

The Forty Plus Cycling Club

Year 1965

1965

MINUTES OF THE FOURTEENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF THE FORTY PLUS CYCLING CLUB, HELD AT
"THE CASTLE", 26, FURNIVAL STREET, E.C.4,
ON SATURDAY, 6TH MARCH, 1965.

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The meeting commenced at 3.10 p.m. with 28 members present. This number was subsequently increased to 31.

The Secretary, Mr. Seymour, explained the absence of the Chairman, Mr. Irving, who was in hospital after an operation. It was then proposed by Mr. Wooder, seconded by Mr. Stewart and agreed that Mr. Tackley should act as Chairman for this meeting.

Apologies for absence had been received from Messrs. Clark, Irving and Fitzpatrick.

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

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

It was moved by Mr. Covington, seconded by Mr. Drewett and agreed that the Minutes as circulated be accepted as a true record of what took place last year. They were accordingly signed by the Acting Chairman.

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

There were no matters arising.

3. Secretary's Report.

This had been circulated to all members of the Club.

In enlarging on his report, the Secretary congratulated those who had made such successful endeavours to increase the membership to its present record of 135 - particularly Mrs. Lang, who had been outstandingly enthusiastic in this field. He repeated that he thought the Club gave good value for money and was of the opinion that it was now standing on a very sound foundation which should survive any future setbacks. He hoped that every member would attend a fixture at least once a year, as it was their companionship we wanted, not just their names. Records showed that about 40% of the membership attended runs during the year, which was quite creditable, though he would like to see this percentage higher. He appealed for someone to fill the still vacant office of Social Secretary, particularly as Mr. Irving, who had been mainly responsible for the organization of the last two Annual Dinners, might not be as fit after his operation as heretofore. Also Mr. Wooder should be relieved of some of the work which he took on in this respect. We had very enthusiastic officers, this being one of the reasons for the Club's success; but these should not be overburdened. He closed with an account of two of his past experiences which illustrated the great spirit of comradeship existing among cyclists under adverse conditions and said that it was such experiences which made him proud to belong to a Club such as ours.

It was then proposed by Mr. Drewett, seconded by Mr. Covington and agreed that the report be adopted with acclamation.

4. Treasurer's Report and Audited Accounts.

These had been circulated to all members.

In enlarging on these, the Treasurer, Mr. Knapp, pointed out that the cost of the Handbook had increased but that advertising was down. The latter was due to the C.T.C. Gazette, in which we advertised, now being issued bi-monthly instead of monthly. The price would, however, be back to the old one of £7.10.0 for 1965. The drop in donations was probably due simply to the fact that members thought them no longer necessary. These had never been asked for but came in when there was any particular expense involved, e.g. the purchase of a duplicator.

The Secretary asked the Treasurer if he was happy to keep the subscription at 10/-, to which the Treasurer replied that he thought it adequate. The subscription had not been increased for 7 years, and Mr. Wooder remarked that this was largely due to Mr. Pemberton's supply of paper at cheap rates. The Treasurer stated that "Signpost" worked out at 2/6d. per member for four issues, which was very economical, and he thought Messrs. Wooder and Tackley were to be commended on their economical system of running the issuing of "Signpost".

5. Consideration of the Following Proposal from the Committee. -

"That a form of commuted membership giving 5 years membership for an advance payment of 4 years current subscription be inaugurated."

The Chairman stated that this was now open for discussion.

Mr. Covington asked if this subscription would give everything that the members enjoyed at present and was told that such was the case.

Mr. Stewart asked the reason for the proposal and was told by the Chairman that it was to encourage members to stay with the Club longer and to make administration easier (e.g. there would only be one collection of subscription and one entry in the books per member for 5 years instead of one being necessary every year).

In reply to a question as to what would be done with the money, the Secretary said that it would be invested - it was not intended to tie the money up in a special account.

The Treasurer said that the scheme, if passed by this A.G.M., would commence on 1st January, 1966, that by the A.G.M. for that year we should know how many wished to avail themselves of it and that he would then be able to make a suggestion as to how to deal with the money. He felt sure that we could make more than enough profits in investing the money to make up for the loss of one year.

Mr. Downey pointed out that we should need a special drive at the end of 5 years in case some of those who had taken out membership for 5 years did not wish to renew.

Mrs. White asked what would happen if we wished to increase the subscription and the Secretary explained that those who had already entered the scheme would be unaffected by an increase and would therefore benefit financially.

Mr. Johnson then proposed and Mr. Padley seconded the following:-

"That commuted membership be only available after 2 years ordinary membership."

This proposal was lost by a large majority and the original motion was carried nem.con.

At this point the President, Mrs. Lang, entered and apologised for her late arrival, which was due to the illness of her husband. The Chairman welcomed her and the meeting, through him, conveyed to Mrs. Lang their hopes for Mr. Lang's speedy recovery.

