

# *The Forty Plus Cycling Club*

*Year 1959*

EIGHTH

MINUTES OF THE EIGHTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
OF THE FORTY-PLUS CYCLING CLUB,  
HELD AT "THE SUTTON ARMS", GREAT SUTTON STREET, E.C.1.  
ON SATURDAY, 31ST JANUARY, 1959.

The meeting opened at 3.25 p.m. with sixteen members present.  
 (This number was subsequently increased to 18).

The Secretary, Mr. Canham, announced that the Chairman, Mr. Irving, having been unable to attend, it would be necessary to elect a temporary one. Mr. Tackley was duly elected to this position after being proposed by Mr. Fitzpatrick and seconded by Mr. Drewett, and then read a letter from Mr. Irving expressing his regret at not being able to attend owing to business reasons.

1. Minutes of the Seventh Annual General Meeting.

It was moved by Mr. Fitzpatrick, seconded by Mr. Wooder and agreed that these should be signed as a true record.

2. Matters Arising from the Minutes.

Advertising.

The Secretary said that he had written to the B.B.C. but had had no answer; he had advertised in the new cycling paper which was now finished; he had tried advertising in Kyklos Annual but without result; notes had been sent to "Cycling"; twelve advertisements had been inserted in "Cycling" and one in the C.T.C. Gazette. The total spent over the year was £5.4.6.

3. Secretary's Report and Audited Accounts.

This had been circulated to all members. The Secretary reported an error in the membership numbers, which totalled 98, not 99 as stated in the report.

The following points arose in discussion:-

(a) Membership.

A member asked for reasons for the loss of members and the Secretary, in reply, stated that there were various and listed some of them. There was no one factor which could be singled out as the main cause for the loss. It was pointed out that a club such as the Forty-Plus must expect a loss of members, all of whom were getting older; but it was regrettable that there was not sufficient intake of younger ones.

(b) Magazine.

The Editor, Mr. Tackley, explained the difficulties with the production of the Magazine - trouble with both the typewriter and the duplicator had been experienced; but the difficulties were being overcome.

(c) Dinner.

The Secretary read a letter from the Social Secretary, Mr. Groom, who was unavoidably absent, asking for greater support for the Dinner in the future, especially in bringing friends, and expressing the view that it would be necessary to raise the price in order to get a satisfactory meal and band. Discussion took place as to whether the Dinner was really wanted by members. It was felt by the majority that the price would make no difference to attendance - some liked dinners and some did not. Other members expressed the

opinion that too much importance was attached to the Dinner and that the runs were the main activity. They did not, however, wish to drop the Dinner altogether. In reply to further questions, it was explained that the last Dinner had not made a profit, as appeared, as some of the prizes had been donated.

Mr. Drewett proposed, Mr. Cannon seconded and it was agreed that the Report and Accounts be adopted.

#### 4. Election of Officers for 1959.

These were elected as follows:-

<u>Post.</u>	<u>Name.</u>	<u>Proposer.</u>	<u>Seconded.</u>
President.	Mrs. Cooke.	Mrs. Lang.	Mr. Lang.
Chairman.	Mr. Irving.	Mr. Fitzpatrick.	Mr. Jeffreys.
Secretary.	Mr. Seymour.	Mr. Drewett.	Mrs. Lang.
Editor.	Mr. Tackley.	Mrs. Lang.	Mr. Drewett.
Social Sec.	Mr. Groom.	Mr. Drewett.	Mr. Fitzpatrick.
Committee.	Mr. Cannon.	Mrs. Lang.	Mr. Seymour.
	Mr. Wooder.	Mr. Lang.	Mrs. Lang.
	Mr. Drewett.	Mr. Wooder.	Mrs. Lang.
	Mr. Jeffreys.	Mrs. Lang.	Mr. Fitzpatrick.
	Mr. Canham.	Mr. Tackley.	Mrs. Irving.
	Mr. Fletcher.	Mr. Wooder.	Mrs. Lang.
	Mr. Fitzpatrick.	Mrs. Lang.	Mr. Jeffreys.
Auditor.			

