

The Forty Plus Cycling Club

Year 1968

THE FORTY PLUS CYCLING CLUB.

MINUTES OF THE 17TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE FORTY PLUS CYCLING CLUB,
HELD AT THE "CROWN AND SUGARLOAF" INN, GARLICK HILL, LONDON, E.C.4, ON
SATURDAY, MARCH 9TH, 1968.

The meeting commenced at 3.15 p.m. and 39 members attended under the chairmanship of Mr. Lew Penberton.

1. Confirmation of minutes of 16th annual general meeting had been circulated to all members of the club.

Mr. E. Fitzpatrick proposed and Mr. F. Drewett seconded that these minutes were a true and correct record of the last A.G.M.

2. Secretary's report. All members had received copies.

3. Treasurer's report. All members had received copies.

4. Matters arising. Mr. Trueman asked as to how £60 was with trustees. Mr. Knapp, Treasurer, stated that this was commuted membership subscriptions and was invested in National Savings Certificates under the trusteeship of the Secretary, Mr. Wooder, and himself, both having signed documents saying that this cash could be obtained from their estates should they die. The Auditor, Mr. Fitzpatrick, had in his possession one of these documents.

5. Election of Officers for 1968.

<u>Position.</u>	<u>Name.</u>	<u>Proposed by.</u>	<u>Seconded by.</u>
Chairman.	Mr. L. Penberton.	Mrs. M. Lang.	Mr. F. Drewett.
Secretary.	Mr. T. Wooder.	Mr. G. Knapp.	Mr. A. Hankin.
Treasurer.	Mr. G. Knapp.	Mr. D. Lang.	Mr. J. Cannon.
Editor.	Mr. S. Russell.	Mrs. M. Lang.	Mr. F. Drewett.

Committee members: 6 wanted, including runs leaders.

The secretary suggested that the post of social secretary should be dropped. The chairman then pointed out that this would mean an alteration of the rules. The chairman then asked for a proposition for the position of social secretary, but none was forthcoming.

Committee Members Elected.

<u>Name.</u>	<u>Proposed by.</u>	<u>Seconded by.</u>
Mr. J. Cannon.	Mr. G. Knapp.	Mr. F. Drewett.
Mr. L. Duffin.	Mr. T. Wooder.	Mr. A. Middleton.
Mr. F. Drewett.	Mr. J. Davey.	Mr. D. Lang.
Mr. J. Jefford.	Mrs. M. Lang.	Mr. G. Knapp.
Mr. A. Hankin.	Mr. J. Jefford.	Mrs. M. Lang.
Mr. J. Bolch.	Mr. F. Drewett.	Mr. J. Jefford.

Mr. V. Stewart and Mr. A. Middleton were not elected.

Auditor. Mr. E. Fitzpatrick. Proposed by Mrs. M. Lang. Seconded by Mr. J. Bolch.

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6. Any other Business.

The secretary told members that he was arranging for new handbooks to be printed and sent out with the June issue of the magazine.

Mr. Hankin reported that the annual lunch would be held at the "Queen's Head", St. Albans, on October 6th, 1968.

Mr. Drewett asked if members would help leaders by suggesting runs venues.

Mr. Wooder promised to take any Southern run if the leader, Mr. Cannon, happened to be on holiday, or otherwise unable to lead.

Mr. W. Germain asked if the trustees could be included in the committee officers. The chairman pointed out that, so far, these folk had been officers of the club but should this not be so at some future date, then the committee would have to look into this. Under Rule 3b, members may be co-opted on to the committee as and when required.

Mr. Jefford proposed and Mr. Cohen seconded that a wreath be sent to Meriden for the cyclists' war memorial service. Members agreed. Mrs. N. White offered to take it along on behalf of the club.

The meeting closed at 4.30 p.m. with a vote of thanks to the chairman and to all members of the committee for their work over the past year, also to Mrs. V. Wilcox for her help with magazine production.

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Car *W. H. H. H.*
Send *me*

Rule 3rd Revs Pam book

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Past. Chairman letter. Typewriter

Request of this sign etc (M. Newell)
Dear Members *Recd of Rev Dawson*

First of all, will you all please note my change of address, as follows:-

425, Uppinster Road North,
RAINHAM,
Essex.

