

The Forty Plus Cycling Club

Year 1964

1964

MINUTES OF THE THIRTEENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF THE FORTY PLUS CYCLING CLUB, HELD AT THE
SCOUT HOUSE, 247, HIGH ROAD, N.W.10,
ON THE 7TH MARCH, 1964.

13TH AGM
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The meeting commenced at 3.40 p.m. with 37 members present.

The Chairman, Mr. Irving, welcomed members and expressed pleasure at seeing so many on a "not very good day".

Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. Canham, Groom and Neville.

1. Confirmation of Minutes of Twelfth A.G.M.

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

It was moved by Mr. Hankin and seconded by Mr. Thurston that the Minutes as circulated be accepted. There being no questions as to their accuracy, these were accordingly signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

2. Matters Arising from the Minutes Not Included in the Agenda for the Present Meeting.

In reply to a query re room hire, the Chairman informed the meeting that the Club had been paying 10/- for the use of a room for committee meetings but that this had recently been raised to £1. Enquiries were, however, being made with a view to obtaining alternative premises at the same price as before.

3. Secretary's Report.

This had been circulated to all members of the Club.

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

The Secretary, Mr. Seymour, enlarged on the report by saying that he was very pleased at the increase in membership at a time when cycling appeared to be on the decline and added that, as a result, we could now look to the future with confidence. Referring to our inability to find a Social Secretary, he said that we should endeavour to fill this office, not only for the purpose of arranging the Annual Dinner, but in order that other social functions might be organized throughout the year also. The publication of the new Handbook, he explained, had been delayed for this year only, in order that the proposed alterations to the Rules (see 5(a) of the present agenda) might be incorporated.

Mr. Downey remarked that the attendance at the Dinner was very good and asked if the membership was still increasing, to which the Secretary replied that 9 new members had already joined this year but informed the enquirer that the attendance at the Dinner did not consist exclusively of Club members.

Mr. Tackley, referring to the comment in the report on the scarcity of catering establishments, asked that members finding new ones should notify him in order that he might publish them in "Signpost".

The Secretary's report was then adopted.

4. Audited Accounts.

It was moved by Mr. Jeffreys and seconded by Mr. Wooder that the Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet as circulated be adopted.

The Auditor, Mr. Fitzpatrick, commented that the accounts were in a healthy state but warned that, with rising costs, we should not be too complacent. His job, he added, had been an easy one owing to the efficient way in which they had been kept by the Secretary.

Mr. Knapp remarked that expenditure had been kept down largely owing to the low cost of the printing of the Magazine and Mr. Wooder added that Mr. Pemberton had helped considerably by supplying paper at a very low price.

The meeting then agreed that the accounts for 1963 be adopted.

5. To Give Consideration to the Following Proposals from the Committee. -

- (a) "That an office of Treasurer be created, that Mr. George Knapp be appointed to that office and that the Committee be empowered to make the necessary alterations to the rules."

A list of amendments to the rules made necessary by the above proposal was circulated to members present at the meeting and was as follows:-

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| Handbook
Page 2. | Rule 3 clause (a) lines 4 and 5.
Insert "Treasurer" between the words "Club Secretary" and "Editor". |
| " 3. | Rule 5 clause (a) amend to read:-
"The funds of the Club shall be collected and held by the Treasurer and shall be administered by him under the direction of the Committee except that " etc.. |
| " 4. | Rule 5 clause (b) line 6.
Delete "Secretary" and substitute "Treasurer". |
| " 4. | Rule 5 clause (c) line 2.
Delete "Secretary" and substitute "Treasurer". |
| " 4. | Rule 5 clause (d) line 1.
Delete "Secretary" and substitute "Treasurer". |
| " 4. | Rule 6 clause (i) line 4 et seq. amend to read:-
"..... Report of the Club Secretary and the Accounts of the Hon. Treasurer, to elect..... " etc. |

The Chairman explained that, at the last A.G.M., the Secretary had expressed a desire to be relieved of the Treasurer's part of his duties, mainly owing to the fact that he disliked having to worry members for money, and that Mr. Knapp had subsequently been co-opted and was willing to continue as Treasurer. He asked for comments and, in response to a question, said that subscriptions should now be sent to the Treasurer, without first going through the Secretary.

The proposal was carried unanimously.

- (b) "That power be granted to investigate the possibilities of a life membership scheme and to institute such a scheme if found feasible."

The Secretary explained that if we had such a scheme it would, of course, be obligatory to individual members. Its advantages consisted in assisting the collection of subscriptions and helping an ageing membership to continue as members at a time when it might become more difficult owing to retirement. Expert advice could be obtained on the problem of investment and on the rate to charge for such a scheme.

Mr. Fitzpatrick asked if there might not be a legal difficulty, in that the Club might be bound to give something to each life member throughout his life and what would be the position if the Club ceased to exist. The Secretary did not know but promised to enquire.

