

# *The Forty Plus Cycling Club*

*Year 1963*

1963

MINUTES OF THE TWELFTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
OF THE FORTY PLUS CYCLING CLUB, HELD AT THE  
"SUTTON ARMS", 16, GREAT SUTTON STREET, E.C.1  
ON THE 9TH MARCH, 1963.

12<sup>TH</sup> AGM  
a/c one for 1963

The meeting commenced at 3.15 p.m. There were 25 members present.

The Chairman, Mr. Irving, welcomed members and reported that apologies for absence had been received from Mr. B. Crooke, Mr. G. Neville and Mr. E. Groom.

1. Confirmation of Minutes of Eleventh Annual General Meeting.

The Minutes had been circulated to all members of the Club.

It was moved by Mr. Tackley and seconded by Mr. Wooder:-

"That the Minutes as circulated are a correct record of our last proceedings."

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

2. Matters Arising.

Mr. Tackley asked for a report on the results of Mr. Neville's proposition under 5 (ii) and (iii) of the Minutes, in reply to which Mr. Wooder said that he had taken two "shorter runs from Hatfield" and that they had been quite successful, while Mr. Irving reported that he had attempted to lead shorter runs in the S.W. but that they had not been supported; however, he was not going to give up and intended to lead more in the future.

The Secretary, Mr. Seymour, stated that, regarding 5(c), the Handbook had been printed and circulated and, regarding 5(d), the Committee had not been able to decide on a suitable "gimmick".

3. Secretary's Report.

This had been circulated to all members of the Club.

In commenting on his report, the Secretary remarked that he thought members got very good value for money and that a very full programme was provided. Regarding the accounts, he stressed that the apparent loss of £20 was only on paper and was due to the recent purchase of a Gestetner duplicator. The membership figures showed an increase of 8 which, although not startling, was quite creditable in times such as these, when cycling was considered by most people to be on its way out. Regarding non-renewals, all members who did not renew were systematically "chased", although not pressed if they did not appear interested or satisfied. Most new members came through recommendation and a minority from advertisements; but he thought the latter necessary to keep our name in the news. He was grateful for the often forgotten efforts of the Club Auditor, Mr. Fitzpatrick, which should have been mentioned in his report.

It was moved by Mr. Wooder, seconded by Mr. Canham and approved that this report be accepted with appreciation.

4. Audited Accounts.

The Secretary enlarged on these as follows:-

(a) Stationery.

An apology was offered for no comparative figures being available of stationery stocks as at December, 1962 and December, 1961 but a promise was made that this omission would be remedied in 1963.

(b) Advertising.

This was up owing to the increased length of the advertisement in the C.T.C. Gazette; but this advertisement was cheaper than it would normally have been because of our close contact with the C.T.C.

(c) Room Hire.

Unsuccessful attempts had been made to find a cheaper room for this purpose (committee meetings and A.G.M.).

(d) Subscriptions.

Analysis of the accounts with the extraction of the exceptional item of the Gestetner purchase and the abnormal amount of donations elicits the fact that it is necessary to have 100 members at least to cover the working of the Club as it is run at present. This merely reiterates all that has been said in previous years.

(e) Profit on Dinner.

This could not be expected every year (last year it made a loss) and, in any case, we should not expect a profit, as it was intended that members should not be charged more than the actual cost of the function.

(f) Duplicator.

The old duplicator was only valued by us in the previous year's accounts at £6, whereas it had been sold for £15.

Summing up, the Secretary pointed out that if it had not been for the £31 received in donations and the £15 for the old duplicator, the position would not have appeared so satisfactory.

The Auditor remarked that he considered his job was to make sure that all moneys received were brought to account and all moneys spent were properly spent in accordance with the wishes of the Club, and he was not concerned with the technicalities of their presentation.

It was moved by Mr. Knapp and seconded by Mrs. Lang that the accounts be adopted and the Chairman then declared them open for discussion.

Mr. Tackley then made the following proposition:-

"That the accounts for 1962 be amended by the insertion of the words 'Bulmer Duplicator' against the item of £6 depreciation in the Income and Expenditure Account, that in the Balance Sheet we show the duplicator as at 31.12.61 value £6 less depreciation 26, and that references to the new duplicator be deleted from the Balance Sheet, which will then balance at £55.12.11."

This was seconded by Mr. J. Davey.

During discussion, Mr. Fitzpatrick said that he accepted that the depreciation should not continue to appear on the expenditure side in future years but merely be written down in the Balance Sheet. When the resolution was put to the vote, it was defeated, 4 voting for, 8 against and the remainder abstaining.

