

The Forty Plus Cycling Club

Year 1962

1962
MINUTES OF THE ELEVENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF THE FORTY PLUS CYCLING CLUB, HELD AT THE
"SUTTON ARMS", 16, GREAT SUTTON STREET, E.C.1
ON THE 10TH MARCH, 1962.

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The meeting commenced at 3.15 p.m. with 21 members present. 1962
(This was subsequently increased to 24).

The Chairman, Mr. Irving, welcomed members and reported that apologies for absence had been received from Mr. Crooke, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Groom, Mrs. Irving and Mr. Knapp.

1. Confirmation of Minutes of Tenth Annual General Meeting.

It was moved by Mr. Neville and seconded by Mr. Eynon:

"That the Minutes of the tenth annual general meeting as circulated be signed as a correct record."

There being no questions as to their accuracy, these were accordingly signed.

2. Matters Arising.

There were no matters arising.

3. Secretary's Report and Audited Accounts.

These had been circulated to all members.

In commenting on his report, the Secretary, Mr. Seymour, remarked that it was similar to the previous year's except for the small loss of membership due to the winding up of the Bournemouth Section. Otherwise membership figures were more or less stable; but he would like to see a rise, as we were only just paying our way. The only possible economies would be ceasing advertising and cutting out the Handbook, neither of which steps did he wish to take, nor did he think it advisable to put up the subscription, as this would possibly lead to loss of members. Therefore it was essential to have a bare minimum membership of about 100. A new duplicator had been purchased and the cost had been helped by very generous donations from certain members who did not wish their names to be mentioned, and by Mr. Wooder, who had managed to get about 12% discount. Another expense coming shortly would be the purchase of badges, the stock of which was running low.

It was moved by Mr. Wooder and seconded by Mr. Drewett that the Report and Accounts for 1961 be adopted, Mr. Wooder at the same time remarking that stationery costs should be down by about half next year, as he had a good stock in hand. The motion was carried unanimously.

4. Election of Officials for 1962.

The Chairman announced that all the officers were willing to offer themselves for re-election, and although he was pleased at their willingness to carry on working, he did not wish this to prevent anyone from offering to take over. The officers were then elected as follows:-

| <u>Position.</u> | <u>Name.</u> | <u>Proposed by:-</u> | <u>Seconded by:-</u> |
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| President. | Mrs. Lang. | Elected by general acclamation. | |
| Chairman. | Mr. Irving. | Mrs. Lang. | Mr. Wooder. |
| Secretary. | Mr. Seymour. | Mr. Drewett. | Mrs. Lang. |
| Editor. | Mr. Tackley. | Mrs. Lang. | Mr. Eynon. |
| Social Sec. | Mr. Groom. | Mr. Wooder. | Mr. Hankin. |
| Auditor. | Mr. Fitzpatrick. | Mr. Tackley. | Mr. Wooder. |

In considering the election of committee members, it was noted that Mr. Cannon would not be standing for re-election, owing to his forthcoming retirement and his wish to be free of commitments for at least a year, and also that two other members of the 1961 committee - Messrs. Canham and Jeffreys - were absent from the present meeting and, although no official

intimation had been received from them, it was thought by several members that they were unwilling to stand for re-election. Therefore, although proposed by members present, it was reluctantly decided that their names should be withdrawn, with appreciation of their past work. The committee was then elected as follows:-

| <u>Name.</u> | <u>Proposed by:-</u> | <u>Seconded by:-</u> |
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| Mr. Fletcher. | Mr. Wooder. | Mr. Cannon. |
| Mr. Wooder. | Mrs. Lang. | Mr. Cohen. |
| Mr. Warhurst. | Mr. Drewett. | Mr. Seymour. |
| Mr. Drewett. | Mr. Eynon. | Mr. Davey. |
| Mr. Crawley. | Mr. Irving. | Mr. Wooder. |
| Mr. Fyfe. | Mr. Wooder. | Mr. Cohen. |

5. Any Other Business.

(a) Mr. Neville proposed making runs shorter "to enable more ladies to join" and to encourage others in the upper age group. The Chairman reminded the meeting that Mr. Neville had brought this matter up last year and read some correspondence between him and the Secretary on the subject. During discussion, the following suggestions were made:-

- (i) That members finding runs too long should come out to elevenses and then proceed by a shorter route to tea.
- (ii) Mr. Wooder proposed putting a letter in "Signpost" offering to lead shorter runs from Hatfield, provided those interested sent their names to him in advance.
- (iii) Mr. Irving expressed his intention of leading shorter runs in the south-west area (which, incidentally, would include the proposed new domicile of Mr. Neville - Hounslow). He regretted, however, that owing to his not having every Sunday free, his runs could not be programmed. Also, they would inevitably clash with those already on the programme, and he hoped that other Section Leaders would not resent the fact that some of their former members would sometimes be lost to these new runs.

The results of these experiments would be reported at the next A.G.M.

(b) Mr. Cannon, in retiring both from his place of employment and, at least temporarily, as Southern Section Leader, thanked those members who had supported him but said that he would recommend to the new Southern Section Leader that no runs be led in December, January and February, as there was not sufficient support. It was remarked by several members present that the C.T.C. had already catered strongly for older members in the south and Mr. Irving pointed out that geographically the south was difficult to organize, being really large enough to contain two sections. He thanked Mr. Cannon for carrying out an uphill task so nobly and wished him an enjoyable retirement in the hope that he would, after his proposed 12 months rest, return to the committee.