In reply to further questions, the Secretary said that we should probably go to an Actuary for advice on what to charge and that a sounding of members could be made to find out how many were likely to be interested, although he pointed out that it was not only present members who had to be considered but also those we hoped to gain in the future.

Mr. Fitzpatrick then moved the following amendment, which was seconded by Mr. Downey. -

"That power be granted to the Committee to investigate the possibilities of a life membership scheme and to report back to the next A.G.M. with concrete proposals for such a scheme if one should be found feasible and desirable."

Mr. Covington said that he had had experience of such schemes and that these did not include magazines and literature, which had to be paid for separately, and he thought this undesirable.

Mr. Downey suggested imposing a condition on life members that they contact the Club at least once a year, e.g. on a run or at a meeting or social function, or perhaps that they should be ordinary members for 10 years before being allowed to become life members or, again, that they became life members 5 years before retiring. He would like the Committee to consider these suggestions.

The Secretary said that the idea was that life members should enjoy all the benefits of the ordinary member.

Mr. Parker thought it usual to put all the life subscriptions into a special account and not to use them as the normal income was used. Therefore, if $\frac{3}{4}$ of the membership took out life membership, our income would diminish too much.

The Chairman assured the meeting that all these things would be investigated by the Committee, who were simply asking for permission to go into the question further, and it might be found that the scheme would not work in a club of this kind.

Mr. Covington said that it could be stipulated that the life membership fee would not be returnable.

In reply to a question from Mr. Clark as to whether it could be done on an honorary basis for meritorious or long service, the Chairman replied that we had a precedent here, as a result of which this method was not considered satisfactory by this Club.

The Secretary here intervened to say that a life member would definitely be an asset to the Club, as wastage would be reduced, and that the only question to be considered was whether we should lose money over it. Mr. Fitzpatrick, while agreeing with this, added that the legal aspect would have to be looked into.

The motion as amended was carried.

6. Election of Officers.

The Chairman announced that the Chairman, Secretary, Editor and Auditor were willing to stand again and reminded the meeting that the Treasurer, Mr. Knapp, had already been appointed and that Mrs. Lang retained the title of President. The following officers were then elected:-

<u>Position.</u>	<u>Name.</u>	<u>Proposed by:-</u>	<u>Seconded by:-</u>
Chairman.	Mr. Irving.	Mrs. Lang.	Mr. Wooder.
Secretary.	Mr. Seymour.	Mr. Bolch.	Mrs. Lang.
Editor.	Mr. Tackley.	Mr. Hankin.	Mr. Dadd.
Auditor.	Mr. Fitzpatrick.	Mr. Wooder.	Mrs. Lang.
Social Sec.	No nominations and no volunteers.		

Regarding the six committee members, the Chairman informed the meeting that Mr. Canham was unable to accept re-nomination this year and that Mr. Pyfe had not attended one committee meeting during the past year and had given no reason for his non-attendance.

The following were then elected:-

Messrs. Cannon, Drewett, Fletcher, Middleton, Warhurst, Wooder.

Here the meeting adjourned for tea.

7. Any Other Competent Business.

Mr. Fletcher suggested that, as Founder Members were now considerably older, the Club should be split into two sections - one for those aged 40-60 and the other for those over 60. The Chairman pointed out that this question had been considered before and that, as a result, slower rides were now being arranged, while another member remarked that some of the older members were faster than some of the younger ones.

There being no further subjects for discussion, Mr. Wooder proposed a vote of thanks to Mrs. Seymour and complimented those who had come on long journeys - even from as far as Aylesbury, Basildon and Southend - to attend the meeting, which closed at 5.50 p.m.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR 1963.

It seems a little difficult to realise that I am now writing my fifth report on the activities of the Forty Plus C.C. or that I have had the honour of serving you for this period. It is, however, reassuring to read notices recording that periods of 30 years or more are by no means unusual in club secretarial duties, a fact of which the moral is by no means obscure.

The pattern of events in our club is now stabilized; but this does not imply that variations on the theme are either non-existent or not under constant consideration. The Sunday outings and the occasional week-ends, together with the Bank Holiday arrangements, all due to the able, hard working leaders, show quite a considerable variety, even if this is to-day somewhat restricted by the increasing scarcity of catering establishments.

The Journal named "Signpost" has, I believe you will admit, fulfilled its name and quarterly has recounted the travels of the members, together with articles of general interest and news of events. Under Stuart Tackley it, also, has attained stability and will now continue a very useful function down the coming years.

The Dinner, held again in 1963 at the "Talbot", attracted a record attendance of 94 diners, and by general consent was voted a considerable success. This was made possible under a sub-committee of Don Irving, George Canham and Tom Woode, set up to promote the function, a somewhat sobering comment on this being that no Social Secretary was found during the year, and I sincerely hope that in 1964 this unfortunate position will be rectified.

