

THE ROAD TIME TRIALS COUNCIL

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BULLETIN

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EDITORIAL.

The main topic before the cycling world at the present time is the attempt to bring about agreement between the three bodies interested in the control of cycling sport. Last year a series of meetings instigated by the Council covered the subject from every conceivable angle, suggestions were made by all sides and rejected over and over again, but little by little a plan appeared and now we have reached the stage of agreement in principle, not perfect, not complete, but with some hope that it will lead to more harmonious working. At present the agreement is being written up and prepared for signature and should be ready before very long. All will hope that this is but the start of real co-operation and if all three bodies work to this end we may see peace in the sport at last. Massed Start racing is the main bone of contention, it has been clear for a long time that the Union will not surrender their share of this sport and likewise the League presses hard for full control. Perhaps it can be held that this is no concern of the Council, let us not forget however, that, but for the growth of this type of racing we would not now be faced with the very real threat of police control. Time Trials are the Amateur clubman's sport, promoted for clubmen by clubmen—it is our desire that they remain so.

ANNUAL GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING.

The shortest agenda on record was before the 49 delegates who assembled for the General Council Meeting held in London on January 13th under the Chairmanship of Mr. W. H. Townsend. What might have been the most controversial items on the agenda were those submitted by District Councils dealing with the state of cycling politics, but almost all the delegates appear to have received clear-cut mandates from their Districts and the National Committee were again instructed to strive for agreement, amalgamation obviously being totally ruled out for the time being, only five delegates registering their votes in favour of a London East amendment that envisaged amalgamation in the near future. The final motion which was carried by 45 votes to nine against, reads: "That as the control of road racing is now a straight issue between the N.C.U. and B.L.R.C. and the question of amalgamation is vital to members of those two bodies only, the future policy of the R.T.T.C. should be based on the principle that the R.T.T.C. controls Time Trials and unanimity on matters affecting all three

forms of sport should be sought by means of agreement with the other bodies or body".

Rising costs which affect all walks of life were spotlighted when it was agreed that the overnight expenses allowance be increased to 30/-.

The Hardy Annual regarding the appearance of makers names on photographs published in the press was raised by East D.C. and the voting for relaxation was 28 in favour, with 19 against. The motion being lost by default.

From now on it is permissible to accept 120 entries for events up to and including 50 miles, previously this figure applied for events up to 30 miles only.

Partial relaxation of the pre-publicity rules on a district basis was heavily defeated, it being felt that the scheme was undesirable but also unworkable.

London West moved to include details of private Time Trials on entry forms, this being carried and the National Committee has since defined a Private Time Trial—see elsewhere in this issue.

Starts and finishes must still remain within 2 miles and 5 miles in the cases of 50 and 100 mile events respectively; the Council also rejected a motion that would have restricted course design to out and home routes as it also did the idea of circuit courses that could be covered up to four times in 100 miles and greater distance events.

Fortythree votes were registered against compulsory numbers in all events and these still remain at the option of the promoting clubs.

Although London West asked that certificates at 20 m.p.h. average be awarded in the Women's B.B.A.R. Contest, it was stated that the ladies of some other districts were against the lowering of the standard and the motion did not carry.

Only three delegates favoured a Blackpool venue for alternative B.B.A.R. occasions and comment was firmly in favour of continuing on the present basis if possible.

Few favoured a national handicapping system in view of the many difficulties foreseen in developing a scheme.

Dispensation was given for the sale of start cards at the Hill Climb Championship but an amendment designed to make this applicable to all Championships was heavily defeated.

The meeting ended with an appeal by London West

D.C. for more information regarding the negotiations between the three organisations by more frequent issues of the "Bulletin". The difficulty of making interim reports during the course of delicate negotiations was explained.

Officers elected during the meeting were:

Chairman: W. H. Townsend, London West D.C.	
Committee: T. Anderton, Yorkshire D.C.	49
R. Moss, South Wales D.C.	44
A. V. Jenner, London West D.C.	43
H. Rogers, Midland D.C.	43
R. MacQueen, Manchester D.C.	40
A. Gordon, London South D.C.	39
J. W. Rossiter, London North D.C.	39
A. E. Harrison, South East D.C.	30
A. Maxfield, North Midlands D.C.	30
F. G. Green, Liverpool D.C.	20

SUBSCRIPTIONS

The Council's treasurer wishes to remind all affiliated clubs and Associations that subscriptions are now overdue and should be paid to District Council Treasurers without further delay. Under Rule 6 members of clubs whose subscription is in arrear are not allowed to compete in events under the Council's jurisdiction.

PRIVATE TIME TRIALS

The National Committee has defined a private Time Trial as "one for one or more riders held on a course approved by District Council and timed by officials approved by an affiliated club".

THE HANDBOOK 1958

The 1958 Handbook will commence distribution by the middle of February and all orders will be dealt with in rotation, all received prior to publication date should be cleared before the end of the month. Price is 2/6d. per copy when ordered in bulk but individual copies can be supplied by post at 3/-d. each. Send cash with order to the National Secretary: S. Amey, 21 Little Crabtree, West Green, Crawley, Sussex.

