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Hon Secy Season 1880/1 Mr S Green  
" " 1881/2 " P L Redman  
" " 1882/3 " G B Mercer  
" " 1883 - J B Beasley 10 months  
" " 1884 - J B Beasley  
" " 1885 - J B Beasley & L Fletcher  
" " 1886 - Hugh Fraser.

Hon Secy: Seasons 1880/1 Mr S Green  
" 1881/2 " P L Redman & G B Mercer  
" 1882/3 " J Price & J B Beasley  
" 1883 - S A Chalk 10 months  
" 1884 - S A Chalk & G B Mercer  
" 1885 - D R Bell  
" 1886 - D R Bell

Captain Season 1880/1 Mr H Whithy  
" 1881/2 - H Whithy  
" 1882/3 - H Whithy & D J Bell }  
" 1883 - D J Bell 10 months  
" 1884 - D J Bell  
" 1885 - D J Bell  
" 1886 - D J Bell

Minutes of a committee meeting held at H.L. on  
Tuesday evening 13 January 1885

In the chair Mr G B Mercer president present  
Messrs Beasley, Bell, Gill, A H Fletcher, J P.  
Fletcher, L Fletcher, Frazer, Mr D Mills, J C Robinson  
& F B Stott.

Minutes

The minutes of the committee meeting of the  
22 Dec<sup>1884</sup> were read & confirmed

New active  
members

The following new (active) member was elected:  
R B Haddock proposed by J B Beasley & seconded by  
L Fletcher - subject to no objection before the 14<sup>th</sup> Jan.

New Hon  
members

The following new (Honorary) members were elected  
Mr H. Garside & H Armstrong proposed by J B Beasley  
& seconded by J C Robinson

Resignation

The following resignations were read & accepted:  
from P L Redman & J Holford (Hon. members).

Accounts  
passed

The Treasurer was authorized to pay the following  
accounts: Capitation fees to the R.C.C. £ 7-10/-  
Gas fo. £ 1-0-10. Painting up Mills Halls £ 2-14-0  
Rent U.C. £ 6-5-0

Committee  
notices

Mr L Fletcher proposed & Mr W D Mills that  
no notices be sent out for committee meetings  
beyond that on the Run cards. Carried

See forward

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Business

- The following runs were arranged for the month of Feb'y.  
7<sup>th</sup> Paper Chase from Lenton Pt. Hares D.R. & H. Name  
9<sup>th</sup> Committee Meeting  
14<sup>th</sup> Halewood Tea at Derby Arms  
19<sup>th</sup> Social  
21<sup>st</sup> Warrington  
28<sup>th</sup> Paper chase from Lenton Pt. Hares A.H. Reddick  
J.C. Robinson on Tandem Tricycle

The following Rules were adopted for the management of the Club House:

1. The Club House shall be under the management & direction of the Committee.  
2. The Club House shall be open for the use of its Members on Week days only, & shall not be used after 11 p.m., except with the sanction of the Committee.  
3. A Member introducing a friend, shall on every occasion enter his name in a book provided for the purpose.  
4. No Member shall take away from the Club House, on any pretence any newspaper, book, pamphlet, or other article, the property of the Club.  
5. Any Member damaging any of the Club property shall be held responsible for the replacing of the same.  
6. No card playing shall be allowed in the Club House.  
7. No intoxicating liquors shall be allowed in the Club House.

Club House  
Rules

The Sec'y was instructed to get a head bell put on the Club house door also a curtain put in the doorway of the lecture room

Repairs  
or

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The following long distance prize Rules were adopted:

1. To encourage long distance riding, the Club will award to each Member accomplishing a distance of 100 miles on the road upon any class of machine in one date (ie from midnight to midnight) a silver star to be worn on the left sleeve of his uniform.  
2. The Club offers for competition amongst the members a "long distance shield" to be ridden for in any 24 consecutive hours, & upon which the performances of the starters will be recorded, if they equal the fixed standard for the respective classes of Machine. 1½ hours Bicycyle or tandem tricycle 200 miles, Tricycle 150 miles.  
3. A Gold Star will be awarded by the Club to all Members accomplishing a distance of 200 miles or upwards upon the road in any 24 consecutive hours, on a bicycle or tandem tricycle, or 195 miles under the same conditions on a single tricycle. No Member can obtain more than one Gold tone Silver star of the Club.  
4. A Gold centred Silver Medal will be presented by Mr. Fraser to all Members accomplishing 100 miles upon the road in any 24 consecutive hours on a bicycle. A similar medal will be presented (by Mr. J. H. Robinson) to all Members accomplishing the same distance under the same conditions on a single tricycle. Any Member obtaining the full star of the Club will not be entitled to these 100 miles medals for next ride, or any subsequent ride.  
5. A Gold Medal will be presented (by Mr. S. Mayff) to the Member who, during the whole year, shall cover the longest distance upon the road (in any 24 consecutive hours upon any class of machine).  
6. A valuable Gold Medal will be awarded by

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The Club to any Member who succeeds in beating any of the long distance road records for the time being, but he must, if required, prove his ride to the satisfaction of the N.C.U. A Member who succeeds in beating more than one record shall be entitled to a Gold Medall for every record beaten.

7 For the purpose of awarding the last named prizes, the term long distance road records shall be taken to mean from & including the 100 miles bicycle & 50 miles tricycle records, up to the Land's End to John O'Groats trip on any class of machine.

8 The annual 24 hours road ride will be held during the summer, & it is hoped all Members will take part in it. Medals will be awarded to the Members accomplishing the greatest distances within the given time.

9 A first class Bicycle or single tricycle, to the order of the winner, will be presented by Mr. Fawcett (or his executors) to the Member obtaining the largest number of points for long distance riding during the year; the points to count as follows:-

|                    |                     |
|--------------------|---------------------|
| 100 Miles 1 point; | 150 Miles 2 points- |
| 175 - - 3 points-  | 200 Miles 5 - -     |
| 225 - - 7 - -      | 250 - - 10 - -      |

Four extra points for every complete 5 miles beyond 250 miles. The competition for this prize may be conducted any day from Monday to Saturday inclusive, but no distance ridden on a Saturday, except as under stated, will be recognized unless the Club run be carried out during the usual hours i.e. between 3.30 p.m. & midnight. A Member may, however, absent himself to

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score points on a Saturday in the year, inclusive of the 24 hours road ride, but no member is eligible for the prize unless he has carried out at least 20 ordinary Club runs.

- 10 A second prize will be awarded (by Mr. H. Fraser) to the Member scoring the second highest number of points in the above competition under the same conditions.
- 11 A Gold Centred silver Medal, & a Silver Medall (presented by the Captain & President respectively) will be awarded to the two Members who stand first & second on the list of attendances at official fixtures during the year. The officers of the Club shall not be eligible to compete for these.
- 12 No distance ridden in any of the above named competitions will be recognized by the Club if it be done, either wholly or partially, on a Sunday.
- 13 The ~~100~~ 100 Miles Star shall be the only badge which may be worn on the arm.
- 14 All prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the Committee, at the meeting next after the performance of the ride.

#### Rules for the Long Distance Shield.

- 1 The Long Distance Shield shall be the property of the Club, & shall never be removed from the Club House except by special permission of the Committee. Every Member who completes a distance of 200 miles or upwards on a bicycle or tandem tricycle, or 150 miles on a single tricycle upon the road in any 24 consecutive hours, shall be entitled to have his name, the date, & particulars of his performance placed upon the shield.
- 2 No distance ridden will be recognized by the Club if it be done, either wholly, or partially, on a Sunday.

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L.D. Shields  
Rules

- 4 In this competition no piece of road may be covered more than twice.
- 5 Whilst the Committee recognises the difficulty of satisfactorily proving any long distance road ride, & whilst they are, of course, prepared to accept the word of honour of any member, they do recommend that every means should be used to establish beyond a doubt the accuracy of such runs.
- 6 The claims of Members to have their names placed on the Long Distance Shield, will be considered by the Committee at their meeting next after the performance of the ride.

Club  
Motto

Mr H Fraser proposed & Mr J. Robinson seconded that the Club motto be left over for the consideration of the Committee meeting of the 9<sup>th</sup> Feby.