6. Election of Officers.

The following were elected:-

<u>Position.</u>	<u>Name.</u>	<u>Proposed by:-</u>	<u>Seconded by:-</u>
Chairman.	Mr. Irving.	Mr. Wooder.	Mrs. Lang.
Secretary.	Mr. Seymour.	Mr. Knapp.	Mr. Drewett.
Treasurer.	Mr. Knapp.	Mrs. Lang.	Mr. Stewart.
Editor.	Mr. Tackley.	Mrs. Lang.	Mr. Middleton.
Social Sec.	The Secretary made a special appeal for one of those present to perform this work and stressed that the committee would give every assistance, adding that if no Social Secretary were found there might be no Annual Dinner but that if one were found he might be willing to organize other social functions in addition. As the meeting was unsuccessful in finding a member willing to fill this position, the Chairman passed on to the election of the six other committee members. The position was subsequently filled (see (c) of Any Other Business).		

Here came a break for tea, during which photographs taken on a recent Club run and kindly donated by Mr. and Mrs. James, were sold to members present, the proceeds to help defray expenses of the meeting.

Mr. Middleton proposed, Mr. Stewart seconded and it was agreed that the four existing Runs Leaders be elected to the committee. These were:-

Messrs. Cannon, Drewett, Warhurst, Wooder.

Two other committee members were needed and Messrs. Fletcher, Hankin and Middleton were proposed. A vote resulted in Messrs. Hankin and Middleton being elected.

The election of officers was finalised by a proposition from Mrs. Lang, seconded by Mr. Wooder and agreed that Mr. Fitzpatrick be elected as Auditor.

7. Any Other Competent Business.

(a) Club Tie.

Mr. Jefford asked if we could have a Club tie and several members present expressed interest in the idea. The Chairman suggested, and it was agreed, that this idea should be considered by the committee and asked that, in the meantime, members interested should let the committee members know.

(b) Vice-Chairman.

Mr. Cannon suggested that we appoint a Vice-Chairman, the idea behind the suggestion being that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman should be in touch before a meeting in order to ensure that one or other of them would be present. After discussion, Mr. Cannon agreed to a suggestion that the committee should elect a Vice-Chairman from among their members; Mr. Covington seconded this and the meeting also agreed.

(c) Social Secretary.

Mr. Drewett suggested coming back to nominations for Social Secretary as, since the subject had first been discussed, there had been late arrivals who might be interested in the position. The Secretary again appealed for volunteers, not only to organize the

Annual Dinner but also to take some of the work of the social side off Mr. Wooder's shoulders. Finally Mr. Fletcher volunteered on condition that he could have an assistant and Mrs. Read volunteered for this latter work. It was then proposed by Mr. Hankin, seconded by Mr. Middleton and agreed by the meeting that these two members be elected jointly as Social Secretaries. The Club Secretary thanked Mr. Fletcher and congratulated him on "having the courage of his convictions".

(d) Handbooks.

Mr. Wooder suggested that these should in future be issued with the July issue of the Club Magazine each year but the Secretary reminded him that at a previous meeting it had been agreed that they be got out as early as possible and stated that, as it took 2-3 months to get this work done (sending amended Handbook draft off to the Printers, getting back and checking proofs, despatching to members, etc.) the earliest possible date was about the end of March. They had been later than this in 1964 owing to the alterations to the Rules, which had had to be passed by the A.G.M. before being printed. Normally, however, they could go out with the March issue of "Signpost", as would be done this year.

There being no other business brought up for discussion, the meeting closed at 5.55 p.m. with votes of thanks to the Acting Chairman, Mr. Tackley, and to Mrs. Seymour, who was acting as Minuting Secretary.

*Robert Read
Tackley*

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SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR 1964.

When I wrote my first report as your Secretary for 1959, I hardly expected to be writing these words for 1964. Perhaps this means, not so much satisfied acknowledgment from the membership, as the usual attitude of laissez faire in any amateur organization. I have no doubt your committee feel similar reactions, without any thoughts of false modesty however.

Without wishing to stress the foregoing remarks, I feel that it is high time that the members produced from their ranks a Social Secretary. Don Irving has carried on the tradition of the Dinner from Ted Groom admirably; but I feel sure he would be the first to admit that an expansion of social functions should be an individual responsibility in a club of this nature.

The activities of the Forty Plus read, once again, like something from the travel features of the Press. Runs held regularly every Sunday in all directions, Bank Holiday tourlets and invasion of foreign parts by the official parties have been supported by individual riders, penetrating, as was briefly mentioned at the Dinner, to places even to-day considered unusual.

The quarterly Magazine has been commended in writing on more than one occasion in 1964 and it is hoped that this is sufficient reward to ^{Mr} Stewart Tackley for his efforts.

