



MINUTES FOR THE AUK BOARD MEETING HELD ON  
20 March 2026, DELTA HOTEL, YORK, STARTING AT 14.00.

*Approved 23/04/2026*

**PRESENT:**

Andy Cox (AC) – Chair  
Caroline Fenton (CF)  
Ian Hennessey (IH) - latter part  
Arabella Maude (AM)  
Gideon Rabinowitz (GR)  
Anne Young (AY)  
Liam FitzPatrick (LF)  
Kevin Daffey (KD)  
Kevin Hickman (KH)  
Grant Huggins (GH)

**APOLOGIES:**

Nigel Armstrong  
Chris Regan

**1. Setting the scene and member outputs – 5 mins**

AC opened the meeting

GR outlined, that one of the outputs we are seeking from the meeting is any communications to members and organisers

There were no declarations of interest

Formal adoption of Non Executive Directors (NED will be asked to leave the room) - 10 mins

AC/GR/AY met with Paul Stewart, Kevin Hickman, Kevin Daffey and Chris Regan  
Board unanimously approved appointment of Kevin Daffey, Kevin Hickman and Chris Regan as NED's

Paul Stewart was offered an Executive role but had queries over the detail of the role. A job description will therefore be produced and published for expressions of interest. Paul is welcome to apply.

NED roles are in place until the next AGM

**2. Review of action log – Andy/Gideon - 30 mins**

See action log: [AUK Board Actions Tracker - 20260423.xlsx](#)

### 3. Review board meeting minutes from Zoom meeting on 26/02 - 5 mins

The notes from the meeting of the 26<sup>th</sup> February were approved by the board. A redacted version without the NED Bios, has been converted to PDF and sent to be uploaded to the AUK web site.

The approved full minutes are in the Confidential folder in the April 2026 meeting folder

### 4. January Accounts – Nigel – 10 mins

Not covered

### 5. DIY/RRTY complaint decision – Gideon lead (email copy in meeting folder). 10 mins

GR briefed the board on the complaint sent to the RRTY delegate referencing the mail trail uploaded to the March meeting folder.

Board agreed that the RRTY delegate was correct in rejecting the member complaint

The board agreed that a review of the discretionary period for DIY organisers to accept ride evidence – suggested 2 weeks unless previously agreed.

### 6. Mandatory / Advisory notification on Audax events – suggested by Ian Lyons – 5 mins

CF updated the group that this flag will be included in the forthcoming web site upgrade

### 7. Comms update – Liam – 10 mins

Key points recorded

- Web site tracking will commence in April after upgrade
- Noted new audiences being tracked on social platforms - more interest in Audax being noted
- Plan to share stats in April AUK board meeting
- Review of what we do with Blue Sky required.
- Organiser comms need to be resolved before we can move forward with wider comms
- Meetings planned with Cycling UK and Cycling Weekly ref 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary articles
- Work in Progress:

- Arrivee discussions and bid for other publishers (note issue of RFP has moved back to April)
- Member Newsletter
- Forum
- Organiser comms

Crisis plan needs to be developed, building on work done on confidential issue over the last 2 weeks

LF reported that he had shared the Board's wish to support the remainder of Fergus Coyle's 12 month project subject to completing a more details agreement about a number of matters such as copyright and usage of materials. LF also reported Fergus's footage was being very useful in social media messaging which was reaching new audiences for AUK.

## 8. 2024/25 AGM Resolution Action Tracker – 15 mins

See updated tracker and action log updates - [2025 AUK AGM Action Tracker - 260423.xlsx](#)

## 9. 50th Anniversary topics – Grant - 15 mins

### 9.1. National Events – free fridge magnet issue?

GH advised the board that potential plans to produce fridge magnets for 25/50 point awards, would cost approx. £3,500

Idea of using patches to be discussed with Lucy

Generic National patch to be considered, note this will probably not be available for the first National Event Tom Jackson's event Oasts and Coasts in April due to timescales.

### 9.2. Mileater Diary

GH updated board on impacts and costs plus limited use of a mile eater diary. Grant/Ian to review with Graham Brody

### 9.3. 50th anniversary clothing

GH advised the board that 175 items had been sold.

Gilets and long-sleeved Jerseys will be moved to a club page on the Shutt velo site

## 10. 2027 reunion location discussion – 20 mins

Llandrindod is being proposed – see action log

## 11. Strategy group update– Anne – 15 mins

## 12. Safeguarding action 60 mins

12.1. Review of Safeguarding Paper submitted by Ian  
Paper presented by IH  
Agreed by board we need a director accountable and a delegate role

12.2. Safeguarding Officer recruitment  
We will need a board member accountable for safeguarding  
Job descriptions needed for Welfare Director and safeguarding delegate required  
Board asked to research welfare/safeguarding JD's available through internet or local / other clubs

12.3. Process for removing members – discussion and next steps  
Action with KD see action log

12.4. Immediate communication actions (Liam to lead)

## 13. Update summary for members comms Liam 10 mins

## 14. AOB – 5 mins