Confirmed 9<sup>th</sup> February 1885  
G.P. Mercer. Chairman

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Minutes of a Committee Meeting held at H. Green's on Monday evening 9<sup>th</sup> February 1885

In the Chair Mr G.P. Mercer President present  
Messrs Bearley, Bell, A.H. Fletcher, J.P. Fletcher, L. Fletcher,  
H. Frost, H. Fraser, D.R. Fell, J.S. Hughes, W.D. Mills, P. Trotter,  
& G.E. Trotter.

Minutes - The Minutes of the Committee meeting of the 13 Jan'y were read & confirmed.

The following New (Active) Members were elected:-

1885  
Jan 20. E.A. Thompson - <sup>Proposed</sup> J. Bowden, <sup>Seconded</sup> H. Frost

Feb 3. C. Dawson - } D.R. Fell, J.B. Bearley } elected subject to no objection  
" 3 S. Barker - } " " " before 17 Febt  
" 3 Westwood - G.P. Trotter, J.S. Hughes }  
" 6 C. Sabiston - E.J. Bayly, L. Fletcher }  
" 6 Sinclair - do do } 20 Febt

The following New (Honorary) Members were elected:-

J. Currie - <sup>Proposed</sup> L. Fletcher, <sup>Seconded</sup> D.R. Fell  
W. Green - <sup>Proposed</sup> L. Fletcher, <sup>Seconded</sup> D.R. Fell

| 1st Hon'ble Member | 2nd Hon'ble Member     | 3rd Hon'ble Member         |
|--------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|
| J. T. Bunting      | "                      | "                          |
| Miss F. Fletcher   | "                      | "                          |
| A. Fletcher        | "                      | "                          |
| J.A. Thompson      | "                      | "                          |
| J. Blackwood junr. | "                      | J.S. Hughes, J.F. Williams |
| J. Cunningham      | H. Fraser, L. Fletcher | J. Howe                    |
| W. Dawson          | E.J. Bayly, D.R. Fell  | J.S. Hughes                |
| W. W.A. Bonning    | L. Fletcher,           | H. Griffiths               |
| J.W. Kenworthy     | "                      | H.H. Copnall               |
| Chas. Gamble       | "                      | H.E. Wheatley              |
| R. Edwards         | "                      | "                          |
| J.F.W. Jones       | "                      | "                          |
| Capt. B. Lewis     | "                      | "                          |

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The following news were arranged for the month of March  
 1<sup>st</sup> Warrington  
 14<sup>th</sup> Paper Chase Hares N. Cooke & T. Hughes  
 19<sup>th</sup> Social  
 21<sup>st</sup> Chester  
 28<sup>th</sup> Paper Chase Hares Al. Gamble & F. Mayor.  
 Committee meeting 9 o'clock

Ball Meeting  
 Mr Fraser proposed & Mr Flock seconded that  
 The Annual Ball meeting be held on Saturday

16<sup>th</sup> May Carried

Art Work  
 Mr Bell proposed & Mr Flock seconded that  
 The Club motto be left over for further consideration

Carried

Resigning  
 Mr Beasley proposed & Mr T. Hughes seconded that  
 Mr L Fletcher be elected Hon Secretary to assume  
 office on the 1<sup>st</sup> March 1885. Carried unanimous.

Vote of thanks  
 to Mr Beasley  
 Mr L Fletcher proposed & Mr Bell seconded that  
 The best thanks of the Club be accorded to  
 Mr Beasley for his services as Hon Secretary  
 for the past two years. Carried unanimous.

Election of Vice President  
 Mr L Fletcher proposed & Mr Fraser seconded that  
 Mr J P Beasley be elected Vice President in place  
 of Mr L Fletcher. Carried unanimous.

Chairs  
 Mr J P Fletcher offered to present the Club with 12 Chairs  
 similar to those now in use was unanimously accepted

Furniture  
 The Treasurer was instructed to buy a Coal Scuttle  
 & Book Case

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"Re W.L.B. Shiel's  
 The Secretary was instructed - in case no reply to his  
 letter of the 30 Jan was received by the 1<sup>st</sup> inst, to write  
 to the Secretary of the W.L.B.C. informing him that the  
 Committee would be compelled to send the correspondence  
 to the Cycling papers for publication.