During election, the following remarks were made. -

The retiring Secretary, Mr. Canham, expressed his very grateful thanks for all the help he had received during his term of office.

Mr. Seymour accepted the post of Secretary reluctantly (and only because no-one else seemed willing to do so), as he felt that a Secretary should be able to mix more with the members than he was in a position to do. He advised the Club to think over this during the coming year and, at the next A.G.M., to elect someone preferably who lived in London and who could attend all section runs.

Mr. Jeffreys accepted nomination to the committee and agreed to be runs leader for the Western Section only on condition that he did not have to book hot lunches, this condition being occasioned by difficulties experienced by past runs leaders owing to members failing to notify their requirements in this respect.

Mr. Fitzpatrick pointed out that the Auditor was not provided for in the rules and it was agreed that this should be attended to at the next A.G.M.

#### 5. Consideration of the Following Proposal. (Remitted from the last A.G.M.).

"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 runs list, magazine and postages. 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."

The Secretary reminded the meeting that the Committee, as stated in his report, were unable to support this scheme.

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Mrs. Lang, in moving this proposal, said that she had brought this up as arranged at the previous A.G.M. She supported the motion with the argument that, from experience of other clubs, it seemed more likely that a person who had been a social member would re-enter the Club as a full member at a later date.

The Secretary thought that the Club would not be able to afford this and also considered it difficult to draw a line between the two types of members. Mr. Fitzpatrick pointed out that the function of the Forty-Plus Club was social and was not, as in some others, capable of division into supporting and non-supporting members, and thought it better not to apply this idea to the Forty-Plus, while Mr. Wooder thought it best to aim at bringing down the subscription eventually. There was no seconder, and the motion was therefore dropped.

Any Other Business.

- (a) A message was delivered from Mr. Skelton, who was now unable to ride owing to doctor's orders but who wished to be remembered to those of the Forty-Plus who were still riding.
- (b) Mrs. Lang asked for a new list of members, as none had been sent out, she thought, since 1957. The Secretary pointed out that it was useless sending this out before March, as subscriptions would not be in until then. Mrs. Lang suggested that if a new Handbook were printed, the Founder's photograph be reproduced in the front of it and "F" be added against the names of all founder members.
- (c) Mr. Wooder brought up the question of the purchase of a typewriter, primarily for the purpose of the Magazine, and it was agreed that the Committee should go into this.
- (d) The Secretary had been asked by the V.C.T.A. to organize another joint run with them.
- (e) Mr. Wooder announced that he had arranged for the Forty-Plus to marshall the Veteran Cycle Run and hoped for good support.
- (f) Mr. Seymour asked for a discussion on the matter of recruiting new members, a matter which he considered should be treated with urgency. He suggested giving new members free membership for six months or one year. Mr. Fitzpatrick and Mr. Lang thought that such members would have to come from old members of clubs which were now too fast for them. Mr. Fitzpatrick suggested setting up a fund, from which new members would be paid for at cost price.

Mr. Wooder suggested looking into the possibility of advertising in the spaces on the underground railway trains.

Mr. Seymour again put forward his original suggestion of six months free membership at least for new members, or possibly a year, and added that it could be financed either by himself or a special fund. The Chairman thought that this would have to be put forward at the next A.G.M. Replying to Mr. Seymour's query as to how such a fund should be covered in the accounts, Mr. Fitzpatrick said that it need not be part of the Club funds but could be a separate account under Mr. Seymour as Secretary. Suggestions having been made that this offer should be advertised in the C.T.C. Gazette, the Chairman pointed out that, according to rules, this could not be done until passed at the next A.G.M.

While on the subject of advertising, Mr. Seymour suggested advertising the Club in cafes.

Finally, Mr. Seymour, again reverting to his suggestion about free membership, said that he would bring it up for discussion at committee meetings throughout the year and eventually at the next A.G.M.

