

Minutes of Meeting held at the Royal Oak,
Hastings, September 24th. 1935.

Present. G. Jenkins took the chair, supported by Messrs. Bliss, Lelyveld, Bosting, A. Helliwell, Kemp, and the secretary.

MINUTES. *The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.*
Correspondence.

The secretary read a letter from the N.C.U. with regard to the shortage in entry forms supplied, and an apology was made and a refund of 1/10d. to cover the loss.

Two letters were read from the Chamber of Commerce assuring the Club that in the event of a loss being sustained in connection with the Trademen's Ball, the Chamber would not be ungenerous in showing their thanks to the Club.

A letter was received from the K.C.A. giving particulars of the Annual Dinner and Prize Presentation to be held at Maidstone December 8th.

A letter was received from the secretary of the Carnival Revellers Committee thanking those in the Club who took part in the revellers activities resulting in a profit to the Hospitals. of £28. 6. 8d.

Subscriptions of New Members.

The secretary reported that the new N.C.U. Regulations ~~allowed new members in September to be exempt from~~ allowed subscriptions of new members made in September to carry them through the following year. In the consequence of this J. Winborn the new member who was passed as a member of the Club at the last meeting Aug. 27th. and affiliated to the N.C.U. on the 3rd. September, has an affiliation to the N.C.U. for 1936 while his subscription to the Club is for the current year.

After a lengthy discussion it was decided that the Club should come into line with the N.C.U. that new members subscriptions in September should carry them through the following year.

At the same time it was pointed out the new decision would not affect Winborn, who would still be liable for his 1936 subs.

Racing Report.

The Racing secretary reported that the Club '12' was held in conjunction with the K.C.A. '12' on September 8th. It gave him great pleasure to inform the Committee that, subject to official confirmation, J. Mackie not only won the Club event but also the Association event with the splendid ride of 225 miles, also beating the existing Club record of 214½ miles by 10½ miles, W. Griffin was second in the Club with the good ride of 216 miles, A. Helliwell third, 212 miles, W. Helliwell 211 miles, Lelyveld 204 miles, R. Sharpe 204 miles, C. Sutton 193.

The rides put up by these first four men earned each of them a gold standard medal for that distance.

A discussion arose ~~following~~ following the ex-racing secretary's opinion that at a past meeting it was decided that Club record Certificates should not be awarded for rides made in competitions. The secretary was asked to search the minutes and report to the next Committee meeting.

Winter Club room.

In view of the fact that there was no longer a billiards table in the Royal Oak Hotel, it was decided to find other quarters and the secretary was asked to approach the Carlisle Saloon. It was agreed that Monday would be a suitable evening for the Club night.

Prizes in Club races.

In bringing the matter before the meeting, the secretary explained that under existing rules no rider could take two prizes, consequently if in an event either the first or second fastest rider figured in the handicap result i.e. 1st. or 2nd. then one of the second prizes was spare. It had been the

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practice in the past to award this spare prize to the third man in the handicap result although this did not always result in a fair distribution of prizes according to the merits of the individual rides. This state of affairs had caused some dissatisfaction in the past and the peculiar result of the August '25' called for some clear and defined rule on the point. In this event both the 1st. and 2nd. fastest riders figured in the handicap result respectively third and first. The spare prize in this instance the 2nd. fastest award of 5/- could be given to the 4th. handicap rider, ~~or the third fastest~~ following past custom or perhaps more reasonably, to the third fastest.

A lengthy discussion took place, and it was finally decided that with regard to the August '25', the spare prize should be withheld by the Club.

On the proposition of A. Helliwell, seconded by Lelyveld, it was moved that in all future Club events, the winner and the second man should take first and second fastest prizes and that the handicap winners should be decided from the rest of the riders.

NEW MEMBER

A. G. DUNCAN, 16 Shepherd Street, Shearnards.

Passed.

Chairman,

J. H. Smith
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