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OFFICERS

FOR 1900.

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ANFIELD BICYCLE CLUB.

SECRETARY'S REPORT,

*Presented at the Annual General Meeting of the Members,
on Thursday, the 4th January, 1900.*

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

It is a pleasant duty to be able to preface my report by saying that the whole of the programme proposed and entered upon twelve months ago has been carried through: and although in some of our races and tours, circumstances and conditions were decidedly against us, I think I may claim that our runs, tours, races, and record attempts have been fairly successful, and if the doings of the year do not stand out by themselves, like a star of great brilliancy, still I am sure all present will agree with me when I say that the good name the Club has borne so long has not suffered at the hands of its present members.

I find on comparing the roll of membership with that of 1898, that the past year suffers somewhat in comparison, not as regards the total number of Members, but that we have not had the large increase of membership we had in the previous year; nevertheless, after allowing for resignations, I think we shall be still found growing.

It is very gratifying to be able to say that the average attendance for the fifty-four runs and tours works out at the respectable figure of 25, which is the same number as recorded for the record year, 1893.

It is also pleasing to note that the attendance has been evenly maintained throughout the year, the high and low water marks being respectively 65 and 13.

The individual figures were:—

Hy. Poole	51	J. E. Green.....	9
W. R. Toft	50	W. C. Humphries	9
E. G. Worth	50	D. H. Simpson	9
F. Roskell	45	W. F. Collier	8
E. Edwards	43	S. Irving.....	8
H. Roskell	43	W. B. Kendrick.....	8
R. Barton	40	W. J. Jenkins.....	8
D. R. Fell	37	E. Cottle.....	7
T. B. Conway.....	36	J. F. German	7
F. H. Koenen.....	36	J. R. Thompson	6
C. J. Conway	35	E. C. K. Walter.....	6
R. L. Knipe	34	G. T. Bater	5
J. H. Cook	33	J. A. Bennett	5
W. M. Owen	33	S. J. Ellis.....	5
H. W. Keizer.....	33	A. E. Heazell.....	5
F. J. Cheminai.....	32	C. Keizer.....	5
T. B. Handley	30	H. B. Saunders	5
J. L. Hewitt	30	A. H. Cottle	4
G. J. Theakstone	30	F. Cottle	4
H. Hellier	27	R. H. Carlisle.....	4
P. C. Beardwood	25	J. Craig	4
H. P. Spence	25	A. M. Elliott	4
A. G. White	24	J. C. Pickin	4
E. Buckley	22	F. Watkiss	4
T. Atkinson	21	L. W. Abbott.....	3
M. Montgomery	21	W. J. Crowe	3
D. C. Rowatt	21	F. Klipsch	3
J. J. Finley	20	R. J. Large	3
W. J. Neason.....	19	J. S. Marsh.....	3
J. V. Marchanton	17	J. Ramsden.....	3
E. A. Tooth	17	R. J. Robinson	3
F. H. Wood	17	F. Beswick	2
W. P. Cook	16	J. R. Davies	2
B. H. Glover	15	C. J. A. Decker	2
W. Grundy.....	15	J. Eastham.....	2
F. Bird.....	14	J. Fowler.....	2
C. F. Outram.....	14	G. B. Gee	2
C. J. Slade	14	W. Shelley	2
H. B. Brentnall.....	13	H. W. Smith	2
L. E. Menzies.....	13	C. G. Wridgway.....	2
A. A. Menzies.....	13	H. M. Brick	1
R. E. Prichard	13	A. N. Deakin	1
G. R. Lichtenberg.....	11	R. Hartley	1
W. R. Oppenheimer.....	11	W. H. C. Holt	1
J. S. Ellis.....	10	F. del Strother	1

The first attendance medal goes to Mr. E. G. Worth, whilst Mr. F. Roskell takes the second, Officers being debarred from this competition.

It is good to find some of our younger Members throwing down the gauntlet to the older ones, in the race for the head of the roll ; and on perusal it will be seen that 19 Members have attended 30 or more runs during the year.

The Officers and Committee have been summoned to 12 Meetings and attended as follows:—

D. R. Fell	12	E. Edwards	10
W. R. Toft	12	W. M. Owen	8
E. G. Worth	12	A. G. White	7
Hy. Poole	12	H. Hellier (possible 6).....	6
C. J. Conway	11	G. B. Mercer (possible 6)...	6
J. H. Cook	11	D. J. Bell	5
G. J. Theakstone	11	F. H. Koenen.....	5
T. B. Conway.....	10	E. Cottle.....	3
H. Roskell	10		

Easter again saw us gathered at the shrine of former years—Bettws-y-Coed. The gathering was fairly representative, and the weather, if not at its best, was certainly better than the previous year. The Saturday programme of the previous year, which was abandoned owing to bad weather, was this year successfully carried through. I am sure (although I have heard it said by one or two Members that the longest holiday of the year might be better spent by selecting another resort) it is the wish of the majority that Easter may long find us gathered at the old haunt.

Two official week-end runs have been held during the year. The first was to Bettws-y-Coed. on September 23rd, and was attended by 14 Members, which, considering the state of the weather, was more than ordinarily successful. The second was held on October 14th, and the venue was Congleton: this, from point of numbers, was better than the previous one.

The date of our all-night ride was fixed for June 24th, the destination being Hereford, and the route via Chester, Whitechurch, Shrewsbury, Ludlow, and Leominster.

The gathering of Members at the Landing Stage who intended riding through was only small, but happily our number was augmented by a number of Members who were waiting our arrival at Whitechurch. The night was anything but favourable at the time of leaving Liverpool, and wet roads were the order until we were well on our way towards Shrewsbury; after which fortune smiled on us, and the event was carried out under most pleasing conditions, the total number of Members supporting the fixture being 22. I feel sure more Members might attend this fixture by making a little effort, and there is no doubt that the enjoyment derived is well worth an effort being made.

