

The Forty Plus Cycling Club

Year 1958

MINUTES OF THE SEVENTEEN ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF THE FORTY-PLUS CYCLING CLUB,
HELD AT "THE SUTTON ARMS", GREAT SUTTON STREET, E.C.1.
ON SATURDAY, 25TH JANUARY, 1958.

The meeting opened at 3.35 p.m. with Mr. Irving in the Chair and 30 members present.

The Chairman welcomed members present and thanked them for turning out in unpleasant weather.

Apologies for Absence

These were received from the following:-

Mrs. W. Cooke,
Mr. and Mrs. Weaire.

The Chairman also announced that Mr. and Mrs. Groom were unable to be present owing to the death of Mrs. Groom's mother, and the meeting agreed that their sincere regrets should be conveyed to Mr. and Mrs. Groom.

1. Minutes of the 6th Annual General Meeting

It was moved by Mr. Pilgrim, seconded by Mr. Wooder and agreed that these should be endorsed as a correct record.

2. Matters arising from the Minutes

Mr. Tackley asked if members who had made criticisms concerning the cost of hire of rooms for meetings were satisfied with the steps taken to cut down that expenditure, and whether they were aware that such steps would not be reflected until next year's accounts. The Secretary, Mr. Canham, explained that the cost of the committee room had been reduced and that it was expected that the cost of the room in which the present A.G.M. was being held would also be less.

3. Secretary's Report

It was moved by Mr. Drewett and seconded by Mr. Eynon that the Secretary's report for 1957 be accepted with appreciation.

The Secretary remarked that he would like the question of advertising to be discussed under Any Other Competent Business, as he had not mentioned this subject in his report.

There being no questions and no discussion, the motion referred to above was agreed by the meeting.

4. Audited Accounts for 1957

Mr. Tackley remarked that last year he had stated that an increase of the subscription to 10/- would mean too much profit, and he suggested that his forecast had been confirmed by the surplus on this year's accounts. The Secretary replied, however, that he did not think it fair to judge this matter on this year's accounts, e.g. he had already had a bill for £7 for stationery, which was now at rock bottom.

Mr. Pilgrim brought up the question of repayment of loans and the Secretary informed the meeting that it was intended to do this, at the same time pointing out that £2.16.6 of the "surplus" was accounted for by voluntary donations.

Mr. Fitzpatrick/

Mr. Fitzpatrick said that, as there was no resolution on the agenda for changing the subscription, it would be necessary for it to stand for two years, while Mr. Seymour added that if the 2/6d. by which the subscription had been increased were removed again, we should only be running just about level, which would be an unsatisfactory position. The Secretary then pointed out that we were now entitled to draw half of Bournemouth Section's subscriptions, which to some extent offset the point made by Mr. Seymour. The Chairman reminded the meeting that there would, in future, be no further income from entry fees, which had been abolished, summing up by saying that we were now in much the same position as at the beginning of the year but that there were several bills outstanding which had come in too late for inclusion in the accounts. He added that later that afternoon we were to consider a cover for the Magazine, which would be a considerable additional cost. Mr. Fitzpatrick asked for an assurance that the Committee would watch the position very carefully and that one of the officers should make a proposition at the next Annual General Meeting for the changing of the subscription if it seemed possible. The Chairman agreed that this should be done.

It was then proposed by Mr. Wooder, seconded by Mr. Drewett and agreed that the accounts for 1957 be adopted.

4. Election of Officers for 1958

These were elected as follows:-

<u>Post</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Proposer</u>	<u>Seconder</u>
President.	Mrs. Cooko	Mrs. Lang	Mr. Lang
Chairman.	Mr. Irving	Mr. Pilgrim	Mrs. Lang
Secretary.	Mr. Carnam	Mr. Tackley	Mr. Wilcox
Editor.	Mr. Tackley	Mrs. Lang	Mr. Wilcox
Social Sec.	Mr. Groom	Mr. Pilgrim	Mr. Wooder
Committee.	Mr. Eynon	Mr. Tackley	Mr. Wooder
	Mr. Wooder	Mr. Pilgrim	Mr. Lang
	Mr. Drewett	Mr. Eynon	Mr. Fitzpatrick
	Mr. James	Mrs. Wilcox	Mr. Fitzpatrick
	Mr. Fletcher	Mr. Wooder	Mr. Bolch
	Mr. Pond	Mr. Wooder	Mr. Drewett
	Mr. Fitzpatrick	Mr. Lang	Mr. Irving
Auditor.			