Mr. Wooder, commenting further on the accounts, said that the new duplicator was enabling him to save a large amount of paper and also that, by using thinner paper, he was saving on postage. Regarding "Committee Expenses", he would prefer this shown as "Leaders' Expenses" in case members should think that this item involved such things as the paying of committee members' fares. He added that he considered the cloth badges worth the money spent on them, as they were a good advertisement for the Club.

The original motion moved by Mr. Knapp and seconded by Mrs. Lang that the accounts be accepted, was then put to the vote and passed - 19 for and 2 against.

5. Election of Officials for 1963.

The Chairman, referring to the election of a President, said that, after the resignation of Mrs. Cooke, this had been discussed in committee and it had been decided to offer the honour to someone who had done good work for the Club and Mrs. Lang had been elected as a result. The Committee had now agreed that the President should retain the title without re-election. Therefore we had not to elect a President this year. All other officers, except the Social Secretary, had agreed to stand again. The following officers were then elected:-

<u>Position.</u>	<u>Name.</u>	<u>Proposed by:-</u>	<u>Seconded by:-</u>
Chairman.	Mr. Irving.	Mr. Lang.	Mr. Wooder.
Secretary.	Mr. Seymour.	Mrs. Lang.	Mr. Stewart.
Editor.	Mr. Tackley.	Mr. J. Davey.	Mr. Stewart.
Auditor.	Mr. Fitzpatrick.	Mr. Tackley.	Mrs. Lang.

Mr. Seymour, in accepting the Secretary's position, which includes also that of Treasurer, said that he did not like having to ask for overdue subscriptions and would like to see the Treasurer's job divorced from that of Secretary.

Regarding the nomination of Social Secretary, as no-one present was willing to serve in that capacity, it was finally agreed that the question of the 1963 Annual Dinner should be left to the Club Committee, who would also attempt to find a Social Secretary, using their powers to co-opt if necessary. Also, the Editor agreed to ask for volunteers in "Signpost".

On the Chairman's announcing that there remained six committee members to be elected, Mr. Hankin proposed and Mr. J. Davey seconded the proposition that these be re-elected en bloc. Mr. Tackley then made the further nominations of Mr. Cannon and Mr. Canham but the Chairman ruled that Mr. Cannon's nomination could not be accepted, as he was not present at the meeting and it was not known if he was willing to stand. Mr. Canham's nomination was seconded by Mr. Fitzpatrick. As there were then seven nominations for six vacancies, a vote was necessary and the following were elected:-

Messrs. Canham, Crawley, Drewett, Fyfe, Warhurst, Wooder.

6. Any Other Business.

- (a) Mr. Hankin, speaking on behalf of an absent member, asked if more runs could be arranged in the west, preferably in the north-west direction. The Chairman said that the rule had always been to have one run on the programme per month for each section and that it would be unfair to saddle Section Leaders with the responsibility of organizing further runs, but they could still be held, although not appearing on the programme. The Secretary remarked that there was a danger that this might divide members and draw support from the programmed runs. To overcome these objections, Mr. Hankin agreed to lead such runs and proposed:-

"That impromptu runs be advertised in the runs list, to be held on the same day as the southern ones, the time and place of meeting only to be shown."

This was seconded by Mr. Drewett and agreed by the meeting, the time and place to be Marshmoor at 10.30 a.m.

- (b) Mr. Drewett mentioned the increasing difficulty in finding lunch places and asked for suggestions. Mr. J. Davey promised help in this direction and Mr. Tackley agreed to insert an appeal in "Signpost".
- (c) Mr. Wooder suggested that the Southern Section should lunch at the same places as the West Kent 35 Plus in order to meet them and promised to notify the Southern Section Leader when this Club were at a suitable place for such an arrangement to be made.

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The meeting closed at 6.5 p.m. with votes of thanks to the Chairman, Secretary and Mrs. Seymour.

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*Dr. Wm. J. ...*  
*7th March 1964*

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FORTY PLUS CYCLING CLUB.

SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR 1962.

When I come once again to my task of presenting the story of the Forty Plus activities for the past year, I find myself outstandingly impressed that a body of people in middle age and beyond can lay claim to a year of activity such as has been achieved in what, even to a practising cyclist, must be accepted as a strenuous pastime. To those whose lives move in very much easier channels, disbelief would be tinged with a measure of pity. Nevertheless, to come in contact with, and to witness, the undoubted enjoyment of our members on the fixtures, gives me considerable encouragement in carrying out my small part in furthering the Club's activities.

