

The Forty Plus Cycling Club

Year 1978

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the 40+ Cycling Club, held at The Castle, Cowcross St. London on 18th March 1978. at 12noon.

The numbers of members present was 48, the best attendance for some years. letter from Mr.A.Layzell appologising for absence was read.

The minutes of the previous AGM, held on 12th March 1977 were read and accepted, proposer being Mr.T.Wooder and seconder Mr.S. Russell.

Matters Arising. Mr.L.James replying to his Non-acceptance of the accounts for 1976 stated that he did not sign the accounts as they were only presented to him the night before the AGM (for 1976), they were neglected and the time allowed was too short. to give them proper consideration.

Mr. Jefford stated that his appologies for absence at the 1977 meeting did not reach the meeting in time to be announced.

Mr.Wooder mentioned that he called and collected the books and other items from the previous Treasurer and gave a detailed account of the difficulties he encountered.

SECRETARY'S REPORT. This was read by Mrs.Gardner and Mr.Pemberton proposed that this was accepted as being very well presented and all present agreed, there being no seconder.

TREASURERS REPORT. This was read by Mrs. Gardner who had been carrying out the duties of the Treasurer ever since Mr.Thorne became ill in July. Mr.Trueaman suggested that the "Balance Sheet" should really be termed a "Statement of Liabilities and Assets and that in future should be inserted in "Signpost" as such. The report was accepted, proposer being Mr.T.Wooder, and seconder Mr.W.Moore.

MOTION (a) for a New Rule "That the committee shall have power to confer Honorary Life Membership of the Club upon any member who it considers worthy of the Honour" was put to the meeting, Proposed by Mr.Bridson and seconded by Mr.Moore and after several members has spoken an ammendment was discussed and after a vote the Motion was agreed to be "That on the recommendation of the Committee the A.G.M. shall have power to confer Honorary Life Membership of the Club upon any member who it considers worthy of the Honour." After further discussion as to whether the word "Confer" should be altered to "Propose" it was agreed to leave the ammendment as it now stood, but upon a vote being taken there was not a 2/3 majority for the motion and a new rule was not adopted.

MOTION (b) An ammendment to Rule 5 (c) that "The date of the preparation of the club accounts be changed to read '30th September' " to enable the accounts to appear in the issue of "Signpost" at the end of December, was proposed by Mrs. Gardner and seconded by Mr.Germain, it being thought that this would give members more time to study the accounts in detail, it would save work and time in preparing the accounts and posting to members, after a vote of 39 for the Motion and NIL against this was adopted.

MOTION (c) Proposed by Mr.Moore without a seconder, but with support from many members, "That a new President be elected, to stand for a fixed number of years, say two or three." During discussion Mr.Moore suggested 3 years and this was seconded by Mrs.Engel, Mr.Taylor (E.7.) proposed 5 years but had no seconder, Mrs.James spoke in support of the 3 years. then Mr.Wooder proposed and Mr.Taylor (Newent) seconded that a President be elected for 1 year, and shall be eligible for re-nomination at the end of that period of office, and after a vote this Motion for 1 year was carried. 35 for NIL against.

PRESENTATION TO MR.WOODER. Mr.Pemberton was called upon by the Chairman, to present a Cut Glass Bowl to Mr.Wooder, Mr.Pemberton said that he was very pleased to do so, and spoke of the work that Mr. Wooder had done for the club during his years as a member. Upon accepting the Gift Mr.Wooder appologised for the absence of Mrs.Wooder, who had another prior engagement and was unable to attend, he said that he had enjoyed working for the club and warmly appreciated this Honour. As an aside, Mr.Crooke read a short item from "Signpost"

dated 1956 which referred to "Wooder's Wild Week-ends", This caused me amusement among those present. Then Mr. Drewett spoke about the continental tours that Mr. Wooder had lead and how they had been enjoyed by those members attending.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT. Mr. Taylor (Newent) proposed and Mrs. Engel seconded that Mr. Wooder be elected as the new President, there were no further nominations and it was unanimously agreed by all present, and Mr. Wooder thanked all for the Honour.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS. The following officers were elected :-