At this point there was an interval for tea, after which the Chairman announced that he had just been told of the death the previous week on the North Circular Road of Mr. Nobbs, and it was agreed that a message of sympathy be sent to his Club, "The Loiterers".

5. Title and/or Cover Design for Club Magazine

Mr. Drewett regretted that he had not, as he had hoped, been able to bring to the meeting the suggested design, which was being sketched by a friend of his.

The Chairman stated that the Committee, having considered the suggested titles, had decided that "Milestone" was the most suitable, and he gave a brief description of the suggested cover design. Mr. Pemberton moved that the Committee's recommendation both as to title and cover design be accepted, and Mr. Seymour supported this, saying that a short title was preferable to a more complicated one. The meeting agreed on the title but discussion took place regarding the cover design, and the Chairman asked for a directive to the Committee as/

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as to the general idea. A suggestion was made that there should be a central milestone bearing the figures 140, with others receding into the distance, each bearing the word "plus". Mr. Pilgrim then proposed, Mr. Wooder seconded and the meeting agreed that:-

"In line with the acceptance of the Committee's recommendation, it be left to the Committee's direction to design the lay-out in accordance with the wishes expressed at the meeting."

6. Consideration of the Following Proposal

"That a social membership of the Club be instituted, at a subscription decided by the A.G.M., designed to cover the cost of the magazine, runs list and postage. This membership to be open only to past or present members who find that they cannot attend runs now but do not want to lose touch with the Club. Such members could attend runs occasionally, come to meetings and social activities of the Club but not have any voting powers re the policy of the Club."

This was proposed by Mrs. Lang and seconded by Mr. Lang.

Speaking in support of the motion, Mrs. Lang mentioned several members whom she thought would benefit by it, owing to their now finding it impossible to ride with the Club, although still interested.

Mr. Wilcox pointed out that the position could arise that we had a large proportion of members paying only the lower subscription, while Mr. Tackley said that, whereas he was in sympathy with the idea, he thought that it should be considered whether the Club could stand the expense of supplying facilities to members at these reduced subscriptions, bearing in mind that the Magazine, for instance, was one of the most expensive of all the facilities offered by the Club. Mr. Wilcox again stressed the danger of the Club consisting eventually mainly of these low-paying subscription members but Mr. Seymour thought it extremely unlikely that this should occur merely for the saving of a few shillings and stated that a similar arrangement existed in many other clubs. Mr. Fitzpatrick supported the idea but thought that our decision should be decided by the economics of the question. The Secretary was unable to give much idea of what those economics might be but thought that the need for such reduced subscription had not yet shown itself. Mr. Pemberton put forward the suggestion that only full members of five years standing or more might apply for reduced membership, such applications being considered by the Club. The Chairman pointed out that as the resolution stood, this reduced membership would apply only to those who were members at the time of the passing of the resolution, which was impracticable, and also expressed the opinion that a decision should be postponed until consideration had been given to the question as to how much of the subscription the Club could afford to remit.

Mr. Tackley then proposed and Mr. Pilgrim seconded, the following amendment:-

"That a social membership of the Club be instituted at a subscription of 6/- per annum, designed to cover etc " (Remainder as before).

This was passed by 19 votes to four.

Mr. Tackley/

Mr. Tackley then proposed the following amendment, which was seconded by Mrs. Lang:-

"That a social membership of the Club be instituted, at a subscription of 6/- per annum, designed to cover the cost of the magazine, runs list and postage. This membership to be open only to those who have been members for three years and who find that they cannot etc....." (Remainder as before).

This was passed by 18 votes to 1.

Mr. Fitzpatrick proposed amending the resolution to read as follows:-

"That a social membership of the Club be considered by the Committee and a scheme for such membership be offered for consideration at the next A.G.M."

Mr. Bolch seconded this and Mr. Tackley commented that, although he had put the first two amendments, he preferred this one and would like to see it go through, while during discussion the suggestion was made that this new type of member should not be allowed to attend Club runs.

Finally this third amended resolution was passed by 23 votes to 2.

7. Any Other Competent Business.

(a) Advertising

The Secretary said that we had not spent much on advertising during the past year but he thought that advertising did not pay except over a long term. He instanced various types of advertising with their respective costs and asked members present for their opinions as to whether we should advertise again and, if so, when and for how long.