(c) Mr. Wooder asked if the meeting thought the Handbook necessary; he was inclined to regard it as an unnecessary expense. The Secretary, however, replied that, at the Committee meeting which discussed it, the view had been expressed that when members saw their names in print they were encouraged to pay their subscriptions, and he added that decisions on the printing of the Handbook had been reversed several times in the past and expressed the hope that any decision made now would be final, as frequent such changes might bring the Club into disrepute. The Chairman reminded the meeting that the last decision to reprint the Handbook had been taken as a result of a request at the 9th A.G.M. (1959) and that it had finally appeared in 1961. After further discussion, the following motion was proposed by Mrs. Lang and seconded by Mr. Fletcher:-

"That we do not reprint the Handbook, that we print in its place a Book of Rules to be issued to each member on joining, that thereafter we issue only a duplicated list of members of the Club and that we also issue, as required, amendments to the Rule Book."

Mr. Tackley said that he would be sorry to see the Handbook go and the Secretary expressed the fear that the Club might lose status by having a "Handbook full of amendment slips and an untidy list of members", and thought it advisable to carry on while we could possibly afford it and review the position next year, while other members considered the small saving did not justify the loss of the Handbook. After a proposal by Mr. Wooder seconded by Mr. Fyfe that the motion be put to the vote, Mrs. Lang said that she wished to withdraw the motion. The following amended motion was then proposed by Mr. Sorrell and seconded by Mr. Wooder:-

"That a Rule Book be printed and issued to all members and new members and that every year a list of members be printed and distributed to all existing members and any new members."

On putting this motion to the vote, there were 6 for and 14 against. There were no votes in favour of the original motion, which the Chairman pronounced must therefore fall.

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- (d) Mrs. Lang proposed that the clause on the entry form reading, "having read the Rules," etc. should be deleted, as prospective members never had the opportunity of seeing the rules before joining and the meeting agreed that, on reprinting, this clause should be omitted.
 - (e) Mr. Crawley suggested that we have a "gimmick", an annual event which was a "must" for every member, such as an annual tour - a tour in which every member felt bound to join, not necessarily completing the whole tour but at least doing part of it. The Chairman instructed the Committee to consider this proposition.
 - (f) Mr. Plowright put forward the suggestion that members volunteer to lead runs to relieve the official leaders, at which Mrs. Lang pointed out that leaders had always been at liberty to delegate the job to any member who would agree to take a run and the Chairman added that he was sure that any offers would be gratefully received by any leader.

There being no other business, Mr. Wooder proposed and the meeting carried a vote of thanks to "our hard working Secretary" and a similar one was proposed by Mrs. Lang and also carried, to Mrs. Seymour.

In closing the meeting at 5.55 p.m., the Chairman drew attention to the advertising leaflets which had been printed at the request of members at a previous meeting and were available to all, and expressed his hope for a successful season during 1962.

Dr. M. Lang
Atk March 1963

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FORTY PLUS CYCLING CLUB.
SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR 1961.

For my report for 1961 I find once again a close parallel to that of my two previous years in office. From the examination of events, however, this cannot be condemned as a suggestion of stagnation so much as evidence of consolidation and an approach to what I hope to be stability.

Our magazine continues in a familiar format, the hard working Editor, Stuart Tackley, ever pressing for news and articles, meanwhile succeeding in producing four issues to give you a clear picture of our activities. The area leaders (may their tribe increase) have given you the bread and butter of the weekly runs (held without a break throughout the year) together with the occasional jam of the week-end. The Bank Holidays have been filled by visits to Kent, Northants. and Cambridgeshire, Christmas saw the Club at Dial Post, Sussex, and the New Year celebrations (in a blizzard) were based on Stansted and Great Easton. Add to all this the slide show week-end, a Paris week-end for the Tour de France finale and a week in Normandy, together with the individual travels of our members, and you have a story which would be quite unbelievable to a non-cyclist. It would be invidious to signal out particular people to whom we are indebted for all the pleasures; but I feel sure no-one would begrudge Tom Wooder his special mention once again.

The Dinner attracted almost an exact repetition in numerical attendance of that of 1960, and it is hoped that all had an enjoyable evening. Ted Groom once again was responsible and, although no doubt his reward is in a successful function, we must not overlook the amount of work which is involved.

The membership figures stand at 95, including 3 in the Bournemouth area. This is a decrease of 6, entirely due to the falling off of our support from this sub-section. It will be seen that over the three years 1959-61 there has been a very small increase in the London area figures; but from the foregoing it is increasingly obvious that we must not relax our recruiting efforts. Although the potential is not great, I do feel that there are quite a number of eligible cyclists who would benefit from joining our ranks, and it is the question of making the initial contact with these people which I continue to stress as vital. On the financial side we broke almost even, (excluding the funds withdrawn from Bournemouth), so that my previous remarks relating our solvency to the above figures and present subscription rate are once more borne out.

Finally, I hope my concluding remarks in my last year's report have been fulfilled by our members and that our tenth year of existence has justified their continued membership. May I and your committee stress that you should attend the A.G.M., which is in effect the medium through which we learn from you the lines on which our coming programme is to be based.

22nd January, 1962.

L. SEYMOUR.
Hon. Secretary.

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MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING
OF THE FORTY PLUS C.O.,
HELD AT THE "SUTTON ARMS", E.C.1
ON MONDAY, JANUARY 8TH, 1962.

Present.

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

The meeting commenced at 6.50 under the Chairman, Mr. Irving.

Minutes of Last Meeting.

Mr. Drewett queried the reference to his proposed resignation. The Secretary quoted a sentence in his correspondence with Mr. Tackley on the conclusion of the previous meeting, which he (the Secretary) had had to leave prematurely. It was agreed that a misunderstanding had taken place and, with the permission of the Chairman, this reference was deleted. It was then proposed by Mr. Groom and seconded by Mr. Wooder that the Minutes be accepted as a true record and, as amended, they were signed accordingly by the Chairman.