CHAIRMAN.	Mr. Trueman.	Prop:	Mr. Jefford.	Sec:	Mr. W. Moore.
SECRETARY.	Mrs. Gardner.	"	Mr. Pemberton.	"	Mr. Wooder.
TREASURER.	"	"	"	"	Mr. Stewart
SOUTHERN LEADER.	"	"	Mr. Wooder.	"	Mr. Drewett.
TUESDAY "	Mr. W. Moore.	"	Mr. E. burey.	"	Mr. Croke.
WEDNESDAY "	Mrs. Gardner.	"	Mr. Pemberton.	"	Mr. Trueman.
THURSDAY "	Mr. Stewart.	"	Mrs. Engel.	"	Mr. Germain.
.W. SUSSEX "	Mr. Edgar & Mr. Lowman.	"	Mrs. Gardner.	"	Mr. Wooder.

NORTHERN IRELAND LEADER. Mr. Henry. Without proposer and seconder, but Mr. Henry has since written confirming his leadership.

EDITOR.	Mr. Russell.	Prop:	Mr. Jefford.	Sec:	Mr. Hewett.
SUB-EDITOR.	Mrs. Wilcox.	"	Mrs. Gardner.	"	Mr. Croke.
AUDITOR.	Mr. W. Taylor (E7)	"	Mr. Wooder.	"	Mr. Drewett.

NORTHERN LEADERS. Mrs. Rumball expressed regret at being unable to carry on as Northern Leader, it was not possible to find a new leader so Mrs. Good agreed to do the two leaderships after being proposed by Mr. Pemberton and seconded by Mr. Finnemore.

<u>COMMITTEE MEMBERS.</u>	Mr. Germain.	Prop:	Mr. Wooder.	Sec:	Mr. Taylor.
	Mr. Pemberton.	"	"	"	Mr. Germain.
	Mr. E. burey.	"	Mr. W. Moore.	"	Mr. Drewett.
	Mr. Finnemore.	"	Mr. Wooder.	"	Mr. Wyatt.

DUPLICATING OF SIGNPOST. Mr. Jennings. Prop: Mr. Germain. Sec: Mrs. Gardner.

NOTE UPON THE SECRETARY & TREASURER. This being the first time the offices had been held by the same person, Mr. Wooder pointed out that it was very easy to combine these two offices, it was necessary for the officers to be well near each other and to keep in touch, he had found great difficulty when he was Secretary and Mr. Shaw was Treasurer and he was sure that Mrs. Gardner could manage the jobs well. Mrs Gardner asked that three persons should still be signatories for the account held in the Woolwich Equitable Building Society, and it was agreed that Mrs. Gardner, Mr. Pemberton and Mr. Thorne should continue.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS. Mr. Jefford spoke regarding Mrs. M. Hankin, and asked if she had resigned because she could not afford the membership fees, it was pointed out that this was not the case, and that she was receiving a copy of "Signpost" each quarter, Mr. Jefford then mentioned that in 1957 it was agreed to send "Signpost" to a Mr. Sykes and that this set the idea in motion that any member falling on hard times should receive a copy of the magazine, but I have searched the minutes for all the Committee Meetings for 1957 and the minutes of the AGM and cannot find any reference to this item.

Mr. Wooder then offered to lead a slower section on Thursdays to meet up with the faster riders at lunch and Mr. E. burey supported this idea. The suggestion to be referred to the next Committee meeting. Mr. Jefford then proposed that as this is the Centenary Year of the CTC we send a wreath to the Memorial at Meriden, the idea was seconded by Mr. G. Hewett and after a vote the suggestion was lost, For 12. Against 16. It was suggested by one member that a Social get-together be arranged for perhaps a Buffet Supper and this idea was referred to the next Committee meeting.

The meeting closed at 2.30pm with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

Mr. being agreed at a previous committee meeting

Barred at A.C. Roadside Committee installed as covered 22/4/59

40+ CYCLING CLUB. SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR 1977.