On the statistical side, I am very pleased to report that membership stands at 120, an all-time record and an increase of 17 on 1962. This reflects considerable credit on all those responsible and, although such growth can hardly be deemed normal, it certainly has improved the Club's future. The increase can be seen reflected in the accounts, which show a comfortable surplus, and this permits your Committee to examine improvements in administration with some confidence.

To mention the Chairman and the Auditor is to draw attention to two more officials without whose efficient, unobtrusive work your Club would not run successfully.

In conclusion, I would wish to repeat my previous hope that all of you have a very enjoyable year on your travels and that all of you who can possibly do so attend the Annual General Meeting. This year the pill will be sugared by being followed by a slide show, an innovation which your Committee hope will produce a satisfactory gathering.

10th February, 1964.

L. SEYMOUR.

1964

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE "SUTTON ARMS", E.C.1
ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 28TH, 1964.

Present.

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

The meeting commenced at 7.05 p.m.

Minutes of Last Meeting.

These were accepted as a correct record on a motion by Mr. Knapp seconded by Mr. Drewett, with the exception of the name of new member Clark to be substituted for that of Hart in the runs leader report by Mr. Warhurst. With the alteration accepted and made by the Chairman, he accordingly signed the Minutes as a true record.

Matters Arising.

Mr. Drewett asked whether Mr. Groom had been contacted regarding Arthur Lyne and his band. Mr. Irving said this had been done and also that Mr. Lionel Blundell and Mr. Rex Coley had been asked to attend and to propose and reply to toasts if willing. Mr. Jim Ford would be prepared to toast the visitors. Mr. Reg Shaw had also been contacted. Mr. Irving said that, although the Club was still without a Social Secretary, this might be rectified at the A.G.M. Meanwhile, he was prepared to carry on as in 1963 and Mr. Wooder also again offered his assistance.

Secretary's Report and Correspondence.

The Secretary read the correspondence he had received since the last meeting relating to renewals of membership and enquiries relating to the Club. The financial picture for 1964 was, of course, not yet of interest. To date 7 new members had been added to membership. Mr. Knapp also read correspondence received from members remitting subscriptions and from a possible new member in Leicester, also a communication from Mr. Reg Shaw. The number of subscriptions paid to date was 68 but this was open to daily revision.

Annual General Meeting.

Regarding the agenda, a proposition was to be put forward for the creation of a position of Club Treasurer and the committee to be empowered to make the necessary alterations to the rules - a copy of the alterations proposed to be available for examination. Also a proposition for permission to inaugurate a life membership scheme if found practicable. In view of the

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alterations to rules and Club Officers, Mr. Canham proposed and Mr. Wooder seconded that the publication of the Handbook be delayed for 1964 until after the A.G.M. and this was agreed. Mr. Irving said consideration would have to be given to the position of Mr. Fyfe, who had not attended any committee meetings during the year. He suggested that the members present at the A.G.M. be advised against the possible proposition of suggesting an en bloc re-election of committee. Mr. Seymour said that, in commenting on the accounts, which he hoped had been examined, the balance sheet commencing figure for 1962 would include the Gestetner, thus showing £112.12.11, which was originally intended, and brought the presentation into line with that suggested by Mr. Canham. The Committee gave favourable consideration to a suggestion that, for future years, the presentation of a balance sheet be discontinued and a straight income and expenditure account be prepared with an addendum of any club assets shown at current valuation.

The meeting then adjourned and was resumed at the "Crown and Sugarloaf", Garlick Hill, E.C.4, on Thursday, February 6th.

Present.

Messrs. Crawley, Drewett, Knapp, Seymour, Tackley, Warhurst, Wooder. In the absence of Mr. Irving, Mr. Tackley was elected as Chairman.

Southern Area Fixtures.

Mr. Tackley read a letter he had composed suggesting that fixtures to the south of London be discontinued at least temporarily, and apologized that he himself was not placed in a position to be able to assist in activities in the area regularly. He suggested that support would have to come materially from the other areas. It was disclosed that the original operating runs areas had been changed from N.E., S.E., N.W., S.W. to those now current in an attempt to cater for a greater number of members. This meant that really we needed two southern sections - Kent and Surrey. After some discussion, in which the Committee felt that the Club should continue to attempt to cater for the members resident in the area - otherwise there was a distinct likelihood of the majority resigning eventually - Mr. Drewett agreed to lead runs in the S.E. for a trial period of 3 months, with a possible extension to 6 months if any encouraging attendances materialized. Meanwhile, Mr. Seymour would take over the leading of the Northern Section during this period. Mr. Knapp suggested that lunch venues might be near Youth Hostels to encourage members from distant areas to week-end in the vicinity. Mr. Wooder and Mr. Tackley promised to assist as far as practicable.

Runs Leaders' and Editor's Reports.

Mr. Warhurst reported that the November run had appeared in "Signpost". In December, to Wooburn Moor, there had been 7 to elevenses, 7 to lunch and the run had been home to tea. In January, 11 to elevenses at Rickmansworth, 11 to lunch at Cholesbury and again home to tea.