Matters Arising.

There were no matters arising.

Secretary's Report and Correspondence.

The Secretary read correspondence from members in renewing subscriptions, from Mr. Knapp suggesting a re-wording of the advertisement in the C.T.C. Gazette and from Mr. Warner, Secretary of the C.T.C., pursuing the subject of reciprocal publication of coming special events in respective magazines. The accounts showed that the year would probably end with a very small profit margin in addition to the balance of funds transferred from the Bournemouth Section. The membership figure stood at 95, a decrease of 6. On the question of the purchase of the new duplicator, he explained that this decision unfortunately had to be taken at very short notice, as it was a cut price offer from Gestetner. He, Mr. Wooder and Mr. Irving were responsible and he wished to have a formal notice of support from the rest of the Committee. Mr. Tackley proposed and Mr. Canham seconded that the purchase be confirmed, and it was agreed unanimously. Mr. Groom then proposed and Mr. Drewett seconded that the Secretary's report be accepted and it was agreed unanimously.

A.G.M.

After some discussion the date of Saturday, March 10th was put forward as most generally convenient, and this date was formally proposed by Mr. Wooder and seconded by Mr. Jeffreys and agreed unanimously. On the subject of junior membership, which had been explored in discussion during the year, it was finally decided that this would necessitate alteration of the Constitution, and associate membership would not be really welcome, as sub-standard rights and obligations were not really satisfactory. Regarding the 100 miles Veterans ride to augment the C.T.C. event in the between years, Mr. Groom said that he understood the C.T.C. event made a loss but was considered worth-while publicity. The Secretary was to obtain details from the C.T.C. on their last event. Regarding the officers, the Western Section leadership was to be left open until the A.G.M., Mr. Cannon would carry on in the south until May and then a compendium of leaders in this area might be instituted. Mr. Irving intended to commence informal runs in the south-west during the year.

Runs Leaders', Editors and Social Secretary's Reports.

Mr. Drewett reported 13 out during the day on November 19th with 11 at lunch, including Mr. Tackley from the south, 11 out on December 17th with 8 to lunch. He had nothing to report other than the usual troubles with obtaining firm meal bookings. Mr. Cannon, in a written report, gave details of a very enjoyable week-end to the "Crown", Cowden, attended by 6 members, on November 11th/12th, the run to Maidstone on December 10th supported by 4, and he regretted that the annual mid-winter easy fixture to Gravesend only attracted one other in addition to himself. Mr. Wooder reported 8 or 9 to Writtle on November 5th, 7 to Woburn on 25th November, 22 to the Christmas Dinner in poor weather on the Sunday following the Annual Dinner in London. Christmas was spent at Dial Post, Sussex, by 8 members, and 13 went to the "King's Head", Stansted, in connection with the Old/New Year celebrations on December 31st, of whom 4 went to Great Easton in a blizzard to greet the New Year itself. Mr. Jeffreys reported one run on 26th November which was attended by 14 at lunch. Mr. Groom proposed and Mr. Tackley seconded that the runs leaders' reports be accepted with appreciation.

The Editor had nothing to report; he was, as always, open to suggestions as to how to improve the Magazine and he welcomed the purchase of the new duplicator. This report was proposed for acceptance by Mr. Drewett and seconded by Mr. Wooder.

The Social Secretary thanked all who participated for the success of the Dinner. He had heard very favourable comments on the quality of the speeches. With an attendance one less than in 1960, a loss of £1.9.0 had been incurred. He considered that, as a social function for the Club, this was money well spent. He had received suggestions for an alternative venue

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but increased cost still weighed against a change and the "Talbot" retained the advantage of accessibility. He mentioned that the reduction in price for guests had not resulted in any increase in the attendance but Mr. Seymour pointed out that, but for this, the numbers would conceivably have dropped. As a move towards the possible increased popularity of an earlier date, Mr. Tackley and Mr. Wooder suggested November, possibly the 10th, again at the "Talbot". The report was accepted with very great appreciation on a motion by Mr. Wooder seconded by Mr. Tackley.

Any Other Business.

In the absence of Mr. Fletcher, ^{who had left earlier} Mr. Seymour put forward his suggestion of a Patron for the Club. After some discussion, in which only the C.T.C. could be cited as an example of this practice, the Committee unanimously decided that they considered the office unnecessary.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.15 with a vote of thanks to the Chairman for his very efficient handling of meetings during the year, proposed by Mr. Tackley.

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MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING
OF THE FORTY PLUS C.C.
HELD AT THE "SUTTON ARMS", E.C.1
ON FRIDAY, 30TH MARCH. 1962

Present.

Mrs. M. Lang, Messrs. Crawley, Drewett, Fletcher, Fyfe, Seymour,
Tackley, Warhurst.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. Irving and Mr. Wooder.

The meeting commenced at 7.0 p.m.

In the absence of Mr. Irving, owing to illness, Mr. Tackley was proposed as Chairman by Mr. Seymour, seconded by Mr. Drewett.

Minutes of Last Meeting.

Mr. Warhurst queried the wording in "Any Other Business" relating to the absence of Mr. Fletcher when his motion for a patron was put by Mr. Seymour. An amendment was suggested by Mr. Seymour and, with the permission of the meeting, this was agreed and the Minutes then signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

Matters Arising.

Mr. Fletcher reopened the question of his proposition to create an office of Patron for the Club, stressing that no financial obligation was involved and, if the right person could be induced to accept the honour, some considerable publicity could result. The Committee felt that further consideration could be given to this subject and the Secretary was instructed to place it as an item on the agenda of the next meeting.