This being my first year as Secretary I am able to present a report of continuing progress for the club.

Looking at the number of members at the 31st December I see 291, against 297 for 1976, this in spite of quite a number of members who did not re-new for 1977 and the loss of seven members who passed away during the year. We have made a number of energetic new members who ride regularly with one section or another. During 1977 we lost Mr.C.Drayton, of Epping. Mr.Adams of Swaffham Bulbeck, Mrs.Radlett of Hemel Hempstead, Roger Smith from Crouch End, Bert Warhurst of Sturminster Newton and Mr.J.Sharpe from St.Albans, but the greatest loss the Club sustained was the very sad passing of our President Mrs.Mae Lang, a founder member and staunch supporter of the game of cycling, although for some years she was unable to cycle herself. I think that I am correct in saying that we now have only two of the founder members left, Mr. & Mrs. Groom of Bushey Heath. I have to report that in Mrs.Lang's Will it was disclosed that she had given a legacy of £100. to the club.

Riding strengths of the various sections seem to have been kept up on the Tuesday & Thursday groups, reaching up to the late 30s for lunchtime on some Thursdays. The Southern Sunday section is going from strength to strength, but Wednesdays are still fighting a battle for survival. North & East Sundays have a none too good attendance but are supported by the usual stalwarts at each run. If we look at the reports from Bob Edgar down in the deep south we can see that they are still keeping up good attendances. It is hoped that during 1978 we can revive the Western Section, and I would ask members to give any support they can to this venture. If only to get it going. Our Magazine "Signpost" has been produced each quarter and I would like to thank all those members who now help either to produce, sort, contribute to, or deliver this effort. Even while Tom Wooder was away in New Zealand the distribution went with a swing. Any new contributors to the Magazine will be very welcome.

Lastly I would like to thank Tom Wooder for the help he gave me when I took over the Secretary's job from him last April, and for the support of the Committee during the year.

40+ CYCLING CLUB. TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1977

As far as the Treasurer's job is concerned, 1977 has been quite an eventful year. You will remember that at the last AGM the accounts presented by the former Treasurer were not accepted, and a new Treasurer was appointed in Mr. Mike Thorne. Mr. Wooder must be congratulated in the efforts he made to contact the former Treasurer and get the books from him, and after that in the way he sorted out the muddle he found, both Tom and Mike worked very hard to establish some sort of order and at the first committee meeting after the AGM Mr. Thorne had to report that all was well, he presented a statement of the accounts of the club which was accepted by the committee, but although he liked the job he unfortunately became ill in July and had to give up as he felt quite unable to carry on, making it known to the committee that his illness was in no way caused by the club work. As Secretary I carried on the job until the next committee meeting and then offered to do this until such time as Mr. Thorne was well again and it is in that capacity that I have presented to you all the Final Accounts, which Mr. Thorne did however help me to set out. You will see that I have been unable to ~~set out~~ ^{shew} any comparison with 1976 because as mention^{ed} beforehand the figures were not accepted and we more or less started again from scratch. You will see though that the club is in quite a healthy position the only Liabilities we have, if they can be termed as such are Subscriptions paid in advance to the sum of £145.05 I have revalued the Duplicator with the help of Mr. Jennings because I saw that in 1976 depreciation of about 75% was given which I considered too much. Sunscription for 1978 are coming in reasonably well.

40-Plus CYCLING CLUB.

advised members present

PROFIT & LOSS ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 1977.

<u>EXPENDITURE.</u>		<u>INCOME.</u>	
Room Hire.	£ 11.80	Balance of 1.1.77 Bt.Fwd.	£302.66
Printing & Stationery)	£ 11.54	Ord. Subs:	£209.66
Advert.	£ 27.00	Comm: Subs:	£128.25
Postages.	£ 24.23	Donations	£121.35
Signpost Costs)	£170.52	Badge Sales	£ 25.04
Inc. Postage)		Bldg. Society	£ 17.66
Re-union Exp.	£ 3.50	Interest	<u>£501.96</u>
Odd Expenses)	£ 13.28		
Inc. Wreaths)			
Purchase of)	£ 31.43		
Badges)			
Glass Bowl &)	£ 21.40		
Engraving)	<u>£314.70</u>		
Balance at 31/12/77			
Cd. Fwd.	<u>£489.92</u>		
	<u>£804.62</u>		<u>£804.62</u>

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1977.