The following suggestions were made:-

- (i) That it might be possible to publicise the Club in the cycling programme in Network 3.
- (ii) That it might be possible to advertise in the new cycling paper recently started.
- (iii) That advertising in Kuklos Annual might reach the older section of cyclists.
- (iv) That reports of runs be sent to local papers.
- (v) That we might write to several cycling papers suggesting an invitation ride, as a result of which it was thought many of those who took part would become members.
- (vi) That cycling agents and cafes in various parts should be asked to display a list of our runs. (Cycle agents could be offered in exchange block advertising in the Magazine).
- (vii) That items of news, such as announcements of forthcoming events, should be sent in to "Cycling", etc.

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Finally it was formally proposed by Mr. Drewett and seconded by Mr. Pilgrim:-

"That the Secretary should be instructed to spend up to £5 on advertising during the ensuing twelve months."

Mr. Tackley proposed that the amount mentioned in the above resolution should be amended to £12. This was seconded by Mr. Fletcher and lost by 15 votes to 13.

The original motion was passed by 17 to 3.

- (b) Mrs. Lang suggested that extra runs lists be issued to those who habitually recruited new members.
- (c) Mrs. Lang reminded the meeting that her proposition, made at the last A.G.M., that invitation runs should be held by each section, had not been implemented.

There was no further business.

A vote of thanks to Mr. Groom for his efficient organization of the dinner was proposed by Mrs. Irving seconded by Mr. Drewett and carried.

The Chairman said that a vote of thanks should be accorded to all officers and members for the successful year 1957 and expressed the hope that we should have as successful a time in 1958.

The meeting closed at 6.30 p.m. with a vote of thanks, proposed by Mr. Tackley and acclaimed by all present, to the Chairman, for his "amiable conducting of the meeting".

Signed as a true record.

Tackley

Chairman

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Minutes of Committee Meeting held on the
21st February 1958, at The Sutton Arms, E.C.1.

Present: Mr. D.M. Irving - Chairman
Messrs. Fletcher, James, Wooder, Tackley, Pond
Drewett, Groom, and Canham.

The Meeting commenced at 7.15 p.m.

Minutes of last Meeting:

On a motion by Mr. Wooder seconded by Mr. Pond it was moved that the Minutes as circulated be signed as a true record.

Matters Arising:

Mr. Tackley raised the question of the Ford correspondence, asking whether the Committee regarded this as disposed of. It was agreed that it was.

Secretary's Report:

The Secretary reported a total membership strength of 113, out of which 54 London members had so far renewed for 1958.

There was a cash balance of £59.9.5. in hand, taking into account the Duplicator loan repayments made to date.

The Secretary gave particulars of the attendance at the A.G.M. and produced draft minutes of that meeting for approval. He also passed on the message of good fellowship which was voiced at the V.T.T.A. Annual Dinner, which was attended by quite a number of Forty-Plus members.

The Secretary himself had also attended two Tricycle Association Dinners, and managed to obtain some mention of the Club in speeches.

A number of letters had been received from prospective members and been replied to.

He also mentioned the letter which had been received from Mr. Pilgrim by the Editor, and the subsequent discussion between Mr. Pilgrim and himself.

General correspondence for the month was reported.

It was noted that Mr. Stancer's 80th birthday was approaching, and the Secretary suggesting sending a special message from the Club.

Lastly, the Secretary mentioned a letter he had received from Mr. Tackley, in which he indicated that he wished to resign as Editor of the Club Magazine.

It was moved by Mr. Groom, seconded by Mr. Drewett and agreed that the Secretary's Report be accepted with appreciation.

Matters arising from the Secretary's Report:

Mr. Groom suggested that the Secretary should make enquiries about Mr. Stancer's health before sending the members' message, as he understood he was very ill indeed.

It was suggested by the Secretary that the letter from Mr. Tackley be dealt with in the discussion about the Club Magazine which was to follow.

Election of new members:

Mr. E.W. Stephens and Mr. & Mrs. T.B. Charlesworth were duly elected.

Matters arising out of A.G.M.

The draft Minutes of the A.G.M. were read and approved with certain minor amendments, and Mr. Groom and Mr. James seconded a proposal that the Minutes be duplicated and circulated as soon as possible. This was agreed.

In discussion it was proposed that Mrs. Lang be invited to the next Committee Meeting to discuss the proposed "social membership".