Mr. Plowright then advised publicising the runs and tours we had done in the past in order to break down the opinion held in some quarters that we were not very active.

There was no further business, and Mr. Tackley then proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Canham for his years in office as Secretary, saying that he had done his job cheerfully, willingly and efficiently. This was passed with acclamation.

The meeting closed at 5.15 p.m.

*Dr. King  
20th Feb. 1960*

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SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR 1959.

After a year in office it is my duty to present to you a review of the activities of the Club during the year and the numerical and financial strength at its conclusion.

Our quarterly magazine, "Signpost", under the able editorship of Stuart Tackley and with the aid of Tom Wooder in production, carries reports of almost all fixtures, so that it only remains for me to underline that tours were arranged and well supported during all the Bank Holidays. For this a real debt is owed to Tom Wooder, who took a major part in all the work entailed. The usual "slide" week-end at Ugley was a continuation of Lew Pemberton's originality, and Tom Wooder's special, the Christmas Dinner, was as hilarious as before. In addition, various week-ends throughout the year increased the area of our Sunday explorations. For these latter our hard-working, and sometimes hard-pressed, area leaders are responsible, and it is to them that the Club owes indebtedness for the week-to-week continuance of its activities. You will all have heard of the tragic sudden death of Freddie Folds, who had done so much in building up and maintaining our Bournemouth Section. Tom Cobb, our newest recruit to this section, has taken over and I am sure we all wish him success in carrying on the good work. In this he will have every possible assistance from your officers.

The Dinner was voted a success, both as to the meal and the arrangements, and Ted Groom, as before, carried those through faultlessly and without a hitch.

On the very important question of membership strength, this increased by four during the year, bringing the total to 102 + 14 in the Bournemouth area and 98 elsewhere. This result can only be considered as a maintenance of the status quo and has only been attained by the constant work of your committee and the assistance of members, allied to a small amount of regular advertising. I consider this question to be of paramount importance, and the drive to increase our numbers must be pursued relentlessly.

On the financial side, we again concluded the year with a small excess of income. This was, in large measure, due to considerable savings being made in stationery and duplicating supplies with the help of Lew Pemberton, which more than offset the small loss on the Annual Dinner. I would mention here a warning that, with the proposed re-issue of a Handbook, perhaps allied to an increase in advertising scope, members should be prepared for a small deficit in 1960.

Finally, might I appeal to all members to make a real effort to attend the A.G.M., coupled with my thanks to them and to the officers of the Club for their co-operation and help in making the past year a continuation of previous years in the pleasurable activities of the Forty Plus C.C.

2nd February, 1960.

L. SEYMOUR.

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**MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ON THE 27TH FEBRUARY, 1959  
AT THE SUTTON ARMS, E.C.1.**

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

**Messrs. Cannon, Drewett, Fletcher,  
Groom, Jaffrays, Seymour,  
Tackley and Wooley.**

The meeting commenced at 7.0 p.m. An apology for absence was received from Mr. Cannon.

**Minutes of Last Meeting.**

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

**Matters Arising.**

Mr. Tackley brought up the matter of a typewriter, and Mr. Drewett said he had procured an Underwood from his firm for £2. He was prepared to loan the machine for Club use. Mr. Groom also mentioned that he had a Woodstock in view for £2.10.0. If neither of these machines were found to be suitable, the Secretary was authorised to proceed with steps towards purchasing a machine.

**Secretary's Report.**

The Secretary reported that 46 members to date had renewed their subscriptions for 1959. Cash in hand was £8.12.9 and in Bank £20.11.10, not including subscriptions received since February 14th. There were no outstanding accounts.

The Secretary's report was accepted on a proposal by Mr. Cannon, seconded by Mr. Wooley.

The Secretary read out the names of five new members. (Mr. & Mrs. A. Rankin, Mr. H. Warhurst, Mr. W. Fisher, Mr. J. Franka).