In my first year of office as secretary, I would like to thank the committee members for their wonderful support they have given me in running the club, and you will see that our membership has increased steadily throughout 1967. I feel this is due to our President, Mac Lang, who seems to have a way of extracting 10/- from folk who mention cycling, and to Albert Hankin, who also has a way with him of getting folk to join his mid-week section, and, of course, we must not forget our treasurer, George Knapp, who has the happy knack of collecting subscription renewals. Our advertisements in "Cycle Touring" have brought quite a number of enquiries from folk around London, and although we are not successful with every enquirer, we do enrol some members via this medium, while the other folk must at some time mention the Forty Plus, thus keeping the club in the cycling fraternity's eyes.

Although the editing and production of "Signpost" is more complicated now, four people each doing something towards producing it, it was still reaching our members on time, and I think this team of folk can be congratulated on a very fine effort.

Throughout the year, runs have been well supported around the London and Luton areas, but Cyril Henry seems to be up against it in Northern Ireland. This, I imagine, could be the weather and the fact that members live so far apart. Anyway, Cyril is not the type of chap to be defeated, and runs will resume, he tells me, in April. May we wish him every success. *Inter/club August.*

EXETER TOUR 16.
A minor worry I have as secretary, is the lack of offers of leadership for the Western Section. This is our strongest section, and it would be a pity if support dropped due to us failing to get a leader. We must thank Jack Jefford for his organizing of runs in this section over the past year, and if any member needs any advice in running this section, I feel sure Jack will only be too willing to help any volunteer to iron out any snags they may run into.

Finally, my sincere wish is that this grand club of ours will continue to flourish and bring joy through cycling to our members.

T. WOODER, Secretary.

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TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1967.

The rise in the Club's membership continues unabated, the total at the end of the year being 186. Of our 1966 members, we lost but 9 through death and resignation, whilst 32 new members joined the fold. Cyril Henry established a Section in Northern Ireland, which provided 8 of these recruits, and we wish him well for continued success with his efforts. Within the Club, there is another "growth" story - the remarkable success of Albert Hankin's mid-week runs for our leisured retired members. The numbers who turn out in all weathers and the tales of caterers and publicans giving red carpet welcomes are indeed heartening.

The fact that our numbers have doubled over the last six years does mean that a lot of extra work is being put into keeping everyone in touch through the club magazine, etc. and our very sincere thanks are due to all concerned with the production and distribution of "Signpost". That their efforts really are appreciated is evident from the many tributes paid to the continued high standard of the mag.

Financially we have no worries; after purchasing a typewriter we still have some £104 in hand over and above our advance subscriptions. We need no Prices and Incomes Board to make us keep our subscriptions down to present levels - value for money is just one of the reasons why the Forty Plus is so flourishing.

It is once again a must that I should thank you for the prompt payment of your subs. - the 1967 dues all came in very speedily and already a very high proportion of 1968 subs. are to hand being your Treasurer is certainly a piece of cake and it is a pleasure to serve you.

27th January, 1968.

GEORGE KNAPP.

Proposed J. Jeff

Second J. Cohen

2 Badges Lost in Post
Paper under sf

Minutes of committee meeting held at the 'Crown & Sugar Loaf Inn' Garlick Hill, London, E.C.4, on Sat, 30th, March, 1968.

Members present: T. Wooder, F. Drewett, J. Jefford, A. Hankin, G. Knapp, J. Bolch, L. Duffin.

Co-opted: V. Stewart, A. Middleton.

In the absence of the chairmann. Mr. Pemberton, due to illness, it was proposed by Mr. Middleton, and seconded by Mr. Drewett, that Mr. Hankin take the chair for the meeting. All agreed.

The committee then agreed that Mr. Middleton & Mr. Stewart be co-opted on committee for the rest of the 1968 - 69 period under rule 3b, of club rules.

~~The secretary reported apologies for absence from Mr. Cannon due to other commitments.~~

Minutes of last committee meeting, 9th. Dec. 1967, were read & accepted as a true record. Prop: J. Jefford. sec. G. Knapp.

~~Secretary's report & correspondence.~~

The secretary reported that he had 1 inquiry re membership, a letter, R/1, & Mag had been sent to this person.