Once again these fixtures have been promoted every Sunday in the year, together with regular week-end arrangements, Bank Holiday tours and a party of members in Corsica. All this to the wide individual travels of members, and it can hardly be maintained that cycling, even if less evident, can be classed as obsolete. In fact, it is much to be regretted that a far wider publicity cannot be procured for what is, additionally, a proved benefit to health.

Our Club Magazine continues its regular appearance under the editorship of Stuart Tackley and undoubtedly plays a very important part in maintaining contact with those members who, for various reasons, are unable to take part in regular riding.

The 1962 Dinner was again a success, with the numbers maintained; but it is felt that, with an increase in the price charged, more scope is presented for an exploration of alternative venues. For this function Ted Groom was his usual masterly self, and completes virtually twelve years as Social Secretary.

On the financial side, it will be noted that there is a deficit, but without wishing to juggle with figures, the purchase of a good new Gestetner duplicator which should give many years of satisfactory service is more than justification. In fact, the financial loss would have been much greater but for the extremely generous amount of donations, another factor adding to the great encouragement of myself and your officials.

The membership figures stand at 103, an increase of 8 over 1961. During a time of what must be admitted as a decline in general interest in cycling, this can be considered as an achievement when our appeal is to those normally considered to have reached a sedentary age. However, I still feel that there is additional material available and I and your Committee (and I hope all of you) will keep ears and eyes open for potentials. With all our efforts, we must resign ourselves to a yearly wastage of about 10% and this has to be replaced before headway can be achieved. I consider that, for 10/- per annum, any rider interested in the activities of a social cycling club would get very good value indeed in our ranks.

To conclude, once again the A.G.M. is an opportunity for Marjorie and I and your Committee to meet members perhaps not seen often during the year; but for all it should be a must in the coming engagement notes.

7th January, 1963.

L. SEYMOUR.

Hon. Secretary.

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MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING  
OF THE FORTY PLUS C.C.,  
HELD AT THE "SUTTON ARMS", E.C.1  
ON MARCH 28TH. 1963.

Present.

Messrs. Canham, Crawley, Drewett, Irving, Seymour, Tackley,  
Wooder, *Warhurst*.

The meeting commenced at 7.10 p.m.

Minutes of Last Meeting.

These were accepted unanimously as a true record on a motion  
by Mr. Tackley seconded by Mr. Wooder and signed as such by the Chairman.

Matters Arising.

Mr. Tackley said that, relating to the question of mutual  
publicity with the C.T.C., he had been receiving increased co-operation  
from Craven Hill in prior notification of coming events.

Secretary's Report and Correspondence.

The Secretary reported that at this time it was of little use  
giving figures relating to membership strength and finance, as both were  
in a state of flux. He had, however, prepared a list of those sixteen  
members who had not renewed and asked for the names to be examined  
individually with a view to further action. Except for a small minority,  
these were to be followed up by the Section Leaders and others of the  
Committee. He then read at some length correspondence received from  
members when remitting subscriptions and mentioned that he had replied  
individually to all of them.

The report was accepted with appreciation on a motion by  
Mr. Drewett seconded by Mr. Wooder.

Annual Dinner.

Mr. Irving said that he had made a provisional booking at the  
"Talbot" for Saturday, November 9th and he was asked to confirm this.  
Mr. Groom had been understood to have agreed to continue as Toastmaster  
and he would be available regarding details of ticket and menu printing  
when required. Regarding possible speakers, among suggestions it was  
agreed to approach Bill Temme and Mal Rees, the latter by Mr. Canham.  
The Secretary was asked to approach Mr. John Cannon with a view to acceptance  
of the vacant Social Secretary position.

The work so far carried out was accepted on a proposition by  
Mr. Drewett seconded by Mr. Warhurst.

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### Runs Leaders' and Editor's Reports.

Mr. Wooder reported 10 out altogether during the day on February 24th to Pleshey. The Cambridge week-end on March 16th/17th attracted 15, including four friends of George Knapp. On the 24th March, to Great Easton, there were 21 out altogether.

Mr. Drewett reported that on January 13th, during the severe weather, only he and Mr. Wooder were out. On February 10th, to Puckeridge, again in exceptional weather, 6 to morning stop and 2 to lunch, 4 others seen elsewhere on the road. On March 10th, to Berden, 11 at Ware and 10 to lunch.

Mr. Warhurst reported no attendance on January 20th to Water End on an exceptional day. On February 17th, to Amersham, 6 to elevenses, 5 to lunch and 3 in afternoon - 8 altogether. On March 17th, 12 to Abbots Langley for elevenses, 12 to lunch at Flamstead and 6 on the afternoon run home to tea.