<u>ASSETS.</u>		<u>LIABILITIES.</u>	
Cash at Bldg. Society.	£459.59	Subscriptions paid in Advance.	
Cash in Hand.	£ 30.33	1978 70 Members.	£ 45.85
Duplicator. (Re-valued)	£ 65.00	1979 57 "	£ 39.10
Typewriter. (Re-valued)	£ 45.00	1980 39 "	£ 29.70
Stock of Badges:-		1981 31 "	£ 26.80
22 Cloth @ 25P .	£ 5.50	1982 2 "	£ 2.60
83 Pin Enamel @ 40P	£33.20	1983 1 "	£ 1.00
22 Transfers @ 5P	£ 1.10		
4 Stud Enamel @ 40P	<u>£ 1.60</u>		
Stationery:-			
Paper, Envelopes,)	£ 14.68		
Rule Books.)			
"Signpost", Dup. Paper,)	£ 81.13		
Ink, Stencils, Mag.)			
Covers, Runs Lists.			
	<u>£737.13</u>		<u>£145.05</u>

I have examined the accounts for 1977 in the Books and they agree with the figures stated above.

(Signed)

R.E. Finmore
R.E. FINNEMORE.

*difference. Liabilities over Assets
£592.08*

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE 40-PLUS CYCLING CLUB WILL BE HELD AT THE "CASTLE" PUBLIC HOUSE, COWCROSS STREET (A FEW YARDS FROM FARRINGDON STREET UNDERGROUND STATION, METROPOLITAN OR CIRCLE LINE), LONDON ON SATURDAY 18TH MARCH, 1978, AT 12 NOON SHARP.

AGENDA.

1. Minutes of the 26th AGM held on 12th March, 1977.

2. Matters arising.

3. SECRETARY'S REPORT.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT.

5. To receive the following motions:-

(a) Prop: by Mr. A.H. Bridson. Sec: by Mr. W. Moore.

A New Rule - "That the Committee shall have power to confer Honorary Life Membership of the Club upon any member who it considers worthy of the Honour."

(b) Prop: by Mrs. G.D. Gardner. Sec: by Mr. W. Germain.

Amendment of Rule 5(c) - "The date of the preparation of the Club Accounts be changed to read "31st September" to enable the accounts to appear in the issue of "Signpost" at the end of December."

(c) Prop: by Mr. W. Moore, without any seconder, but many many members have expressed support for this idea.

"That a new President be elected, to stand for a fixed number of years, say two or three".

6. Presentation to Mr. Wooder.

7. Election of President if agreed on Motion (c) above.

Election of other officers:-

~~CHAIRMAN.~~

~~SECRETARY.~~

~~TREASURER.~~

~~NORTHERN LEADER.~~

~~SOUTHERN LEADER.~~

~~EASTERN LEADER.~~

~~TUESDAY LEADER.~~

~~WEDNESDAY LEADER.~~

~~THURSDAY LEADER.~~

~~S.W. SUSSEX LEADER.~~

~~NORTHERN IRELAND LEADER.~~

~~EDITOR.~~

~~SUB.-EDITOR.~~

~~AUDITOR.~~

~~4 COMMITTEE MEMBERS.~~

8. Any Other Business.

Minutes of Committee meeting held on Saturday 28th January 1978
at The Castle Public House.

Minutes of the meeting held on 22nd October 1977 were read and accepted, Prop. by S. Russell and Sec: by W. Germain. and letters of appology were received from Mr. W. Moore and Mrs. E. Rumball, Mr. Thorne still being ill was not present.