Convinced 9<sup>th</sup> March 1885

G B Mercer. Chairman

Minutes of a Comt. Meeting held at 11<sup>o</sup> on Monday Even<sup>t</sup>. the 9<sup>th</sup> of Mar<sup>r</sup> 1855.

Present Mrs. Mercerin Vice Chair - D.Y. Bell & W.C. Stoker,  
J.S. Hayes, J.B. Bragley, A.H. & F.R. Antleher - H. Hinman, J.C. Johnson, W.A. Miller, J. Schatzke,  
A.R. Yell.

This Minutes of last Comt Hdg was read & confirmed  
Mr Ellington & Mr Stothro 2<sup>d</sup> the Elect of its following Such as Active Members  
J. Y. Ward & F. A. Waring.  
W.A.T. Bell proposed Mr H.B. Beazley Second " " " " Mr H. M.  
F. Johnson, A. Gillon, H. Earl, G. Hughes, G. Smith & Gilbert.

Mr Cork proposed Mr Buzby 2. a motion to include a fact  
handing amongst April Pictures on the road - after Consideration,  
discussing this question was put to the Meeting & it was voted

Shrimps for April were measured as follows  
Apr 3. Easton Inn - Apr 11 Halewood -  
18. Arthurs Point n.s. - Warrington

Mr. Easter's tour was discussed. It was finally arranged to start  
by 7 AM but for better and visiting Snowdonia and Monmouth.

In the book of Mrs. Consett we wrote off names was accorded  
to Mr. Fletcher for his gift to the Club of a dozen chairs.

The Club Crest motto was discussed & agreed with Mr Bell. It now  
represents a Red Dragon rampant with the motto 'Hic et Ubiq.  
Mr Grawe & Son was carried

Mr Bell proposed that the Bazaar & that this Club do not take part in the Bazaar (most of cyclists)

Mr. H. C. Wood proposed & Mr. Bell 2<sup>nd</sup> that the Secretary  
be instructed to try to arrange for holding the race.

Mettire de l'Club le 16 au jeu avec College pour  
que le 1<sup>er</sup> de Mai soit la charity game

Confirmed 13<sup>th</sup> April 1885.

GB Mercer,  
Chairman

Minutes of a Comt<sup>t</sup> Meeting held at 10<sup>th</sup> on  
Monday Eve 13 April

Present.

Mr. G. B. Mercer (in the Chair). Messrs W. Downes Mills. A. H. Fletcher.  
H. Fraser. J. N. Cook. J. C. Robinson. C. E. Stoker. J. S. Hughes.

Minutes of last Comt<sup>t</sup> Meeting was read & confirmed.

The Run & return was arranged as follows.

May 2 Barnsley. to as present.  
9. Huddersfield  
16. Rawmarsh  
23. York to Warwickshire.  
30. Chester.

The following long distance prizes were awarded.

|              |                             |           |               |
|--------------|-----------------------------|-----------|---------------|
| G. B. Mercer | to Worcester & back to Birm | 208 miles | Gold Medal    |
| J. R. Gill   | Leeds to Bradford           | 80        |               |
| J. P. Mills  | Hull to Birm                | 180       | 8 Silver Star |
| H. Fraser    | Yetholm                     | 157       |               |
| H. Cook      | Bearman's                   | 156       |               |
| J. K. Conroy | "                           | 153       |               |
| J. B.        | "                           | 153       |               |
| J. N. Cook   | "                           | 156       |               |
| S. N. Mayn   | "                           | 156       |               |

After consideration it was resolved with motion of Mr. Firth  
8<sup>th</sup> by Mr. Mills. that the Goldstars should cost a minimum  
sum of £2.

The question of Spirits on 16<sup>th</sup> was gone into & the following  
was voted as a Race Sub-Comt<sup>t</sup>, in addition to the officers President, Secy, Vice  
Chairman H. Cook. H. Fraser. G. B. Robinson. J. B. Brazier.

(Confirmed).

Treasurer presented ages as follows.

District Races

Gas & Water

Banisters

Confirmed 11<sup>th</sup> May 1885.

G. B. Mercer. Chairman

Minutes of a Committee meeting held at Head Quarters  
on Monday Eve 11<sup>th</sup> May 1885.