The Runs Leaders, as always, bore the brunt of the practical side of the Club activities. Without their work there would be, in effect, a club in name only. No doubt, seeking no praise, their efforts are rewarded by your presence on the fixtures.

The Dinner was a replica of the success of 1963, through the excellent work of Don Irving, and the numbers attending and financial result showed a very similar pattern.

The membership has increased considerably again, by 15, standing at 135 at December 31st. This, I suppose, is some reward for my constant nagging on this subject; but seriously, it can be said, without undue optimism, that a foundation has now been laid. But do not let that remark allow you to relax your efforts! This increase is reflected in the accounts, on which a separate report has been prepared by the enthusiastic Treasurer, George Knapp.

A more central venue has been found for the A.G.M. and your committee and I hope that the numbers attending will be at least equal, if not greater than for 1964. The sweetener of a slide show to follow is to be repeated.

Finally, Marjorie and I hope to meet as many of you as we possibly can during 1965.

4th February, 1965.

LESLIE SEYMOUR.

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TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1964.

At the end of my first year as your Treasurer, I must thank all members for the co-operation I have received; the way subscriptions come in is a revelation.

The accounts for 1964 show a surplus of Income over Expenditure of £12.10.4, whilst stock of badges and transfers has been increased by approximately £10; against this we must allow £6 for depreciation of the duplicator, which leaves us roughly £16.10.0 to the good.

The Committee devoted a considerable amount of time looking into the question of introducing Life Membership and finally came to the conclusion that, for this Club, the scheme was not really desirable. Instead, a proposal will be made at the A.G.M. that members may pay a commuted subscription of £2 for 5 years membership, and it is hoped that this will meet with general approval.

4th February, 1965.

GEORGE KNAPP.

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MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE "CROWN & SUGARLOAF", GARLICK HILL, E.C.4
ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 29TH, 1965.

Present:- Messrs. Cannon, Drewett, Fletcher, Knapp, Middleton, Seymour, Warhurst, Wooder.

Apology for absence received from Mr. Tackley.

The meeting commenced at 7.10 p.m.

In the absence of the Chairman, Mr. Irving, Mr. Drewett was unanimously elected to conduct the meeting.

Minutes of Last Meeting.

These were accepted as a true record on a motion by Mr. Cannon seconded by Mr. Wooder.

Matters Arising.

Mr. Seymour said that he had received a communication from Mr. Tackley that the typewriter was now being serviced at a quoted price of £4-£5, which figure might be increased in the unlikely event of additional trouble being found on inspection.

Also, on the subject of the Dinner, he wished to clarify the question of refunds, as he felt it to be unfair that different treatment had been accorded at various times although, of course, he did not suggest action in any way to discourage attendance. After a short discussion it was proposed by Mr. Wooder that, to qualify for a refund, application must be made seven days before the function, and this was passed unanimously. Mr. Seymour was also informed, on his raising of the subject of gratuities, that 10% would be payable to the "Talbot" in future. Mr. Drewett reported that he had contacted his suggested alternative band and had been quoted a figure of £15. After discussion, Mr. Knapp proposed a deferred decision on any change and this was passed unanimously.

Secretary's Report.

The Secretary read correspondence relating to enquiries regarding membership and also that received from members paying subscriptions to him. The year had concluded with a membership of 135 - a very creditable advance of 15 on 1963 - and 5 new members were already enrolled for 1965. Several recent enquiries were on hand.

The Secretary's report was accepted on a proposition by Mr. Wopder seconded by Mr. Warhurst.

Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer submitted a draft of the accounts for 1964 and said that he considered the situation very good. A profit of approximately £12 had been made; in addition there was an increase in the stock of badges and transfers. He read correspondence received from members when renewing their subscriptions.

Mr. Wooder proposed a vote of thanks to the Treasurer together with the acceptance of the report and, seconded by Mr. Cannon, this was passed unanimously.

Annual General Meeting.

The Secretary reported that he had received a letter via Mr. Tackley from the "Castle", Furnival Street, E.C.4, quoting a price of two guineas for the use of a room from 2-8 and had confirmed the booking. Regarding the question of refreshments, the Licensee would consider if these could be provided and would communicate further on this. It was hoped to repeat the slide show afterwards, inaugurated in 1964.

A separate Treasurer's report would be circulated.

Regarding commuted membership, the Secretary was instructed to put a formal proposition of 5 years for 4 years payment on the agenda, from the committee. The Treasurer said that he would defer alternative ideas on investment of Club funds until this scheme was passed and in operation.

Advertising.

The Secretary read correspondence he had written in connection with the Club advertisement in "Cycle Touring". He had taken himself the responsibility for continuing the insertion in the December-January issue and now asked for instructions as to the future. After a short discussion, a unanimous decision was passed to maintain the continuity and the Secretary was instructed to convey these instructions to the C.T.C. Advertising Department.

