

The Forty Plus Cycling Club

Year 1975

FORTY PLUS CYCLING CLUB. 24th, Annual General Meeting.

Held at the "Castle Public House" London. E.C.1. Sat. 1st, March, 1975.

40 members were present. Apologies for absence received from Mr & Mrs, Engel, Mr. Jennings & Mr. Goldsmith.

1. Confirmation of 23rd A.G.M, minutes.
Prop. true & correct record. Mr. Drew. Sec. Mr. Trueman.
. Matters arising. Nil.
3. Sec's report. As attached. Mr. Simpson remarked on the low sub still charged in these inflated times.
Mrs¹/₂ Lang prop: & Mr. Stapley seconded that the report be received with thanks.
4. Treasurer's report. As attached.
Mr. Shaw said he was most thankful to Mr. Knapp for his efforts in making the change over of treasuryship so smooth. Except for the cost of a new typewriter, income had exceeded expenditure by £25.
Mr. Trueman asked about interest rate and actual amount in Building society. Mr. Shaw replied that the interest rate was as good as other society's and we had now £289.26 invested.
Mr. Trueman prop. & Mr. Moore sec: that this report be received with thanks to the treasurer.
5. Election of officers for 1975.

<u>Position.</u>	<u>Nominated.</u>	<u>Prop:</u>	<u>Second.</u>
Chairman.	Mr. Pemberton.	Mrs. Lang.	Mr. Middleton.
Hon Sec.	Mr. Wooder.	Mr. Harper.	Mrs. Lang.
Hon. Treasurer.	Mrs. Ganshaw.	Mrs. Lang.	Mrs. Wilcox.
North Leader.	Mrs. Rumball.	Mr. Harper.	Mr. Good.
S th "	Mrs. Gardner	Mrs. Lang.	Mr. Middleton.
East "	Mr. Good.	Mr. Trueman.	Mr. Russell.
West "	Mr. Hewitt.	Mr. Jefford.	Mr. Germain.
S/W Sussex.	Mr. Tackley.		
day Sec.	Mr. Moore.	Mr. Emburey.	Mr. Stewart.
Thursday "	Mr. Stewart.	Mr. Trueman.	Mrs. Lang.
Luton "	Mr. Jefford.	Mr. Drew	Mr. Middleton.
Nth. Ireland.	Mr. Henry.		
tor.	Mr. Stapley.	Mr. Stewart.	Mr. Hankin.
Editor.	Mr. Jennings.	Mrs. Lang.	Mr. Moore.
<u>Committee members.</u>			
	Mr. Trueman.	Mrs. Lang.	Mr. Good.
	Mr. Whiting.	Mr. Trueman.	Mrs, Lang.
	Mr. Middleton.	Mrs. Gardner.	Mr. Emburey.
	Mrs. Wilcox.	Mr. Jefford.	Mr. Russell.

All elected unopposed.

The chairman then thanked all the leaders for their work, and asked members to give them good support during the next year.

6. Handbooks.
The secretary pointed out that this was the last year of the present book, he then suggested that the printed book be discontinued as it was, and that each year a duplicated list of officials, & members names & addresses be sent to members.. A discussion then took place with varying views on this from members. Mr. Trueman said there was a certain amount of prestige in having a printed handbook, but Mr. Russell thought this was not worth the cost. Mr. Jefford thought it was a necessity, while Mr. Shaw thought it a very useful document. Eventually after a vote, it was decided to use up the remaining stock of handbooks, and then make a final decision whether the book is reprinted or duplicated. The secretary was asked to put this item on the next A.G.M. agenda.
7. Western Sec. Mr. Hankin thought this section was not worth running as it was badly supported. Western leader, Mr. Hewitt said he was still willing to carry on despite sometimes there being only one other member on the run. Chairman then suggested that Mr. Hewitt make his own decision whether he thought the runs were worth taking.
8. Merridewar memorial service. Mr. Jefford prop: the club again sent a wreath, this was seconded by Mr, Middleton. Meeting agreed. Mr. Jefford said he would organize the weekend.
9. Any other business. Chairman commented on the increase in the Southern section membership, and suggested that we hold 2 runs per month there. After discussion, this was agreed to, so what would happen was that on 1 Sunday in the month there would be 3 sections having a programmed run, so catering for more folk. The 3 sections would be Southern, Western, & Northern.

First committee meeting after A.G.M. would be Sat. 31st, May, 1975.

Collection for Ron Master's fund raised £4.70.