The August tour was as far as Bala (reached on Saturday night), carried out by a very fair number of Members. Sunday morning brought rain, and the little party of seven, who had decided to cross the famous pass to Dinas Mawddwy, was much delayed in starting. I have heard some terrible tales of the perils of the journey, which appear in some minds to have almost obliterated the magnificence of the scenery, but all agreed on the charms of the quaint hostelry, Cann Office, chosen for the night's stay, and the ride thence home through Welshpool and Oswestry, appears by no means to have been unpleasant.

It is most pleasing to be able to report that our Races and Time Trials have been again successfully carried through without any serious accident to any of our Members, and without the slightest accident or discomfort to the general public.

The course for the Invitation Hundred Miles' Race was again re-arranged by your Course Sub-Committee, and although not considered by some to be one of the best, proved fairly good under adverse conditions. The 24-Hours' Course was practically

the same as in the previous year, and again proved (at least up to 12 hours) that it is not a bad one.

The 50 Miles' Handicaps, which have all proved most successful, were run over the old Stockton Heath, Congleton course, with the exception of the last, when slight alterations were made, which proved to be very suitable in all respects.

The past season saw the inauguration of the recognition of Unpaced Records by the N.R.R.A. A series of very good performances for the 50 Miles' Record were done by some of our Members early in the season, but for the longer distances only one Member has made any attempt. Whilst fully recognising that it is somewhat difficult to get sufficient Members and friends out for checking purposes, I sincerely hope that at the close of the present year we may see the names of more Amateurs on the Unpaced Record List of the N.R.R.A.

The first 50 Miles' Handicap of the season was held on Saturday, April 22nd, over the Stockton Heath and Congleton course. The day was fairly favourable, and nineteen competitors completed the course—this proved to be the largest field of the year. The handicap, as regards the placed men, worked out splendidly, only two minutes and a few seconds dividing the first from the third. Mr. J. V. Marchanton from the 14 mins. mark, who rode in vastly improved form to what he had shown in the previous September, took first prize, completing the course in 2hrs. 43mins. 30secs.; Mr. R. L. Knipe (10mins.), who made his first appearance in cycle competitions, took the second prize and fastest time medal, with 2hrs. 41mins. 12secs., which was not only the fastest time of the day, but record for the course, and proved himself to be the surprise of the event. Mr. J. E. Green (12min.) was awarded third prize, doing 2hrs. 43min. 53secs. The other finishers were Messrs. M. Montgomery, Jun. (5min.) 2hrs. 46min. 24secs.; F. H. Koenen (scratch) 2hrs. 44min. 38secs.; F. Roskell (5min.) 2hrs. 47min. 40secs.; H. Roskell (scratch) 2hrs. 47min.

54secs. ; B. H. Glover (5min.) 2hrs. 49min. 20secs. ; W. B. Kendrick (4min.) 2hrs. 50min. 28secs. ; Hy. Poole (5min.) 2hrs. 51min. 48secs. ; W. M. Owen (5min.) 2hrs. 55min. 7secs. ; H. Hellier (tricycle) (12min.) 2hrs. 58min. 35secs. ; W. Grundy (8 min.) 2hrs. 59min. 20secs. ; C. J. Slade (14min.) 3hrs. 1min. 25secs. ; E. Edwards (10min.) 3hrs. 2min. 45secs. ; A. A. Menzies (14min.) 3hrs. 2min. 56secs. ; T. W. Atkinson (25min.) 3hrs. 9min. 25secs. ; T. B. Handley (14min.) 2hrs. 59min. 40secs. ; and J. H. Cook (20min.) 3hrs. 12min. 45secs.

If, owing to police interference, we have not been able to hold our Invitation Hundred, over Shropshire Roads, for the last two years, still a number of record attempts have been made over portions of the historic course. On Saturday, May 6th, a number of our members journeyed to Whitchurch with the object of creating records for the Northern Roads 50 Miles' Single and Tandem Bicycles. The several members were started as in our unpaced races, only with longer intervals : the roads were in good condition, but the day was not what you would designate as calm. The course was the first 50 miles of the old hundred course. Messrs. F. H. Koenen and J. V. Marchanton on tandem were the first to start, and created the unpaced tandem fifty record, by doing 2hrs. 21min. 27secs. ; but this was doomed to be beaten by Messrs. H. & F. Roskell, who started 10 minutes after the previous pair, and, riding very strong in the last 15 miles, covered the distance in the good time of 2hrs. 17min. Mr. M. Montgomery, Jun., was the next to start, on Single Bicycle, followed at intervals by Messrs. W. B. Kendrick, R. L. Knipe, and J. E. Green, all on singles. Each of these riders gained the record in turn, the respective times being :—M. Montgomery, 2hrs. 40mins. 35secs. ; W. B. Kendrick, 2hrs. 38mins. 26secs. ; R. L. Knipe, 2hrs. 35mins. 34secs. ; and J. E. Green, 2hrs. 32mins. 30secs. The latter time is still on the Association Books, which is in itself, sufficient testimony to the excellence of the ride.

The next event of the year's programme was our Annual Invitation 100 Miles Handicap, which was held on Monday, May 22nd. As previously mentioned, your Committee thought it advisable to alter the course, and decided to start and finish the race in the vicinity of Chester. Unfortunately, at the advised time of starting, the weather was very bad, rain descending like a deluge. Our worthy President, who kindly took the position of Master of Ceremonies at Chester, decided to wait for a short time, but at the time of starting, conditions were scarcely more favourable. Only eight of the eighteen competitors names who figured on the card, faced the starter. Mr. P. Rushton, N.L.B.C., who was on the limit mark (30 mins.), was started on his journey at 10 minutes past 5, followed by Mr. E. Skelland, Congleton C.C., (25 mins.); Mr. E. Warrington, Macclesfield C.C. (20 mins.); Mr. W. M. Owen, A.B.C. (18 mins.); Mr. Geo. Lovelady, Liverpool C.C. (18 mins.); Mr. R. L. Knipe, A.B.C. (18 mins.); Mr. M. Higham, Yorkshire R.C. (5 mins.); and Mr. W. E. Gee, Manchester Wednesday (scratch). For the third time in succession the first prize of this event went to Congleton, the winner being Mr. E. Skelland, who completed the course in 6hrs. 11mins. 50secs. : Mr. R. L. Knipe took second prize, doing 6hrs. 17mins. 47secs. ; whilst Mr. W. E. Gee, with 6hrs. 5mins. 20secs., took the third prize and fastest time medal, this being the third occasion that he has done fastest time in this event.