Runs Leaders' and Editor's Reports.

Mr. Wooder reported 11 away for the Christmas holiday, when Bob Hardy paid a visit to Great Easton. The impromptu runs had been well attended, with more ladies in evidence, and quite justified their existence. On Jan. 3rd 12 out all day from Ongar with lunch at Sawbridgeworth. On Jan. 17th 15 out. On Jan. 24th, the official Eastern run, 12 out. He had 12 booked for Easter. Stan Russell would be leading the Whitsun tourlet.

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Mr. Cannon had made enquiries regarding lunch on the Saturday for his coming week-end to Dial Post but, as the quotation was considered too expensive, he would pursue possible alternatives.

Mr. Warhurst gave the attendance for the Christmas lunch at Bricket Wood as 34, with quite a good meal. He hoped to repeat it in 1965. On January 17th, 13 to elevenses, 17 to lunch and home to tea on a bad day for weather.

Mr. Drewett reported on December 13th to Langley, 5 to elevenses, 9 to lunch and 2 stayed out to tea at a new venue for us at Tolmers, Newgate Street, which was quite good. The impromptu run on January 10th attracted 12 to elevenses and 8 to lunch.

In the absence of Mr. Tackley there was no Editor's report.

The Runs Leaders' reports were accepted with appreciation on a motion by Mr. Middleton seconded by Mr. Seymour.

Any Other Business.

Mr. Warhurst said that he had received an invitation from Mr. Jefford for the Club to visit the Social Club of his firm at Sundon, near Luton, on May 9th, coupled with a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Jefford at their home for elevenses. This was accepted with appreciation and Mr. Warhurst was asked to confirm it. A tangible acknowledgment in a suitable form would be made to the Jeffords. Mr. Warhurst also reported that Tom Pearce was to have an operation for hernia.

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

*Dr. King
9 April 1965*

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MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE "CROWN AND SUGARLOAF",
GARLICK HILL, E.C.4,
ON FRIDAY, APRIL 9TH, 1965.

Present.

Mrs. Read, Messrs. Cannon, Drewett, Fletcher, Irving, Knapp, Middleton, Seymour, Warhurst, Wooder.

An apology for absence was received from Mr. Hankin.

The meeting commenced at 7.05 p.m.

Minutes of Last Meeting.

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

Matters Arising.

There were no matters arising.

Secretary's Report.

The Secretary read correspondence received since the last committee meeting, sent to him with renewals of subscription. There were one or two enquiries regarding membership on hand but these were of too recent date to justify follow-up at present.

The Secretary's report was accepted with appreciation on a motion by Mr. Drewett seconded by Mr. Cannon.

Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer reported having received 120 subscriptions. There were 22 still outstanding for 1964. Accounts for advertising, room hire and teas at the A. G. M., less a donation, and Handbooks, had been paid and amounted to £22.11.6. This left a cash balance in hand to date of £127.19.0. The 22 outstanding subscriptions were examined in detail and appropriate action agreed in the varying circumstances. A final figure would be available at the next meeting. On the subject of the cost of providing teas for those attending the A.G.M., Mr. Seymour said that he considered that a position had now been reached when it might be advisable to charge a nominal sum for refreshments.

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

Annual General Meeting.

The draft minutes were accepted as a true record of the proceedings. Mr. Seymour asked to be refreshed on the subject of advertising charges. Mr. Knapp said that, in 1963, £7.10.0 was paid for 12 insertions in the C.T.C. Magazine. As it was converted to bi-monthly, this paid for 1964 also, except that it was agreed to have a box surround at an extra charge of £3.15.0. As this was to be continued, the new charge was £7.10.0 for six appearances per year. On the subject of commuted membership, the Chairman gave as his ruling that this alteration to the rules, which he accepted as implied, which was passed at the A.G.M., would be put into operation for subscriptions for 1966. No precedent had been set for any successful motion to be applied to the current year.

Annual Dinner.

On this subject, Mr. Fletcher asked for details as fixed to date. He was informed that the "Talbot" had been booked for the function for Saturday, 6th November. Arthur Iyme had not yet been contacted regarding the availability of his band. (At this point Mr. Wooder suggested that a pianist would be preferable to a band and the social evening thus provided more suitable to the occasion. This idea being received favourably, it was agreed to proceed on the suggestion). An extension of licence would have to be arranged. Regarding the toasts, it would be necessary to procure a chief speaker to propose the Club and also a Club member to welcome the guests. Circulars to remind members, etc. would be in the hands of Mr. Wooder. Specimen menus would be examined after receipt from the "Talbot" proprietors. It was hoped Mr. Groom would be prepared to accept the duties of M.C. The Social Secretaries were asked to report progress on the arrangements at the next meeting.

Runs Leaders' and Editor's Reports.