Present.

Mr. G. B. Mercer (in the Chair) Messrs W. Downes Mills. J. B. Brazier,  
D. R. Gill. A. H. Fletcher. J. S. Hughes. J. N. Cook. C. E. Stoker. J. C. Robinson  
A. H. & P. Fletcher & H. Fraser.

Minutes of our last Comt<sup>t</sup> Meeting was read & confirmed.

The Pictures for June were arranged as follows.

June 6. Lytham. to West Lancashire. Attend to Huddersfield  
13. Newton & Willows  
20. Great Budworth  
27. Race Meeting at Hull Lane.

The 150 Miles Medal was & the 100 miles star was awarded to Mr  
Ed. Thompson for riding 154 miles in 24 hrs.

The Treasurer presented Mills & Knight's £6. 14. 9 which was passed

The Race Meetings question was discussed & it was decided to let  
the Race Sub-Comt<sup>t</sup> deal fully with all meetings.

Confirmed 5<sup>th</sup> June 1885

G. B. Mercer.  
Chairman

Minutes of a Committee Meeting held at Headquarters on  
Monday Ev<sup>e</sup> the 8<sup>th</sup> June 1885.

Present.

Mr G. B. Morris (in the Chair) Messrs Mr. Davies Mills, J. B. Brazley,  
A. H. & J. P. Fletcher, H. Fraser, H. Cook, G. S. Hughes, J. C. Robinson,  
C. P. Stokes, A. R. Yell & Hawes Fletcher.

Before commencing the business of the meeting the Chairman  
by desire of the Members of Com<sup>tee</sup> asked Mr. Stokes to explain his  
reason for riding under the Rules of the A.A.A. in several local Cycle races.  
Mr Stokes explained that his riding was a pure misunderstanding of  
facts & this matter was allowed to drop from the agenda.

The Minutes of last meeting were then read & confirmed.

The Committee for July were arranged as follows:

July 4<sup>th</sup> Warrington. July 18<sup>th</sup> Lytham  
11 Chester 25 Race Meeting.

Mr R. B. Elliott proposed by Messrs Barker & Fern was elected  
an active Member subject to no objection against his candidature  
being received before

Messrs Alfred Nixon proposed by Mr. D. Mills & 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hawes Fletcher  
& Messrs Roberts & the Broys proposed by Messrs Barker & Hawes Fletcher  
were elected Hon' Members of the Club.

The Annual Road Ride was fixed for 22<sup>nd</sup> August. The route to  
be from Knotty Ash to Dunchurch & back.

The Chairman was empowered to obtain estimates  
for a first class map of Great Britain to be  
used in the Club House.

The following long rides were ordered to go on the shield.

G. B. Mercer 228½ A. R. Yell 205. Ansonia 102 with Single 156 - D. J. Bell 216

Mr Hammer Fletcher having beaten the Tricycle record from  
Hand's End to John O'Groats it was resolved, the rule re  
Sunday riding to the contrary notwithstanding, to award him  
the record medal of the Club also to allow the performance  
to be recorded on the long-distance shield.

Confirmed 6 July 1885.

G. B. Mercer  
Chairman

The following 150 miles Medals were awarded  
A. Barrow. W. A. Mills. J. B. Brazley.

The following 100 miles Stars were awarded.  
C. Melhusit. W. C. Riley. W. J. Sloan.

Minutes of a Com<sup>tee</sup> Meeting held at 1<sup>st</sup> Quarters on Monday Aug 6<sup>th</sup> 1885.

Present

Mrs G. B. Mercer (in the Chair) Mrs A. Townes Mills J. B. Brassey C. E. Stoker  
A. H. & P. Fletcher H. Fraser J. S. Cook J. C. Robinson J. R. Fell A. Bell & H. W. H. H. H. H.

The Minutes of last meeting was read & confirmed

The resignation of Mr G. S. Hughes from the Com<sup>tee</sup> of the Club was read & accepted.

On the motion of Mr Stoker Seconded by Mr Bell, Mr J. H. Conway was elected to fill the vacant place on the Com<sup>tee</sup>.