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Len Hathaway had made a welcome appearance on the run after the loss of his wife. The cafe at Abbots Langley was now closed on Sunday; the necessary change was being conveyed to as many members as possible.

Mr. Drewett said that the December 15th fixture was the Christmas Dinner, which was organised by Mr. Wooder. On January 12th, on an informal run, 7 met at North Weald, with 4 to lunch at Sawbridgeworth and then home to tea. He had attended the Southern run on January 6th and was the only one at elevenses at Longfield but had met Hugh Jones and Rita Woolf at lunch.

Mr. Wooder reported 15 to elevenses on December 1st with 12 to lunch and 9 to tea. The Christmas Dinner had attracted an attendance of 32. During the Christmas holiday 7 had been to Great Easton with 4 staying over the 5 days; on Sunday 10 had been at lunch on the official run. On January 5th at Abridge 9 and at Ongar 4 to lunch. On January 12th a joint fixture with the Northern Section. On January 19th 9 at Abridge and 3 to lunch at Sawbridgeworth. On January 26th 18 at Abridge and 14 to lunch at Ongar. Bookings were coming in for future events. Venues were Hastings for Easter and Highclere for Whitsun. The Christmas Dinner would coincide with a Southern fixture.

Mr. Tackley apologized for a misprinting error in one or more copies of the last issue of "Signpost". He was continuing to receive copy and articles for inclusion without having to exert persuasion. Mr. Wooder said that he had heard complimentary remarks from our members who were also in the West Kent D.A. C.T.C. on the quality of our magazine, which they considered compared more than favourably with their own publication.

Any Other Business.

Mr. Seymour brought up the subject of renewing the stock of transfers and was instructed to contact the C.T.C. to obtain the name and address of the supplier of their production and to obtain a quotation for examination at the next committee meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.25 with a vote of thanks to the Acting Chairman proposed by Mr. Knapp and seconded by Mr. Wooder.

Dr. W. S. M. J.
3rd April 1964

1964

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE "CROWN & SUGARLOAF", B.C.4,
ON FRIDAY, APRIL 3RD, 1964.

Present.

Mrs. Lang, Messrs. Drevett, Irving, Knapp, Middleton, Seymour,
Warhurst, Wooder. Apologies for absence - Messrs. Cannon, Tackley.

The meeting commenced at 7.10 p.m.

Minutes of Last Meeting.

These were accepted as a true record on a motion moved by Mr. Knapp and seconded by Mr. Wooder and were signed accordingly by the Chairman, Mr. Irving.

Matters Arising.

There were no matters arising other than those which could be ventilated under other headings on the agenda.

Secretary's Report and Correspondence.

The Secretary read correspondence from members sending their renewal subscriptions and enquiries regarding membership.

A quotation for a supply of 100 Club transfers at £4.8.6 was put before the Committee. Mr. Knapp suggested obtaining a quotation for 200 and, seconded by Mrs. Lang, it was agreed that if this latter be less than £7, the Secretary be empowered to accept. A quotation for £9.12.6 for 130/140 copies of the Handbook had been received. Although an increase in cost over the figure for 1963, the Secretary was instructed to accept on a motion by Mr. Wooder seconded by Mr. Middleton. Mr. Wooder suggested that the Club might have to reconsider the question of a fixed programme of yearly issues of the Handbook.

The Secretary's report was accepted on a motion proposed by the Chairman seconded by Mr. Wooder.

Treasurer's Report and Correspondence.

Mr. Knapp read correspondence from members renewing subscriptions.

The membership figure stood at 127, which included 10 new members and two resignations and one deceased. 101 subscriptions had so far been received. He proposed to write personally to all the 26 outstanding.

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The hire of the room for the A.C.M. had been £2 with an additional £1.12.3 for providing the refreshments. The cash in hand to date amounted to £118.6.4.

Mr. Wooder proposed, and Mr. Drewett seconded, that the Treasurer's report be accepted with appreciation and this was passed unanimously.

Runs Leaders' and Editor's Reports.

Mr. Wooder reported that the run on February 23rd to the "John Barleycorn" had attracted 12 to elevenses and 9 to lunch, with a return home to tea. On the run on March 22nd to Fleshey, 15 to lunch and 10 to tea with 19 members seen during the day. At Easter there were 11 participants, which was the number originally booked.

Mr. Warhurst reported that the accounts relating to all his runs in the current quarter had already appeared in "Signpost".

Mr. Drewett said the impromptu run on February 9th was attended by 6 to elevenses and 5 to lunch and then home to tea. On March 8th to Barden, 13 to elevenses, approximately 13 to lunch and 10 to tea.

The Editor not being present, the runs leaders' reports were accepted on a proposition by Mr. Middleton seconded by the President.

Any Other Business.

Mr. Wooder brought up the subject of the Club typewriter. It was his property and was used by Mr. Tackley and it was now getting old. He moved, and Mr. Drewett seconded, that the Secretary be empowered to investigate the possible purchase of a secondhand replacement and to make a purchase if considered advisable.