Mr. Warhurst had only one run to report - that on March 14th to Ayot St. Lawrence, which attracted 22 to elevenses at St. Albans and 22 to lunch. No tea stop was booked on the return.

Mr. Drewett reported three runs. On February 7th an impromptu venue attracted 15 to elevenses at the "Kia-Ora", 12 to lunch at the "John Barleycorn" at High Laver; with tea at home. On March 7th, again elevenses at "Kia-Ora", attended by 14 members, 12 to lunch at Sawbridgeworth, including a prospective new member, and 4 stayed out to tea. On April 4th, 12 to elevenses at Tolmers, Newgate Street, 10 to lunch at Harpenden and 5 to tea at Elstree.

Mr. Wooder reported on January 31st an impromptu run to Ongar for lunch, 13 to elevenses and 10 to lunch. On February 14th, from Widford to Billericay, 12 to elevenses, 6 to lunch. On February 21st - a run to support the East London T.A. Dinner - from Sawbridgeworth to Doddinghurst - was attended by 16 to lunch. On February 28th another impromptu run from Ongar to Widford and Crays Hill saw 13 to elevenses, 10 to lunch. On March 14th, on a circular trip, 10 members were present. On March 21st,

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the official Eastern run, 12 out with 11 to lunch at Great Easton. He had 11 booked for Easter and 6 to 8 for Whitsun, 10 were going to Corsica and, provisionally, the same number for Normandy later in the year.

Mr. Cannon reported on the week-end to Dial Post on March 27th /28th. 10 met at Woolwich, increased to 11 at West Wickham for elevenses and 15 for lunch on the Saturday at Merstham. Tim Crawley was met by chance, staying at "The Gables". Numbers were maintained in the morning by being joined by a Miss Graham, a prospective member, since enrolled. At lunch at Capel numbers were increased to 17, and 11 went on to tea at Godstone, being joined by two later.

In the absence of Mr. Tackley, there was no Editor's report.

Any Other Business.

The questions of a Club tie and the election of a deputy Chairman were deferred until a further meeting owing to lack of time.

The meeting closed at 9.15 with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

A letter was handed to the Secretary after the meeting, from Mr. Tackley, in which he apologised for absence owing to sickness. In it he brought up the points about the strict accuracy of the wording of the proposition passed at the A.G.M. regarding commuted membership and also the point of when this was to be inaugurated. Both these points had been dealt with by the Chairman in committee. He also wished to ventilate the question of the covers of the Magazine. He expressed his gratitude to the Runs Leaders for their willing co-operation in supplying reports on fixtures, a duty which he felt placed an additional burden on their time.

Tackley
Chairman
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MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE "CROWN AND SUGARLOAF",
GARLICK HILL, E.C.4,
ON FRIDAY, JUNE 11TH, 1965.

Present.

Mrs. Read, Messrs. Drewett, Hankin, Knapp, Middleton, Seymour, Tackley, Warhurst, Wooder.

In the absence of the Chairman, Mr. Wooder proposed, and Mr. Middleton seconded, that Mr. Tackley act as Chairman for the meeting. This was agreed unanimously. Mr. Tackley, in accepting, said that perhaps this would be the opportunity of dealing with the question of a permanent deputy Chairman. Mr. Middleton then proposed, and Mr. Wooder seconded, that Mr. Tackley be elected as acting deputy Chairman and this was agreed. Mr. Tackley, in accepting, expressed his appreciation of the confidence of the committee.

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. Lang, Messrs. Cannon, Fletcher and Irving.

The meeting commenced at 7.10 p.m.

Minutes of Last Meeting.

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

Matters Arising.

There were no matters arising.

Secretary's Report.

The Secretary read correspondence he had received in connection with Club matters and enquiries for membership. There were none on hand at present necessary for follow up by area leaders. He had officially welcomed all new entrants. The report was accepted with approbation on a motion by Mr. Wooder seconded by Mr. Hankin.

Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer reported membership strength as 143, which included 12 new members to date. The cash balance, ~~including~~ payment for overhaul of typewriter, was £135. Mr. Seymour, in proposing the acceptance of the report, wished to place on record his sincere appreciation of the work entailed in these figures. This was seconded by Mr. Wooder and passed unanimously.

Social Secretaries' Report.

In the absence of Mr. Fletcher owing to his misfortune of an accident, it was agreed to examine the question of the Dinner arrangements in detail under Item 7 - any other business.

Runs Leaders' and Editor's Report.

Mr. Drewett reported that on May 2nd it was necessary to change elevenses from Ware to Puckeridge - 14 to elevenses, 10 to lunch and 8 to tea, making 19 over the day, including Dolf Lang by motor transport. On May 30th to Aspenden, this was taken by Stan Russell and he had no details available.