Mr. Knipe had distinctly hard lines, starting with promise of little or no pacing, and had the ill luck of several punctures and falls ; the other five starters gave up at various stages, owing to the effects of the heavy going putting them outside the chance of doing a respectable ride.

The event in our race programme which requires the greatest amount of preparation, and probably the most looked forward to event of the year is our Annual 24 Hours Ride. Unfortunately, this year, owing to rain commencing to fall about the end of the

first twelve hours, the race practically ended, the Competitors being content with the 12 hours Standard Medals for the distances ridden up to that hour. This was very deplorable, because a number of the riders had ridden distances during the twelve hours well above the average, and would, barring accidents, have done very creditable twenty-four hour performances.

Friday, July 21st, at 10 p.m., found the riders of nine single bicycles and one tandem bicycle under the orders of Mr. W. F. Collier, at the same starting place as last year, on the Chester-Whitchurch Road. Messrs. S. J. & J. S. Ellis, the tandem pair, were not favoured by the best of fortune, for, owing to tyre troubles, they to all intent took no part in the ride. Mr. F. Bird was the first to reach the 17th milestone, arriving there 3 mins. before Messrs. Montgomery, Roskell, and Barton, who were followed 5 mins. later by Messrs. Tooth, Outram, Humphries, Brentnall, and Wood. This order was practically maintained back to Chester, Mr. Bird increased his lead to 10 mins. ; on the Gayton Extension Mr. Montgomery however, was able to make up time, owing to Mr. Bird having tyre troubles, and both riders arrived back in Chester simultaneously at 8 mins. past 1, with Messrs. H. Roskell and Barton following at 1hr. 13mins., Mr. E. A. Tooth at 1hr. 25mins., Mr. H. B. Brentnall at 1hr. 33mins., Mr. C. F. Outram at 1hr. 38mins., Messrs. W. C. Humphries and F. H. Wood at 1hr. 58mins. ; Mr. Humphries gave up the ride at this point, whilst Mr. Wood waited for the leading men to come back from Eastham, thereby disqualifying himself for the prizes for the event. On the return from the Eastham Extension, Mr. Montgomery was leading Mr. Bird by 8 mins., whilst Mr. Bird was 9 mins. in front of Messrs. H. Roskell and Barton ; the order of the others being practically the same. The riders arrived in Chester from Frodsham, and departed for Nantwich in the following order and time :—Mr. Montgomery, 3-24 ; Mr. Bird, 3-31 ; Messrs. Roskell, Barton and Wood, 3-47 ; Mr. Tooth, 3-54 ; Mr. Brentnall, 4-14 ;

and Mr. C. F. Outram, 4-20. These positions were maintained on arrival at Nantwich, but from this point Mr. Montgomery gradually increased his lead, having the advantage at High Leigh of 15mins., Mr. Bird being 39mins. before Messrs. Roskell and Barton, whilst they were 5 mins. in front of Messrs. Tooth and Wood, with Messrs. Outram and Brentnall 49 and 57 mins. respectively still further behind. Mr. Montgomery arrived back at Nantwich, at 9-0 a.m., having then ridden 188 miles; taking Mr. Collier with him, he rode out the 12 hours, going through Market Drayton and finished on the Newport to Whitchurch Road, having ridden $207\frac{1}{2}$ miles, and beating the record made by Mr. H. B. Saunders, in the previous year, by $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles. Mr. Bird arrived at Nantwich at 9-33 a.m., and continued his ride to Newport, checking there at 12-15 p.m., Wellington 4-22, Shrewsbury 5-20, and during the twelve hours rode the good distance of 198 miles. Messrs. Roskell and Barton arriving in Nantwich about 10 o'clock, decided to give up the ride, having ridden 188 miles. Mr. E. A. Tooth having ridden 184 miles in the twelve hours, arrived in Nantwich at 10-31, and proceeded to Newport, checking there at 12 mins. past 1, and also decided to give up. Mr. Brentnall finished the twelve hours at "The Drovers' Arms," Allostock, having ridden $161\frac{1}{4}$ miles. Mr. C. F. Outram finished at Holmes Chapel, with the distance of $171\frac{3}{4}$ miles to his credit. Mr. Wood, who rode about 158 miles during the twelve hours, arrived at Nantwich at 11-55, and continuing, checked at Newport at 1-20, from there leaving the course as per the Route Card, he rode through Whitchurch, Tarporley, Chester, and Childer Thornton, returning to Chester, where he gave up the ride at 8-50 p.m., having ridden 255 miles during the day.

The second Fifty Miles Handicap of the year was held on Saturday, August 26th, over the Stockton Heath to Congleton course. Nineteen Members presented themselves at the start, but owing to several causes only eleven completed the course. This event was remarkable for the greatly improved riding of the

veteran, Mr. J. H. Cook, who, from the 20 mins. mark, took first prize with 2hrs. 57mins. 58secs. Mr. R. L. Knife, who was now placed on scratch, again did fastest time, and took second prize, with 2hrs. 45mins. 42secs. ; whilst Mr. R. Large, who appeared in Cycle Competition for the first time, took third prize from 16 mins., completing the distance in 3hrs. 2mins. 41secs. The other Competitors to finish were :—Messrs. F. H. Koenen. (scratch); 2hrs. 46mins. 46secs. ; M. Montgomery (2 mins.), 2hrs. 59mins. 35secs. ; W. B. Kendrick (3 mins.), 2hrs. 53mins. 10secs. ; H. Roskell (2 mins.), 2hrs. 53mins. 12s. ; W. M. Owen (8 mins), 2hrs. 56mins. 5secs. ; J. J. Finley (10 mins.), 3hrs. 4mins. 22secs. ; R. Barton (10 mins.), 3hrs. 8mins. 45secs. ; and F. H. Wood (14 mins.), 3hrs. 45mins. 45secs. The times, all round, were slow, the day being considered by all to be the worst of the three 50 Miles events.