Club Magazine:

The Chairman proposed that as the matters raised by Mr. Tackley's letter of resignation might prove to be controversial and involved him in particular, the Chair should be taken by somebody else. Mr. Groom was accordingly voted to the Chair and read the letter from Mr. Tackley to the Meeting. Mr. Tackley then amplified what was said in his letter.

The Magazine material was apparently sent to Mr. Irving by Mr. Tackley as soon as possibly after Christmas, with an offer to help in the production of the magazine. The magazine had not, however, been produced by the time of the A.G.M., nor for some considerable time afterwards.

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He felt that the Editor should be someone who could control the production date of the Magazine. He also felt that it was essential to adhere strictly to a date. Mr. Fletcher said that few people realised the difficulties in producing; subscribers were liable to send in material late, and it was, on the whole, a thankless task.

Mr. Irving agreed that editorship and production should be centralised and in the same hands. The difficulty arose in connection with the duplicating of the Magazine and housing the duplicating machine. By offering to house it he had automatically taken on the operation of the duplicator and apparently the stencil cutting. Although he felt that some apology was due, he wanted to make it understood that there were circumstances over which he had no control. The fact was that the Magazine was supposed to come out at the end of a quarter and this was the very time he was involved with trade union work. This particular quarter was especially difficult because he was handing over his job as trade union Branch Secretary. Moreover, he had had to give very close attention to certain matters affecting his livelihood. He was not putting forward these matters as excuses, but as explanations. He was hoping, in fact, to change to a job on the administrative side of London Transport and had been involved in examinations for three days in each week, and therefore had very much less time of his own on hand.

The last batch of material he had received from the Editor was on 10th January; 19 stencils had to be cut. Although some had been cut as the material was received, it should be appreciated that some of the material had to be re-arranged. In Mr. Irving's opinion we were producing the Magazine the wrong way. In his view the solution of the problem lay in the Editor being responsible for the typing and collation, otherwise it was impossible to adhere to a strict publishing date. Furthermore, there had to be a deadline for the receipt of material; it was a point that no editorial had been received until 10th January, so that the setting up could not really be started until then.

In the general discussion which followed Mr. Tackley said that he had no room to house the duplicator and his typewriter was not good enough to cut stencils. Mr. Groom said that the Magazine was a fine publication thanks to the joint efforts of the Editor and Mr. Irving, and he hoped that some solution would be found. Mr. Tackley thought that the solution was to place the material, or at any rate part of it, into professional hands. The Secretary did not think the Club could afford this.

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Mr. Groom queried whether the reports on all runs were necessary, to which Mr. Irving responded that the Magazine was the journal of the Forty-Plus, and as a journal it should report.

Mr. Groom asked whether Mr. Irving's difficulties were permanent, to which Mr. Irving replied that if he obtained his new job it was likely to take more of his time and he could not guarantee to keep to a deadline. He went into details about the problems of cutting stencils, and Mr. James suggested that the Magazine should ask for volunteers for stencil cutting.

Asked whether he was prepared to carry on as Editor Mr. Tackley said that he enjoyed the job and would be sorry to lose it. He was willing to carry on with co-operation in production. The Secretary was asked to write to Mrs. Wilcox and Mrs. Seymour to see whether they could help with stencil cutting. Mr. Wooder thought that he and Mr. Pemberton might be able to help with duplicating, and even to house the duplicator, provided their arrangements could be made to fit in with the Editor's requirements.

It was ultimately agreed that Mr. Irving would carry on for at least the next issue, and that in the meantime everyone would do their best to find some solution.

Mr. Irving then resumed the Chair, and the Meeting then went on to consider the design for the Magazine cover submitted by Mrs. Ford. Compliments were paid to the design submitted by her, but doubts were expressed about our rights to use the title 'Milestone' because Coventry C.C. already used it. On the other hand the Committee had to consider whether they were bound by what happened at the A.G.M. to keep to the title 'Milestone'; otherwise there seemed to be quite considerable support for changing the title to 'Signpost'.

Fixture List:

The list for the ensuing three months was duly settled. The arrangements included a Whitsun tour in East Anglia, of which particulars were given by Mr. Wooder, and the joint run with the V.T.T.A. to meet the Bournemouth Section.

There being no other competent business the Meeting closed with the usual votes of thanks to the Chair.