*Inhalled as a correct record
Read to Committee 31/5/75
Of Acting Chairman*

SECRETARY'S REPORT. A.G.M. 1976. REPORT FOR 1975.

Dear Members,

Again it is my pleasant duty to report, I think, one of the best years the club has had.

Membership again rose to 280 members, and during 1975, we recruited 38 new members.

Nearly 300 runs were programmed, and on some Sundays, we had as many as 3 sections running, giving choice of area to ride in.

Our midweek sections again were well supported, the Thursday section showing marked improvement over the 1974 figures. A Wednesday section was started by Grace Gardner, only a couple of folk out to start, but I feel sure that with Grace's leadership, this section will grow once the news has spread.

On the sadder side, I have to report the passing of 9 members during the year.

Tourlets were again organized at bank holidays, and were much enjoyed by those attending. Due to lack of numbers, the usual Christmas holiay at Lewsome Farm had to be cancelled. Although George Hewitt battled on with the Western Section, he received little or no support, but my thanks to him for his perserverance.

On the finance side, we did as anticipated, finish in the red, but much less than expected, this thanks to the many folk who helped with magazine distribution, so saving postage, which again rose during the year from 5½P. to 9P. While on this, I must mention that a member did write me offering to pay all magazine postages for 1975. On behalf of the committee I wrote a letter of thanks, explaining that the club accounts could stand this loss, but the committee had decided that this A.G.M. must consider increasing subscriptions in 1977.

Although I am prepared to stand again for secretary, I feel that the *Auditor* secretary and treasurer should live near to each other, so that there could be more and quicker liason between them for efficiency.

Finally, my sincere thanks to Vi Wilcox and Bill Jennings for their excellent production of our magazine, to all the committee members and runs leaders who faithfully turn out on club runs and attend committee meetings throughout the year, so making my job all that much easier. Good health and may you all enjoy good cycling during the coming year.

Tom Wooder. Hon Sec.

Dear Members,

Once again I am pleased to report another good year in the history of our club. This is again due to the enthusiasm of your officials and runs leaders, who attend committee meetings and runs very regular. Except for the Western Section, attendances on runs have been very well maintained, and both the Tuesday and Thursday sections are very successful, and still improving.

During 1974, 19 new members were enrolled. On the sadder side, I have to report the passing of 7 members during the year.

Another feature of our club are the bank holiday tourlets, these were again very successful.

Thanks to Mrs. Vi. Wilcox and Bill Jennings, our runs programmes and magazines have reached members on time, this I have noticed among other clubs is not so, so I think we can be proud of our record in this field, for this production entails a considerable amount of work. As your secretary I must point out once again that 'demon' inflation, and we must be prepared at all times to watch finances carefully.

Increases in 1974 were as follows. Duplicating ink up by 95p per tube, Quarto paper for magazine up in one month from 58P to 71P per ream, stencils up 45P for 24, postage up from 3½ to 5P, so my rough reckoning for this year (1975) is that magazines, runs programmes, hire of committee room (up from £1 to £1.50) and magazine postage (7P in March) alone, assuming we maintain 240 membership will be £120, and 240 members at 50P will be £120. On top of this there is advertising, £10.80, secretary's, treasurer's and leaders postage and stationery expenses. This as you see will cause problems. Although we have 240 members, by delivering by hand, we have only needed to buy approximately 150 stamps each quarter, this is a saving of approximately £25.20 per year, this way I think we can still manage, but of course it is up to this meeting to decide if we should consider increasing subscriptions in 1976. As we have a bank balance, I myself would like to see us try and keep subscriptions at 50P until at least 1977. By the 1976 A.G.M, we will have a better picture, and will know if our budgeting for 1975 was correct, then make our decision about increases or not.

Again my sincere thanks to all folk who donated to Ron Masters fund, he is indeed grateful to you all for your kind gestures and messages received throughout the year. Thanks also to members who visit other members when they are ill or in hospital, this in itself shows the comradeship of our great sport.

Lastly, my thanks for the help I have received from the chairman, committee members, runs leaders, and all the folk who have helped with the magazine distribution by hand throughout 1974, thus enabling me to fulfil my duties as secretary.

Good health and cycling to all members for 1975.

Minutes of committee meeting held at the "Castle Public House" London,
on 8th, Feb, 1975.

Members present:- Mrs. Lang, Mrs. Gardner, Mrs. Wilcox, Mr. Pemberton (Chairman),
Mr. Jefford, Mrs. Hankin, Hewitt, Good, Germain, Trueman, Pinnell,
Shaw, Stewart, Jennings, Middleton, & Wooder.