Secretary's Report and Correspondence.

The Secretary reported that, as usual at this time of the year, the membership strength and therefore the financial position, was in a state of flux and no final figures were therefore available. He read in detail correspondence from various members on joining the Club, enquiring after membership, and when renewing membership.

He mentioned a coming inter-run with the V.T.T.A. which had been arranged.

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On the subject of the 100 mile ride, he read his correspondence and replies from Mr. Warner, Secretary of the C.T.C., who intimated that no great financial loss need be incurred in promoting such an event, the main criterion being the organization involved. Mr. Tackley intervened to suggest that Mr. George Knapp (the original sponsor of the idea) be invited to attend the next Committee meeting, when the subject could receive fuller examination.

The Secretary read a suggested re-wording from Mr. Knapp of the advertisement in the C.T.C. Gazette and, in view of the fact that activities in the Bournemouth area had now ceased and that in any case the present yearly series terminated in May, he asked for instructions from the Committee. It was agreed on an amended wording and the Secretary was instructed to get an estimate of the cost of another 12 months insertion of this and to proceed with arranging the details.

The Secretary apologised for the length of his report, which was then moved for adoption by Mr. Drewett and seconded by Mr. Warhurst.

A.G.M. Minutes.

Mr. Tackley queried the item relating to the re-wording of the entry form; but this was agreed as being a correct interpretation of the action taken at the A.G.M. It was, however, considered by the Committee that some form of acquiescence with the rules should be asked from new members, but, as the supply of forms was at present adequate and no amending action could be taken until the next A.G.M., that the matter be allowed to remain in abeyance.

Finance.

The Secretary put the position quite clearly that, with the membership at its present strength and the subscription at its present level, the Club was likely to function on a very slender margin. The purchase of the new duplicator, although depleting the actual cash in hand, was fortunately really an increase in assets, owing to the very generous donations received and also the surprising allowance made on the old machine.

Mr. Wooder had experimented with a new method of despatch of the Magazine to save the cost of envelopes and, in the opinion of the Committee, this had proved satisfactory, as no complaints had been received of damaged delivery, and the specimen example in the hands of the Secretary confirmed this. Mr. Wooder, who was not present, was to be instructed to proceed with the new arrangement.

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The Secretary said that the stock of badges would shortly need to be replenished. He was instructed to contact Mr. Groom (who was not present) to obtain the information regarding the ordering of these and to have the details available for the next Committee meeting.

Runs Leaders' and Editors' Reports.

Mr. Drewett reported on three runs: January 14th to Clavering - 10 present, February 11th to Puckeridge - 12 out and home to tea, March 11th - Pleshey - 11 out, home to tea. He had, as usual no complaints and considered the attendance, particularly for the winter quarter, as satisfactory.

There were no other leaders present, Messrs. Cannon and Jeffreys being no longer members of the Committee and Mr. Wooder being at a family wedding.

Mr. Tackley considered the new Gestetner duplicator a considerable improvement. The paper stock contained almost a year's supplies. He had commenced taking advantage of the reciprocal advertising arrangements agreed with the C.T.C. Mr. Wooder (regarding short runs) and Mr. Irving (regarding irregular S.W. fixtures) were to be contacted on the publication of their tentative fixtures. He had ideas on publishing an article on meeting procedure and also proposed continuing the series on "How I Started Cycling". He then asked for comments and Mrs. Lang suggested numbering an issue from the beginning. Mr. Drewett complimented the Editor on the last issue, which he considered to be one of the best in the series.

On the question of new leaders for the south and west, Mr. Crawley agreed to cater for the S.W., which would be additional to the irregular fixtures of Mr. Irving. Mr. Wooder had agreed to lead in the S.E. Mr. Warhurst agreed to take over the western leadership.

Mr. Crawley agreed to serve with Mr. Fletcher on the Advertising Sub-Committee in place of Mr. Canham. The Secretary was instructed to thank Mr. Canham and Mr. Jeffreys for their past work and to hope that their co-operation could be assured in the future if required.

Mr. Crawley and Mr. Warhurst agreed to take over their new duties in the July/September quarter.

Any Other Business.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.15 with a vote of thanks to Mr. Tackley for his acceptance of the Chair in the absence of Mr. Irving.

Mr. Irving
4th June 1962.

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING
OF THE FORTY PLUS C.O.
HELD AT THE "SUTTON ARMS", E.C.1
ON MONDAY, JUNE 4TH. 1962

Present.

Messrs. Drewett, Fletcher, Irving, Seymour, Tackley, Warhurst,
Wooder.

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. Lang, Mr. Crawley,
Mr. Fyfe and Mr. Groom.

The meeting commenced at 7.05 p.m.

Minutes of Last Meeting.

It was proposed by Mr. Tackley and seconded by Mr. Drewett that
these be accepted as a true record, and they were accordingly signed by
the Chairman.

Matters Arising.

Mr. Warhurst suggested that, official thanks having been passed
to Messrs. Canham and Jeffreys for their past services to the Club,
a similar procedure be adopted towards Mr. Cannon, who had now given up
his leadership of the Southern Section, and the Secretary was instructed
to adopt this course. On the question of the wording of the entry form,
it had been found impracticable to enable prospective members to read the
rules in advance of joining and undesirable to return to the former method
of formal election of prospective members at Committee meetings.
A deletion of the reference to the Rules was considered an adequate solution
and new application forms would be worded accordingly.

Secretary's Report and Correspondence.