The last racing event of the year was held on Saturday, September 16th, and was the third of the 50 Miles Unpaced Handicaps. The course was slightly altered, the start being from the usual finishing milestone on the Warrington-Knutsford Road, and the old course to Congleton, but from there the Congleton-Sandbach Road was used as far as the Brick Houses. Turning here, the competitors joined the old course again at Holmes Chapel, and finished between the 7th and 8th milestones from Knutsford, on the Warrington Road. This event, like the corresponding event of last year, was open to tandem teams under the same conditions, but only two pairs were tempted to start. The competitors on singles numbered 10, and of these, Mr. R. L. Knife was the fortunate man. Riding from scratch, he took first prize and fastest time medal for single, his time, 2hrs. 39mins. 43secs., being a splendid performance. Mr. H. Roskell (5 mins.), took second prize with 2hrs. 44mins. 59secs. ; whilst Mr. J. H. Cook, who was now on 11 mins., improved on his last performance by completing the course in 2hrs. 51mins. 23secs.

Messrs. J. V. Marchanton and J. J. Finley on tandem, took the special medal for that type of machine, being handicapped (15mins.) behind scratch, they rode the distance in 2hrs. 28mins. 47secs. Messrs. H. W. Keizer and R. E. Prichard (7 mins.) behind scratch, taking 2hrs. 48mins. 29secs. The other competitors to finish being : - Messrs. M. Montgomery (5 mins.), 2hrs. 46mins. 53secs. ; F. H. Koenen (scratch), 2hrs. 49mins. 44secs. ; W. B. Kendrick (6 mins.), 2hrs. 49mins. 54secs. ; F. J. Cheminais (12 mins.), 2hrs. 53mins. 30secs. ; E. Edwards, (11 mins.), 3hrs. 1min. 12secs. ; and F. H. Wood (14 mins.), 3hrs. 6mins. 15secs. This was the closest Handicap of the year, as it will be noticed on deducting the time allowance from the nett riding times, that only 40 seconds separates the placed men, whilst 4 mins. takes in the first seven.

On August 12th, Mr. F. H. Koenen made a successful attempt on the Northern 50 miles record, when he beat the existing figures, made by Mr. E. Buckley, on May 26th, 1896, by 3mins. 46secs., accomplishing the distance in 2hrs. 11mins., which time speaks for itself and needs no words of mine to testify to its excellence.

On October 21st, Mr. F. H. Koenen made another attempt, this time to lower the figures for the 100 Miles Paced Northern Record, but, unfortunately, was not so successful as on the former occasion, failing only by a few minutes, nevertheless qualifying for the C Standard Medal, offered by the Club, for that distance.

The thanks of the Club are specially due to those who have acted as Checkers and Marshals in the various events. I desire, in this connection, to especially mention Messrs. W. R. Toft, A. G. White, E. G. Worth, G. B. Gee, J. H. and W. P. Cook, C. J. Conway, D. R. Fell, G. R. Lichtenberg, E. Edwards, H. P. Spence, J. A. Bennett, J. Fowler, D. H. Simpson, and G. J. Theakstone. Mr. R. L. Knipe stands easily at the head of the prize list, and we may congratulate ourselves on a rider of such capabilities appearing first in Cycle Competition in our events.

His series of unpaced 50's have been of exceptionally even merit.

Mr. M. Montgomery has also ridden some good 50's, but has added more to his reputation by his 12 hours ride. We may look forward to his future long distance attempts with every confidence of brilliant performance. Mr. F. H. Koenen has again shown us that he "knows a thing or two" about paced 50's and 100's, at all events. We can put one Anfield name on scratch against all comers, if it is decided to hold an Invitation 100 this year.

Mr. J. E. Green rode grandly in his two road 50's, at the commencement of the season, and since has met with very considerable success on the track, his wins including the 5 miles N.C.U. Local Centre Championship.

That Mr. Wood is the only man to win a 24 hours Standard Medal is a misfortune. The collapse of the 24 hours race was a calamity. The 12 hours ride of Messrs. Bird, H. Roskell, Barton and Tooth, apart entirely from Mr. Montgomery's record ride, were up to the very highest standard of previous competitions. Messrs. Outram and Brentnall also did well.

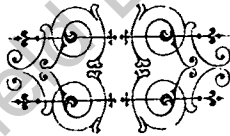
Mr. H. Roskell was, with his usual partner, his brother, shifting a tandem to some tune early in the season, and got back to his best single form in time for the last 50: the loss the Club has sustained by his departure for South America is a heavy one.

Mr. J. V. Marchanton, both on single and on tandem, with Mr. Koenen, and again with Mr. Finley, has done excellent rides. Mr. W. B. Kendrick has also ridden well in the 50's; while the riding of Mr. J. H. Cook, absolutely one of the old "originals," has been one of the surprises of the year.

With such a large number of men in our midst, who have proved what they can do, together with others who have only recently joined our ranks, and from whom we expect much, I am sure that it is only necessary for each Member to support, to the best of his ability the Officers to be elected this evening, to ensure the continued success and welfare of the old Club during the year 1900.

HARRY POOLE,

Honorary Secretary.



ANFIELD BICYCLE CLUB.

Dr.

Cash Account for 1899.

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	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance from 1898.....	84	17	3	By Postage, Printing and Stationery	25	19	8
„ Subscriptions and Entrance Fees	110	12	8	„ Road Ride Prizes	97	10	0
„ Donations to Prize Fund	8	11	0	„ Timing and Expenses	21	4	8
„ Badges Sold	2	15	0	„ Cash in Bank.....	56	9	2
				„ Cash in Hand.....	5	12	5
	<u>£206</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>11</u>		<u>£206</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>11</u>

LIABILITIES.