1. Minutes of committee meeting held 7th, Dec, 1974 were read. Mr. Trueman prop: & Mr. Pinnell sec: that they were a true & correct record.
2. Matters arising. Re proposed presentation to Mr. Arris of Club Cottage. Mr. Hewitt explained that although he brought this up, this idea came from the North Road Cycling Club. Mr. Jefford prop: that a certificate of thanks be sent to Mr. Arris. There was no seconder for this proposal. Mrs. Lang reported that she had collected subs for 1974 from Mr. Harris of Hertford. Secretary said he would forward mag & runs list at once. Regarding the Western Section elevenses meet at Mr. & Mrs. Hankins, Mr. Hankin said that they were dissatisfied at the poor response from members for this offer.
3. Sec's report & correspondence. Secretary reported that the club business was still running well. Since the last meeting he had renewed the "Cycletouring" advertisement, cost £10.80 for 6 editions. Several inquiries had been received through this medium since the last meeting. He has also been in touch with Gestetner's re Stencils & ink, as the last lot of Swallow brand ink, was found to contain water. The A.G.M, Easter & Spring bank holidays, plus the reunion run had been publicised in the mag, and so far 11 folk had booked for Easter.. 2 new members had been enrolled since January this year. The secretary informed members that he had contacted Mr. Layzell immediately he heard he had had an accident. Mr. Layzell was now O.K. again.
Mrs. Lang prop: & Mr. Hankin sec: that the report be received with thanks.
4. Treasurer's report. He reported that he held in the building society & cash £287.87 at the end of 1974. Cash collected for subs since then was £33.00. So far there were 180 paid up members for 1975. Since the last meeting, he had received 1975 subs from Mr. Leigh of Hove. This member had not paid for 1974. Committee agreed to accept 1975 sub, but requested the treasurer to write Mr. Leigh a note re 1974 sub. He had himself enrolled 2 new members, Mrs. Shaw & Mrs. Davidson. The secretary then explained that he had confused the 2 Mr. Leighs, one at Putney & one at Hove, & he was under the impression it was the Putney man who had not paid in 1974. He said he would forward a current runs list & magazine & letter of apology to Mr. Leigh of Putney, pointing out the mix up.
Mag & runs Lists. The Sec suggested that these be sent out at the end of the following months, Feb, May, August & Nov, This way it would allow one month for distribution to members, and so more could be delivered by hand, so saving postage. Mr. Jennings suggested keeping the existing publishing dates, but on the next runs list, we add 1 extra month, hence from then on, the runs list would be one month ahead of distribution date. After more discussion & explanation, committee agreed that Mr. Jennings's suggestion be adopted. Mr. Jennings then said he wanted to get the next mags in the post by March. 16th, before the rise in postage rates. Mr. Trueman then requested that it be noted on runs list where food was obtainable at lunch stops, especially on the mid-week runs. Secretary agreed to organize this with the runs leaders.
4. Officials & leaders for 1975. All present officials & leaders were prepared to carry on in 1975, if members so desired at the A.G.M.
5. Any other business. Mr. Pemberton suggested we accept Mrs. Gardner's offer to give a slide show on 'Old ^{GREENWICH} ~~SOCIETY~~ at Forest Lodge. Committee agreed on April 19/20, this being a Northern fixture date. Sec then read his proposed agenda for the A.G.M, Mr. Hankin asked if item, "Western Section" be added. Committee agreed. Mr. Jefford requested we sent wreath as usual to Meriden Service. Committee agreed. *see Agenda 24th*
Next committee meeting was fixed for Sat. May, 31st, 1975.
Mr. Jennings prop: Mr. Jefford sec: vote of thanks to Chairman. *MR PEMBERTON*
Meeting closed 1.30p.m. Members signatures overleaf.

Agreed correct Nil against
Frank R. Trueman
31/5/75

Members present at Committee Meeting Sat. 8th Feb. 1975

T. Woods
~~W. Webster~~

G. Gardner
J. Jennings

J. Jones

M. A. Lang.

A. Wilcox

J. Pinnell

H. Good.

~~J. Hill~~

A. Hankin

C. Hewitt

G. B. Shaw.

G. Middleton

J. Stewart

Bill Germain.

Forty Plus Cycling Club.

Committee meeting held Sat. 31st. May, 1975.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. Pemberton, & Jefford.
Members present. Mrs. Lang, Mrs, Wilcox, Mrs. Rumball, Mrs. Gardner, Messers, Good, Stewart, Hewitt, Whiting, Moore, Jennings, & Wooder. Mr. Stewart prop: & Mrs. Lang seconded that Mr. Trueman chair the meeting in the absence of Mr. Pemberton. All agreed.

