certain slight amendments, and on a motion moved by Mr. Eynon seconded by Mr. Wooder it was decided that these Minutes be duplicated and copies sent forthwith to Bournemouth and our members in Australia, and the rest of the copies be distributed to members with the Notice of the next A.G.M.

Advertising:

It was proposed by Mr. Groom that the Club should advertise in 'Cycling' and the C.T.C. Gazette on the same basis as last year. This proposal was seconded by Mr. Wooder and agreed unanimously.

Room Hire:

The Secretary explained that he had not had any opportunity of calling on the pub in Fleet Street which was alleged to have a room available at 2/6 per night. Mr. Groom kindly offered to investigate the matter and report back to the next meeting.

Rules:

It was moved by Mr. Tackley and seconded by Mr. Groom and resolved that duplicated copies of the amended rules should be circulated to all members with the next Runs List.

FIXTURE LIST:

In view of the fact that an Easter tourlet has been arranged it was decided not to fix a run for Sunday April 21st.

A run was, however, fixed for Whit-Sunday June 9th.

The Secretary explained the provisional arrangements for a joint run with the V.T.T.A. and Mr. Wooder kindly offered to be responsible for the organisation.

Saturday meeting places were fixed in all areas.

It was suggested that the Secretary should write to the Secretary of the Bournemouth Section proposing a meeting in the New Forest area with the London members during the August Bank Holiday.



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week-end, for which Mr. Dadd was prepared to take a tourlet.

Mr. Eynon mentioned a proposal to visit Chislehurst Caves one Saturday afternoon during the next quarterly period.

Mr. Groom mentioned that Big Ben re-opens in August, and that he was prepared to lead a party of not more than 25 on a Saturday in September. The Secretary undertook to publish a note of this in the next Runs List, the numbers being limited to the first 25 members to book with Mr. Groom by post.

There being no other business to discuss the Meeting closed at 10 p.m. with a hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman.

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*D. J. Eynon*  
Chairman  
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FORTY PLUS CYCLING CLUB

Minutes of a Committee Meeting held at  
The Red Lion, 48 Parliament Street, S.W.1.  
on Monday 27th May, 1957.

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Present: Messrs. Eynon, Cannon, Dadd, Fletcher, Wooder  
Tackley, Drewett, Groom and Canham (Secretary)

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The Meeting commenced at 7.20 p.m. when the Secretary explained that Mr. Irving was unable to be present. Accordingly Mr. Groom was unanimously elected Chairman for the Meeting.

Minutes of last Meeting:

On a proposal by Mr. Tackley seconded by Mr. Dadd the Minutes as circulated were taken as a true report and signed accordingly.

Matters arising therefrom:

Mr. Groom explained the situation with regard to the possible hire of a room at The King's Head, Leather Lane, but it was decided for the present to continue to hold meetings at The Red Lion.

The Secretary confirmed that duplicated copies of the amended Rules had been circulated to all members and that advertisements have started to appear in "Cycling".

With regard to the proposed visit to Chislehurst Caves Mr. Eynon had ascertained that the cost of admission was 2/- (6d. for children), but that if we took a party of 20 or more the cost would be reduced to 1/6 per head (children 6d.). It was decided to deal with this matter when arranging the Fixture List.

About the proposed visit to Big Ben, Mr. Groom said he had ascertained that there was a waiting list more than eighteen months in length, but he might still be able to arrange a visit, and it was agreed that it should be publicised through the Leaders. In any case, the party would be limited to 20, not 25.

Secretary's Report:

The Secretary reported that 90 members had paid for the year in London and 16 in Bournemouth. The Club had £49.15.1. cash in hand, although it had to be remembered that there was a lot of stationery to pay for and certain sums were owing to Mr. Irving for

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duplicating. In addition there was of course £20 still owing to members on the Duplicator Fund.

The Secretary also reported that the Club had donated £5.5.0. to the C.T.C. Defence Fund, and other matters as follows:-

that he had purchased a number of transfers in the design of the Club badge for sale at 6d. each, which would yield a small profit;

that Mr. Ford had secured a certain amount of publicity for cycling, if not for the Club, by riding from Lands End to John O' Groats;

that Mr. and Mrs. Marshall were returning from Australia;

that an interesting letter had been received from Mr. Best;  
that Mr. Elsdon had resigned;

that Mr. Foldes had met the Club on a recent run;

that one reply had already been received in response to the advertisement in "Cycling";

that a number of suggestions had been received for the magazine title.

The Secretary also mentioned Mr. Webb's illness, and that he would be pleased to hear from any members.

Mr. Drewett proposed that the Secretary's Report be accepted. This was seconded by Mr. Wooder and agreed.