Mr. Crawley reported that the Southern run on March 3rd, as reported in "Signpost", attracted 2 members only, the January and February dates being complete blanks. He himself had been prevented from participating owing to domestic reasons.

Mr. Seymour commented that a drive should be instituted to try to promote more support for the Southern area, including a circular letter to those members residing there, and after a short discussion this was agreed. Mr. Crawley mentioned his Stonehenge night ride as a step towards increasing the interest in his fixtures.

The Editor also commented on the poor state of the South, which was the subject of his current editorial. He thanked the Runs Leaders for their reports and hoped again that the additional task did not prove too irksome. He had copy in hand from John Cannon and Mr. Neville had sent his first contribution. Mr. Canham said that "Signpost" proved very interesting to him and he considered it a great asset. The Runs Leaders' and Editor's reports were accepted with appreciation on a motion from the Chair seconded by Mr. Canham.

### Any Other Business.

Mr. Wooder said that he had been approached by Mr. Hardy of the Southern Veteran-Cycle Club to marshal the course for the annual ride this year. This took place on the date of a Western run, September 8th. We had undertaken this task previously and he suggested it might again be good publicity, apart from the act of goodwill. Mr. Drewett moved a proposition, and Mr. Canham seconded, that the Forty-Plus undertake the task and, this

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being passed, Mr. Wooder was instructed to proceed with the organization.

Mr. Wooder said that he had had a stencil cut by Gestetner suitable for printing the Magazine covers and, with his source of cheap paper, this would effect a considerable saving in costs. He could print enough covers to last for a considerable time. Mr. Seymour asked that, before this suggestion be completely carried out, the idea of advertising inside the covers be more fully explored. He was of the opinion that it would be impossible to obtain advertisers on anything but a printed cover but he proposed to try to obtain full information on the subject before the next Committee meeting. Mr. Wooder agreeing, the Committee decided to accept this situation.

The Secretary mentioned that he had received correspondence from Mr. Canham on the Accounts for 1962, outlining another, additional, form of presentation. He pointed out that no alteration could be made to the figures without the calling of a Special Meeting for the purpose. He proposed to obtain an interpretation from a C.A. to place before the Committee at the next meeting, when the subject would be on the Agenda.

On another subject, he asked for permission to order a further stock of headed notepaper, and this was granted.

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

*Am. Irving -  
2nd July 1963.*

1963

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING  
OF THE PORTY PUNS A.C.  
HELD AT THE SUTTON ARMS, E.C.1  
ON JULY 2ND, 1963.

Present.

Mrs. M. Lang, Messrs. Canham, Crawley, Drewett, Irving, Seymour,  
Warhurst, Wooder.

The meeting commenced at 7.15.

Minutes of Last Meeting.

Mr. Warhurst pointed out that his name had been omitted from those present. The Secretary apologised and, with the Chairman's permission, the correction was made. On a motion by Mr. Drewett seconded by Mr. Wooder, these were now accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising.

There were no matters arising other than items which would be covered by subsequent headings in the agenda.

Minutes of Twelfth A.G.M.

Mr. Warhurst pointed out that, in the paragraph relating to election of officials, Mr. J. Davy had been rendered as Mr. J. Davies. There was also the small point of the numbering of paragraphs, which showed a duplication of Number 3. With these amendments, the minutes were passed as a true record on a motion by Mrs. Lang seconded by Mr. Wooder.

It was also moved by Mr. Wooder that the method of distribution with the notices of the A.G.M. be continued to save postage, and the Secretary was instructed accordingly.

Co-opting of Mr. George Knapp as Acting Treasurer.

Mr. Knapp being unable to attend owing to being on holiday, Mr. Seymour outlined that he had confirmed Mr. Knapp's willingness to act in the capacity and suggested that he be finally co-opted when he would be able to attend the next Committee meeting. The Chairman outlined the alterations to the rules which would be necessary to accommodate a Treasurer additionally to a Secretary.

Secretary's Report and Correspondence.

The Secretary reported that some examination of the accounts was now possible but the final results could only be speculation dependent upon the cost of magazine supplies and the outcome of the Dinner. Last year it had cost £45 odd to run the Club, irrespective of the Dinner, and all other items peculiar to that year. As the membership stood at 111 (a near record), which represented £55.10.0, it would seem that, allowing for a new supply of letter headings purchased, expenses should be covered. Donations were again praiseworthy at £6.17.9 to date. He could say that the Club stood financially and numerically in possibly its strongest position since its foundation. Against this, however, he had to admit the hard core of the riding strength being mainly unchanged for some years. What was needed was an injection of youngsters in the 40's to augment the attendance on fixtures.