Mr Irving
19th May 1958

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**Minutes of a Committee Meeting held on
19th May 1958 at "The Sutton Arms" E.C.1.**

Present: Mr. D.H. Irving - Chairman

Messrs. Cannon, Drevett, Lynon, Fletcher,
James, Long, Tackley, Leader, Graham & Bro. Ford.

An apology for his absence was received from Mr. Green.

The Meeting commenced at 7.30 p.m.

Minutes of last Meeting:

On a motion by Mr. Leader seconded by Mr. Drevett these were signed as a correct record.

Matters arising therefrom:

To an enquiry from Mr. Tackley the Secretary replied that he thought Mr. Pilgrim was now satisfied that everything that could be done was being done in keeping the Club membership up to strength.

Secretary's Report:

The Secretary reported a membership strength of 75 in London, with a possible membership of 20 or so in Bournemouth.

There was a cash balance of £42.15.7. in hand, the big difference between this figure and the balance in hand at the last Meeting being accounted for by repayment of the Duplicator Loan Fund.

The Secretary then read the correspondence for the month, which included a letter from Mr. Green resigning the leadership of the Western Section for health reasons.

Mr. Lynon had also had to resign leadership of the Southern Section because of a change of duties, but he wished to carry on as a Committee man, and Mr. Cannon had volunteered to lead the Southern team.

The Secretary also mentioned that there had been no response at all to the appeal for funds for the Telford Memorial.

The Meeting accepted the Secretary's report with appreciation on a motion by Mr. Lynon seconded by Mr. James.

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Matters arising from Secretary's Report:

With regard to the leadership of the Western zone and confirmation of Mr. Cannon's leadership of the Southern Section, the Chairman proposed that these matters be dealt with after settling the Fixture List.

In connection with the Wayfarer Appeal, Mr. Foster proposed and Mr. Foskley seconded and it was duly agreed that the leaders raise the matter with their section members on runs, and that the position be reviewed at the next Meeting. Since the Eastern Run was next the subscription list was handed to Mr. Foster, the leader of that section.

Election of new members:

The election of Messrs. Knapp, Koss and Landale was duly confirmed.

Fixture List:

Mr. Lynen was formally proposed that Mr. Cannon be appointed leader of the Southern Section. This was seconded by Mr. Bennett and agreed to by the Meeting.

With regard to the Eastern Section, the Meeting asked the Secretary to convey to Mr. Green the Committee's very sincere regret at hearing of his illness. Although very sorry indeed to have his resignation as Eastern Leader they were pleased to hear that his work as a Committee man and Social Secretary would continue. A Forty One Cycling Club without Ted Green would be unthinkable, and everyone present wished him well, and wanted him to know how very much his past work for the Club was appreciated.

As regards leadership of the runs, it was left to the Secretary to see that the runs were led, and to make arrangements about meal bookings.

Club Magazine - (a) Title & Cover Design:

After a discussion of the proposed alternative titles and of the designs so far submitted by Mrs. Ford, Mr. Foskley formally proposed that the title of the Magazine should be 'Signpost', and that the cover design should be based on the sketch which Mrs. Ford prepared there and then. Mr. Cannon seconded this proposal, which was duly agreed.

As regards the Magazine cover, Mr. Bennett proposed that the Kingfisher Press quotation for a Lithoplate be accepted and an order placed for 2,000 covers. This was seconded by Mr. Foster and agreed.

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Lastly, in relation to the Magazine cover, it was moved from the Chair that the Minutes of the Meeting should record that Mrs. Ford's work was very much appreciated by the Committee.

(b) Production:

The arrangements under which Mr. Foster and Mr. Robertson were to take over the duplicating of the magazine from Mr. Irving were settled in detail.

Social Membership

The Secretary explained he had been unable to arrange the Committee Meeting date so that Mrs. Long could attend. The subject was discussed in a general way, but it was ultimately decided to defer any full discussion until the next Committee Meeting, to which Mrs. Long would again be invited.

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

Dr. Irving
10th Sept. 1958

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on the
10th September, 1958, at the Sutton Arms,
E.C.1.

Present: Mr. D.M. Irving - Chairman

Messrs. Drewett, Woeder, Plowright, Eynon,
Cannon, James, Fletcher and Canham.

The Meeting commenced at 7.30 p.m. Apologies for
absence were received from Mr. E.P. Groom and Mr. S. Tackley.
The Chairman welcomed Mr. Plowright as a new Committee Member.