Mr. Irving, on the subject of the 1964 Dinner arrangements, said that Mr. Blundell had been unable to accept an invitation. Mr. Rex Coley would be approached re proposing the toast of the Club. Response on behalf of the visitors to be left until later. Mr. Ford would toast the visitors.

Mr. Wooder mentioned that, in relation to advertising, he had heard that the C.T.C. were in difficulties in relation to their new publication in this respect. The bicycle manufacturers (to mention Raleigh as an example) were now grouped in large combines and this materially reduced the number of small advertisers. The Essex D.A. Magazine now ran at a loss.

Regarding the proposed life membership scheme, Mr. Seymour promised to be able to submit financial figures relating to this at the next meeting if possible.

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

Conrad Gerald Tackley

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TOKY PLUS CYCLING CLUB.

1964

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE "CROWN AND SUGARLOAF", E.C.4,
ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17TH, 1964.

Present.

Messrs. Cannon, Drewett, Fletcher, Knapp, Middleton, Seymour,
Tackley, Warhurst.

The meeting commenced at 7.15 p.m.

In the absence of Mr. Irving, Chairman, Mr. Tackley was elected
to the Chair on a proposition by Mr. Seymour seconded by Mr. Drewett.

Minutes of Last Meeting.

These were proposed as a true record by Mr. Warhurst, seconded
by Mr. Drewett, and signed accordingly by the Chairman.

Matters Arising.

Mr. Seymour said that he had obtained a quotation from
Messrs. J.H. Butcher for 200 transfers for £5.10.0 and, as this was well
within the limit of £7 agreed, he had placed the order in hand, delivery
to be 10/12 weeks. He had persuaded Thanet Press to supply 150 of the
handbooks for the same price as quoted for 130/140.

Regarding the possible purchase of a Club typewriter, it was
reported that Mr. Woeder had now purchased a machine for his own use and
had loaned his previous one to Mr. Tackley for Club purposes in the
production of "Signpost". Mr. Drewett said that this machine might prove
to be quite suitable and Mr. Tackley suggested an examination of the present
issue might prove this. Mr. Seymour suggested a line of possible
improvement and Mr. Tackley proposed to have the machine examined by a
competent mechanic. It was proposed by Mr. Drewett and seconded by
Mr. Middleton that the question of the purchase of a Club typewriter be
allowed to remain on the table, and this was agreed.

On the subject of the proposed life membership scheme, Mr. Seymour
put the facts as obtained from the C.T.C. and Mr. Lengley before the Committee.
Mr. Knapp threw doubts on the certain continuity of the Club for 20 years or
more. Mr. Cannon suggested that 10/- should not be too great a sum for most
retired members. Mr. Seymour proposed that the Committee examine the
information and facts as placed before them until the next committee meeting.

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and then a considered judgement could be obtained. He counselled against a hasty decision and emphasised that it was the function of the officers of the Club not to be averse from seemingly troublesome business. On the condition that a concrete set of figures be available additionally, this proposition was agreed.

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Mr. Knapp pointed out the slight omission of the suggestion by Mr. Downey that cheaper accommodation be sought for committee meetings. With this addition, the Minutes were passed as a true record on a proposition by Mr. Cannon seconded by Mr. Brewett.

Secretary's Report and Correspondence.

The Secretary read correspondence from four prospective members; but as these were of recent date, no further action was advisable until a further lapse of time. He had, as recommended, sent an official Club letter of condolence to Mrs. Southall on the death of Frank Southall.

The report was accepted on a proposition by Mr. Warhurst seconded by Mr. Fletcher.

Treasurer's Report and Correspondence.

The Treasurer reported 111 members as having renewed subscriptions, which number, together with 13 new members enrolled, brought the present membership to 124. Of those outstanding, Mr. Tackley was asked to contact Mr. H. Jones, and Mr. Parsons of the U.S.A. was expected to remain on the rolls.

The account from Thanet Press for 150 handbooks for £9.12.6 had been paid. The cash in hand stood at £122.12.4.

He read correspondence received in connection with renewal of subscriptions.

Mr. Middleton moved, and Mr. Cannon seconded, that the Treasurer's report be accepted with appreciation of the very satisfactory position.

Run Leaders' and Editor's Reports.

Mr. Brewett reported, on his first run as temporary leader of the Southern Section on April 26th to Spaldhurst, 10 to elevenses, 12 to lunch and 1 new member enrolled. Every section was represented. Mr. Cannon led the Southern run on May 24th with 4 to elevenses and 4 to lunch. After a wheel-clogging rough-stuff chalk ascent of the Downs, tea was provided by the hospitality of Mary Francis, at her home.

Mr. Warhurst reported, on the run of April 12th, 19 to elevenses, 19 to lunch and 13 to tea at Chalfont St. Giles, including Nora White from Leicester and George Knapp from the south. On May 10th to Windsor, 17 to elevenses, 14 on the picnic lunch by the Thames and 10 to tea. Dick Kauder had the misfortune to sustain a leg injury necessitating his return by train after lunch. Mr. Seymour, deputising on June 7th, reported 13 to elevenses, 16 to lunch and 11 to tea, for the fixture to Peters Green, on a day of considerable rainfall.