A letter had been received from a past members wife, Mrs. Best of Southern Ireland, informing the club that Bob had passed away.

A letter of condolence was sent to Mrs. Best on behalf of the club.

~~Cycletouring advertisement had been renewed for another 6 bi-monthly copies.~~

As requested by the committee, a runs list had been sent to the captain of the East London Tricycle Association, also a reply had been sent to Mr. Winter, a member now living in Sth. Africa, who had wrote and forwarded his subscription.

Treasurer's report.

As enclosed.

The secretary inquired of the treasurer if club expenses for 1967, had exceeded income. The treasurer pointed out that allowing for 1/5th of commuted subs, £10 depreciation on the duplicator plus annual subscriptions, the club had made a profit of £2.

Mr. Knapp had also renewed the advert in the Eastern Counties Association magazine.

Mr. Jefford prop: & Mr. Duffin sec: that the report be accepted with thanks. All agreed.

Handbooks.

Secretary reported that these were in hand, and would be distributed with the June edition of the magazine. Mr. Knapp suggested a blank page be inserted in the back of the book for additional new members. This was agreed to, the secretary being instructed to do this.

Minutes of A.G.M. 1968.

The committee heard the minutes as reported by the secretary, and

Agreed that these as they stood, be circulated to all members at least 14 days prior to the 1969 A.G.M. (8)

Reunion lunch.

Mr. Hankin reported that the provisional arrangements made, had now been confirmed in writing with the proprietor of the 'Queen's Hotel' St. Albans. As there was a limit of 80 persons for this event, tickets would go to club members & wives, or husbands first. Applications for tickets to be made with a S.A.E. before Sept. 1st 1968 to Mr. Hankin, or any other committee member. The secretary was asked to publish this in the June magazine.

Cyclist's War Memorial Service.

Mr. Knapp reported that a wreath had been ordered from a C.T.C. member who is a florist, and that Mrs. Nora White & Jack Jefford would attend the service and lay the wreath.

Any other business.

Mr. Stewart asked if a trip could be arranged to meet the Northern Ireland section. This was discussed, & suggestions made. At the same time, should any member be going to Northern Ireland, if they contacted Mr. Cyril Henry, the secretary was sure he would organize a run for them with his section.

Mr. Fletcher.

Mr. Jefford suggested that this member be co-opted on to the committee. This was discussed at length, and the committee agreed that this could cause a precedent, for as much as they were in sympathy with Mr. Fletcher's particular case, he had had a bad cycling accident, and so could not join in the club's activities, as much as he would like to, it would mean that there could be other cases the committee would have to consider, and the committee could eventually be over-burdened.

The secretary said that he had replied to a letter from Mr. Fletcher, explaining to him that as he was not at the A.G.M. no one had proposed nominations for social secretary, a post he had previously held, and so this post had not been filled.

Mr. Hankin was thanked for taking the chair.

Meeting closed at 5.15.p.m.

A. Hankin

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Minutes of committee meeting held at 'The Crown & Sugar Loaf Inn' Garlick Hill, London, E.C.4, on Sat. 15th. June. 1968

Members present: T. Wooder, G. Knapp, A. Hankin, J. Bolch, Mrs. Lang, J. Cannon.

Apologies for absence had been received from F. Drewett, V. Middleton, S. Russell, & V. Stewart, ~~L. Duffin~~

The secretary said he did not know if Mr. Pemberton was out of hospital, so could not send notification of meeting, and asked for a chairman to be elected for the meeting.

Mr. Knapp proposed, & Mr. Hankin seconded, all agreed that Mr. Hankin take the chair.

Minutes of the last meeting were read, Mr. Bolch proposed, & Mr. Knapp seconded that they were a true and correct record. There were no matters arising for discussion of these minutes.

Secretary's report & correspondence.

The secretary explained that due to Mr. Pemberton's illness, he, the secretary, had hired a car, and brought the duplicator to his house, and had duplicated the runs lists & magazines for the next quarter, and was prepared to carry on with this work for the time being. Mr. Knapp suggested that the committee instruct the secretary to charge the cost of transporting the duplicator, & to the club.

Duffin
Team
Knapp

Committee agreed.

