

EXTRACT FROM MINUTES OF 15-5-1978

Badges Mrs. Carpenter had made enquiries about badge costs and had received a catalogue from Bromptons. It seemed that a sum of £100 would have to be laid out if it was decided to purchase new badges. She had only recently sold the last of a batch bought fifteen or sixteen years ago and wondered if it was worth buying. There was some debate about the suitability of the current badge. Mr. Kitching suggested that junior members be invited to submit a design, with the winner receiving a free badge as a reward. Mr. Chambers said, that in view of the cost, it might be worth a new racing jersey first and see about buying badges later.

Time Standards Mrs. Carpenter said that it was possible to begin with a 'cycling' certificate and a choice of gold, silver or bronze medals from Bromptons for 54p, 55p and 56p, and suggested that it might be reasonable to start ^a standard award scheme for school pupils using these medals for prizes. She suggested times based on the R.T.T.C. standard times, to be done in only one event on any course, an entry fee of 50p to be charged and an additional set of times for under 13's. The committee agreed to this, and Mrs. Carpenter said that many members would like her to find the sever times ^{decided} so that all members could ride for standards. The committee agreed to this. (A list of times is appended).

Club Captains Report. Mr. Chambers said he was finding it difficult to get club runs organised now that the racing season had started and mentioned that volunteers were needed to take the youngsters to Mr. Lawrence and Mrs. Carpenter had both taken runs, Mr. Chambers complained that she had taken several rides and found them very worrying, as the young riders were undisciplined, as were the riders generally, and she found it impossible to control the runs with such a difference in riding ability of machines. There was some discussion, and eventually it was decided that no member under 12 should be allowed on club runs, no choppers should be allowed and restrictions be placed on the number of runs.

riders under the joining the club. Mrs. Carpenter suggested that two more
should be accepted, and then no more for the time being. ^{Mr. Morris said that the club should reserve the right to accept new members.} Mr. Chambers
said that he had a very keen prospective new member of 11, but he
was told that he could not be accepted as a member. Mrs. Carpenter
also complained that some of the youngsters had been led to believe
that there would be a properly conducted autumn on one recent
occasion and none had turned up to lead it, and the children
had gone off alone. There were also comments that the youngsters
were coming at evening events with no lights, and arriving home
from Poverney at 10.30 p.m., and riding home from Broad Oak
in the dark, and it was agreed that they should be told to
carry lights a look or be sent home. Mr. Longley commented on
the necessity of having a turn marshal at the evening 10's, and
and it was overtly agreed that racing members should
take turns to do this if no extra people were available.
Mrs. Carpenter also commented that Mr. Bisset had not turned
up to his timekeeping duties, and added that the club
'25' had been a fiasco. Two young members had inadvisedly
ridden the event after being recommended not to. They had
struggled to the Postup, where Mr. Carpenter having seen their
difficulties, had waited to escort them ^{back} to the finish. One had
purchased and had to be picked up and taken home by car as
he had no tools, and the other had been left to make his own
way home with a twelve year old. Mr. Chambers agreed to
contact some of the older members, particularly Mr. Hansmore
and Mr. Little, and ask them if they would take turns, and Mr.
Longley said that he was willing to act as turn leader
once a month.

Racing Secretary Mr. Southerton said that the season had
been progressing satisfactorily. The '25', in spite of being rather
badly supported, and spoilt by the youngsters riding, had
been successful, with P. Baker recording 1h. 5m. 26. He was
pleased that the course had been accepted by the R.T.C.

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