Reporting on the Northern fixtures, for which he had accepted temporary responsibility, on April 5th, on a very windy day to Aspenden, 10 to elevenses, 10 to lunch and 5 to tea. On May 31st, to Albury, 9 to elevenses, 10 to lunch and 9 to tea with a wet evening ride. Mr. Warhurst had taken the Northern run on May 3rd to Denington and reported 14 to elevenses, 15 to lunch and 13 to tea.

In the absence of Mr. Wooley, it was reported that 19 members were seen out during the day on the run to Fleckby on March 22nd. April 19th, to Tiptree Heath in very bad weather, saw 9 members out during the day. The Whitsum tour had been blessed with very good weather and accommodation and Mr. Brewitt expressed the opinion that it was his best short holiday with the Club.

The Editor reported that the June issue of "Signpost" was unique in that, except for notices, none of the script (even the Editorial) had been contributed by him. Dick Holden had suggested a new series entitled "Memories of Outstanding Touring Incidents" and had contributed an initial piece as a commencement. He was, as usual, grateful for the support of Run Leaders and other scribes, which helped considerably to ease his task.

The Run Leaders' and Editor's reports were accepted with appreciation on a motion by Mr. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. Middleton.

Mr. Teckley broke the news of the sudden death of Mrt Wilcox while on a walking holiday in the Lakes and the Secretary was instructed to write an official letter of condolence to VI Wilcox.

Any Other Business.

Mr. Warhurst mentioned that the Rough Stuff Fellowship had a mention in the C.T.C. Cyclists' Diary and the Secretary was asked to make enquiries as to the possibility of the Forty Plus being similarly favoured.

He also mentioned the omission of Mrs. Perryman from the list of members in the Handbook and the Secretary took responsibility for the mistake and tendered his apologies.

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

Stanley
Actg Chairman 18.9.64

1964

FORTY PLUS CYCLING CLUB.

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE "CROWN AND SUGARLOAF", E.C.4,
ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH, 1964.

Present.

Mrs. M. Lang, Messrs. Drewett, Fletcher, Knapp, Middleton,
Seymour, Tackley, Warhurst.

Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. Irving and Wooder. *CANNON Incl.*

The meeting commenced at 7.05. In the absence of the Chairman,
Mr. Tackley was elected to conduct the meeting by unanimous consent.

Minutes of Last Meeting.

These were signed as a true record on a proposition by
Mr. Drewett seconded by Mr. Middleton.

Matters Arising.

Mr. Tackley said that he had not yet had the typewriter examined
by a mechanic and had not been able to call on Mr. Hugh Jones; but he
promised to attend to both these matters before the next meeting.

Mr. Seymour quoted a reply received from the C.T.C. in connection
with mention of the Club in the Diary, in which it was stated that nothing
could be done until the 1966 issue.

Secretary's Report.

The Secretary read correspondence relating to enquiries about
membership of the Club. Of those received before the last committee
meeting and since followed up by correspondence with no result, a Miss Corble
of Oxford had been referred to Mr. Tom Pearce of Wallingford, who had made
two abortive calls without being able to make contact, and a Mr. and Mrs.
Watson of Hartley Wintney, who had similarly been placed in the hands of
Mr. Jack Howard of Farnborough, Hants., again so far without result.
Mr. Drewett received particulars of two prospectives in his area and would
submit a report at the next meeting. Several other enquiries were on hand
but, as these were of more recent date, further correspondence would be
submitted before personal contact was contemplated.

The Secretary confirmed writing an official letter of condolence
to Mrs. Vi Wilcox on the death of Nut Wilcox and read the reply.

The Secretary's report was accepted on a motion by Mr. Warhurst
seconded by Mr. Drewett.

Treasurer's Report.

Mr. Knapp reported one renewal, Mr. Parsons of the U.S.A., since the last meeting, and read a letter received from him. With four additional members, this brought the paid-up membership for the year to date to 129, an increase of 9.

He had paid the account for £6.1.6 relating to the purchase of the supply of transfers and this left the cash in hand at £117.16.4.

He had considered the question of obtaining a greater return on idle Club funds and had invested about £56 in shares which were likely to show an increase in actual value and would unquestionably be advantageous in interest payment to the present arrangements. On being questioned as to the position should the opposite occur, Mr. Knapp said he would guarantee any loss. Mrs. Lang expressed her sincere appreciation of the offer but suggested that it was really equal to a form of donation to Club funds. Mr. Drewett felt that such an idea, praiseworthy as it was, did not seem to him to be in line with general Club practice. In view of these opinions, the Treasurer felt that, as he would wish for a unanimous endorsement of his action, he would defer a decision until the matter had been placed before the A.G.M.