TEAM TIME TRIALS

The National Committee wishes to point out that under the regulations for the conduct of team time trials it is not permissible to hold club or inter-club competitions of this nature. Events must be entirely open or restricted to members of associations or similar bodies (semi-open).

In compliance with the definite request made by the Ministry of Transport, D.C.'s shall require promoting clubs to notify the police of the area in which the event is to be promoted of all relevant details on club notepaper in standard form. This form of application is being prepared by the National Committee and will be circulated in due course.

Up to the time of going to press, only two valid applications have been received by the National Committee; these are:—

April 20th Whitewebbs C.C., 38 miles, 3 man teams.
Sec.—P. Whelan, 164 Scotland Green Rd., Eadfield, Middlesex.

July 20th Coventry C.C., 25 miles, course K 14.
Sec.—C. Viner, 22 Cap Martin Rd., Coventry.

THE FIRST EVENTS:

Early season events take place before it is possible to issue the Handbook, those for February being:

Week-end 7. Balham Rough Riders "25"
F. Phillips, 105 Boundfield Rd., Catford, Lon., S.E.6.

Week-end 8. Castlenau C.C., M.G. "25"
F. C. Belsham, 40 Greyhound Rd., London, W.6.
Norian R.C. Hardriders "25"
J. R. Templeman, 37 Lordship Lane, Tottenham, London, N.17.

W-E 9. N. Leeds M-G "25"

J. Greenlay, 11 Buckley Ave., Leeds 11
Reading Whs. "25"
W. Hannington, 34 Marshland Sq., Emmet Green, Reading.

St. Chris.C.C.C. 2nd-class "25"
L. F. Mason, 89 Athenlay, Rd., London S.E.15.

Crewe Combine M-G "25"
D. P. Robinson, 24 Kingsway, Crewe.

Worcestershire C.A. M G "25"
A. J. Jones, 52, Abbey Cres., Warley, B'ham 32

East Sussex C.A. Hardriders "12"
R. Humphrey, 2 Culverwood Cottages, Cross in Hand, Heathfield, Sussex.

Worcestershire C.A. M-G "10" (Women)
A. J. Jones, (as above)

W-E 10 - all 25 Mile events

Hyde Roads C.C. M-G
K. Whitehead, 222 Two Trees Lane, Denton M/cr.
Melling Whs.

K. J. Matthews, 181, Oriel Close, Liverpool 10
Nun-Brook Whs.

J. E. Dale, 202 Laund Rd., Salendine Nook, Huddersfield

Premier Olympic R.C.

B. J. Harris, 35 Grittleton Rd., Bristol 7

Viking R.C. M-G

J. Layton, 51 Felbrigg Rd., Seven Kings, Essex.

Coventry C.C.A. M-G

L. C. Horton, 6 King Georges Av., Foleshill, Coventry.

Kent C.A. S-M

R. Matthews, 14 School Rd., Faversham, Kent

Kent C.A. L-M

A. J. Avis, 81 Florence Rd., Maidstone, Kent

Norland Combine M-G

W. Cooledge, 115 Hewett Rd., Harringay, London N.8.

Northampton & Dist. C.A. M-G

R. Graves, 5 Blenheim Rd., Far Cotton, Northampton.

Norland Combine (Women)

W. Cooledge (as above)

READINESS TO START

Following on a query from a promoting club the National Committee has ruled that if the carrying of numbers is a condition of an event and riders are requested to report five minutes before their actual starting time this becomes a regulation for the event and any rider reporting to the Timekeeper without a number fixed should lose the time taken to fix the plate except that he should not be penalised if the fixing of the number took longer than the allotted time thus being late at the starting point.

The Basis of Agreement

After many months of negotiations between your representatives and those of the B.L.R.C. and N.C.U. a form of agreement has emerged and been verbally accepted—it declares:

- 1 To recognise the "de facto" position
 - A The Union controls massed-start, circuit and track racing.
 - B The League controls massed-start and circuit racing.
 - C The Council controls all forms of Time Trials.
- 2 To mutually recognise suspensions—except where these clash with the rules of the other body or bodies.
- 3 Definition of categories—these as the Council's Rules.
- 4 A joint standing committee of six to deal with M.O.T.
- 5 A joint administrative Committee for International events with agreement as to sharing costs.

Readers will appreciate that during the course of the talks it has been impossible to make interim reports until some degree of unanimity was reached.

We welcome to the National Committee a new member from Liverpool, Mr. George Green, a member and Chairman of 'Paramount Wheelers'. He became a delegate to Liverpool D.C. in 1950 and elected to the District Committee two years later and in the same year became Chairman of Liverpool T.T.A., his experience should be a great asset to the National Committee. A devotee of the tricycle he is now the possessor of a tandem tricycle but this does not, we understand, carry with it any ambitions on the Arnold-Crimes records. Mr. Green replaces a fellow Liverpoolian, Mr. George Brobyn, who served for five years and did not offer himself for election owing to business commitments.

COMPETITION RECORDS.

During the 1957 season no fewer than 16 successful claims to Competition Records were before the Record-sub-committee.