The Secretary reported that he was unable, at this date, to give
a close estimate of the financial position but, on a very rough calculation,
the year should show a small profit excluding the transference of some of
the cash balance to the asset of the new duplicator and to the replenishment
of the stock of badges. The membership figures were still not quite
finalized but here, again, a small increase in numbers for the year could
be anticipated. In this connection the names of those members who had not
yet renewed their subscriptions were examined individually and, from these,
four were assumed to be worthy of further contact and various members of the
Committee assumed this responsibility. He read correspondence relating to
enquiries for membership and from members when renewing subscriptions. He
paid tribute to the very generous amount of donations to Club funds, which
were very gratifying and indicated to him that the Club was of importance
to the membership. Mr. Wooder moved, and Mr. Tackley seconded, that the
Secretary's report be accepted with appreciation.

Club Patron.

Mr. Fletcher again stressed that this office would not be a liability to the Club and could be a decided asset. He had in mind Mr. Woodard, who was personally known to him and whom he thought would accept the honour. Mr. Irving considered that a Club Patron could be viewed either as a source of a yearly donation or as a form of prestige, neither of which considerations did he consider the Club to need. Mr. Drewett questioned the idea that a Patron would lend prestige. Mr. Seymour mentioned that, once accepted, a Patron would be literally a permanency. During considerable discussion, the question of other Clubs' attitudes towards this matter could only be surmised, although only the concrete example of the C.T.C. could be quoted as in favour. Mr. Fletcher put a formal motion that the Club have a Patron. Mr. Wooder seconded and, on being put to the vote, this was defeated by 3 to 2 with one abstention. In view of the close result and the depleted committee attendance, the Chairman informed Mr. Fletcher that he felt that he had a case to pursue the question further, possibly at the A.G.M.

Handbook, Advertising and Badges.

Under this heading the Secretary said that all three were covered by previous decisions. The Handbook would be put into print directly the final membership roll was available, which would be governed by the follow-up action agreed during his report. The altered wording of the advertisement in the C.T.C. Gazette had been submitted and, after an original quotation somewhat higher than before, he had obtained a discount of 12½% by contact with the Editor, Mr. Way, which brought the cost of 12 insertions down to £7.10.0. He had had to make two very small alterations to the exact form decided, to clarify the meaning, which he had done on his own responsibility, and also had accepted the submitted charge for a wording which was undoubtedly longer than previously. He had obtained a quotation of 45/- per dozen from the makers of the previous supply of badges for 3-6 dozen and suggested that the smaller number be ordered to avoid tying up too much of the Club's funds. This was agreed, with the instruction to put in hand 2 dozen in brooch form and 1 dozen stud. It was agreed to charge members the cost price of 3/9d. each. Mr. Wooder brought up the subject of cloth badges and promised to bring a sample to the next meeting. Mr. Wooder proposed, and Mr. Tackley seconded, a motion confirming the Secretary's actions under this heading.

100 Mile Ride for Veterans.

After further discussion on this subject, in the absence of Mr. Knapp it was felt that the obstacles lay under two headings; the number of marshals required, both riding and route, and the support which would be forthcoming. Various estimates of the latter were mentioned but, on the subject of marshals, Mr. Seymour promised to make enquiries when he rode in the C.T.C. event from Enfield and also, if possible, to sound opinion if opportunity arose, as to support. Pending this information, the question was again deferred, with a proviso that a definite decision should be reached at the next Committee meeting.

Runs Leaders' and Editor's Reports.

Mr. Brewett reported the usual numbers on April 8th, when the afternoon turned wet. He was on holiday when the run to Wallington took place and had no details of attendance. 12 members attended the run to Goldhanger in fine weather. This destination was used with the intention of adding variety; but some complaints had been received as to the location for a northern fixture. Mr. Wooder reported 12 out all day on the Great Easton run with four to tea. Easter in the Cotswolds had been attended by the very satisfactory total of 13. Approximately 12 members were out on the Steeple run. The short run he had led attracted 5 including himself, and he considered the effort had been worth while and he intended to repeat the idea during the year. 15 had booked for the Whit Sun break at Ipswich.

The Editor thanked the runs leaders for their prompt reporting of fixtures. He had the intention of numbering the issues of "Signpost" in response to a suggestion from Mrs. Lang and, with a view to possible advertising in the future, it was felt that this should be assumed as from the first issue.

Mr. Irving proposed, and Mr. Fletcher seconded, that the runs leaders' and Editor's reports be accepted with appreciation.

Any Other Business.

Mr. Fletcher suggested that the date of the next Committee meeting be fixed and, after a short discussion, July 4th was accepted as being most suitable.

The meeting closed at 9.00 with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

Mr. Irving
4 July 1962

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MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING
OF THE FORTY PLUS C.C.
HELD AT THE "SUTTON ARMS", E.C.1
ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 4TH, 1962.

Present:- Mrs. M. Lang, Messrs. Crawley, Drewett, Fletcher, Hyde, Irving, Seymour, Tackley, Warhurst, Wooder.

The meeting commenced at 7.05.

Minutes of Last Meeting.

It was proposed by Mr. Drewett and seconded by Mr. Wooder that these be accepted as a true record and the Chairman accordingly signed them as such.

Matters Arising.

There were no matters arising.

On the later arrival of Mr. Tackley, he queried the note regarding numbering of the issues of "Signpost" from its commencement and Mr. Seymour explained that he had had in mind that, if eventually advertisements might be sought for the Magazine, the proved age of the publication was of importance.

Secretary's Report and Correspondence.

The Secretary read the small amount of correspondence accrued since the previous meeting from members renewing subscriptions and those enquiring about joining the Club. The membership figure stood at 99.