**Minutes of A.C.W.**

This was dealt with numerically and, in Item 2, Mr. Cannon asked for details of last year's advertising to be inserted, that is, 12 advertisements in "Cycling" and one in the C.T.C. Gazette, also for a capital D in (c) for Dinner.

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The Chairman asked for it to be made clear that, in Item 5, Mrs. Leng was shown to have re-moved her proposition.

It was decided that the Minutes should be circulated to members as soon as practicable.

Mr. Groom asked to be informed of the opinions expressed at the A.G.M. re the dinner and was informed that the feeling was to continue the function and that price was not the main consideration. A small increase was envisaged.

Mr. Groom proposed and Mr. Wooder seconded that the Minutes be adopted as amended.

#### Fixture List.

The runs for the ensuing quarter were presented by the leaders. No Whitsun tour had yet been able to be fixed, although Mr. Wooder was still hopeful of being able to do something for this holiday if his work allowed.

#### Other Business.

The Secretary asked the Committee to consider carefully his suggestion as to how an increase in the free membership period could be implemented, and to give him their considered ideas at the next Committee meeting. He asked for a list of members out to lunch and tea and for an all-out drive for recruits, and set a target of 130 for the end of 1959.

Mr. Irving and Mr. Fletcher brought up the question of advertising. Various suggestions were forthcoming as to the possibilities, in the local press and in cafes and cycle dealers' premises. Mr. Wooder proposed and Mr. Groom seconded that the Secretary be authorized to insert an advertisement of approximately 24 words for 1 year in the G.T.C. Gazette, mentioning that a fixture list was available from him.

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There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9 p.m.

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*Mr Irving*  
12 May 1959



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MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ON THE 1ST MAY, 1959  
AT THE SUTTON ARMS, E.C.1.

Present.

Mr. D.M. Irving (Chairman).

Messrs. Canham, Drewett, Fletcher, Jeffreys, Seymour, Tackley,  
Cannon.

The meeting commenced at 7.0 p.m. Apologies for absence were received from Mr. Groom and Mr. Wooder.

Minutes of Last Meeting.

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

Matters Arising.

On the question of a typewriter, Mr. Tackley confirmed that he was now in possession of a machine on loan to the Club by Mr. Drewett and that it was proving satisfactory in use. It was proposed by Mr. Canham and seconded by Mr. Jeffreys that a formal note of appreciation of the generosity of Mr. Drewett be recorded in the minutes.

Secretary's Report and Correspondence.

The Secretary reported that 71 members to date had renewed their subscriptions for 1959. This did not include the Bournemouth Section, which was being attended to by Mr. Folds, who would be reporting in due course. Cash in hand and at the Bank totalled £47.16.1. There were no outstanding accounts other than the accumulating leaders' and secretary's yearly expenditure.

The Secretary read out the names of three new members - Mr. W.H.H. Jones, Mr. W.F. Wyatt and Mr. E.A. Mauder.

Correspondence was read out by the Secretary which he had pursued with these new members and also other prospectives, and also a letter sent to all those members still unpaid. It was moved by Mr. Tackley, seconded by Mr. Canham, that the names of these people be given to the leaders in whose area they were deemed to be, with a view to a final personal approach.

It was proposed by Mr. Canham, seconded by Mr. Jeffreys, that the Secretary's Report be received with approbation.

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Coming Fixtures.

(a) Home Counties Rally.

It was proposed by Mr. Tackley and seconded by Mr. Canham that the correspondence be noted but no direct action be taken, it being felt that those members wishing to attend would do so on their own initiative.

(b) Vets Cycle Club - Annual Rally.

In the absence of Mr. Wooder, the Secretary was instructed in a motion moved by Mr. Canham and seconded by Mr. Fletcher to pursue the matter of the advert. in the programme with Messrs. Bentels and also to contact Mr. Wooder on the subject of our promise to provide marshals for the event and also for a progress report.

(c) Inter-Fixture with V.T.T.A.

Mr. Drewett agreed to attempt to fit in a fixture on September 27th on the northern side of London and to contact Bob Lott of the V.T.T.A., informing him of this proposal.