Matters arising were the proposed purchase of a New Dye for the Club Badge, but when it was learned that Mr. Brunwin had told Mr. Wooder that he thought that he could get another 200 badges from the old Dye it was agreed after being prop: by Mr. E. Burey and Sec: by Mr. Stewart that the Secretary contact Mr. Brunwin to arrange for the preparation of 200 more badges.

Re the Legacy of £100 left to the club by the late Mrs. M. Lang. The Secretary, (acting for Mr. Thorne said) that this had now been received and paid into the Building Society. Mr. Trueman then said that he had been in contact with Mrs. Lang's executor, Mr. Wilson, who had several items like copies of the club magazine and other club souvenirs and was arranging for them to come to Mr. Trueman. The storage of same would be agreed upon when the club knew just what the items were, but it was agreed that the Editor, Mr. Russell be asked to keep the copies of the Magazine, and perhaps arrange to obtain some binders for this purpose, Mr. Russell agreed that he would be willing to do this.

The Secretary then gave a report on the financial position of the club, Subs: were coming in very well, she was coping quite well with the two jobs while Mr. Thorne was still ill, she offered to carry on with the two jobs and thought that they could easily be combined, this offer was referred to come up at the AGM. She then read a letter from Mr. Moore saying that he thought that if some of the Luton and new North Western Members could be persuaded to ride on Sundays he thought that the Western Section could be revived, if of course a Leader could be found, after some discussion on this it was arranged for Mr. Russell to have an entry in Signpost, ~~arranging a meeting at a~~ asking for volunteers to let the Secretary know, a meeting for an elevenses venue could then be arranged to get the section underway again. Mr. Moore said in his letter that he would be willing to help.

The Secretary then read several letters she had received regarding enquiries of the club, two resignations, and a letter from Help the Aged, to which she had replied. 20 new members were elected, after being prop: by Mr. Germain and sec: by Mr. Good.

Rule 5C. the proposal to alter the rule to allow the club accounts to be made up to 31st September each year was discussed, it was felt that this would allow the Secretary and Treasurer plenty of time to prepare the final accounts so that the AGM could be held nearer to the beginning of any new year, the Balance sheet and other accounts could then be entered as part of the copy of Signpost coming out at the end of the Year, that is 31st December, a copy of the Agenda for the AGM could also be included in that Magazine. It was agreed that Mrs. Gardner prepare a motion for the AGM being held on 18th March regarding this alteration after being proposed by Mrs. Gardner and Sec: by Mr. Germain

Mrs. Gardner then read out and circulated among those present a copy of the Treasurers Report for the last three months. This was fully accepted by the Committee, but regret was shewn when it was announced that Mr. Thorne did not wish to stand for the Treasurers Job again

Mr. Trueman then spoke about the Easter Tour to Slimbridge, it was learned that 20 members had booked, this being the largest group on a tour for some long time. They would be self-cooking on the Sunday evening and Monday Morning, and it was agreed that each looked after him or herself, for these two meals.

The question of sending out the AGM Agenda and Final Accounts to

all members was discussed and it was agreed, being prop: by Mr. Germain and Sec. by Mr. Pemberton, voted and carried by the Committee. Mrs. Gardner agreed to get this done, Mrs. Wilcox would do the stencils and Mr. Jennings would duplicate the necessary pages.

Mrs. Gardner then announced that the advert in Cycle Touring would run out before the next meeting, it was learned that practically all her enquiries regarding the club mentioned this advert and that about half of these had so far joined the club. It was then agreed that she re-order the advert when the time came to do so.

In the last issue of Signpost the Editor had suggested that it may be a good idea to have a fixed lunch place for those East & North runs that met at the Kia-Ora for an impromptu every fortnight, after discussion it was agreed that this should be done, Mr. Good would inform Mrs. Gardner of the place in mind for the ~~Northern~~ Eastern runs and Mrs. Rumball to advise for the Northern. Mrs. Gardner to write to Mrs. Rumball about this as she was not at the meeting. It was also agreed that a lunch place should be mentioned for members to ride to, on the Sundays when there was no fixed Southern Run.