He had made an examination of the finances. Taking into account the purchase of the new duplicator and replenishment of badges, the advertising and Handbook, and with an estimate of expenses to come together with the donations to Club funds received, he could assume the balance of cash would be depleted to the extent of some £25. As the old duplicator stood in the Club books at £6 and the new Gestetner would be valued at £63, this could be assumed as satisfactory. He had also made an estimate excluding all transactions peculiar to 1962 and, as in previous years, it seemed that the Club would break about even. The Handbook and badges had been put in hand.

Mrs. Lang brought up the question of the late issue of the Handbook and suggested it might be dated 1962/3. The Secretary pointed out that, in his view, the delay could be placed squarely on the shoulders of those members dilatory in renewing, thus preventing a final list of names being available for inclusion. After some discussion, it was proposed by Mr. Wooder and seconded by Mr. Tackley, that the Handbook for subsequent years include all names from the previous year together with any additions, and that deletions be made only during a current year. This proposition was agreed unanimously.

100 Mile Ride for Veterans.

Mr. Seymour read details of information received from the C.T.C. and the Northern Section of the N.M.D.A. of the C.T.C. regarding marshalling requirements and general outline of arrangements entailed. Mr. Wooder mentioned his difficulties in providing marshals for a Veteran-Cycle event and expressed doubts, from his experiences, regarding promised help. He also stressed the amount of work involved particularly in relation to correspondence and thought that the promotion of such an event would be beyond the Forty Plus resources. Mrs. Lang also thought that many of our own members wishing to participate would reduce the helpers available and that our riding strength was insufficient for the purpose. She supported Mr. Wooder's views on the volume of correspondence and thought that a sub-committee would be essential. There was also the distinct possibility of a financial loss which, in view of our closely balanced accounts, as outlined by the Secretary, we could ill afford. Mr. Tackley suggested that it might be possible to limit the entries to 40 with riding marshals only. He had sounded some opinions during his ride in the Southern C.T.C. event and found that interest was lacking in an event yearly and that the general feeling was to view the promotion as a triennial. Mr. Pye suggested that the booking of meals might not be necessary but this was considered impracticable. Mr. Drowett mentioned that, although it might be considered in some respects praiseworthy, failure or retraction would be a very bad advertisement.

Mr. Wooder moved and Mrs. Lang seconded that, in view of all the closely considered factors, the promotion of a 100 mile ride for Veterans in the between years of the C.T.C. event would be beyond the capacity of the Forty Plus C.C., and this was carried unanimously.

Runs Leaders' and Editor's Reports.

The Editor, in his report, suggested, in relation to the numbering of issues, that he favoured a volume every five years commencing from the inauguration of the Magazine. He was awaiting contributions towards the next issue but the runs leaders kept him well posted regarding activities. He appealed to the two new leaders to carry on the good traditions. He would welcome news of members not seen frequently and also felt that any publication of illness or accident, although not welcome, would be sympathetically received and could lead to cheering visits or correspondence with the unfortunates. The first week in September was the deadline for inclusion in the next issue and, as usual, he welcomed suggestions and comments. Mr. Wooder proposed, and Mrs. Lang seconded, that the Editor's report be accepted with appreciation.

Mr. Drowett reported a successful run on July 1st with 9 at elevenses, 11 at lunch and 10 at tea. Mr. Parsons, our member in the U.S.A., was at Brookmans Park and took memento photographs. He apologized for the change of tea venue, which had been made as a result of adverse reports of the original choice. It was a satisfactory route led by Dolf Lang.

Mr. Wooder reported that, on the day of the Triennial C.T.C. ride, three spent the week-end at Much Hadham before going over to the elevenses venue. He had experienced difficulty fixing up accommodation for the party at the August week-end but hoped to be successful finally.

Mr. Warhurst had no fixtures to report.

Mr. Crawley said that he would be taking over the Southern section in July and he had prepared the fixtures for the current quarter. On the impromptu Southern run Stuart Tackley had met Tom Eynon at Longfield. Tom Eynon had taken a spill during the day in view of a practice first aid exercise! Mr. Crawley wished to emphasise the difficulty of following in the wake of such a capable and experienced leader as John Cannon.

Mr. Fletcher proposed, and Mr. Pyfe seconded, that the runs leaders' reports be accepted with appreciation.

Any Other Business.

The meeting was informed that Mrs. Lang had again paid the cost of the Forty Plus advertisement in the London and Home Counties Magazine of the V.T.T.A. and a unanimous vote of thanks was passed to her for her generous donation.

Mr. Wooder brought a specimen of a cloth badge made privately for inspection, which would sell for about 4/-. Mrs. Lang promised to try and obtain a comparative price estimate from a firm of her knowledge. It was agreed that, before proceeding with either source, the feeling regarding demand be sounded in the Magazine.

Mr. Wooder suggested that the Forty Plus offer their services to the C.T.C. in connection with the next Triennial event, and the Secretary was instructed by the Committee to write accordingly. Regarding the reciprocal arrangements of publicising events agreed between the C.T.C. and the Forty Plus C.C., Mr. Wooder said he had been sending news of any coming special fixtures to them and to Cycling and Mopeds. It was arranged that Mr. Wooder and Mr. Tackley co-operate in advance notices to the C.T.C. Gazette.

After some discussion in which the Secretary said he did not consider another meeting necessary until the autumn, October 5th was agreed as the most suitable date.

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

A. Tackley
Acting Chairman
5. Oct. 1962.

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MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING
OF THE FORTY PLUS C.C.
HELD AT THE "SUTTON ARMS", E.C.1
ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5TH, 1962.

Present.