On the Southern area, on April 25th, Mr. Cannon had reported in writing 12 members from meet to elevenses. Three returned but, en route to lunch, were met by new member, Mrs. Beazley, and at lunch by Rita Woolf and Albert Middleton. 12 to excellent lunch at British Legion Restaurant. Stan Sheather left on trike after lunch, leaving 11 to arrive at tea. 15 members seen during day. On May 23rd to Abinger Hammer, 4 members were riding.

Mr. Woeder reported on an impromptu run on May 9th to Great Bardfield, which attracted 7 members. On 16th May there were 17 out during the day, including Mr. and Mrs. Weaire and Dick Bennett - elevenses Grays Hill, Maldon for lunch and Billericay for tea. Six members attended Whitsun tourlet.

Mr. Warhurst reported on the run on April 16th 17 to elevenses at Rickmansworth, 15 to lunch at Buckland Common and 12 to tea at Red Lion, Chenies. The run at the invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Jefford on May 9th was reported by Mr. Seymour. 21 to elevenses at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jefford at Caddington, which was reduced to 15 to tea at Harpenden.

Mr. Tackley thanked the runs leaders for their co-operation in submitting prompt reports of the fixtures. On the question of returning to coloured magazine covers, Mr. Woeder said that about 9 months supplies of white covers were in hand. Buff or similar shade might involve additional expense; but in view of the stock situation, the committee agreed to defer further discussion at present.

Any Other Business.

On the question of the Annual Dinner arrangements, it was confirmed that Mr. Fletcher had been able to agree with the Rev. Porter, a practising cyclist, to consent to be the chief guest to propose the toast of the Club. Mr. Irving would no doubt reply. Mr. Knapp, it was hoped, would propose the guests. It only remained for a reply to the toast to be arranged. Mr. Knapp agreed to contact Mr. ~~Wax~~ of the

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Mr Irving

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C.T.C. offices for this and, failing his acceptance, for the honour to be passed to Mr. ~~Stiles~~, also of the C.T.C. offices. It was decided to approach Mr. Groom for his assistance in procuring a pianist; but meanwhile all the committee would institute their private enquiries. An application for extension of licence would not be necessary until about a month before the function and would be automatic. Mr. Woode would deal with the circulars (giving advance notice) sent out to members. These would be included with the September issue of the Magazine to save postage. Regarding specimen menus, Mrs. Read agreed to procure these from the "Talbot" proprietors for examination at the next Committee meeting, in August. A decision taken then would enable the tickets to be printed earlier than in previous years, when the position had not been entirely satisfactory. Mr. Seymour agreed to contact Mr. Fletcher as to the exact information on what steps had already been taken in connection with the function.

Mr. Seymour brought up the question of increased postage charges. He had calculated a possible expense to the Club of about £5 in a full year. The Treasurer agreed with the estimate but said that it was his considered opinion that, unless completely unforeseen circumstances arose, he did not envisage an increase in subscription rate for at least two years.

Mr. Woode said that there would not be an inter-club fixture with the 35 section of the West Kent D.A. this year but he hoped that next year would see a re-introduction of the event with equal enthusiasm prevailing.

A short discussion on the question of introducing a Club tie for sale as suggested at the A.G.M. was deferred pending a sounding of the membership by the committee on a possible demand.

The meeting closed at 8.55 with a vote of thanks to the acting Chairman.

Dr. H. S. W. Way
13th August 1965

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MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE "CROWN AND SUGARLOAF",
GARLICK HILL, E.C.4,
ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 13th, 1965.

Present.

Mrs. Lang, Mrs. Read, Messrs. Cannon, Drewett, Fletcher, Hankin, Irving, Knapp, Middleton, Seymour, Tackley, Warhurst, Wooder.

The meeting commenced at 7.10 p.m.

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Mr. Warhurst queried the wording indicating the cash balance in the Treasurer's report and this was to be altered to read "after" to replace "including" payment of overhaul of typewriter. Mr. Knapp said that he was under the impression that Mr. Stiles was to be approached firstly and then Mr. Way, in connection with the guests' reply to their toast, and not in the reverse order as shown in the Minutes. The Secretary indicated that he was not prepared to contest these points and the Committee then asked the Chairman to amend the Minutes in accordance with these two points. He then signed them as a true record on a motion by Mr. Tackley seconded by Mr. Hankin.

Matters Arising.

Regarding the question of a Club tie, only one letter had been received showing interest in this. A letter with a quotation was read and, in view of the considerable investment of Club funds which would be involved and the apparent lack of interest, Mr. Tackley proposed and Mr. Drewett seconded, that the members be informed at the A.G.M. that the suggestion had been found to be impracticable.

Secretary's Report.

The Secretary read correspondence received since the last committee meeting from people enrolling and enquiring about the Club, and with matters relating to personal affairs affecting various members. He now left the statistical side to the Treasurer.