ASSETS.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Prizes not yet selected	16	19	2	By Cash Balance.....	62	1	7
„ Balance	52	9	5	„ Subscriptions outstanding and good ...	7	7	0
	<u>£69</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>7</u>		<u>£69</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>7</u>

Audited and found correct,

January 4th, 1900.

JOSEPH F. GERMAN,
G. R. LICHTENBERG.

AT THE
Annual General Meeting of the Members,

HELD AT
 LAURENCE'S HOTEL, CLAYTON SQUARE,
 LIVERPOOL,

On Thursday, the 4th January, 1900, at 6-30 p.m.

P R E S E N T.

Mr. A. G. White in the Chair.

Messrs. T. W. Atkinson, R. Barton, G. T. Bater, P. C. Beardwood, D. J. Bell, H. M. Buck, C. J. Conway, T. B. Conway, F. J. Cheminais, J. H. Cook, W. P. Cook, E. Edwards, D. R. Fell, E. H. Glover, J. E. Green, T. B. Handley, H. W. Keizer, W. B. Kendrick, F. H. Koenen, R. L. L. Knipe, R. J. Large, G. R. Lichtenberg, G. B. Mercer, M. Montgomery, Jun., W. J. Neason, C. F. Outram, W. M. Owen, F. Roskell, D. C. Rowatt, W. R. Toft, F. H. Wood, E. G. Worth.

Mr. T. B. Conway moved, and Mr. G. B. Mercer seconded, and it was *resolved*—

“That the Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting be taken as read, and that they be confirmed..”

Mr. P. C. Beardwood moved, and Mr. C. J. Conway seconded, and it was *resolved*—

“That the Honorary Secretary's report be adopted.”

Mr. W. P. Cook moved, and Mr. T. B. Handley seconded, and it was *resolved*—

“That the Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1899, be adopted.”

Mr. C. J. Conway moved, and Mr. J. H. Cook seconded, and it was *resolved*—

“That the Annual Subscription for Active Members, during the year 1900, shall be One Guinea, with an Entrance Fee of Five Shillings, and the Annual Subscription for Honorary Members a minimum of Ten Shillings.”

Messrs. W. P. Cook and D. C. Rowatt having been appointed Scrutineers; Mr. E. Edwards proposed, and Mr. J. H. Cook seconded—

“The re-election of the retiring President, Mr. A. G. White, which was carried unanimously.”

Mr. E. Edwards and Mr. D. R. Fell, proposed by Mr. T. B. Conway, and seconded by Mr. F. H. Koenen, were elected by ballot as Vice-Presidents.

Mr. W. R. Toft, proposed by Mr. C. J. Conway, and seconded by Mr. W. P. Cook, was re-elected Captain by acclamation.

Mr. F. H. Koenen, proposed by Mr. P. C. Beardwood, and seconded by Mr. D. R. Fell; and Mr. F. Roskell, proposed by Mr. E. G. Worth, and seconded by Mr. T. B. Conway, were elected by ballot as Sub-Captains.

Mr. C. J. Conway, proposed by Mr. A. G. White, and seconded by Mr. J. H. Cook, was unanimously re-elected Treasurer.

Mr. J. H. Cook, proposed by Mr. D. J. Bell, and seconded by Mr. F. H. Koenen, was unanimously elected Honorary Secretary.

It was *resolved by ballot* that the following gentlemen be elected Members of the Committee :—

Messrs. W. P. Cook, T. B. Conway, R. L. L. Knipe, G. B. Mercer, W. M. Owen, H. Poole, G. J. Theakstone, E. G. Worth.

Mr. T. B. Handley proposed, and Mr. H. W. Keizer seconded, and it was carried unanimously, that Messrs. T. W. Atkinson and J. F. German be elected to audit the Accounts of the Club, for the year ending 31st December, 1900.

Mr. H. Poole proposed, and Mr. D. J. Bell seconded—"That the Club's racing programme be the same as last year, with the addition of an extra 50 Miles Unpaced Handicap." An amendment, proposed by Mr. F. Roskell, and seconded by Mr. G. B. Mercer—"That the 100 Miles Handicap be an open or closed event, at the discretion of the Committee," was added as a "rider" to the proposition, and it was *resolved*—

"That the Club do hold four Fifty Miles Unpaced Road Handicaps, and one Paced Twenty-Four Hours Road Ride, also a Hundred Miles Road Handicap, either "invitation" or "closed," and either "paced" or "unpaced," at the discretion of the Committee.

Mr. E. Edwards proposed, and Mr. P. C. Beardwood seconded, and it was *resolved*—

"That the Committee shall take under consideration a reduction by a percentage of the present long distance standards, for rides which shall be unpaced throughout."

Mr. C. J. Conway proposed, and Mr. T. B. Handley seconded, and it was *resolved*—

"That the Club Tour at Easter be to Bettws-y-Coed as usual."

Mr. F. H. Koenen proposed, and Mr. E. Edwards seconded, and it was *resolved*—

"That the June "All-Night Ride" be to Keswick."

Mr. W. R. Toft proposed, and Mr. D. R. Fell seconded, and it was *resolved*—

“That the August Tour be left to the Committee.”

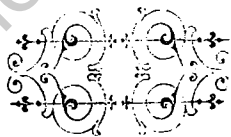
Mr. W. P. Cook proposed, and Mr. T. B. Conway seconded, and it was *resolved*—

“That the Club continue to hold occasional week-end Tours, and that the details of same be left to the discretion of the Committee.”

On the request, by Mr. W. R. Toft, that the Meeting should express itself on the question of the Hundred Miles Handicap, for the guidance of the Committee, it was by a vote unanimously *resolved*—

“That the event be open to invitation and unpaced.”

The Meeting closed with hearty votes of thanks to the Chairman, Captain, Secretary, Treasurer, Auditors, and Scrutineers.



RULES.

- 1.—This Club shall be called the "ANFIELD BICYCLE CLUB."
- 2.—This Club shall consist of Cyclists who are considered eligible for membership under Rule 20.
- 3.—No active Member of this Club shall be permitted to join or retain active membership in any other *local* Cycling Club. This Rule not to apply to Clubs in which existing Anfielders have held membership prior to 30th June, 1891.