Mrs. Lang, Messrs. Crawley, Drewett, Fletcher, Fyfe, Seymour, Tackley, Warhurst, Wooder.

An apology for absence was received from Mr. Groom.

The meeting commenced at 7.10 and, in the absence of Mr. Irving, Mr. Tackley was elected to the Chair on a proposition by Mr. Seymour seconded by Mr. Drewett.

Minutes of Last Meeting.

These were accepted as a true record on a proposal by Mr. Wooder seconded by Mr. Warhurst and signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising.

Mr. Tackley apologised for omitting to put a note in the current Magazine regarding cloth woven badges. Mrs. Lang produced an estimate for a similar design to that shown by Mr. Wooder previously but of superior workmanship, the cost of which would be related to the number ordered. On a likely estimate, this would be about 4/6d. After some discussion, it was agreed that if sufficient demand could be assured from members at the forthcoming slide show, this pattern be put in production.

Mr. Tackley mentioned that he had been receiving copy from the C.T.C. for the Magazine too late for inclusion, and he was asked to give them a deadline.

To save postage, the Secretary was instructed to have the 1963 Handbook printed in time for despatch with the Magazine for April/June.

Secretary's Report and Correspondence.

The Secretary read correspondence received since the last meeting and passed to the area leaders those enquiries in their respective districts for the usual follow-up.

The membership figure stood at 101 and he stated that the estimates that he gave at the last meeting of the financial position seemed likely to be reasonably accurate. He stressed once again that, with a membership of about 100, at the present subscription rate the Club was only just financially stable.

The badge stock replenishment had been received and the Handbook had been printed and distributed.

He had procured an estimate from Gestetner on cutting a stencil and providing paper to produce the next supply of Magazine covers. Mr. Wooder said that he could procure duplicating paper at a much reduced cost. As the matter would not be urgent until late 1963, no decision was taken on this subject.

On a motion by the Chairman, the Secretary's report was accepted.

Annual Dinner.

Mr. Seymour read a letter that he had received from Mr. Groom on this subject and passed round a list of sample menus which had been submitted by the Caterers. After some discussion, it was decided to accept one at 15/3d. A surcharge on this to cover the cost of the organization was fixed at 5/- in 1961; but, in view of the loss incurred then together with the increase in band charges, etc., the tickets were agreed to be offered at 22/6d. on a proposition by Mr. Wooder seconded by Mrs. Lang.

Regarding a guest speaker, Mrs. Lang suggested Ron White and agreed to contact him herself. Failing this, Eileen Sheridan and Dr. Woodard were mentioned as possible alternatives.

Mr. Seymour said he would telephone Mr. Groom directly be returned from his business trip and tell him the decisions of the Committee and instruct him to proceed accordingly.

Runs Leaders' and Editor's Reports.

Mr. Wooder reported that 13 attended the August week-end at Hurst Green, Sussex, and made up a very successful holiday. In September, the run to Rayne attracted 12. For the coming week-end to Castle Hedingham he had received 30 bookings, including 18 from the West Kents. At the slide show at Ugley at least 25 seemed likely to attend. He had received correspondence from John Cannon.

Mr. Drewett reported that attendances on the Northern runs were maintaining average. The July run was led by Stan Russell and the September run by Bill Davey in his absence on holiday.

near x Mr. Warhurst reported 10 to elevenses and 10 to tea in July and a near record muster of 23 to lunch and 18 to tea on the Cookham run, when the tea venue had to be altered owing to the Caterers at Chalfont St. Peter being on holiday.

Mr. Crawley reported for July, 2 for elevenses, joined by three fr the East at Friday Street and five for tea. In August, 7 for elevenses, including six from other sections, and six for tea plus two ex-members.

In September, 3 for elevenses and 8 for lunch. He expressed appreciation of the way members from far afield were supporting him and he hoped that the future would show an increase of members riding from the Southern area itself. Mr. Seymour commented that he wished to place on record his appreciation of Mr. Crawley's efforts in continuing the uphill task in the South in succession to John Cannon.

The Editor reported the earlier production of the current Magazine owing to the holiday of Mr. Wooder. Mr. Drewett expressed the opinion that it was one of the best ever editions. The typewriter so long on loan from Mr. Drewett had been replaced by one on loan from Mr. Wooder. Mr. Seymour asked for a sincere vote of thanks to be recorded to Mr. Drewett for his past generosity and this was agreed unanimously. The Editor apologised for occasional alterations in the text of contributions. This was not due to his criticism of the content but was caused by his typing errors, sometimes needing a rearrangement of sentence to avoid corrections to the stencil. He asked for clarity in place names in copy. He had some copy in hand and again thanked the runs leaders for their willing co-operation in this additional burden to their duties. He reminded the meeting that private advertisements of goods for sale were still accepted for publication. He was still enthusiastic about carrying on the Editorship. Mr. Seymour said he had ideas about canvassing for advertisements for inside covers. He appreciated the difficulties attached to this suggestion to-day and said he had no intention of burdening the Editor with this additional responsibility.

The runs leaders' and editor's reports were received with appreciation on a motion by Mr. Seymour seconded by Mr. Fletcher.

Any Other Business.

Mrs. Lang said that those who had so enjoyed Mr. Tom Wooder's week-end and holiday fixtures over the years had decided to present him with a gold badge in recognition of his work. A collection had been made to more than cover the cost, the surplus to be used for insurance for the coming years. It was proposed to make the presentation at the Dinner.

Mrs. Lang also informed the meeting that Mr. Bert Webb was seriously ill in Watford Peace Memorial Hospital and the Secretary was instructed to write a letter expressing the committee's and the Club's best wishes for his recovery.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.30 with a unanimous vote of thanks to the acting Chairman.