#### Election of New Members:

On a proposal by Mr. Wooder, seconded by Mr. Cannon, Mr. H.A. Turner was duly elected to membership.

#### Fixture List:

Mr. Dadd explained that he was unlikely to be able to lead the August tour, and Mr. Groom kindly volunteered to do so.

Mr. Wooder mentioned that he had no bookings for Whit Sunday, but agreed to go to the meeting place and then act on his own discretion.

The proposed run to Chislehurst Caves was discussed, and it was decided to include this amongst Mr. Eynon's normal fixtures.

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Mr. Fletcher mentioned that "The Hub", Radlett, was useless as a Saturday afternoon meeting place because it closed early. It was therefore decided to substitute The Ripple Tea Rooms, Northwood, as the meeting place for the Western Section.

There being no other business to discuss the Meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

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*Dr. Irving  
2nd Sept. 1957*

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FORTY-PLUS CYCLING CLUB

Minutes of a Committee Meeting held at The Red Lion,  
48, Parliament Street, S.W.1. on Tuesday 3rd September 1957

Present: Messrs. Cannon, Drewett, Dad, Fletcher, Groom,  
Tackley, Wooder, Canham (Secretary).

Chairman - Mr. D. Irving.

The meeting commenced at 7.25 p.m.

Minutes of last Meeting:

On a proposal by Mr. Groom seconded by Mr. Drewett the Minutes as circulated were taken as a true record and were signed by the Chairman.

Matters arising from last Minutes:

Mr. Groom mentioned the possibility of obtaining a room at The Sutton Arms, Clerkenwell, which he thought would be suitable for both Committee Meetings and the Annual General Meeting. It was agreed that the Secretary and the Social Secretary should investigate the room, the beer and the price.

Secretary's Report:

The Secretary reported that -

Membership strength in London was still 90;

Membership in Bournemouth had increased to 21;

Cash in hand was £51.3.4. although accounts for stationery amounted to £9.13.3. and were outstanding;

He had forgotten to renew the advertisement in "Cycling";

The correspondence for the previous three months was mainly formā;

It was moved by Mr. Wooder and seconded by Mr. Tackley that the Secretary's Report be accepted with appreciation.

*Mr. Irving*  
26 Nov. 1957

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Matters Arising:

It was agreed that the question of advertising for the rest of the year should be left over.

Social Secretary's Report:

Mr. Groom reported on the August tour, which he thought was one of the most enjoyable the members had ever had; weather, beer and country were all very good, and he expressed his thanks to Mr. Wooder for his map reading.

Mr. Groom went on to say that the Dinner arrangements were well forward. Eileen Sheridan had a previous engagement and could not attend as a visitor. Fred Schuler would attend as his personal guest.

The menu was discussed and agreed upon. Mr. Groom then went on to say that he had engaged a band for £6, and would apply for an extension of the licence. Tickets would be priced at 16/- inclusive. It was proposed to send out a circular letter to all members, and the Hon. Editor promised to give the Dinner mention in the next issue of the Magazine.

Mr. Drewett moved that the Report be accepted with appreciation, and this was seconded by Mr. Fletcher and agreed.

Election of new members:

Mr. and Mrs. Mullins of Bournemouth, and Mr. and Mrs. James were duly elected.

Fixture List:

Mr. Cannon said he was afraid he had not prepared a list because support in the south west was so poor that it was a waste of time for a Leader to turn up.

Runs for the other Sections were duly arranged, and Mr. Groom give particulars of the arrangements for visiting Big Ben. He mentioned that cameras could be taken.

The Secretary was instructed that the Runs List should carry a note that no south west runs had been arranged this quarter because of lack of support.

Other Business:

The Hon. Editor mentioned that he would like to have information about our various invalids, so that he could publish a short note in the Magazine wishing them well. He also said that he would like to receive particulars of any foreign tours that members had made, and he hoped for a great deal more

correspondence to appear.

There being no other business the Meeting closed with the customary vote of thanks to the Chairman.

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Minutes of a Committee Meeting held on the  
26th November 1957, at The Sutton Arms B.C.I.

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Present: Mr. D.M. Irving (Chairman)

Messrs. Cannon, Brewett, Rynon, Fletcher,  
Green, Tackley, Wooder and Canham.

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The Meeting commenced at 7.25 p.m.

Minutes of Last Meeting:

These were circulated and were signed as a correct record on a motion by Mr. Rynon seconded by Mr. Wooder, and there were no matters arising therefrom.

Secretary's Report:

The Secretary reported that the membership strength was the same as at the last Meeting, because we had gained one member in London, Mrs. Shaw, bringing the total up to 91, and we had lost one member in Bournemouth, Mr. Bagshaw, reducing the Bournemouth total to 20.