OFFICERS.

- 4.—The Officers of the Club shall consist of President, two Vice-Presidents, Captain, two Sub-Captains, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, all being active Members.

COMMITTEE.

- 5.—The Committee shall consist of sixteen Members, including the Officers.

AUDITORS.

- 6.—Two Auditors from amongst the Members, none of the Committee being eligible, shall be appointed annually at the Annual General Meeting, to examine, and report upon, the Accounts and balance sheet.

MEETINGS.

- 7.—The Annual General Meeting shall be held within the first two weeks of January, to receive the Hon. Secretary's report

and Treasurer's Balance Sheet; to appoint officers and Committee for the ensuing twelve months; and to transact any other business that may be found necessary.

8.—A General Meeting of the Club shall take place whenever the Committee or Secretary convenes the same. Thirteen to form a quorum.

9.—It shall be the duty of the Committee or Secretary to convene a General Meeting when requested to do so in writing, by ten to more Members of the Club, and they shall call such meeting within two weeks after receiving such requisition. If the Committee or Secretary fails to call such meeting, then the requisitionists shall be entitled to call it.

10.—Six days' notice of all General Meetings shall be given by the Hon. Secretary, who shall at the same time, circulate amongst the Members an Agenda paper of the matters to be brought forward.

11.—Any Member wishing to bring forward any matters, should send particulars to the Hon. Secretary, who shall cause the same to be entered on the Agenda of the next General Meeting.

12.—Business which does not appear on the Agenda paper shall not be brought forward until all the subjects on the Agenda have been disposed of, nor shall such business then be discussed unless it be voted *urgent* by two-thirds of the Members present.

13.—Any proposition appearing on the Agenda paper in the name of an absent Member, shall be deemed equal to, and treated as, a proposition made in *propria persona* by the said Member, and shall be moved by the Hon. Secretary.

14.—Every Amendment and every proposition which does not appear on the Agenda paper, shall be written and signed by its proposer and seconder, on a form which shall be provided by the Hon. Secretary.

15.—No resolution of any previous General Meeting shall be rescinded unless the Member proposing to cancel such resolution shall have given notice on the Agenda paper of his intention to do so.

16.—No alteration of the rules of the Club shall be made except at a General Meeting, and then only by a two-thirds majority of the Members present and voting.

17.—*All* active Members residing at a distance of not less than fifteen miles from Liverpool, may exercise the right of Proxy Voting upon any subject appearing on the Agenda of any General Meeting, or which the Chairman may rule to be coincident thereto.

18.—The Minutes of all Meetings shall be open for inspection to any Member of the Club on giving reasonable notice to the Hon. Secretary.

19.—Committee Meetings shall take place during the second week of each month. Seven to form a quorum.

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP.

20.—Candidates for Membership must fill up a form provided by the Club, which must also be signed by the proposer and seconder, (both having been active members of the Club for at least two months) and forward the same to the Secretary, who shall place it before the next Committee Meeting. No professional member shall be eligible to compete in club races, but may receive record or standard medals. "A professional is a rider who has competed for a money prize or staked bet or one who has ridden in competition against such professional." If there be any objection and the Nomination be still insisted on by the proposers, a special General Meeting shall be called to consider the Candidature. Ten black balls to exclude.

21.—Any Member violating the rules or regulations of the Club, or being discovered not to be, or ceasing to be an amateur or being guilty of misconduct, may be expelled by the votes of a two-thirds majority of the Members present, and voting, at a Special General Meeting summoned for the purpose, and such Member shall receive six days' notice of such Meeting. Any Member so expelled shall forfeit all claim upon the property of the Club, and shall cease to be a Member. Voting to be by ballot.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP.

22.—Candidates for Honorary Membership shall be proposed and seconded by Active Members, and shall, unless objected to, be elected by the Committee at their next meeting; but should any objection be made, it shall be dealt with under Rule 20.

23.—Honorary Members shall not receive the regular notices of Club runs, &c., neither shall they be permitted to attend or vote at any general Meetings, nor to take part in more than three club runs during the year, nor compete for any of its long-distance prizes, or in any of its closed events.

24.—An Honorary Member may become an Active Member upon payment of the difference between his honorary subscription and the current subscription, and Entrance Fee of the Club; but his name must come before the Committee in the usual way.

SUBSCRIPTIONS, &c.

25.—The *minimum* Annual Subscription for Honorary Members shall be 10s., no entrance fee being charged to them. The Annual Subscription for Active Members shall be one guinea payable within one month from date of election, with an entrance fee of 5s. Any Member whose Renewal Subscription is not paid by 1st March, shall receive written application from the Treasurer, and if payment be not paid within one month from the date of such

notice, the Treasurer shall bring the matter before the Committee, that body having full power to deal with the case as it thinks fit. After the 31st August in each year, the subscription to incoming Members shall be one half the ordinary Annual Subscription, but the full Entrance Fee shall be chargeable under all circumstances.

RESIGNATIONS, &c.

26.—Any Officer or Member of the Committee wishing to resign his office or seat on the Committee, shall notify the same (in writing) to the Hon. Secretary, for the information of the Committee, but until such resignation shall have been accepted, he shall continue to exercise the duties, and retain the responsibilities of his office.

27.—Any active Member wishing to resign, must give notice in writing to the Hon. Secretary, before the Annual General Meeting, otherwise he will be held accountable for the ensuing year's subscription.

FINANCE.

28.—The funds of the club shall be banked in the name of the Anfield Bicycle Club, the President and Treasurer for the time being, shall jointly sign cheques to meet current expenditure, as authorised by the Committee. All accounts to be passed by the Committee and initialled by the Chairman before payment.

29.—The Financial Year of the Club shall expire on the 31st December in each year.

CLUB COLOURS.

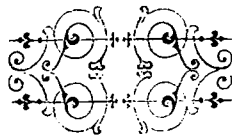
30.—That the Club colours shall be blue and black. The Captain to be distinguished by a gold badge.

COMMITTEE.

31.—All runs shall be arranged by the Committee, and shall not be altered without its consent.