The Secretary then read the residue of correspondence received from renewing members and confirmed that only 5 had not confirmed their membership which, at about 5%, was below the usual yearly experience. He had some enquiries in hand but, as they were of recent date, would defer passing on for follow up to the leaders at present.

Mr. Wooder proposed and Mr. Warhurst seconded that the Secretary's report be accepted with appreciation.

Annual Dinner.

After initial discussion regarding arrangements already in hand, with mention of the acceptance by Bill Temme to propose a toast and the non-reply of Mal Rees to a communication from Mr. Canham, the Secretary drew attention to his letter in "Signpost", which had had no response so far. He felt this to be unsatisfactory and said that it had been his intention to propose Mr. Pyfe to undertake the task, but this was proved impossible by Mr. Pyfe's absence. However, he felt that the question should be settled forthwith.

In view of these remarks Mr. Canham said that he felt that, as the only other member of the Committee without a specific job, he should accept a measure of responsibility for the Dinner. He was, however, in a position where his business commitments entailed much paper work and he was very reluctant to aggravate this position. Mr. Irving then offered to collaborate with Mr. Canham. He had already made a provisional booking at the "Tailor". Mr. Wooder then offered his unconditional assistance in any circularising and multi-paper printing. The matter was then placed in the hands of these three members and Mr. Seymour passed on all correspondence and financial information in his hands to Mr. Irving. Mr. Drewett gave news of a band of his knowledge which might prove suitable.

The subject would be placed on the agenda of the next committee meeting, when a report of progress would be available.

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### Advertising.

Mr. Wooder proposed that the advertisement in the C.T.C. Gazette be continued. This was seconded by Mr. Conham and passed. Mr. Seymour said that he remembered that a small ambiguity had been brought to light in the wording; but he apologized for overlooking the bringing of a copy. The Committee instructed the Secretary to correct the wording as he considered necessary and instruct the C.T.C. accordingly.

### Runs Leaders' Reports and Editor's Report.

Mr. Wooder reported that the week-end on 30/31 March which was booked for Wittersham received a cancellation only four days in advance. He had, however, managed to secure alternative accommodation at the "White Hart", Grestling, and this proved very satisfactory; 13 attended. For the Easter trip to the Isle of Wight a number of 12 enjoyed the holiday and voted for a return in 1964. A photo of members participating appeared in the Farnham Herald. On 21st April, 10 out to Widford. In May Vic Stewart took the run. The Whitsun week-end to Southoe attracted 12 for another enjoyable break. On 9th June the slow run was attended by 8 altogether. Sid Ager took the run to Groat Bardfield, when there were about 10 out. He confirmed that he was proceeding ahead with the arrangements for the Club to marshall the Veteran-Cycle rally on September 8th.

Mr. Drewett reported 16 to elevenses, 20 to lunch and 14 to tea on April 7th. He had managed to procure 16 lunches, although only 8 to 10 had been booked, but considered this rather an imposition on the caterer and asked and hoped for more co-operation from members. On May 5th he was on holiday; but Dolf Lang led to Much Hadham with about 8 to 10 out. On June 30th - 7 at elevenses, 14 to lunch at Buntingford and 19 to tea at Burnham Green.

Mr. Warhurst reported that the May run was led by Les Seymour, as he was on holiday. 16 were seen during the day with the addition of Jack Covington and Frank Good at lunch on a T.A. fixture. On June 9th to Bishopsgate - 13 at elevenses, 13 at lunch and 10 to tea. Heavy storm and floods during afternoon run.

Mr. Granley reported 7 out at lunch on April 28th at Chobham, including a member from Farnborough, Hants.; two to tea. On May 26th - 4 out. "Big Tea Pot", at Piggis Hill, now closed but alternative found at "Am's Pantry". The proposed night ride to Stonehenge unfortunately had to be cancelled owing to lack of support. Mr. Wooder said that members from the east had now a very long, tedious ride to support Southern fixtures; but all committee members felt that perseverance to build up in this area must be continued. Mr. Irving said that, of his impromptu runs in that area, that on 21st April was carried out by he himself and George Knapp. On 12th May nobody turned up. The third fixture he was unable to take owing to holidays, and he apologised for this. It was, however, his intention to pursue the experiment with a hope that it might succeed, and he intended to circularise likely interested members with information relating to fixtures in the current quarter.

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Mr. Tackley not being present, there was no Editor's report.