The runs for August were arranged as follows.

|                      |            |                      |                    |
|----------------------|------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| Aug 10 <sup>th</sup> | Harrowgate | Aug 22 <sup>nd</sup> | 24 Hours Road Ride |
| 8                    | Cheshire   | 29                   | Newton-le-Willows  |
| 15                   | Runcorn    |                      |                    |

The subject of holding further Race Meetings having been discussed, it was resolved to hold a meeting on the College Field on 25<sup>th</sup> July, & a further meeting on the first Saturday in Sept.

The Annual Road Ride was fixed for Amblechurch & Back.

The following Gentlemen were elected Active members of the Club.

|               |   |               |
|---------------|---|---------------|
| R. Fair Jr    | Proposed by James Fletcher 2 <sup>nd</sup> by | J. Fraser     |
| Mr C. Johnson | R. B. Haddock                                 | J. R. Fell    |
| E. H. Wynne   | J. Robinson                                   | R. B. Haddock |
| J. Russell    | J. W. Mayor                                   | J. B. Brassey |

The Sec was instructed to write to Mr A. Hollins Keen inform him that as he had failed to pay his subs. his name had been erased from the Club Books.

Confirmed 10 Aug: 1885

G. B. Mercer

Chairman.

Minutes of a Com<sup>tee</sup> M<sup>tg</sup> held at 1<sup>st</sup> Quarters on Monday Aug 10<sup>th</sup> <sup>August</sup> 1885.

Present

Mrs G. B. Mercer in the chair. Mrs A. Townes Mills, Mrs Brassey, J. P. Fletcher, H. Fraser, A. R. Fell, D. J. Bell, J. H. Conway, A. H. Fletcher & George Fletcher.

The Minutes of last meeting were read & confirmed.

On the proposition of Mr. D. J. Bell 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. J. H. Conway the resignation of Mr. G. A. Waring was accepted.

Mr. Lowther proposed, & Mr. A. Townes Mills 2<sup>nd</sup> a motion to present a visitors Book in the name of the club to the Royal Hotel at Prenton & the Norton Arms Warrington.

The case of Mr G. S. Hughes was under consideration & the Com<sup>tee</sup> decided that he was at liberty to compete in the Road ride if he desired to do so, but that he would have to appeal to a General Meeting for his prize wreath to win one.

The road ride prizes were decided & decided as follows.

A first prize value 5/- for the bicyclist doing the greatest distance over 225 miles & all who 200 to receive silver medals.

Bicyclists a first prize value 5/- for the longest distance over 200 miles & silver medals to all over 175 miles upwards.

The runs to be for Sept were arranged as follows:

|        |              |    |            |
|--------|--------------|----|------------|
| Sept 5 | Racemating   | 19 | Halewood   |
| 12     | Renton Brook | 26 | Warrington |

The 10 miles star of the Club was awarded to Mr R. B. Elliot

The following long distance rides were passed & treated

as provided for in the rules of the Club.

June 12 Mr. J. B. Mercer 208

July 13. G. P. Mills 232 + 6 July 201<sup>3/4</sup> bicycle  
22. G. B. " 252 n. 211<sup>1/2</sup> " Cancer Fletcher  
" G. Crook 209  
17 H. Fraser 205.  
Aug 3. E. Harris 204  
1 G. P. Mills 208.  
22 H. Conway 207

Confirmed 13 Sept.

H. Dowdeswells  
Chairman

Minutes of a Committee Meeting held at 11<sup>th</sup> Quarters on Monday Evening the 13 September 1885.

Mr. H. Dowdeswells in the chair.

Present Wm. A. St. Fletcher, H. Fraser, J. H. Cook, J. P. Galloway, J. K. Conway,  
G. E. Stocker, J. B. Beazley, Chairman Fletcher.