Any Other Business.

Mr. Seymour brought up a suggestion for an inter-fixture with the Bournemouth Section and, in this connection, it was mentioned that Mr. Wooder's August week-end might be in that area and that the opportunity be used for this purpose.

On the question of the extension of the free membership period, which had been left with the Committee for their careful consideration from the previous meeting, Mr. Canham raised various personal doubts, amongst which were the possibility of a feeling of unfairness amongst those who were already fully paid up, the possible void period in recruiting before the free time became operative and the unfair call upon Mr. Seymour in financing such a scheme. After some discussion, a proposal from Mr. Drewett to increase the free membership period to nine months was accepted for further detailed discussion at the next Committee meeting. It was felt that some such scheme would have to be placed strongly before the members at the next A.G.M. and shown to have the backing of the whole Committee. The Secretary was questioned on the subject of the result of advertising and replied that two of the new members were a direct result of this campaign. He promised to keep close records of enquiries and correspondence relating to this.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.0 p.m.

*Dr. King*  
23rd July 1959

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MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ON JULY 23RD, 1959 AT THE SUTTON ARMS, E.C.1.

Present, -

Mr. D.M. Irving (Chairman).

Messrs. Canham, Cannon, Drewett, Groom, Jeffreys,  
Seymour, Tackley, Wooder.

The meeting commenced at 7.15 p.m. An apology for absence was received from Mr. Fletcher.

Minutes of Last Meeting.

Mr. Groom proposed and Mr. Drewett seconded that the Minutes as circulated be accepted as a true record and they were accordingly signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising.

Mr. Wooder reported, in connection with the marshalling of the N.A.V.G.C. rally, that the organisers, Messrs. Bantels, were well satisfied with the Club's efforts. The Secretary showed a copy of the advert. which was inserted free in the programme for the event. On a proposal by Mr. Seymour, it was agreed unanimously that a vote of thanks be recorded officially to Mr. Wooder for his part in arranging the marshalling.

Mr. Wooder reported that it would prove impossible to meet the Bournemouth Section over the August week-end as they wished the venue to be for tea at Moortown, which would make the return to quarters at Winchester too far after the meal. He hoped for a week-end meeting later in the year.

The leaders reported their efforts in attempting to persuade those people on their lists to renew their subscriptions.

Mr. Drewett signified that, on being given Mr. Lott's address, he would continue with an effort to arrange an inter-fixture with the V.T.T.A.

Secretary's Report and Correspondence.

The Secretary reported that cash in hand at the Bank totalled £53.13.7, which did not allow for accrued leaders' expenses or magazine accounts.

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The membership was 98 to date, which included one received that evening. Thirteen of these were in Bournemouth Section. Correspondence from various people enquiring about the Club was read and, having been already answered by the Secretary, was passed to the leaders in whose area those people fell, for their follow up.

#### Extension of the Membership Period.

This subject was again fully discussed.

A comprehensive scheme was put forward by Mr. Tackley which included the alteration of the Club's financial year. Mr. Wooder and Mr. Groom objected, on principle, putting forward the idea that the payment of the 10/- subscription is no deterrent to those who really wish to join and that free membership in any form savours of a bribe. Mr. Drewett suggested the extension of the free period to three months as a compromise to his nine months, mentioned at the last meeting. After more discussion, Mr. Tackley put forward an amendment to his original scheme that half subscription only, be paid by those members joining after June 30th. This was seconded by Mr. Canham and carried with one dissentient. (This, together with the necessary changes in the rules, will be put before the members at the next A.G.M.).

#### Production of "Signpost".

On this subject Mr. Seymour suggested, as a further aid towards perfection, that only the best stencils be used.

Mr. Wooder reported that Bulmers had again serviced the duplicator.

On the question of copy, Mr. Tackley said he welcomed items of general interest and that it was proposed to recommence the series of thumbnail sketches of the more outstanding members.