The Run Leaders' reports, on a motion from the Chair seconded by Mr. Canham, were accepted with appreciation.

Any Other Business.

Regarding advertising in the covers of the Magazine, Mr. Seymour said he had procured some information on this subject from the Editor of a C.T.C. Section magazine. He apologised for not having finally completed enquiries; but he would have figures and possibilities available when the item, which would be placed on the agenda of the next meeting, came up for discussion.

Mr. Wooster reported that he had 11 booked so far for the August week-end tour.

He confirmed with Mr. Seymour that he had been promised a free advertisement in the programme of the National Rally of the Veteran-Cycle Club in return for our marshalling of the event.

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

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*Don Irving*  
12th September 1963.

1963  
MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING  
OF THE FORTY PLUS C.O.  
HELD AT THE "VENTON ARMS", A.C.U.,  
ON 12TH SEPTEMBER, 1963.

Present.

Mrs. M. Lang, Messrs. Canham, Crawley, Brewett, Irving, Seymour,  
Tackley, Warhurst, Wooder.

Mr. Knapp present by invitation.

The meeting commenced at 7.15 p.m.

Minutes of Last Meeting.

On a motion by Mr. Warhurst seconded by Mr. Brewett, those were  
accepted as a true record and signed as such by the Chairman.

Matters Arising.

Mr. Seymour said that he had noted that, although the Club had  
received mention in the programme of the Annual Rally of the Veteran-Cycle  
Clubs, he had hoped, in view of his correspondence with the organiser,  
that a displayed advertisement might have been donated. He proposed to  
take up the matter with the organiser.

Co-opting of Mr. George Knapp as Acting Honorary Treasurer.

On the Chairman's suggestion, the Secretary formally introduced  
Mr. Knapp and expressed satisfaction that he had agreed to take over the  
duties of Acting Treasurer. Mr. Knapp said that he was grateful for the  
confidence of the Committee and it was decided to effect the change after  
the accounts had been audited. Mr. Irving outlined the alterations to  
the rules which would have to be placed before the membership at the A.C.U.,  
including an addition to the number of the Committee.

Secretary's Report and Correspondence.

The Secretary reported the membership strength as 120, an increase  
of 17 on 1962. The financial position could never be finally estimated  
until the end of the year but it was to be hoped that a small surplus would  
accrue. He then read correspondence received from new members before and  
after joining. There were still one or two enquiries in hand.

Mr. Wooder proposed, and Mrs. Lang seconded, that the Secretary's  
report be accepted with appreciation.

Annual Dinner.

Mr. Irving said that he had made a provisional booking at the "Talbot" for November 9th. The "Talbot" proprietors had sold out to the Express Dairy but these latter had agreed to honour the arrangements. This he had confirmed. One speaker, Mr. Fenne, had been fixed to reply for the visitors. Mr. Green had agreed to act as Toastmaster.

Mr. Irving then brought up the subject of the menu. After some discussion, in view of the surplus made in 1962, it was agreed, on a motion by Mr. Wooster, seconded by Mrs. Lang, to accept a meal a trifle more expensive, at 17/-, for 1963 but to charge members 22/6d. as before.

Mr. Ford was to be approached regarding proposing the toast of the visitors or, failing his acceptance, Mr. H. Webb. Mr. Lionel Blundell was to be written to by the Chairman to ask if he would be free to attend and propose the toast of the Club. If not, further suggestions were to be sought. Mr. Green was to be asked for an approach to Arthur Iyde to provide his band or, alternatively, a Mr. Radford had been suggested.

Mr. Irving and Mr. Canham, together with Mr. Wooster, would be finalising the arrangements, as the function would take place before a further committee meeting was called.

Advertising.

Mr. Seymour read a letter from the C.T.C. in reply to his enquiry regarding the position in relation to the advertisement in the "Gazette". This confirmed that the Forty Plus notice would now be carried on to December, 1964 in view of the bi-monthly issue from December, 1963. In view of this, Mr. Knapp suggested that an enquiry be made regarding insertion as a box advertisement and the Secretary was instructed to obtain the necessary information.

Mr. Seymour was now able to give the figures for advertisements in "Northern Notes", the duplicated monthly journal of the Northern Section, N. Nat. D.A., of the C.T.C. These were charged at £1.5.0 per quarter page and pro rata, three pages, if filled thus, bringing in £15. Approximately 2,000 covers cost £9 which, at the Forty Plus rate of usage, would be about four years supply. In view of these facts, while fully appreciating the difficulties, he did consider enquiries should be instituted amongst likely prospects and he hoped information might be made available before the next meeting.