Cash in hand was £38.10.4. which was all on deposit at the bank and earning interest.

The Secretary mentioned that he had prepared rough draft accounts and balance sheet to date, which showed that there was an excess of income over expenditure for this year of approximately £11. As it appeared likely that this would be the second year running that we had virtually made a profit, and had ample cash in hand, he thought that the Committee should recommend to the A.G.M. that the Duplicator Loan Fund of £20 be repaid.

The Secretary then read the correspondence for the quarter, which was mainly formal but included a letter from Mrs. Ford which it was suggested should be dealt with as a matter arising from the Social Secretary's Report.

The Secretary mentioned a number of further suggestions for the magazine title which had been received, and it was agreed to deal with them under A.G.M. arrangements.

Mr. Brewett moved that the Secretary's Report be accepted with appreciation; this proposal was seconded by Mr. Green and approved.



Election of New Members:

Mrs. R.C. Shaw was duly elected.

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Social Secretary's Report:

Mr. Green expressed his appreciation of the support given to the Annual Dinner and mentioned in particular Mr. Irving's work in preparing circulars to the members.

The actual attendance was 85 although 89 bookings had been received and dinners ordered. Mr. Green then produced accounts showing that the Dinner produced a net profit of 3/-.

It was noted that the cost of printing had increased by 10/- and the gratuities had to be paid to eight waitresses this year, which increased the expenditure.

Many letters of appreciation of the Dinner have been received, also one letter of criticism from Mrs. Ford, which was read to the Meeting. Mr. Green explained that in his view the words "on behalf of the Committee" were in usual form, and in his experience as Toastmaster and guest at various larger functions it was quite usual for the welcome to be so phrased.

As for the toast of the guests, this was proposed by Mr. Shaw, Secretary of the C.F.O., who was given a list of guests beforehand. He asked for the most important to be indicated, and in view of the total number of guests (28) said that he could not mention everybody. In his speech Mr. Shaw made it clear that anyone who had not been mentioned by name should forgive him. Mr. Green thought it was unreasonable to expect a list of names to be read out.

This matter was then discussed by the Committee, Mr. Hooper saying that he thought that Mrs. Ford had not heard Mr. Shaw's remark about the number of guests. Mr. Tackley explained that the words "not for the first time" in Mrs. Ford's letter presumably referred to his own toast last year, and he had accordingly explained the difficulties to her.

The Chairman thought Mrs. Ford's letter should be published, together with a reply from Mr. Green, which should take the line that he welcomed the members and guests in usual form, and that as to her second point, this had to be left to the person who proposed the toast.

The Secretary thought that the letter should certainly not be published, since the Club Magazine went to Messrs. England and Shaw amongst others, and a wrong impression might be created.

This matter was ultimately wound up by Mr. Wooder proposing that Mr. Green should write to Mrs. Ford along the lines indicated in the discussion, but the letter should not be published. If she was not satisfied she could then raise the point at the A.G.M. This proposal was seconded by Mr. Fletcher and passed.

Mr. Tackley then proposed that the Social Secretary's Report be accepted with much appreciation, and this too was passed.

#### A.G.M. Arrangements:

The Secretary proposed and the Meeting agreed that the A.G.M. be held at The Sutton Arms on Saturday 25th January at 3.30 p.m. It was also decided that the Notice of the A.G.M. should contain a motion by the Committee that the Duplicator Loan Fund be repaid.

The Meeting then discussed the various suggestions for the magazine title. It was considered that the best two received were "SIGNPOST" and "MILESTONE", and "MILESTONE" was ultimately thought to be the most suitable, especially as it lent itself to an appropriate design, which was roughed out and handed to Mr. Brewett to be improved upon by an Artist friend.

So far as the A.G.M. is concerned, the Agenda would provide for settling the magazine title, and the Meeting would be informed orally of the Committee's own deliberations.

#### Fixture List:

The fixtures for the ensuing quarter were settled, Mr. Wooder having arranged for runs every Sunday during January and February. He also mentioned his suggestions for the 1958 Easter tour.

#### Other Business:

Under this heading the Meeting discussed the Dinner arrangements for 1958, and it was proposed by Mr. Wooder and seconded by Mr. Brewett that the Social Secretary be authorised to book for The Talbot on a Saturday in November. This was agreed to.

In relation to the year's accounts, the Secretary raised the question of depreciation on the duplicator, suggesting a deduction of £3. p.a. for seven years. The Chairman thought it would be more realistic to write it down by 50% in the first year, whereas Mr. Brewett thought that the value should stay as it is for the present. It was eventually decided that the matter be left to the discretion of the Auditor, Mr. Fitzpatrick.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman.

*Due to Mr. Wooder  
2nd February 1958*