Mrs. Lang proposed a vote of thanks to the Treasurer and the report was accepted on a motion by Mr. Middleton seconded by Mr. Fletcher.

Life Membership Scheme.

Mr. Seymour said that, although he had now prepared a comprehensive outline relating to this proposed measure, he felt that the Committee as a whole were opposed to it. He read a letter received from Mr. Irving endorsing this view. Therefore he wished to propose that the idea be shelved and that the members be informed at the A.G.M. that the Committee, after considerable and careful consideration, had decided that such a scheme was not suitable for this Club. After a brief discussion this was agreed unanimously.

Mr. Knapp said that he felt that some sort of commuted payment might be offered as an alternative. This would undoubtedly save work in the collection of subscriptions.

Annual Dinner.

Mr. Seymour read a letter received from Mr. Irving requesting that a stencil be cut setting out details of the function and including a form for application for tickets, and this had been done and the notices were expected to be included with the despatch of the coming fixture lists and magazine.

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Mr. Middleton asked if it might be possible to issue tickets for the dancing only. Mrs. Lang queried who was to be offered these tickets and suggested two to be allocated to each member only, for sale. Mr. Drewett thought that the "Falbot" might quite likely insist on an extra charge for permitting this concession. Mr. Tackley said that he considered that it was too late to consider the scheme for this year. It was agreed to re-open the question for next year; meanwhile, unofficially, specific cases would be accepted for this year.

It was agreed that Mr. Irving be asked to confirm that all the arrangements were completed, that the actual tickets be available as soon as possible and a vote of thanks was passed to him for his work in continuing as temporary Social Secretary.

Runs Leaders' and Editor's Reports.

Mr. Warhurst reported on the run on July 5th to Speen - 14 at elevenses, 16 to lunch and 9 to tea at Chalfont St. Giles. On August 30th - 15 at elevenses at Rickmansworth, 19 to Cockham at lunch and 18 to tea again at Rickmansworth.

Mr. Drewett, on the Southern fixtures, said the run on June 21st was led by Mr. Cannon - 9 to elevenses, 11 to lunch and 11 to tea - a very good attendance for this area. On August 16th - 5 to elevenses, 6 to lunch and 9 to tea. On September 13th - 4 to elevenses, 7 to lunch and 7 to tea. These figures suggested that the Southern runs were worthy of continuation and made a change of scenery for those from other districts.

Mr. Seymour, reporting on his temporary leadership of the Northern fixtures, on June 28th to Langley, from a new elevenses venue at Pat's Cafe, Hatfield, with tea at Burnham Green, 18 out during the day, which was dry but overcast. On July 26th, to Westmill from Ware and again tea at Burnham Green, 18 members again seen during the day. On August 23rd, again to Langley, elevenses at Marshmoor and tea at Pat's Cafe, a very fine muster of 23 riding during the day on a very fine day.

Reporting by proxy, Mr. Wooder had 10 members on the June run, 18 on that in July and 11 on the August fixture, when some difficulties were encountered at the tea venue.

The Editor said that the current issue of "Signpost" was completed and that he was pleased to be able to say that, although, as always, he welcomed copy, he was in no immediate difficulties in the way of production.

Any Other Business.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.0 p.m. with a unanimous vote of thanks to the Acting Chairman, Mr. Tackley.

Don McNeill
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MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE "CROWN & SUGARLOAF",
GARLICK HILL, E.C.4,
ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4TH, 1964.

Present.

Messrs. Cannon, Drowett, Fletcher, Irving, Knapp, Middleton,
Seymour, Tackley, Warhurst, Wooder.

Apology for absence received from President, Mrs. Mac Lang.

The meeting commenced at 7.00 p.m.

Minutes of Last Meeting.

With the insertion of Mr. Cannon under the notice of apologies for absence, for which omission the Secretary apologised, these were moved as a true record on a motion by Mr. Drowett seconded by Mr. Fletcher, and were signed as such by the Chairman, Mr. Irving.

Matters Arising.

Mr. Seymour asked if the Treasurer, in view of the proposed dropping of the Life Membership Scheme, was prepared to pursue the suggestion of accumulated membership payments. Mr. Knapp said that he was and had in mind something on the lines of 5 years membership for 4 years subscription. With a short discussion, the Committee accepted this alternative and passed unanimously a proposition that the idea be placed before the A.G.M. Accrued money would possibly have to be placed in an appropriate account.

Mr. Seymour asked if the typewriter had been serviced by a mechanic. Mr. Tackley said that he had not yet had an opportunity to do this but hoped that it might be done before the next committee meeting.

Secretary's Report.

The Secretary read correspondence received from prospective members.

He had been informed by Mr. Tackley that a call on Mr. Hugh Jones had been made but his failing eyesight made it impossible for him to continue membership with us, his riding now being confined to the West Kent D.A. Also Mr. Drowett had reported the result of his visits to the two enquirers in his area; but neither of these wished to pursue the matter at present.