Runs Leaders' Reports and Editor's Report.

Mr. Wooster reported 15 members out on July 14th at Stisted, when two new members were enrolled. The August Bank Holiday tour to Wotum attracted 11 plus 2 friends. On the Monday they were entertained royally

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by the Jeffords for elevenpence. On August 11th, to Harleigh, there were 16 members out during the day. Marshalling the Veteran-Cycle Club Rally were 29 members, with 15 sitting down to tea. The slide show arrangements at Ugley and the inter-run with the West Kent to Saffron Walden were well in hand.

Mr. Drewitt reported 11 to morning stop, 14 to lunch and 12 to tea, on July 28th to Clavering. Gus Wells was accompanied by a friend from Manchester. On August 25th to Wallington, 8 to morning stop, 9 to lunch and 8 to tea. New member Bill Burton was out on this occasion. Mr. Drewitt said that he was reasonably satisfied at these figures, with a hope for continuing support.

Mr. Warhurst reported 8 to morning stop, 7 to lunch and 6 to tea on July 7th, when the destination was West Hyeste. New member Gantzel made contact during the day. On September 1st, in poor weather to Cookham, 12 to morning stop at a new venue, the Copper "Kettle", at Harfield, 14 to lunch and 10 to tea. New members Burton and Hart included in the number, also Tom Peares, who rode from Wallingford to Harfield on tricycle, only to suffer tyre trouble near Cookham, necessitating his return by train.

Mr. Crawley had not been able to be out himself on July 21st and August 18th but the meeting was informed that, on the former date, Jack Bolch and Bill Dadd had been out, while George Knapp had attended the latter. Mr. Crawley said he had 8 definite bookings for September 15th.

The Editor, Mr. Tackley, thanked the Run Leaders for their continuing support in supplying accounts of their fixtures for publication. He gave dates for publishing as the middle of March, June, September and December. This meant the 1st of the corresponding months for stencil cutting. He had fortunately, at present, plenty of copy. He was hoping to continue the series, "How I Started".

On a motion by Mr. Canham, seconded by Mr. Knapp, the Run Leaders' and Editor's reports were accepted with appreciation.

#### Any Other Business.

Mr. Seymour said he had it in mind to propose the institution of a life membership scheme. With this in view, he intended to obtain figures from an actuary to give the cost to members of varying ages, and bring the matter up again at a future committee meeting.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.25 with a vote of thanks to the understanding Chairman.

*DM Irving*  
20th Nov 1963



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MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING  
OF THE FORTY-PLUS C.C.  
HELD AT THE "SUTTON ARMS", E.C.1,  
ON 20TH NOVEMBER, 1963.

Present.

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

An apology for absence was received from Mr. Canham.

The meeting commenced at 7.10 p.m.

Minutes of Last Meeting.

On a motion by Mr. Knapp seconded by Mr. Tackley, these were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman accordingly.

Matters Arising.

Mr. Seymour read the quotation he had obtained from the C.T.C. in relation to the insertion of a boxed advertisement, which was twice the cost of the present form. This would result in an identical expense per year, with 6 insertions taking the place of the previous 12. Mr. Wooder proposed and Mr. Tackley seconded that the quotation be accepted, and the Secretary was instructed to proceed accordingly, ordering a plain border.

On the question of possible advertisements in the covers of "Signpost", Mr. Irving said he had approached the Manager of Holdsworth's with the resultant information that our numbers could be ignored - it was just a question of sales results, which would be negligible in view of our dispersed membership. Mr. Knapp had had a similar view expressed by Mercian Cycles, who felt the bulk of potential trade was in the racing field. Mr. Wooder gave information obtained from Kennington's, who had said that the bulk of their club advertisement was based on sentiment. In view of this unanimous information, it was decided not to proceed further with the matter at present.

Mr. Wooder suggested providing additional copies of the runs list for distribution to the dealers willing to display them. These would be at a nominal cost, and the committee agreed to the suggestion.

Mr. Seymour had taken up the question of the omission of a promised displayed advertisement in the programme of the Veteran-Cycle rally, which the Forty-Plus had marshalled. His information now was that it had occurred through a lack of liaison between the organiser of the rally and the programme producer. An apology had been received together with another sincere appreciation of the Forty-Plus for their assistance and the committee now accepted the matter as closed.

Secretary's Report and Correspondence.

The Secretary read letters received since the last meeting on various Club matters.

There was one new member and one prospective.

No alteration was to be reported to his previous comments on the final financial position which, taking into account the small profit on the Dinner, of which he had just been informed, should, he hoped, be favourable.