The result of the 24 hours Road Ride was declared - Winner G. P. Mills with 260 miles. The prize was awarded accordingly. On the motion of Mr. J. B. Beazley, seconded by Mr. H. Fraser the long-distance rides were treated as follows.

|               |           |           |                                      |
|---------------|-----------|-----------|--------------------------------------|
| G. P. Mills   | 22 August | 260 miles | 1 <sup>st</sup> Prize worn on shield |
| G. B. Mercer  | "         | 211       | Silver Medal                         |
| J. H. Mayor   | "         | 207       | Gold Star                            |
| J. K. Conway  | "         | 202       | "                                    |
| Harry Russell | "         | 202       | "                                    |
| Norman Crook  | "         | 202       | "                                    |
| R. B. Haddock | "         | 202       | "                                    |
|               |           | 202       | 100 miles Star                       |

The runs for October were arranged as follows.

|   |    |            |
|---|----|------------|
| Oct 3. Preescot Annual Photograp                  | 24 | Stalewood  |
| 10 Warrington                                     | 31 | Warrington |
| 17 Paper Chase. <sup>1st</sup> H. Mayor & Russell |    |            |

The question of the customary Annual Dinner was broached but was referred to next Com<sup>tee</sup> Meeting.

The dates for the Monthly social evenings were fixed as follows.  
15<sup>th</sup> October. 18<sup>th</sup> November. 17<sup>th</sup> December.

On the motion of Mr. G. E. Stocker seconded by Mr. J. B. Beazley, it was resolved that a Dr John Ambulance Class be again formed in connection with this Club. Lectures to commence in October at Headquarters.

After considerable discussion regarding the Special Silver Medals for the 24 hours Road Ride held 27 August it was moved by Mr. Fraser & Mr. Stoker, seconded, that the medal adopted be the a facsimile of the 10 miles "Kangaroos" Road Race Medal, with the Club crest in the centre.

Mr. F. H. Briggs proposed by Mr. McKernon 1<sup>st</sup> h, Mr. G. P. Miller was elected an active member of the Club.

Mr. R. Jones sum £24. 15. was passed for payment.

The case of Mr. T. Stugens was considered, he having been suspended by the N.E.U. for racing under other than Union Rules, but the Comt<sup>ee</sup> decided that if the members had a majority against Mr. Stugens they must call a special genl meeting which under the rules of the Club they had power to do.

Concluded 12 October 1885.

G.B. Mercer  
Chairman

Minutes of a Committee Meeting held at Head Quarters on Monday Evening

12 October 1885. Mr. G. B. Mercer in the Chair.

Present Mr. W. A. Adams Mill, D. J. Bell, A. H. Fletcher, J. H. Cook, J. P. Fletcher, F. H. Conway, J. C. Robinson, J. B. Beasley, D. R. Fell, Horace Fletcher.

#### Minutes

The Minutes of last meeting were read & confirmed.

#### Annual Dinner

On the motion of Mr. D. R. Fell, Seconded by Mr. Horace Fletcher, it was resolved that there be no "Annual Dinner" in 1885.

#### T. S. Stugens Resignation

Mr. Timothy Stugens having sent in his resignation as an Active Member of the Club, it was resolved that same be accepted.

#### Rides & for November

The Fixtures for November were then arranged as follows:  
20/11 Paper chase. Starts Mr. Conway & Croone  
14 Rainhill via Whiston. Tea at "Victoria" Hotel.  
21 Paper Chase Starts Whiston if possible a Member of the Roots B. C.  
28 Warrington. With the usual monthly social on the 19/11.

Mr. W. Mr. G. Gracie proposed by Messrs Cook & Mulhuish was duly elected an Active Member of the Club.

The following long distance Rides were passed in order to go on the Shield.

29 Sept Alfred H. Fletcher. Cage Lane to Yarmouth Park 15 1/4 miles on Tricycle for which he also receives the Goldstar of the Club.  
28 Sept Horace Fletcher. From the Lands End to Bridgewater 175 miles also on Tricycle.

The Gas Company's Act for 1885 was duly passed.

A long discussion ensued upon the desirability of obtaining a more central Club House, with a view to the probable enlargement of the Southern Division next year, but of course nothing definite was

recorded, the matter being one for a General Meeting of the Club to consider, as most of the suggested Schemes of working, were based upon an increased subscription.

Confirmed 9<sup>th</sup> November 1885.

G.B.Mercer  
Chairman

Minutes of a Committee held at No 9 Gt. George St. on Monday, 9 Nov 85.  
Mr G B Mercer in the Chair

Present. Messrs W. A. Mills. A H J P & C Fletcher. J. K. Conway. J H Cook.  
J. C. Robinson. DR Fell & M Beagley. H Fraser.