ACCIDENTS

District Council secretaries are requested to report to the National Secretary all cases of accidents which come to their notice whether local action is, or is not, taken.

B.B.A.R. CONCERT

After enjoying what must surely have been one of the best ever B.B.A.R. Concerts in November last, the news relating to the promotion of the function this year is somewhat disturbing. It would seem that we have no chance of getting a date at the Royal Albert Hall to coincide with The Cycle Show. Indeed such are the demands already made for bookings that we may well have to face up to a concert as late as the second or third Saturday in January of 1959.

Other venues have been considered, all are in great demand or, if available, present the Council with a difficult financial problem or a most unwelcome and serious limitation to ticket sales. Every effort will be made to continue with our concert and presentation at The Albert Hall but the Council consider it best that Clubs be aware of the situation that may well mean yet another alteration to the date of what everyone considers should be a static fixture.

Watch the Cycling Press for future announcements.

CHAMPIONSHIP ENTRY FEES.

The National Committee has fixed the following entry fees for the 1958 Championships.

25 miles	3/6d.
50 miles	5/-d.
100 miles	7/6d.
12 hours	12/6d.

THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 1958

The following is a complete list of the National Championships to be promoted in 1958:

MEN.

	Entries Close	Date	Promoters
25 miles	12/ 5/58	1 / 6/58	N. Mids. D.C. Sec—N. Wilkinson, 338 Warminster Rd., Sheff. 8.
50 miles	2/ 6/58	22/6 /58	East Liverpool Wh. Sec—E. Cook, 25 Castor Street, Liverpool 6.
100 miles	16/ 6/58	6/ 7/58	S. Ruislip R.C. Sec—J. D. Davies, 5 Masons Ave., South Ruislip.
12 hours	25/8 /58	14/9 /58	N. London D.C. Sec—E. G. Kings, 210 Devonshire Hill Lane, London, N.17.
24 hours	29/6 /58	19/7 /58	Wessex R.C. Sec—C. Neale, 16 Rozelle Rd., Parkstone, Dorset.
Hill Climb	6/10/58	26/10/58	Chippenham & D.C.C. Sec—F. M. White, 8 Willow Gr., Chippenham, Wilts.

WOMEN.

25 miles	26/5 /58	15/6 /58	Apollo C.C. Sec—B. Leppard, 36 Cosedge Cres., Croydon.
50 miles	23/6 /58	13/7 /58	Camberley Wh. Sec—V. J. Alexander, 3 Heather Cott., Chobham Rd., Frimley, Aldershot.
100 miles	4/8 /58	24/8 /58	Midlands D.C. Sec—Mrs. E. Todd, 32 Moreton Rd., Shirley, Solihull

Entries can only be accepted on the official form for each event and early application should be made to the Secretary concerned.

BADGES.

A supply of badges is still available and stocks are in the hands of D.C. Secretaries. Further supplies are held by the National Secretary who will be pleased to re-stock the districts on request.

THE 1958 PROGRAMME.

The number of open events appearing in the 1958

Handbook is 842 and the semi-opens 444.

BRITISH CYCLE RACING MOVEMENT.

Despite the intensive propaganda put out by the sponsors of the British Cycle Racing Movement only 22 clubs out of more than a thousand affiliated to the Council responded to their suggestion that attempts be made to call special District Council meetings.

The British Best-All-Rounder Competitions Analysis of mean-average-speeds, 1945-1957, inclusive.

Year	Total number of certificate holders	Mean average speeds				
		Between 20 mph and 21 mph	Between 21 mph and 22 mph	Between 22 mph and 23 mph	Between 23 mph and 24 mph	Between 24 mph and 25 mph
1945	73	49	22	2	-	-
1946	158	113	38	7	-	-
1947	242	164	67	11	-	-
1948	252	157	84	11	-	-
1949	489	313	148	28	-	-
1950	203	-	172	26	5	-
1951	288	-	241	43	4	-
1952	291	-	216	68	7	-
1953	369	-	288	75	6	-
1954	387	-	286	93	8	-
1955	100*	-	-	96	14	-
1956	98	-	-	88	9	1
1957	157	-	-	136	20	1

* In 1955 certificates were given only to the first 100. The 20/21 m.p.h. range has not been recognised since 1949.

The 21/22 m.p.h. range has not been recognised since 1954.

W O M E N.

Year	Total number of certificate holders	Mean average speeds		
		Between 20 mph and 21 mph	Between 21 mph and 22 mph	Between 22 mph and 23 mph
1948	20	18	2	-
1949	25	19	6	-
1950	28	17	7	4
1951	44	33	10	1
1952	41	23	16	2
1953	47	19	25	3
1954	70	36	30	4
1955	50*	39	34	9
1956	32	-	25	7
1957	29	-	21	8

* In 1955 certificates were given only to the first 50. The 20/21 m.p.h. range has not been recognised since 1955.

STOP PRESS.

We have succeeded in booking the Royal Albert Hall for Saturday 29th November—unfortunately this does not coincide with the Cycle Show but we are assured of the old venue.