1. Minutes of meeting held 8th. Feb. 1975.

After correction re film show given by Mrs. Gardner, Mr. Hewitt proposed & Mrs. Gardner seconded they were a true and correct record.

2. Matters arising.

Mr. Hewitt reported that the wreath had not been delivered at Meriden. This as far as could be ascertained was due to someone outside the club. Re the reunion run, it was noted that up to then no bookings had come in. Mr. Trueman then suggested a minimum number of bookings should be set before Mr. Bruton was asked to carry out this event. Members then agreed a number of 10 or more for this event to take place, and asked the secretary to pursue this matter of booking.

3. Sec's report & correspondence.

Secretary again reported that the club business was still running smoothly. He had had good response to the 'Cycletouring' advertisement since the last meeting. 14 new members had enrolled, some from the now defunct C.T.C. West Kent veteran section. New driving bands had been bought and fitted to the duplicator, but during the process of fitting and cleaning, a tension spring had been stretched. Secretary said he would procure a new one from the Gestetner factory at Widford. Enough paper for a years edition of the magazine & runs lists had been obtained. Secretary had arranged flowers for the funerals of members, John Cannon & Sid Ager. He had also received donations from members towards cost of these.

Mr. Hewitt proposed & Mr. Good seconded the report be received with thanks. All agreed.

4. Treasurer's report.

As the treasurer was absent, this had to be left over. Secretary reported that the agenda and other business had been sent to Mr. Shaw over 3 weeks prior to the meeting.

5. 1975 A.G.M. minutes.

These were read. Mr. Moore proposed & Mrs. Lang seconded that

they were a true and correct record.

6. Unpaid members.

Secretary reminded the committee that members not having paid their subs yet, would have a personal reminder with the next magazine, and failing then not paying, no more magazines would be sent. Mr. Jennings then read the note in the magazine re this rule. Mrs. Lang then reported that she had received 5 years sub from Mr. Padley and Mr. Wilson. Mr. Whiting propose, and Mr. Jennings seconded that the 14 new members be accepted. All agreed.

7. Any other business.

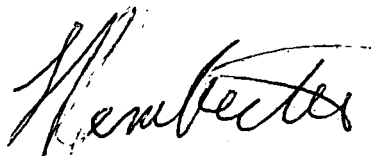
Mr. Trueman asked if something could be done for Mr. Middleton, who is in St. Joseph's Hospital, Hackney. The secretary said the best thing folk could do in this case, was to visit him, he himself had been once a week almost since Mr. Middleton entered hospital. Committee members promised to try and visit him.

Mr. Trueman thought it would be a good idea to have a slide show of our members Canadian tour. All agreed, and asked the secretary to contact Mr. Pemberton regarding this. Mrs. Gardner offered to arrange Christmas again at Lewsome Farm. Committee accepted her offer, and asked Mr. Jennings to advertise it in the next magazine. Committee agreed that in the absence of the treasurer, Mrs. Lang pay Mrs. Wilcox £4.02 for stencils from subs Mrs. Lang had collected.

Meeting closed at 1.30 p.m. with Mr. Jennings proposing a vote of thanks to the chairman, Mr. Stewart seconded.

Next committee meeting to be held on Sat. 18th. October, 1975.

Signatures of members present overleaf.



Committee Meetings

31 May 1975

T. Woods

Frank R. Freeman

Mae Lang

K. L. Moore

D. Wilcox

Vic Stewart

G. Hewitt

J. Whiting

is food.

~~W. J. ...~~
E. J. Rumball

G. D. Gardner

COMMITTEE MEETING HELD SATURDAY, 18TH, OCT, 1975.

MEMBERS PRESENT. Mrs. Lang, Mrs. Wilcox, Mrs. Gardner, Mrs. Rumball, Mr. Pemberton, Trueman, Stewart, Hewitt, Good, Jennings, Moore, Jefford, Shaw, and Wooder.

1. MINUTES OF LAST COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 31st. MAY. 1975.

These were read. Mr. Moore prop: Mrs. Rumball sec: that they were a true and correct record.

2. MATTERS ARISING.

Mr. Trueman asked for a vote of thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Bruton for catering for the reunion run, and that a letter of thanks be sent. Secretary said he would do this.

Mr. Hewitt asked if apologies were sent to the person who had not received the wreath for the Meriden Memorial Service. The treasurer said he would contact Mr. Knapp to find out who the person was. Mrs. Gardner said that 6 or more persons were required for the Christmas at Lewsome Farm, and as only 3 had booked, this event had had to be cancelled.