The report was accepted on a motion by Mr. Drewett seconded by Mr. Fletcher.

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Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer said that at this time of the year his duties were light. Five new members had enrolled since the last meeting, and he had had one more renewal. This made 132 renewals and 17 new members, a total of 149. The cash balance stood at £136.9.0.

In moving the acceptance of the report, Mr. Seymour said that he considered it a remarkable achievement to obtain almost 100% renewals (in effect only one had resigned) and he wished to couple his proposal to accept the report with a sincere appreciation of this work. This was seconded by Mr. Drewett and passed unanimously.

Annual Dinner.

The Committee discussed the specimen menus and agreed on one at a price of 17/6d. The letter from the Rev. Porter accepting the invitation to be the chief guest was read. The price of printing tickets and menus was examined, currently procured through the Kingfisher Press. Mrs. Lang suggested that she might be able to obtain a keener quote from a member of the Club. After discussion, this procedure was agreed and Mr. Wooder was to follow up the action. Members of the committee had been unable to obtain a pianist for a Saturday function and it was proposed by Mr. Wooder and seconded by Mr. Cannon that Mr. Groom be approached regarding obtaining a band. Regarding the cost of the dinner tickets, after discussion Mr. Wooder proposed 22/6d. and this was seconded by Mrs. Lang. Any loss incurred on the function would be examined closely for next year. There being some dissension, a vote taken showed 8 in favour and 2 against. The extension of the licence would be applied for in the middle of October.

Runs Leaders' and Editor's Reports.

Mr. Drewett had no report for the run on May 30th to Aspenden, which was led by Stan Russell. On June 20th he led the southern run with 7 members out, as John Cannon was on holiday. On June 27th the venue had to be changed to Stocking Pelham, as Berden was fully booked; 19 to elevenses, 15 to lunch and 19 to tea - 22 members out during the day. On July 25th to Lilley, Bill Davey led with 11 to elevenses, 12 to lunch and 11 to tea - 16 members overall.

Mr. Wooder reported on 13th June to Felsted 20 out, including new member Bloor. On July 11th, 16 out during the day to Terling, including new member Spurling. On 31st July/1st August he had held a week-end to Great Easton on a western run date. On August 8th to Henham 15 out during the day. On July 24th a party of members had helped at the invalids' rally. The slide show week-end and the Christmas Dinner had been booked, also the tour to Normandy. He would not be going away at Christmas but could organize an impromptu eastern run for Boxing Day.

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Mr. Cannon said that on 18th July there were 11 to elevenses, 9 to lunch at Hever and 7 to tea at Eynsford. He did not, as in previous years, intend to have southern fixtures in January and February. The yearly early spring week-end would be to Dial Post or Mayfield.

Mr. Warhurst reported on the run on July 4th to Amersham - 12 to elevenses at Rickmansworth, 10 to lunch and 5 to tea at Chenies. New member Sheather on the fixture. On August 1st to Little Marlow, 12 to elevenses at Chalfont St. Giles, 12 to lunch at Little Marlow and 10 to tea at Chalfont St. Peter. New members Humphrey and Letts attended the run.

Mr. Tackley said that as his holidays were imminent, this might affect the next issue of "Signpost". He noted the deputy leaders did not send reports of runs but he felt that this was not of major importance. He welcomed more news of members. Mr. Cobb of Bournemouth had sent a report relating to the late Willie Weston and a photograph had been sent to Mrs. Weston.

The Runs Leaders' and Editor's reports were accepted on a motion by Mr. Middleton seconded by Mrs. Lang.

Any Other Business.

Mr. Fletcher said that he thought tea places were sited too far out and suggested that something nearer might be incorporated with the informal runs from Marshmoor. Mr. Hankin said that, on these fixtures, lunch was always at Langley, near Hitchin, and tea was only taken impromptu by a few of those attending.

Mr. Wooder said that he had a prospective new member from Ireland who had been prominent in cycling circles there and was now resident in his area.

Mr. Warhurst said that he hoped to repeat the western area Christmas Dinner held last year, at Bricket Wood.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.05 p.m.

A. Hankin

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THE FORTY-PLUS CYCLING CLUB.

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE "CROWN AND SUGARLOAF",
GARLICK HILL, LONDON, E.C.4
ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13TH, 1965.

Present.

Messrs. Drewett, Fletcher, Hankin, Knapp, Middleton, Seymour.

Apologies for absence had been received from Mrs. Lang, Mr. and Mrs. Warhurst, Messrs. Cannon, Irving, Tackley and Wooder.

The meeting commenced at 7.0 p.m.

In the absence of the Chairman, Mr. Irving, and the Deputy Chairman, Mr. Tackley, Mr. Drewett proposed and Mr. Seymour seconded that Mr. Hankin take the Chair for the meeting.

Minutes of Last Meeting.