A surprise announcement from the Secretary said that this year we had May 1st as a Bank Holiday and that it would fall on a Monday so why not have a Bank Holiday tourlet. This was agreed by all and Mrs. Gardner offered to lead a three day ride, south of the Thames, staying at Crockenhall Youth Hostel and this would appear in the next copy of Signpost and on the next runs lists. Spring Bank Holiday was decided upon to be for a three days tour, led by Mr. Good and staying at Maldon Youth Hostel, announcement for this would also appear in the same copy of the Magazine and runs lists.

The date for the next committee meeting was agreed as 22nd April and the meeting closed at 2pm.

Members present were Messrs. Pemberton. Good. Germain. Embury. Russell. Stewart. Jennings. Trueman and Mesdames Wilcox and Gardner.

*All Agreed correct record
Frank R. Trueman
22/4/78.*

COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT CASTLE PUBLIC HOUSE, COWCROSS ST,
on SATURDAY, 22nd, APRIL, 1978.

*Have booked Room
for Sept 23⁰⁰
John*

1. Minutes of meeting held 28th. January, 1978.

These were read. Mr. Germain proposed and Mrs. Wilcox seconded that these were a true and correct record. All agreed.

2. Matters arising.

Mr. Trueman asked the sub editor, Mrs. Wilcox, if she would in future advertise forthcoming bank holiday events in the magazine.

Regarding property of Mrs. Lings to do with the Forty Plus, Mr. Trueman said he had handed to Mrs. Gardner 5 books of photos. He reported that except for the weather, the Easter tour to Slimbridge Youth Hostel was a success.

Secretary and Treasurer's report.

Mrs. Gardner reported that the club business was going very well, and she apologised for not being able to attend this meeting, as she had had to go to her daughters in Canada. She had enclosed with her letter her treasurer's report. This was read and accepted with thanks.

4 new members were elected to the club.

Mr. Germain proposed and Mr. Good seconded that these be accepted. Committee agreed.

4. Minutes of the A.G.M.

These were read, and Mr. Germain proposed and Mr. Moore seconded that they were a true and correct record. All agreed.

The meeting discussed the reference to a social gathering, but thought to hold this in London would be too expensive, and suggested it would be better to let each section hold its own get together, E.G. Xmas dinners. The annual reunion at Hertford was discussed, and Mr. Moore was asked to contact Mr. & Mrs. Bruton to see if they were willing to again organize this and to fix a date. If this was fixed, the committee agreed that folk booking should pay a deposit of 50P.

5. August bank holiday, 26th, 27th 28th, August.

Several venues were put forward, and after consideration, it was agreed that a train assisted trip be made to Sheringham Youth Hostel.

Mr. Germain agreed to organize this.

It was proposed to organize a slide show at the Victoria Cycling Club's hut on the 28th/29th, October weekend. Mr. Good promised to arrange this. Regarding the Cambridge weekend C.T.C. slide show, Mr Good said he would

inquire the date of this.

6. Any other business.

Mr. Trueman suggested perhaps a Forty Plus club tour may be organized for 1979, either in Britain or on the continent. He said he would put a note in the magazine regarding this suggestion.

He then commented on the lack of volunteers for helping to run the club, and suggested that perhaps the committee could try and press gang folk into helping. Members agreed with Mr. Trueman about the lack of help, but thought that pressing folk to work actively in the club was not a good idea, as they may not take enough interest in the job.

7. Date of next Committee meeting.

All agreed Saturday, 23rd, Sept, 1978 when the secretary would be home from Canada

*Agreed correct record
nil against
Frank R. Trueman
23/9/78*

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT CASTLE PUB: ON SATURDAY 23rd
SEPTEMBER AT 12 NOON. 1978

Ten Members were present. Apologies for absence were received from Mr. Wooder and Mr. Jennings.

Minutes of meeting held on 22nd April were read and accepted as a true record. Prop: by Mr. Russell and Seconded by Mr. Moore.