On correspondence, the secretary said he had received 2 inquiries re membership, and had sent letters, runs lists & magazines to these folk, but had heard no more so far. Apart from this, there was nothing else to report, except that he understood there was still good attendances on runs. Mr. Cannon proposed & Mrs. Lang seconded that the report be accepted with thanks.

Treasurer's report.

As attached. Mr. Bolch proposed & Mr. Cannon seconded that these be accepted with thanks. All agreed.

Reunion lunch.

Mr. Hankin said he had nothing more to report at present. The secretary was instructed to get 400 tickets printed, and send these out to the leaders & committee members.

Reunion
& lunch

Tea Venues.

The secretary asked, did the committee think these should be made impromptu, as many cafes were closing. After discussion it was decided that this should be left to the individual leaders to decide, when planning their runs.

Tea
Venues

Any other business.

Christmas dinners. The Northern section had not decided yet. The Eastern section would run one, but had not yet

fixed a venue, but it would be either at High Laver or ~~Sawbridgeworth~~
Sawbridgeworth.

Meeting closed at 16.45.Hrs.

A. D. Roberts

1968

Members present: Mrs. Lang, J. Bolch, S. Russell, G. Knapp, V. Middleton, V. Stewart, J. Cannon, L. Duffin, A. Hankin, L. Pemberton, J. Jefford, F. Drewett, T. Wooder.

Members welcomed Mr. Pemberton after his recent illness.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read. Mr. Hankin proposed & Mr. Duffin seconded that these were a true & correct record. There were no comments on these minutes.

Secretary's Report.

The secretary said he had nothing special to report, except that the club was running very smoothly, and membership was still rising. He had answered quite a number of inquiries re membership.

Mr. Drewett proposed, & Mr. Russell seconded that the report be accepted.

Treasurer's Report.

As attached, Accepted. prop. Mr. Middleton.

seconded. Mr. Jefford.

The chairman asked about cash balance of the club.

CASH BALANCE

This was discussed by the committee, and the secretary & treasurer pointed out that it looked almost certain that postage for mags & runs list would rise, due to postal charges going up, and this would be an extra drain on yearly income. Mr. Jefford suggested that nothing should be done with surplus cash until the club had £500 in hand.

Mr. Pemberton read an extract from 'Cycletouring' re shares in building societies etc, but Mr. Knapp pointed out that both he and Mr. Seymour had looked into this, and found they were not a good investment as far as this club was concerned, as the club was not registered, and so we would be liable to income tax.

Mr. Drewett suggested that at the next A.G.M. members could consider donating a sum of money to the C.T.C. defence fund, as all cyclists benefited from this organization, due to its representations to parliament on road matters.

Annual Lunch.

Mr. Hankin reported that tickets so far had not sold too well, but on a count among the committee members, it was noted that about 56 had been sold.

Hotel bookings.

BOOKINGS DEPOSITS

The secretary suggested that anyone organizing a weekend, should be given a receipt book, and that deposits be paid with booking. Mr. Jefford proposed that full amount should be paid on booking. Mr. Cannon then added that if a person did not arrive, deposit should be forfeited. After further discussion, Mr. Duffin proposed, & Mrs. Lang seconded, that whoever ran the event, would decide

BOOKING DEPOSITS

the amount of deposit to be paid with booking, and if depositer failed to turn up, and someone took their place, the organizer, at his own discretion, refund the deposit to the original depositer.

'Cycletouring' advertisement.

ADVERTISING

The secretary asked if he should inquire of the C.T.C re cost of renewal of club advert.

The committee instructed him to go ahead with this, and also asked Mrs. Lang to renew the advert in the Eastern Counties magazine.

Any other business.

1970'S DANCE

The secretary said he had wrote to the Cosy Cafe, Sawbridge worth re a Christmas dinner to be held on Dec. 8th, a Northern fixture date. Mr. Drewett the Northern leader agreed this would be O.K. with him.

1969 YEARLY MEETING SEARCH

Mr. Jefford asked the committee to keep the weekend, 17/18th. May. 1969 open, as he would like to organize a run to the cyclist's war memorial service held at Meridan Committee agreed to this, and asked him to arrange accommodation. Mr. Jefford agreed.

Meeting closed 5.p.m.

A. Hankins