*Mr. W. M. G.
10th Dec 1962*

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MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE FORTY PLUS C.C.
HELD AT THE "SUTTON ARMS", E.C.1, ON DECEMBER 10TH,
1962.

Present.

Messrs. Drewett, Fletcher, Fyfe, Groom, Irving, Seymour, Tackley, Warhurst, Wooder.

The meeting commenced at 7.00 p.m.

Minutes of Last Meeting.

Accepted unanimously as a true record on a motion by Mr. Drewett, seconded by Mr. Wooder and signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising.

The Secretary confirmed the receipt of the cloth club badges and these would be sold at 5/- each. Mr. Tackley produced correspondence with Mr. Way, the C.T.C. Editor, in which it was hoped that advance news for publication in "Signpost" would be received at the earliest practicable time.

Secretary's Report and Correspondence.

The Secretary read correspondence received since the last meeting and passed enquiries regarding membership to those runs leaders in the appropriate districts. The membership figures stood at 103. He gave news of a slide show that was being promoted in Willesden.

The report was proposed for acceptance by Mr. Wooder and seconded by Mr. Tackley and passed with appreciation.

A.G.M. and Handbook.

After a short discussion, the date for the A.G.M. was proposed as March 9th, 1963 at 3 p.m. at the "Sutton Arms", on a motion by Mr. Wooder seconded by Mr. Fletcher. This made 23rd February the deadline date for the notices to be distributed, and it was agreed to have the 1963 Handbook available for inclusion with these if possible rather than as agreed previously, with the April/June "Signpost".

The Secretary asked for confirmation regarding the decision taken in relation to the 100 mile promotion being beyond the Club's resources. He also asked for opinion on the proposal made at the 1961 A.G.M. regarding a special ride and fixture which should appeal to all members. The Committee were of the opinion that, with the numerous special events and holiday fixtures, such a promotion would be in the nature of a duplication.

Regarding the officers continuing to serve, Mr. Groom said that he wished to be relieved of his responsibility owing to possible business commitments. This resignation was accepted with the greatest regret. It was pointed out that Mr. Groom had virtually filled this post from the Club's inception, a period of 12 years. On a motion by Mr. Irving seconded by Mr. Wooder, the Committee placed on record its very sincere thanks for Mr. Groom's work over this long period. Mr. George Knapp was suggested as a possible successor and it was decided to approach him on the subject at the Christmas luncheon. The other officers agreed to continue if elected, and also the existing runs leaders.

Social Secretary's Report.

Mr. Groom wished to record his thanks to all those members attending the Dinner and to those bringing guests. He had to admit that the meal provided was not really ideal, neither was the "Talbot" beyond reproach from the cleanliness angle. Although centrally placed, at a price of 22/6d. more option could be exercised. If a change was to be pursued, it could only be made about 12 months ahead. His request for stamped envelopes for tickets had not had a really satisfactory response. He had obtained the spot dance prizes at cost price. He was asked to institute enquiries for an alternative venue and report to the Secretary. Mr. Groom had pleasure in reporting a profit of £11.7.2 on the event.

Mr. Wooder expressed the Committee's vote of thanks to Mr. Groom for his outstanding efforts and this was passed unanimously.

Runs Leaders' and Editor's Reports.

Mr. Tackley reported on the Southern Section. On November 11th, the Sunday following the Dinner, 5 members attended; on December 9th two only, when lunch was taken at an alternative venue.

Mr. Drewett reported on the Eastern run on October 7th, with 9 at elevenses, 11 to lunch and 10 to tea. On the run to Berden on November 18th, 9 to elevenses, 9 to lunch and 6 to tea, results as usual up to average.

The Western run on September 30th was led by Albert Hankin and had no-one to tea. The last two fixtures were taken by Les Seymour owing to an accident to Bert Warhurst. On October 28th 16 seen during the day with 6 to tea. On November 20th 11 during the day with 6 again to tea.

Mr. Wooder reported 23 at the slide show at Ugley, held in conjunction with a Northern Section run. A November week-end to Woburn, held to connect with the run to Great Easton, which attracted 13, with 10 on the week-end. The December run to Maldon saw 10 out during the day. Fixtures to come included Easter booked at Ryde, I.O.W., Whitsun at Southoe, Hunts., August Bank-Holiday at Woburn. The Cambridge week-end to attend

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the C.T.C. lecture was on March 15th/16th - a Western fixture date. The Wittersham week-end was to be continued on March 30th/31st. He had invited Mr. Brighty of Abridge to the Christmas Dinner. He had 8 bookings for the Christmas holiday at Dial Post.

The Editor reported that the stencils were being cut for the next issue of "Signpost". The series "How I Started" was continuing. He asked, as usual, for suggestions regarding improvements in the Magazine, which would be welcomed. Although not welcome, he would wish to print news of members' illnesses to enable contacts and correspondence to be made with the unfortunates. There had been no report of the Dinner in "Cycling & Mopeds", although an account had been rushed through specially.

On a motion by Mr. Fletcher and seconded by Mr. Fyfe, the Editor's and Run Secretaries' reports were accepted with sincere appreciation.

Any Other Business.

Mr. Wooder drew attention to a letter he had composed relating to Mr. Ron Masters and which he proposed to include in the current issue of "Signpost". He insisted that Mr. Masters really appreciated correspondence from Club members and he (Mr. Wooder) asked that a really good response should be made to the appeal.

Mr. Fyfe apologised for his inability to attend the Dinner, owing to a prior engagement, and he asked for a change of date if at all possible.

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

Dr. H. W. M. J.
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