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

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Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer reported six new members since the last committee meeting, bringing the paid-up membership for the year to 135. Thirteen subscriptions for 1965 had been received in advance and one for 1966.

The balance of cash in hand was £115.8.3. He estimated an expenditure of £25-5.30 to be outstanding, which should leave a possible £10-£15 surplus for the year.

The Treasurer's report was accepted on a motion by Mr. Wooster seconded by Mr. Warhurst, with appreciation.

Annual Dinner.

Mr. Irving reported that 93 tickets were sold. A surplus of £6.12.8 would be offset by a possibility of a refund and £6 gratuities sent to the "Talbot" for the staff. This would mean that the Club would break even on the function. The guests slightly outnumbered the total of members present.

He proposed November 6th as a date for 1965, with alternatives of October 30th or November 13th. The question of another band was discussed and Mr. Drevett promised to investigate a suggestion he put forward.

A vote of thanks to Mr. Irving for his work in connection with the successful arrangements and result was proposed by Mr. Knapp and passed unanimously.

Annual General Meeting.

After a short discussion, the date proposed for this was put forward as Saturday, March 6th, 1965, on a motion by Mr. Wooster seconded by Mr. Cannon. Mr. Tackley said that he had visited the "Castle" public house in Fumival Street, Holborn, as a possible venue. For the room the charge would be 15/-; he had not mentioned the question of refreshments. A possible disadvantage might be that the place would be closed for entry after 3 p.m. Mr. Drevett agreed to investigate further and also consider any other possibilities. Mr. Irving suggested that the Scout Hut in Millenden be kept in reserve for consideration.

Mr. Middleton said that he considered that the committee might be prepared to examine the question of economising on the frequency of Handbook production; but, on being put into the picture regarding the history of the question by the Chairman, he withdrew his motion.

The vacancy for a Social Secretary was still unsatisfactory; but it was put as a suggestion that Mr. Ted Goldsmith might be prepared to accept nomination. The remainder of the officers signified their willingness to be put up for re-election but with reservations, in some cases, regarding the wisdom of too long a term of office.

Runs Leaders' and Editor's Reports.

Mr. Cannon reported on the run on October 11th to Blochingley - 5 to elevenses at an alternative venue, the original being closed in spite of a previous assurance, 9 to lunch, including Fred Schurz from Ifield. On November 8th, the Sunday after the Dinner, 11 to elevenses and 10 to lunch. He did not propose to include runs for the south for January and February, as previous experience had led him to conclude that insufficient support was forthcoming.

Ten Wooder would be leading impromptu runs on those days in the east, and there were also the moots at Warminster already in operation to cater for those in the north and west also on southern fixture dates. The committee endorsed this as a reasonable compromise.

Mr. Warhurst reported on the run on September 27th, led by Albert Hankin - 10 to elevenses at the Millstream Cafe, 13 to lunch at Swan Bottom and 9 to tea at Charlton; and on 25th October to Littlemore Common - 14 to elevenses at Nickensworth, 12 to lunch and 5 to an impromptu tea at Chalfont St. Giles. On 22nd November, to East Hyde - 19 to elevenses at the A.P.C. in St. Albans, 19 to lunch and 6 to an impromptu tea at Batchwood Hall, St. Albans. During the day a new member, Bob Creek of Blotchley, enrolled.

Mr. Wooder said that the run on October 4th was led by Mac Lang and, owing to many members being on holiday, attracted only 4. The slide show at Uxley, held as a week-end fixture at the Forest C.C. hut, was attended by 32. Two new members were enrolled on this occasion and lunch on the Sunday was taken at Borden. All sections were represented on this fixture. On 29th November, the original booking at the Malsters Arms at Willingale was changed to a venue in Wiford, near Chelmsford. It seems the people at Willingale have been antagonised by another cycling club. Twenty-two were out during the day, with 16 to lunch. Len and Min Ruffin had a spill on the tandem, fortunately without too serious results. On the slower runs which he had been leading, he had had attendances of 9 and 10, which showed that a demand was in existence. He had 11 booked for the Christmas holiday at Great Easton.

Mr. Bennett said that, on October 18th, to Borden, there were 11 to elevenses and 10 to lunch, with 7 to tea at "Greenways", where the meal was rather belated owing to his map reading being astray. All sections were represented during the day. On November 15th, to Puckeridge, 12 to elevenses, 12 to lunch and 5 to tea at Burnham Green. Again all sections were represented during the day. Neil Russell had mechanical trouble during the morning, fortunately not resulting in any personal injury.

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Mr. Tackley reported that he was in the process of producing the next issue of "Bigness". He apologised for the previous one containing only runs reports. He was continuing the series, "How I Started" and also intended to do so with the anecdotes concerned with outstanding incidents in members' riding experience.

The Run Leaders' and Editor's reports were accepted with appreciation on a motion by Mr. Seymour seconded by Mr. Fletcher.

Any Other Business.

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

J. G. Drenth
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