Minutes of last Meeting:

Mr. Eynon proposed and Mr. James seconded that the Minutes as
circulated be accepted as an accurate record, and they were
accordingly signed by the Chairman.

Matters arising therefrom:

The Secretary explained in relation to the Wayfarer Appeal that
a time limit had been fixed for the receipt of subscriptions,
and he had accordingly sent a donation of £2.2.0. in the name of
the Club without waiting for subscriptions from individual members.
In the following discussion it transpired that Mr. Woeder had
collected certain amounts from individuals and more were received
during the Meeting which totalled £1. The Secretary was asked to
forward this to the Appeal Treasurer in the names of the contributors.

Secretary's Report:

The Secretary reported that the number of paid-up members to date
was 102 - 86 London and 16 Bournemouth.

Cash in hand was £41.17.10.- the receipts since the last Meeting
having approximately equalled the payments out.

The correspondence for the quarter was summarised, including a
letter from the Forty Plus section of the local D.A. of the C.T.C.,
and letters from Messrs. Penfold, Moore, Foldes, Woeder, Ford,
Pett, Hathaway, Harris, Shaw, Handley and Bennett.

The Secretary also reported that Mr. Plowright had agreed to take
on the leadership of the Western Section, and that he had heard
from the Secretary of the C.T.C. "Over 40's" with particulars of
the arrangements for the joint run to be held on 5th October.

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There had also been an offer from Reg. Shaw to lead a party on a tour of Norway in 1959, and a preliminary notice of this had been given in the Magazine:

Mr. Drewett proposed that the Secretary's Report be accepted with appreciation. Mr. Wooder seconded this and the Meeting concurred.

Matters arising from the Secretary's Report:

There was some discussion on the proposed tour in Norway, and the Secretary was ultimately asked to write to Mr. Shaw to obtain some idea of the time when it was proposed to be held. Several Committee Members expressed interest in the project.

Election of New Members:

Messrs. Swann, Bennett and Vincent were duly elected on a proposal by Mr. Wooder seconded by Mr. Cannon.

Fixture List:

The Fixture List for the ensuing three months was duly settled, to include a joint run with the C.T.C., and Eastern Section week-end, the Annual Dinner, an informal meeting at the Cycle Show (suggested by Mr. James), the annual Turkey Run on December 7th, and a proposed Christmas tourlet to Dialpost. In connection with the latter it was agreed that lunh and tea places would be fixed for Sunday December 28th, in order to provide a Sunday run for members who require it.

Annual Dinner Arrangements:

The Secretary read the letter from Mr. Groom reporting the arrangements made so far, and the Meeting was given particulars of the alternative menus available. Eventually Menu H.12 was chosen in order that the price of the tickets need not be increased.

The Secretary also reported to the Meeting that Eileen Sheridan had been invited as a guest and had accepted. He had also written to Reg. Randall.

In connection with the band problem, Mr. Flouwright said that he knew of a good band if Mr. Groom found himself in difficulty.

It was suggested that Mr. Ford should be asked to proposed the toast of "The Visitors".

Mr. Groom's offer to act again as Toastmaster and Master of Ceremonies was gratefully accepted.

Magazine Production:

The Secretary read the letter from Mr. Tackley reporting the difficulties which had been experienced in producing the last issue of the Magazine. Mr. Tackley's report was amplified by Mr. Wooder, who agreed with Mr. Tackley that "we have now learned enough to improve with the next printing".

The Secretary handed over a stapling machine, which was thought to be in good order, but the Committee agreed that in case of difficulty the Secretary could certainly purchase a new one.

Mr. Wooder mentioned that the cost of duplicating paper could be brought down a good deal if it was purchased from Mr. Pemberton. On being assured that the quality would be good enough the Meeting expressed approval of this idea.

With regard to the cover, the Secretary explained that Mrs. Ford had offered a choice of two alternative final designs for "Signpost" which had been sent to Mr. Irving for approval, and for him to transmit to the Editor for his approval. Mr. Irving said that he had sent on the designs, so it was now up to the Editor to exercise his final choice, after which the cover could be printed immediately.

Other business:

The Secretary explained to the Meeting that he had hoped Mrs. Lang could attend for a discussion about the proposed Associate Membership. Unfortunately, however, her husband had been taken ill.

There being no other business to discuss the Meeting closed at 9.45 p.m. with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

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Dm Irving
3rd Dec 1958

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Minutes of Committee Meeting held on the
3rd December, 1958 at the Sutton Arms,
E.C.1.