Mr. Seymour wished to place on official record the Committee's appreciation of Mr. Tackley's and Mr. Wooder's efforts in producing the magazine, and seconded by Mr. Groom, this was passed with approbation.

#### Production of New Handbook.

As a preliminary estimate of cost, the figure of £7.10.0 was quoted, as referring to the last time a handbook was issued.

It was pointed out that a list of members and the rules of the Club in handbook form were more impressive than in duplicated form. Mr. Jeffreys expressed himself in favour of a repeat issue. Mr. Groom suggested a handbook every year with no list of members, with the addition of a separate printed list of members in quarto. This was seconded by Mr. Wooder. Mr. Drewett amended this to a handbook complete with list of members and Mr. Jeffreys seconded. This amendment was carried, 5 for, 3 against.

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On the subject of whether to include the photograph of Cecil Cooke as a frontispiece, after discussion a motion to do so was rejected by ~~3~~ for, ~~3~~ against.

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Any Other Business.

Mr. Groom brought up the question of the Dinner. The tickets would be printed next month. He had the question of a band under review and asked if it was essential to submit alternative menus to the Committee. It would again be necessary to guarantee a number. If every member could bring a guest, the cost would surely be covered. The date would be November 7th. Mr. Drewett suggested leaving the final choice of the menu to Mr. Groom and said that a figure of 17/6d. had been passed. Various suggestions were made as to breaking up the dancing with alternative items for those who did not dance and Mr. Groom promised consideration of these ideas.

Mr. Wooller said that a week-end would be arranged for October 24th/25th at the Forest Hut for a slide show, etc. and that the accommodation was limited to 32.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.15 with a unanimous vote of thanks to the Chairman.

*On Meeting  
18th Sept. 1959.*

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FORTY-PLUS CYCLING CLUB.

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ON THE 18TH SEPTEMBER  
AT THE SUTTON ARMS, E.C.1.

1959

Present.

Mr. D.M. Irving - Chairman.  
Messrs. Drewett, Fletcher, Jeffreys, Seymour,  
Tackley, Wooder.

The meeting commenced at 7.15 p.m.

Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. Canham and Cannon. A telephone call was received from Mr. Groom from the Channel Isles during the meeting.

Minutes of Last Meeting.

A small error in the voting figures on the subject of the inclusion of Mr. Cecil Cooke's photograph in the proposed re-issue of a handbook was pointed out by Mr. Tackley and, on correction, Mr. Tackley proposed and Mr. Wooder seconded that the Minutes as circulated be accepted as a true record and the Chairman signed them as such.

Matters Arising.

Mr. Wooder reported no further progress yet with the suggested week-end to meet the Bournemouth Section but said that the matter was still in mind. Mr. Drewett reported that he was unable to arrange the inter-fixture with the V.T.T.A. at present as Mr. Lott had informed him that no vacant dates were available until the New Year. Mr. Tackley expressed his continued desire to increase the features of general interest in "Signpost" and would make further appeals to the membership for copy of this nature.

Secretary's Report and Correspondence.

The Secretary reported that the cash in hand and at the Bank totalled £53.10.5. Of this sum, the various leaders' and the editor's outstanding accounts which had been presented amounted to a nominal sum, the main debit being on the magazine, which was about £10. Somewhat over a year's supply of materials was in hand, however. This left, in round figures, about £40 as the Club balance plus the levy which was to come from Bournemouth. The membership to date totalled 99. He had paid the current subscription for our entry in the British Cycling Federation Directory of Clubs for 1959/60, which amounted to 6/- and which had been contracted before

he took over. A recommendation from Mr. Ford regarding a Mr. Behr as being interested in membership had been immediately followed up. On the subject of the two months loss on the advertisement in the C.T.C. Gazette owing to the printing dispute, he was instructed to ask for our initial period of 12 inserts to be extended for two months which would, of course, be free of charge. Mr. Wooder proposed and Mr. Drewett seconded that the report be accepted with appreciation.