32.—The Committee shall have power to fill up any vacancy in the Officers or Committee which shall occur within the year, subject to confirmation by the next General Meeting.

33.—The Committee may decide any question on the meaning of these Rules, or anything relative to the Club not provided for therein, and may do whatever they deem necessary for the well-being of the Club, which is not inconsistent with these Rules. The decision of the Committee shall be final, unless notice of appeal, in writing, be given to the Hon. Secretary within seven days following that on which the decision is arrived at. All such appeals shall be heard at the next General Meeting, and the decision of such Meeting shall, in every case, be final.



PRIZE LIST AND RULES FOR COMPETITION.

SEASON 1900.

No. 1.—No Medals, Record Medals, or prizes of any description, will be awarded, unless the claimants have ridden under the name of the Anfield B.C. *only*. No Record Medal will be awarded to any but *first-claim* members. Except by special resolution of the Committee, no Member is eligible to receive any of the Standard Medals or Record Prizes, unless he has attended at *least* twelve ordinary Club Runs.

No. 2.—Standard Medals will be awarded as follows :

A. On any class of machine, 200 miles in 24 hours, Gold-Centred Silver Medals.

Gold Medals in 24 consecutive hours.

Bicycle	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
(Single or Tandem)	250	275	300	325	350	375	400
Tricycle	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
(Single or Tandem)	225	250	275	300	325	350	375

Five per cent. extra for Rides in the District of the Great North Road.

Fifteen per cent. reduction for unpaced Rides, Standards B and upwards. Previous winners barred.

No. 3.—For 12 hours' rides, Medals will be awarded as follows :

	A	B	C	D	E
Bicycle (Single or Tandem)	140	160	180	200	215
Tricycle (Single or Tandem)	125	145	165	185	200

Five per cent. extra for Rides in the District of the Great North Road.

Ten per cent. reduction for unpaced rides. Previous winners barred.

No. 4.—For 100 miles paced, Medals will be awarded as follows :

	A	B	C
Single Bicycle, or Tandem Tricycle }	5 h. 40 m.	5 h. 20 m.	5 h.
Tandem Bicycle,	5 h. 30 m.	5 h. 10 m.	4 h. 50 m.
Tricycle	6 h.	5 h. 40 m.	5 h. 20 m.
Single Bicycle, unpaced	6 h. 10 m.	5 h. 50 m.	5 h. 30 m.

No. 5.—No Member will be entitled to more than one Standard Medal at the end of the year in each of the Classes, (that is Bicycle, Tricycle, and Tandems. Bicycle and Tricycle 100 miles, twelve hours, and 24 hours each), such medal being for the longest distance, or best time during the year. Previous Winners barred.

No. 6.—A Gold Medal will be awarded to any Member who succeeds in beating any of the Road Records, or Northern Road Records, for the time being, the Ride to be proved to the satisfaction of the Road Record Association, or Northern Road Records Association, as the case may be.

A Member who succeeds in beating a Record more than once, shall be entitled to a Medal for the highest performance *only* at each distance during the year.

No. 7.—For the purpose of awarding Northern Record Medals, the records existing on the 31st December, 1899, must be noted as follows:—

DETAILS.	ORDINARY BICYCLE.	SAFETY BICYCLE.	TRICYCLE.	TANDEM SAFETY.	TANDEM TRICYCLE.
Fifty Miles	A. J. Jack. 3 h : 12 m : 43 s.	F. H. Koenen. 2 h : 11 m.	J. Fowler. 2 h : 19 m : 46 s.	H. M. Holland & G. Gurley. 2 h : 10 m : 59 s.	H. Hellier & C. J. A. Decker. 2 h : 19 m : 46 s.
Hundred Miles	A. J. Jack. 6 h : 58 m : 25 s.	C. W. Schafer. 4 h : 55 m : 28 s.	W. R. Toft. 5 h : 34 m : 48 s.	C. W. Schafer & A. E. Cunliffe. 4 h : 49 m : 2 s.	Lowest Standard. 6 h : 45 m : 0 s.
Twelve Hours	A. J. Jack. 156 miles.	M. Montgomery. 207 miles.	H. Hellier. 189 miles.	W. E. Gee & M. Wild. 207½ miles.	Lowest Standard. 175 miles.
Twenty-four Hours	A. J. Jack. 280 miles.	E. Buckley. 375½ miles.	H. Hellier. 325½ miles.	Lowest Standard. 300 miles.	Lowest Standard. 300 miles.
Fifty Miles Unpaced		J. E. Green. 2 h : 32 m : 30 s.	Lowest Standard. 3 h : 0 m : 0 s.	C. W. Schafer & A. E. Cunliffe. 2 h : 14 m : 5 s.	Lowest Standard. 2 h : 45 m : 0 s.
Hundred Miles Unpaced		Lowest Standard. 5 h : 45 m.	Lowest Standard. 6 h : 15 m : 0 s.	C. W. Schafer & A. E. Cunliffe. 4 h : 49 m : 2 s.	Lowest Standard. 5 h : 45 m : 0 s.
Twelve Hours Unpaced		Lowest Standard. 175 miles.	Lowest Standard. 165 miles.	Lowest Standard. 175 miles.	Lowest Standard. 165 miles.
Twenty-four Hours unpaced		Lowest Standard. 300 miles.	Lowest Standard. 275 miles.	Lowest Standard. 300 miles.	Lowest Standard. 275 miles.

No. 8.—All tandem prizes will be divided, half to each man, and both riders must be active Members of the Anfield B.C. and comply with Prize Rule No. 1.

No. 9.—If a Record Medal is awarded, no Standard Medal can be claimed for the same ride. Gold Medal from Club Die, shall only be awarded for Records, Fastest Times, First Prizes, Standards in 24 hours from Standard D and upwards, and in 12 hours from Standard D and upwards.

No. 10.—Members winning medals may substitute Prizes of equal value, subject to the approval of the Committee as to the form these may take.

No. 11.—Claims for Medals, accompanied by proofs, must be sent in to the Hon. Secretary, within 7 days after the performance of each ride.