Matters Arising All those present who attended the Hostel week-end at Sherringham on the previous August Bank Holiday agreed that it was a success and the organiser Mr. Germain was thanked by the committee.

The suggested Social Get-together was discussed at length, Mr. Wooder having previously reported that he could not arrange anything at the Castle for a Saturday evening, only Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday evenings. It was suggested that perhaps a Buffet could be arranged to follow the next AGM for a couple of hours and Mrs. Gardner offered to ask the Licensee if this was possible and just after the meeting was finished she did so, only to find that even that would not be possible as it would run into time after the pub had officially closed and no staff would be available.

The Re-union held at the home of members Geoff: & Peg Bruton was spoken about, everyone agreed that this was once again a very happy gathering and very well attended. Mr. Trueman remarked that he really didn't know how the Brutons got it all done for the 50p charged but that Geoff: had said that they were content with that.

The Forthcoming Slide Show due on 21st October/next came under discussion mainly to try and determine just how long to give each member who wished to show slides. It being finally agreed that the number of members being given time according to how many members and how much time was available and to give the maximum of each it was agreed that the evening meal be arranged much earlier than usual and all present welcomed this idea.

Mr. Trueman then mentioned the suggested club tour for 1979. Saying that so far he had only four replies, two of these were from new members who so far had not even ridden a day with any section. After much discussion Scotland seemed to be the most favoured venue and Mr. Trueman said that he had been looking at the Scottish Youth Hostel Book to see if it would be possible, some of the Hostels seemed rather far apart and he knew that B & B accomodation would perhaps be rather scarce. No Leader was forthcoming and in view of the (so far) poor response it was agreed to leave the matter open to see if any more enquiries came along.

The Secretary's report was next read, Mrs. Gardner said that 28 members had not renewed for 1978. Mr. Stewart said that some of these people were undoubtedly under the impression that they had paid and only realised they hadn't when "Signpost" & Runs Lists did not appear. Mrs. Gardner said that in the first issue of "Signpost" for 1978 members were reminded that Subs: were due, the rate was given and the Treasurer's address also, it was also mentioned by one member that he once learned that quite a few members do not read their magazine and it was possible that the information re payment of Subs: was lost on them. Perhaps they had been rather "Spoon fed" in the past. Mr. Stewart took the names of several of the culprits in the hope that he would be able to collect.

Several Items of Correspondence were read out by Mrs. Gardner, and 14 new members were elected.

Mr. Trueman then read out the Treasurer's report AN ACCOUNT OF Income and expenditure since the last meeting and this was accepted, Prop: by Mr. Germain and seconded by Mr. Finnemore.

Mrs. Gardner then read a letter from Mr. Jennings in which he said that he would not be carrying on with the printing of Signpost after the March issue. She also read out an Urgent Appeal for a volunteer which she hoped would be approved of by the committee and then be printed in the immediate issue of Signpost. All agreed with the appeal as it was and asked Mrs. Gardner to contact Mr. Jennings and have it printed in the next issue. Mr. Moore said he would mention the i to another member who he thought might be able to help.

The date for the next AGM WAS agreed at 10th February 1979, 12 noon at Castle Pub.

Any other Business.

Mrs.Gardner said that she had received an appeal from a Doctor in Hertford who was conducting a survey of Life-Long Cyclists between the ages of 50 and 65 in relation to Heart Disease amongst Cyclists and Non-Cyclists. Some members of the committee agreed to take part and Mrs.Gardner promised to contact several others who are members and come within the age group. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

Mr.Germain asked whether we were going to continue the advert in Cycle Touring and when it was learned from Mrs.Gardner that practically all the enquiries she received about the club mentioned Cycle Touring it was agreed to carry on for a further year. The Secretary was asked to contact the C.T.C. in regard to this.

The Secretary mentioned that the Club's Auditor Mr.W.Taylor was very ill and would not perhaps be able to cope with the job. She asked if she could call upon Mr.Finnemore (A previous Auditor) to officiate if Mr.Taylor wished to be excused, this was agreed and Mr.Finnemore said that he would officiate if necessary.