Present: Mr. D. M. Irving - Chairman.

Messrs. Cannon, Canham, Drewett, Fletcher, Groom,
Plowright, Tackley and Wooder.

The meeting commenced at 7.30. p.m. Apologies for
absence were received from Messrs. James and Pond.

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Mr. Drewett proposed and Mr. Wooder seconded that the minutes
as circulated be accepted as an accurate record and they were
accordingly signed by the Chairman.

There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

Secretary's Report

The Secretary reported that the present strength of the Club
was 101. Eighty-five members in London, and sixteen in Bourne-
mouth.

There was a cash balance at the Bank of £40.0.6. but there were
several outstanding accounts to meet, including one for £8.10.8.
for duplicating supplies; another of approximately £2.0.0. for
sundries, apart from which an order had been placed for magazine
covers which would cost approximately £6.0.0. The actual
balance of cash available therefore was approximately £25.0.0.

The Secretary summarised the correspondence received during the
current quarter, which included a letter from Mr. Franks, which
was read in full, together with the Secretary's answer and Mr.
Franks' subsequent reply; letters from two prospective new
members; letters of resignation from Messrs. Osborne, Pilgrim
and Pond, and letters of appreciation concerning the Dinner
from Reg Randall and Eileen Sheridan.

The Secretary apologised for not having left room for the Social
Secretary's Report on the Agenda, and this was agreed to be
dealt with as a separate item later in the meeting.

On a proposal by Mr. Wooder seconded by Mr. Groom, the Secretary's
report was accepted.

There were no matters arising from it.

Election of new members

Mr. Frank L. Jagger O.B.E. was elected on a proposal by Mr. Groom seconded by Mr. Wooder.

Fixture List

The runs for the ensuing quarter were duly settled, including an Easter tour based on Axminster, and a weekend at the "Eight Bells" Tenterdon in March, and weekly impromptu runs for the Eastern Section.

Annual Dinner

Mr. Groom reported that a small profit had been made on the Dinner, receipts totalling £64.16.0. against outgoings of £62.14.9. but the Club had, of course, been subsidised to some extent because no charge had been made for postages or for the present given to Eileen Sheriden or for the spot prizes. Although everyone seemed to agree that it was a very happy evening, he was aware that the food had been criticised by many members, and he had in fact, complained to the Talbot; it had to be agreed however, that we had chosen the cheapest menu and he thought that a recommendation should go forward to the A.G.M. from the Committee that the Dinner price should be increased to 18/6d. because it really was not possible to put on a good meal and make the Dinner pay at anything less. He also thought that members in applying for tickets might send stamped addressed envelopes, as quite heavy postage was involved in the sending out of circulars and tickets and answers to correspondence.

He had provisionally booked next year's Dinner for 7th November 1959

On a proposal by Mr. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. Drewett, the Social Secretary's Report was accepted with appreciation, and the meeting signified its approval of everything that had been done.

Associate Membership

The Secretary explained that Mrs. Lang had again been unable to attend so that her proposal could be discussed. After due consideration, it was decided to place on record that the Committee had considered this question, which was remitted from last year's Annual General Meeting, and was of the opinion that no practical scheme of Associate Membership can be devised, because investigation of facts and figures shows that all classes of members would still get the same service. i.e. the circulation of runs lists, magazines/ and

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so on. It was further suggested that the Secretary should mention the Committee's views in his Annual Report, and deal with it as an item on the Agenda as being a proposal remitted from the last Annual General Meeting.

Arrangements for the Annual General Meeting

It was decided to hold the Annual General Meeting again at the "Sutton Arms" on 31st January 1959 at 3 p.m. and to lay on tea and biscuits as before. The Secretary mentioned the question of costs of the tea which at present showed as a separate item in the books. It was decided that if anyone queried this expenditure, then a collection for teas would be made at the Annual General Meeting itself.

The Secretary also mentioned that he would not be offering himself for re-election.

Other Business

Under this heading the Committee discussed the possible purchase of a typewriter; since the decision whether or not to buy one must be left to the Annual General Meeting the proposal was merely discussed in a general way. Messrs. Groom and Drewett both promised to investigate the possibilities of purchasing used machines from their respective employers.

There being no other business, the Meeting closed at 10 p.m.

DM H. Smg
27th February 1959