#### Annual Dinner.

While a preliminary examination of this was under review, a telephone call from the Channel Isles was received from Mr. Groom by the Secretary. He was informed that Mr. Groom had the matter well in hand and was approaching the final arrangements. He apologised for his inability, owing to this business commitment, to be at the meeting. His injuries in his recent minor accident were improving.

#### Cost of Production of "Signpost".

Mr. Wooder produced detailed figures which he had compiled regarding the overall picture of the financial side of the magazine. He laid stress upon the fact of reduced cost of paper procured with the assistance of Mr. Pemberton. At a closely estimated figure for a magazine as at present constituted, of ten pages, it could be said that each issue cost 6d.; thus members were receiving about 2/- per year under this heading plus postages. A vote of thanks to Mr. Wooder for his detailed work and for his continued faith in the advantage of Mr. Pemberton's discount was proposed by Mr. Jeffreys and seconded by Mr. Drewett. Mr. Wooder wished it to be placed on record that any mention of economical figures must include a favourable reference to Mr. Pemberton.

#### Production of Handbook.

To proceed with the production of a new Handbook the Secretary suggested getting a quotation from the printers of the C.T.C. Gazette. A suggestion to contact Mr. Groom at the Dinner for any alternatives was agreed. Mr. Drewett and Mr. Jeffreys also agreed to pursue the question and all information would be reviewed at the next Committee meeting, when action would be taken with a view to the possibility of issuing by February, 1960.

#### Any Other Business.

The question of advertising was ventilated by Mr. Fletcher. He suggested that our present insert monthly in the C.T.C. Gazette was not really read by a great number of prospective members. He suggested increasing the scope by examining the possibility of displayed advertisements, both in the C.T.C. Gazette and "Cycling". On discussion, it was finally agreed, on

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a motion by Mr. Drewett, that the Committee should note and submit examples of these at the next meeting and then quotations of cost could be procured.

The Secretary suggested a regular item on future Committee meeting agendas of runs secretaries' reports given verbally, and this was seconded by Mr. Wooder and agreed. A suggestion by the Secretary to provide the runs secretaries with lists of members considered to be in their areas was also seconded by Mr. Wooder and agreed.

Mr. Wooder quoted his innovation of informal runs every week during the winter to assist in keeping members closely in touch. This catered for East and North and he suggested it might be extended to the West.

The Chairman suggested that some social activity such as a theatre or meal might be arranged to follow the A.G.M., both to encourage a larger attendance and to prolong the meeting of members who rarely otherwise came in contact.

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There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.45 with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

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Phil King  
26 Nov. 1959



FORTY-PLUS CYCLING CLUB.

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ON 26TH NOVEMBER, 1959  
AT THE SUTTON ARMS, E.C.1.

Present.

Mr. D.M. Irving - Chairman.

Messrs. Canham, Drewett, Fletcher, Groom, Jeffreys,  
Seymour, Tackley, Wooder.

The meeting commenced at 7.15 p.m.

An apology for absence was received from Mr. Cannon.

Minutes of Last Meeting

Mr. Groom proposed and Mr. Wooder seconded that the Minutes as circulated be accepted as a true record and they were signed by the Chairman.

Mr. Canham asked for confirmation of the point relating to the previous commitment of payment for an entry in the B.C.F. Directory of Clubs and this was given.

Matters Arising.

There were no matters arising.

Secretary's Report and Correspondence.

The Secretary reported that the financial position of the Club was mainly unchanged since the last meeting, showing a balance of about £53. Against this, outstanding debts were for the magazine accounts and the section leaders' expenses and also the Secretary's expenses. He would ask for them to be submitted at the final committee meeting before the A.G.M., when they would all be settled. At an estimate, the total in hand would be in the region of £38 plus the Bournemouth Section levy of approximately £3.10.0.

The membership strength was exactly 100 to date.

Correspondence received from prospective members had been answered immediately and was being passed on to the section leaders concerned for their follow-up.

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As suggested at the last Committee meeting, a list of members in the various areas had been prepared and a copy was handed to the appropriate leaders.