Mrs.Gardner mentioned that as we now had a good supply of metal badges she thought that it would be a good idea if we collected the "dye" of Mr.Brunwin as it seemed rather unreasonable to expect him to be responsible for its care for what would probably be quite a long time, all agreed and Mr.Stewart offered to collect the "Dye". Mrs.Gardner would write Mr.Brunwin to make arrangements and give Mr.Stewart a letter of authority for this purpose.

It was also agreed that the Secretary obtain quotations for the supply of cloth badges and transfers.

Mr.Trueman then asked whether we should try to organise something for Christmas, but after much discussion as to whether we could obtain enough support, (most proprietors wanted from 6 to 10 bookings) and considering previous efforts it was agreed that this support would not be forthcoming and that we should not do anything further.

Mr.Trueman then brought^{up} the subject for the Bank Holiday Tours for 1979 and after some thought, discussion and voting it was agreed to spend Easter at Stratford-on-Avon Youth Hostel, Mrs.Gardner would lead this, and make the necessary bookings. Mr.Good informed the meeting that in future the May Day Holiday was to be the first Monday in May and in 1979 that would be 7th May. Streatley Hostel was agreed as a good base, a leader to be appointed at the next committee meeting. It was then agreed to have the Spring Bank Holiday at Salisbury and the August Holiday at Truleigh Hill, leaders all to be arranged at the next meeting. Mrs.Gardner said that in the New Year she would be contacting Bob Edgar, the Sussex Leader with a view to us all meeting at some stage of the August Tour.

The Secretary promised to have the Final Accounts for the 9 months ending 30th September 1978 and the notice of the Date and Agenda for the AGM printed in the December issue of "Signpost".

The date for the next committee meeting was arranged for 27th January 1979 and the meeting then closed at 2.45pm.

All Agreed correct record
 Frank R. Trueman
 27/1/79

Secretary's & Treasurer's report for committee meeting
held on 23rd September 1978

Not a ~~very~~ ^{very Big} report ~~as~~ as I have been away from home for 15 weeks this year, I would like to thank those people who have carried on with leading runs for me, Bob in particular, and for Tom who took the minutes of the last meeting on 22nd April as I was not able to attend this, Sorry I had to leave home in a hurry but it does seem to me that things went along fairly smoothly during my absence.

I have continued to receive letters asking for details of the club and from these have made 7 new members since the last meeting.

Quite a number of old members have not renewed for 1978, - 28 in all and this includes folk like Doug. Brunwin, Bill Paget, Charlie Burrell. R. Bertouche, (who only joined last year) C. Davies, who has always been very late in paying. E. Edwards of Langhorne Rd. Dagenham who I see joined in 1951. The two Kerseys at Romford. Plowright again, also a late payer. Bert Saville was able to shew a receipt for 5 years commuted after I had stopped his Magazine, this was an error on Mike's part just when he was ill and asking to be relieved of the job, but I have put this to rights, & Bert is quite happy.

During this summer my Wednesday section has run down to only two regular riders, quite often none when I was away, but I am intending to have a go at getting this group on the map again as soon as I return from my holiday in the middle of October, the reason here is I think that we do not have many retired members in the South East of London. You will see from the Treasurers Statement that the club is in a very healthy position moneywise, this is of course due to the increase in

Subs: now beginning to shew its mark. No one that I know of has complained about the increase, , in fact I had a letter this week from a new member who said "The club's membership Fees are small compared with the CTC, ~~YHA~~ YHA and the National Trust, it is a very pleasant change to get so much for so little these days !" but of course we don't have the outlay that these others societies do, do we.

We are at this moment ordering some more duplicating paper and I think that Tom has already done this, I haven't received the bill yet, no doubt Bill Jennings will be able to tell us if the paper has been delivered to him yet. *Regrets from Bill. not at this meeting.* I am arranging to have the Final Accounts ready for inclusion in the December issue of Signpost and the Notice of the next AGM as well.

Tom unable to attend. gave regrets. Helping the Disabled.