3. SECRETARY'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE.

Secretary reported that since the last meeting, the treasurer had called at his home, and certain business, such as subscriptions and unpaid members had been looked into.

Again there had been a number of inquiries through the 'Cycletouring' advertisement, and since the last meeting, we had enrolled 14 new members. So far this year, 15 inquiries had come through this advert, and altogether 31 new members had been enrolled since January 1975. With regret I have to report the passing of 3 of our members, namely, Stuart Tackley, Albert Middleton, and Ron Masters. As I was on holiday, Mrs. Masters was unable to contact me, so we were not able to send flowers.

I am still trying to get a spring from Gestetner for the duplicator.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT.

The treasurer apologised for his absence from the last committee meeting, explaining that this was due to letters from the secretary being lost in the post.

Regarding accounts, there was £250.44 credit in the Anlian Building Society, and he had received notification from them that interest was to drop from 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ % to 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ %.

The treasurer had had correspondence from Mr. Edgar of the South West Sussex Section, and had replied explaining how that section was run during Mr. Tackley's term of office, This mainly dealt with subscriptions and finance of the section.

Mr. Good prop: and Mr. Moore sec: that secretary's report be received with thanks, and Mr. Hewitt prop: and Mr. Jefford sec: that the treasurer's report be received with thanks.

5. UNPAID MEMBERS.

Treasurer reported that there were 13 unpaid for 1975. He then read out the names for the committee to decide what was to be done.

Mr. Jennings pointed out that the collection of subscriptions went a little wrong, as by accident, the announcement regarding payment of subscriptions did not appear in the magazine until late in the year. It was reported that Mr. Pheipher was still ill due to a stroke. Members of the committee offered to pay his subs. Offer was accepted. Others who had not paid, except those in U.S.A, and the South West Sussex Section, the committee decided that no more runs lists or

magazines be sent to these folk. Treasurer said he would forward names of S/W Sussex defaulters to Mr. Edgar, and ask him to look into these before magazines and runs lists were stopped. Mr. Jefford suggested that runs leaders carry duplicate books with them.

6. SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 1976.

Secretary explained that this was on the agenda, as at the moment, outgoings were exceeding income due to inflation. Chairman suggested that this be held over for the next committee meeting. Mr. Jennings then pointed out that by our rules, subscriptions decided at the next A.G.M, could not come into force until 1977. During the discussion, secretary suggested they go up to 75^p in 1977, but Mr. Trueman suggested that perhaps we could leave it until 1978, and then raise it to £1 per year, and of course the 5 year commuted subscription would have to be adjusted accordingly. Other members thought the gradual increase would be preferable. The chairman then asked all members present to give this some thought before the next committee meeting. Mr. Jennings then spoke about hand delivery of magazines and runs lists, and said we would try and get more of this organized.

Mrs. Gardner then asked about entry forms being printed on the inside of back cover, as the last 2 editions had a blank there. The secretary pointed out that this had to be used for late news on most editions. Mr. Jennings said he would run off a stencil, and duplicate a number of these to be used when the back was not needed for news.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

Mrs. Gardner asked if the Southern Section could be more advertised in the 'Cycletouring' advert. The secretary said the date for the renewal of this advert was due in February, and he would alter the wording, and include Kent instead of 'Home Counties'.

EASTER 1976.

The secretary and Mrs. Gardner said they would organize this, and advertise it in the next runs list.

Mr. Hewitt complained of lack of support on the Western runs, said this was partly due to lack of tea places at lunch time. The chairman advised Mr. Hewitt to leave this until the A.G.M, to see if something could be done. Also the chairman explained to Mr. Hewitt why the date for the slide show at Forest Lodge had been changed. The chairman then complained about the censoring of his articles in 'Signpost' magazine. Mrs. Wilcox said that as the editor, she had to think of the reputation of the club when typeing the stencil for publication, and felt that this was her responsibility. During the ensuing discussion, Mr. Jennings, who will be taking over the editorship in the near future, ensured the chairman that he ~~would~~ ^{could} not guarantee not to censor or add to any article sent to him for publication.

Mr. Trueman then suggested the argument had gone on far enough, and was only likely to cause ill feelings among members.

At this point the chairman closed the meeting at 2.p.m.

Next committee meeting agreed Sat. 14th Feb, 1976.

A.G.M. Saturday, 13th, March, 1976.

*Agreed correct record
file against Frank R. Trueman
Acting Chairman
14/2/76*