Mr. Drewett proposed and Mr. Knapp seconded that these be accepted as a true record and the Acting Chairman signed accordingly.

Matters Arising.

Mr. Knapp reported that neither Mr. Stiles nor Mr. Way had been able to accept the honour of replying to the toast of the guests. There were no other matters arising.

Secretary's Report.

The Secretary read correspondence received in connection with enrolment in the Club and relating to social affairs of members.

He had received a letter from Mr. Russell suggesting the formation of a system of map loans between members and had replied that, in putting it before the Committee, the only obstacle in his (the Secretary's) view would be to obtain a volunteer to operate the scheme, and suggesting that Mr. Russell himself, as the proposer, might be willing.

A letter from Mr. Hankin putting forward the idea of a repeat slide show at the Scout House in Willesden again, in his view would be acceptable provided the date did not prove inconvenient and here, again, he had suggested that Mr. Hankin might be willing to promote the event.

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

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Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer reported four new members since the last meeting, bringing the total to 21 and the membership to 153. The cash balance was £137.4.0.

The Treasurer's report was accepted by a proposition from Mr. Middleton seconded by Mr. Drewett.

Annual Dinner.

It was reported that the extension of the licence at the "Talbot" had been applied for and confirmed. The menu had been settled. Mr. Fletcher had booked the band for the evening for a fee of twelve guineas. Mrs. Lang had had the menus and tickets produced by a Club member as arranged, and the latter were in circulation. Regarding the usual raffle, Mr. Fletcher was asked to contact Mr. Groom as to his willingness to arrange this again with the prizes and also to confirm that he was prepared to M.C. the function. Mr. Knapp said that, following the inability of both Mr. Stiles and Mr. Way to attend, he had been able to procure the acceptance of a Mr. Harper to reply to the toast of the guests.

Runs Leaders' and Editor's Reports.

Mr. Drewett reported a record turn-out for the run to Buntingford on August 22nd. 25 to elevenses at Stanstead Abbots, 23 to lunch at Buntingford and 14 to tea. Only 8-10 lunches had been ordered but he managed to procure 14. 28 members out during the day. On September 19th to Standon, 18 to elevenses, approximately 15 to lunch and 10 to tea.

In the absence of Mr. Warhurst, a report had been received for the run on 26th September led by Mr. Hankin. 6 to elevenses, 12 to lunch at Whitwell and with tea at Pat's Cafe, Hatfield - 16 out during the day.

Mr. Seymour had received reports from Mr. Wooder and Mr. Cannon.

Mr. Wooder wrote that he had had 15 out on the run to Purleigh on September 5th, with a successful elevenses at the invitation of Len Downey at his home. On 19th September several members met the Northern Section. 10 members had a very enjoyable and successful week in France, with George Knapp contributing considerably in booking the hotels and mapping the route. 22 members had booked already for the slide show at Ugley.

Mr. Cannon's letter gave 9 members at the meet at Epsom on August 15th. The lunch venue, the "King's Head", Chobham, was closed, the "Sun" P.H. next door being the alternative. 10 present. Tea taken by 8 at Oxshott. 12 members out during the day. On 12th September, 8 members met at Shoreham, 11 to lunch at the "Wheatsheaf", Bough Beech, and 10 members returned to tea at Badger's Mount. One prospective member

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out during the day. The week-end on October 9th-10th to Sutton Valence attracted 9 members on the Saturday run. This included some rough-stuff on the Pilgrims' Way and witnessing part of the village carnival at Lenham. Excellent accommodation and meals at the "Queens Head". The lunch venue of the "Oak" at Tonbridge had had to be changed at short notice owing, again, to closure; but an alternative had been successfully arranged at Mrs. Chambers' at Speldhurst and all those booked had been informed and were included. 11 had lunch and 13 members sat down to tea at Eynsford, including two members who, not having booked lunch, had travelled to Tonbridge. 15 members out during the Sunday.

Any Other Business.

Mr. Hankin said that he had received information that Pat's Cafe, near Hatfield, if receiving a previous booking, would put a party in a private room, and their charges were proving quite reasonable.

Mr. Fletcher queried the question of informal tea places in the fixture list but was assured that this arrangement only held during the winter months, as most people expressed the desire to return home to tea.

Mr. Seymour asked for confirmation that the date of the A.G.M. be approximate to the previous meeting in March. He considered that, in view of rising costs, members attending should be asked to pay a nominal sum for refreshments. In view of the cost at the "Castle", Mr. Knapp was asked to contact the licensee of the "Crown and Sugarloaf" regarding the charge for hiring the room used for committee meetings.

In view of the small attendance at the meeting, the Secretary said that he considered that, with the future in mind, those committee members having regular evening engagements should submit the particulars to him to enable a possible compromise to be obtained.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.15 with a vote of thanks to Mr. Hankin for his duties as Chairman.

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