No. 12.—No distance ridden in any of the Competitions will be recognised, if it be done either wholly or partially on a Sunday.

No. 13.—*No piece of Road may, upon any pretext, be covered more than twice, or if covered, shall not be counted in the total distance claimed.*

No. 14.—Motor pacing is barred for Club Races, and attempts for Standard Medals.

No. 15.—All Prizes and Medals will be awarded at the discretion of the Committee, who shall have full power to decide any question which may arise as to the interpretation of the Rules.

RACES.

Members are requested to consider the information contained herein as "Private and confidential."

It is intended to hold during the season, four Unpaced Fifty Miles Road Handicaps, over courses to be selected by the Committee. Four prizes will be offered, viz. :—First, Second, Third and Gold Medal for fastest time. Gold Stars will be awarded to all (Prize Winners excepted) covering the distance in 2 hours 45 minutes or less ; Gold-centre Silver Medals to all (Prize and Gold Star winners excepted) covering the distance in 3 hours or less ; and Bronze Medals to all (Prize and Star winners excepted) covering the distance in 3 hours 10 minutes or less.

The Hundred Miles Invitation Road Handicap will be held as usual, but this year the Committee have decided, in view of the opinion expressed at the General Meeting, to make the event an unpaced one. Prizes, value Five Guineas, Three Guineas, and Two Guineas, will be offered, and also a Gold Medal for fastest time in the Race. The above will also give Members an opportunity of competing for the 100 miles Unpaced Standards, as per list. The question as to the course will be decided by the Committee.

The 24 hours Road Ride will be brought off in July, when three prizes will be offered. The above will also afford Members an opportunity of competing for the Paced Standards for twelve and twenty-four hours, as per list.

Prizes will be withheld if, in the opinion of the Committee, the performances done are not sufficiently meritorious.

SPECIAL PRIZES.

1.—A Special Prize, value Five Guineas, is offered to the Member first riding 400 miles in 24 hours on Northern Roads. Motor pacing barred.

Special Prizes, presented by Mr. F. C. Del Strother, will be awarded as follows :—

2.—Paper knife to the novice doing the fastest time in the 50 Mile Races. A novice is one who has not previously beaten 3 hours 10 minutes in an unpaced ride.

3.—Cigarette Box to the best placed member in the 100 Miles Invitation Handicap.

RUNS, &c.

A Gold-centred Silver Medal will be presented to the Member attending the greatest number of Club Runs and Tours, and a Silver Medal to the Member with the second largest attendance (Officers barred.)

Members are particularly requested to notify any change of address to the Hon. Secretary.



LIST OF ACTIVE MEMBERS.

1 Atkinson, T. W.	35 Finnigan, W. Junr.	68 Neason, A. S.
2 Abbott, L. W.	36 Finnigan, H.	69 Neason, W. J.
3 Barton, R.	37 Fisher, J. W.	70 Oppenheimer, W. R.
4 Bater, G. T.	38 Fletcher, L.	71 Outram, C. F.
5 Bath, F.	39 Fowler, J.	72 Owen, W. M.
6 Beardwood, P. C.	40 Fraser, H.	73 Parry, W. E.
7 Bell, D. J.	41 German, J. F.	74 Pickin, J. C.
8 Bennett, J. A.	42 Glover, B. H.	75 Poole, H.
9 Bird, F.	43 Green, J. E.	76 Pritchard, R. E.
10 Brentnall, H. B.	44 Grundy, W.	77 Ramsden, J. O.
11 Brocklebank, J. J.	45 Handley, T. B.	78 Robinson, J. C.
12 Buck, H. M.	46 Hartley, R.	79 Robinson, R. J.
13 Buckley, E.	47 HELLIER, H.	80 Roskell, F.
14 Carlisle, R. H.	48 Hewitt, J. L.	81 Rowatt, D. C.
15 Collier, W. F.	49 Holt, W. H. C.	82 Saunders, H. B.
16 Conway, C. J.	50 Humphries, W. C.	83 Shelley, W.
17 Conway, T. B.	51 Irving S.	84 Simpson, D. H.
18 Cook, J. H.	52 Jeffreys, W. P.	85 Slade, W. J.
19 Cook, W. P.	53 Jenkins, W. J.	86 Slade, C. J.
20 Cheminais, F. J.	54 Keizer C.	87 Smith, H. W.
21 Cottle, E.	55 Keizer, H. W.	88 Spence, H. P.
22 Cottle, F.	56 Kendrick, W. B.	89 Theakstone, G. J.
23 Cottle, W. H.	57 Klipoch, F. A.	90 Thomas, R.
24 Craig, J.	58 Knipe, R. L. L.	91 Thompson, J. R.
25 Crooke, N.	59 Koenen, F. H.	92 Tipton, J. W.
26 Crowe, W. T.	60 Large, R. J.	93 Toft, W. R.
27 Davies, J. R.	61 Lichtenberg, G. R.	94 Tomlin, W.
28 Deakin, A. N.	62 Marchanton, J. V.	95 Tooth, E. Allen
29 Decker, C. J. A.	63 Marsh, F. S.	96 Townley, G. A.
30 Edwards, E.	64 Menzies, A. A.	97 Waring, F. A.
31 Elliott, A. M.	65 Menzies, L. E.	98 White, A. G.
32 Ewing, Walter	66 Mercer, G. B.	99 Wood, F. H.
33 Fell, D. R.	67 Montgomery, M.	100 Worth, E. G.
34 Finley, J. J.	Junr.	101 Wridgway, C. G.

LIST OF HONORARY MEMBERS.

102 Beazley, J. B.	108 Fletcher, J. P.	113 Shaw, W. W.
103 Brooke, C. S.	109 Keeling, S. H.	114 Siddeley, H. C.
104 Butterwith, R.	110 Lloyd, R. W.	115 Siddeley, J. D.
105 Butterwith, J.	111 Mills, G. P.	116 Stephens, H.
106 Conway, J. K.	112 Pollard, A.	117 Strother, F. C. del
107 Fletcher, A. H.		

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