The Secretary and Treasurer's report was accepted on a motion by Mr. Wooder seconded by Mr. Tackley.

### Runs Secretaries' Reports.

#### Northern.

Mr. Drewett reported good support for his runs, which he estimated to average 12. He had received no complaints. Regarding the question of bookings, he had had to rely much on chance but had succeeded in overcoming the resultant difficulties. He had now arranged the inter-run with the V.T.T.A., which would be on January 10th, the only vacant date which Mr. Lott could supply in the near future.

#### Eastern.

Mr. Wooder reported an average of 12-15 throughout the year. The Slide Show, repeated this year, had been very successful. The Southend week-end for the "lights" had attracted 8 members. The week-end with the West Kent Over 35 Section saw 10 Forty-Plus members. Bookings for the Christmas Dinner so far were 24, and for the Christmas tour 8. Easter arrangements had already been fixed at Blean, near Canterbury, the Yew Tree Guest House. At the conclusion of the report Mr. Groom wished to place on record his appreciation of Mr. Wooder's August week-end leadership which, in his opinion, was an outstanding success.

#### Western.

Mr. Jeffreys reported a fairly successful year with fluctuating numbers, averaging about 8-10. On August 9th, at tea at Chenies, and on October 4th, at lunch at Burnham Green, members present totalled 19 on each occasion. Two new recruits were very probable. He questioned the suitability of Stanmore as a meeting place during the winter months, having a preference for morning stop as a venue during this season. At the conclusion of this report Mr. Groom remarked upon the lapsing of the inter-fixture with the Western Section C.T.C. Over 40's Section and the Secretary was instructed to contact their Secretary with a view to its revival.

Having had these reviews of the past year, Mr. Irving wished to record his appreciation of the idea, which gave a good general picture of the Club's activities. Mr. Groom moved the acceptance of the reports and Mr. Canham seconded.

Annual Dinner Report.

Mr. Groom reported a deficit on the function of £4.10.0, which was directly attributed to a small fall in attendance. He did not consider this a real cause for concern as it seemed a unanimous opinion that the Talbot had provided a very good meal and satisfactory service. The small number unable to take up their bookings was very creditable in view of the very foggy weather conditions. A report to "Cycling", although not published at the time of this meeting, appeared subsequently. After some discussion, Mr. Wooder proposed and Mr. Drewett seconded that Mr. Groom be instructed to proceed with similar arrangements for a 1960 Dinner (as late in the year as practicable) and this was carried unanimously.

Production of the Handbook.

Mr. Seymbur produced a quotation from the Thanet Press for 120 copies for £7.10.0 in the form decided at the previous committee meeting. Mr. Drewett had contacted a friend who had quoted £8.5.0 for 100 copies. Mr. Groom expressed the opinion that printers known to him would probably quote about £7.10.0 per 100 but that delivery might be delayed. Mr. Wooder proposed and Mr. Groom seconded that instructions to proceed with the work be issued when the officers of the Club became known after the A.G.M. and that the Thanet Press be advised accordingly.

Advertising.

On this subject, it was said that the Club could only afford a limited expansion. On examination of the rates for displayed adverts. in "Cycling and Mopeds", these were considered prohibitive. The Secretary was instructed to contact the C.T.C. on the cost of their small displayed adverts. and meanwhile the present insert in the Gazette would carry on until May, 1960, before which the position would receive further consideration.

Any Other Business.

On the question of the Bournemouth Section, the Secretary read a letter from Mr. Cobb giving confirmation of his taking over as Secretary of that Section and giving details of his work so far. The Secretary was instructed to convey to Mr. Cobb the Committee's appreciation of his offer and also to give all the assistance possible to him in his efforts. In this connection, it was suggested that, in forwarding these good wishes, it might be suggested that local advertising might be helpful to their activities and growth.

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The possibility of the President's retirement was discussed and, after various opinions, the Committee agreed on informal approaches on the subject.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.15 with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

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*Dr. McSmig  
4th January 1960.*