The Minutes of last Mtg were read & confirmed

Thursdays Dec were rearranged as follows.

Dec 5 Paper Chase Stares Thompson & Gracie  
12 Warrington - 19 Preccot. (Social 17<sup>th</sup>).

Mr P Messerry & proposed by Mr Fletcher & Bell, was elected an active Member of the Club.

The Race Meetings apes were read & passed on the motion of Mr Bell & Fraser

The following Bills were passed. Coals- 17/- Quarters Rent.

The resignations of Messrs F E Stoker & H E Cox were accepted

On the proposition of Messrs Beagley & Conway, it was resolved to hold a special genl Mtg on the 14 Dec to consider the Annual Subsc. Change of Club House - Rules. & preliminaries for the Annual genl meeting

Confirmed 14 December 85

G.B.Mercer  
Chairman

Minutes of a Committee Meeting held at Head-quarters on Monday Evening the 1<sup>st</sup> December 1885.

Mr G. B. Mercer in the Chair.

Present. Messrs J. H. Conway, C. S. Stoker, W. Fraser, A. J. Bell, J. B. Beasley, A. H. Fletcher, J. C. Robinson, J. P. Fletcher, A. R. Felle, W. Towns Mills, Lawrence Fletcher.

The Minutes of last Com<sup>tee</sup> Meeting were read & confirmed.

The Arms &c for Committee was arranged as follows.

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| Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Precot | 8am | 4 <sup>th</sup> Annual Gen <sup>eral</sup> Meeting            | at St. George's 7.30 P.M. |
| " 9th Halewood                  | "   | 11 <sup>th</sup> Committee                                    | " " " 8 P.M.              |
| " 16 <sup>th</sup> Rainhill     | "   | 21 <sup>st</sup> Social Evening                               | " " " 8 P.M.              |
| " 23 <sup>rd</sup> Harrington   | "   | 30 <sup>th</sup> Paper Chase. Starts. St. Russell & H. Briggs |                           |

The following Gentlemen were elected Auditors of the 1885 Ayes.

James J. Westenzie proposed by James Fletcher & 2<sup>nd</sup> by A. J. Bell.  
Walter L. Riley " " C. S. Stoker & " J. C. Robinson.

The following Gentlemen were elected Hon'ble Members of the Club.

George Lucy Hillier, William Frederick Sutton, James Lennox.  
All proposed by James Fletcher & Seconded by A. J. Bell.

The following Gentlemen were elected Active Members of the Club

James J. Westenzie proposed by James Fletcher 2<sup>nd</sup> by W. Fraser  
R. A. Wilkinson " " E. Harrison " " W. Gamble.  
B. Clark " " C. S. Stoker " " A. J. Bell.

The Treasurer made a statement regarding the Ayes of the Club, & showed the balance in hand to be satisfactory.

Mr Stoker drew attention to the fact that the West Lancs R. C. was reported to be in liquidation & that the Club Challenge Cup held at present by the Anfield was offered for sale.

Mr Fletcher suggested that the Com<sup>tee</sup> after Anfield has a legal claim to the child, but the Meeting considered that the W. L. B. had perfect right to dispose of the child.

On the motion of Mr A. J. Bell & J. B. Beasley it was resolved that Mr H. Fraser's performance in the Kangaroo Road Race 100 yards in 7 hrs 6 mins 25 sec be recorded on our Shield.

Secretary having called up the Meeting, spoke of the genuineness of Mr E. Harrison's ride of 204 miles last August, questioned by Mr P. J. Ross of Liverpool, was instructed to write Mr Ross suggesting that an apology was due from him to Mr Harrison.

A letter from Mr "Vigilance Com<sup>tee</sup>" was read, but the Meeting had no sympathy with the operations of this Secret Society for the suppression of "Master Amateurs."

After a long discussion it was unanimously resolved to remove the Headquarters of the Club to 36 Bedford Street North. Messrs W. Fraser, A. J. Bell, J. C. Robinson & Lawrence Fletcher were appointed a Club Committee to arrange for the removal.

Confirmed 11 January 1886

G. B. Mercer.  
Chairman.