Mr. Drewett proposed and Mr. Wooder seconded that the report be accepted with appreciation.

Annual General Meeting.

The Secretary asked for the position regarding possible resignations. He was informed that it was anticipated that Mr. Canham would be unable to continue in office. The position regarding Mr. Crawley and Mr. Fyfe was unknown but, here again, it was assumed that replacements might have to be found. Mr. Fletcher had signified his willingness to accept office if nominated.

The situation regarding the South was still, unfortunately, unsettled. If leaders could be found, a fixture from a starting point S.W. and S.E. to meet at lunch was a possible solution.

The Secretary said he intended to place the accounts before the Committee for examination before presenting them to the Club.

After discussion, the date of the A.G.M. was fixed for Saturday, March 7th, if suitable for the hiring of the room.

After some discussion in which Mr. Seymour pointed out that the reason for his interest in the institution of a life membership scheme rested on avoiding some of the difficulties connected with the collection of yearly subscriptions and the possible attraction for those approaching retiring age, it was agreed to place a resolution on the agenda for the A.G.M., seeking permission to inaugurate such a scheme, hinging on the calculation of suitable rates and examination of the possible demand.

Annual Dinner.

Mr. Irving reported that he confirmed the figure mentioned by the Secretary, giving a profit on the event of a little over £2. 94 tickets had been sold, with 4 complimentary. This constituted a record gathering. The raffle raised £4.4.0, which might have been increased with further canvassing. Prizes, together with spot dance gifts, cost £2.5.0, printing £6.12.6.

He had taken the opportunity of booking at the "Talbot" again for 1964 on November 7th. This, in his view, had the obvious advantages of enabling possible speakers to be contacted early and also for the members to be able to keep the date free. He had in mind approaches to Mr. Lionel Blundell again and to Mr. Rex Coley who had, incidentally, attended the dinner just held and had expressed himself as having enjoyed the function without reserve.

The Committee accepted this report with sincere congratulations to Mr. Irving and Mr. Canham, together with Mr. Wooder, on their very successful work in making the function such a success.

#### Runs Leaders' and Editor's Reports.

Mr. Drewett reported 8 to elevenses, 14 to lunch and 11 to tea on September 22nd to Berden. On October 20th to Great Bardfield after the slide show week-end, 11 to lunch and home to tea. On November 17th the cafe at Bishops Stortford was found to be closed, 14 to lunch, and 17 out during the day. He considered, once again, that these numbers constituted a fair average, mainly made up of the same regular riders. He proposed to omit tea places from the winter quarter's list and it had been arranged to have inter-runs with the Eastern Section during the first two months of the year.

Mr. Wooder reported that, on the week-end on September 14th/15th in support of the Southern fixture to Five Oaks Green, 8 had attended with 12 to lunch on the Sunday. The run on October 6th had been led by Vic Stuart. The week-end at Ugley on October 19th/20th in connection with the slide show had attracted 22 all told. On October 26th/27th an inter-week-end with the West Kent Over 35's to Saffron Walden was attended by 25 with 30 to lunch. This included 12 from the Forty-Plus. On November 3rd to Maldon there were 16 out during the day. He had seven booked so far for the Christmas week-end at Great Easton. He was exploring the possibility of Dial Post as a venue for the opening week-end of the year in the South.

Mr. Warhurst said that the run on September 29th was led by Eric Jeffreys with tea in Rickmansworth. New members ~~Hart~~, Lock and Gantzel were out during the day. On October 27th to Great Kingshill 18 to elevenses, 16 to lunch and 11 to tea. The tea venue at Harefield had not honoured our booking; an alternate was found at short notice at Chalfont St. Giles. CLARK  
Dial.

No report was forthcoming from the Southern Section. Mr. Tackley mentioned that he found the booked cafe closed and nobody on the run on a recent Sunday.

The Editor reported that a short account of the Dinner had been printed in "Cycling and Mopeds". He had been told of a slight accident to Jock Cohen and the death of Mr. Tregonning in an accident. This gentleman, although not a member, was known to be in sympathy with our activities.

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The runs leaders and Editor's reports were accepted with appreciation on a motion from the Chair seconded by Mr. Knapp.

In view of the facts relating to the Southern Area activities, the Secretary said he viewed this question with growing concern and intended to place the matter as a separate item for discussion on the agenda for the next meeting. Meanwhile, he asked all the Committee to give the subject their careful consideration with a view to concrete ideas for the future.

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There being no other business, the meeting was declared closed at 9.15 p.m.

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*Dw. Irving  
ssca January 1964*