



MINUTES FOR THE AUK BOARD MEETING  
HELD via TELECONFERENCE  
on 16 June 2020 STARTING AT 20.00.

## **PRESENT:**

Chris Crossland (“CC”) (Chairman)  
Nigel Armstrong (“NA”)  
Graeme Provan (“GP”)  
Caroline Fenton (CF”)  
Ian Hennessey (“IH”)  
Martin Stefan (“MS”)  
Daniel Smith (“DS”)  
Rob McIvor (“RM”)  
John Ward (“JW”)

## **IN ATTENDANCE:**

## **APOLOGIES:**

John Sabine (“JS”)

### **1. Opening**

The Chairman reported that due notice of the meeting had been given and that a quorum was present. Accordingly, the Chairman declared the meeting open.

### **2. Declarations of interest**

None.

### **3. Business**

#### **3.1 COVID 19 Review**

CC referred members to the notes on the legislation and guidance across the different parts of the UK.

RM suggested that the starting point was to decide whether or not we still wanted to proceed on a “one nation” basis.

JW reported that from the limited feedback he had received from the permanent event organisers, there was a general preference to keep things simple by opening as one nation. Those who had responded were supportive of re-commencement but not with any additional requirements being added to events.

CF suggested a longstop date – even if alignment had not happened by that date or if local restrictions had been introduced, the nations or regions that were able to open would open.

GP believes that the trigger for calendar events would be the removal or significant relaxation of the current rules on gatherings.

IH proposed that 100k events could take place with immediate effect. CC pointed out that this would put us out of step with all of the other UK cycling organisations, as well as government guidelines and legislation – although it was recognised that the other cycling organisations were also undertaking reviews during the course of the next few days.

DS could not see any benefit in introducing 100k rides now and did not want to rush any part of re-commencement.

MS thought that 200k rides across all parts of the UK but initially restricted to DIY and Permanent events was a neat and attractive solution. There was a general belief that, in light of the ongoing reviews by governments and administrations across the UK, it should be possible to achieve this by the 1<sup>st</sup> of August. That date would allow time to consider any further matters and to hold a confirmatory meeting in July.

It was resolved that 200k nominal DIY and Permanent events should be validated from 1<sup>st</sup> August in all parts of the UK. Events would be subject to local rules. If, for any reason, it was not possible to ride these events legally in any nation or region after this date, that would not prevent events continuing to be validated elsewhere.

JW enquired about PROFs and it was agreed that they should also be permitted at the same time.

It was proposed that RRtY series could be re-commenced at any time within 6 months of the 1<sup>st</sup> August. GP questioned whether this had been agreed by the RRtY Secretary. DS confirmed that support would be available to him.

It was agreed that distances covered will be eligible for annual Brevet and Randonneur awards as appropriate from 1st August but all points and distance based championships will remain suspended for the season. For multi-year awards such as Brevet 5000 and Brevet 25,000 we may consider ways in which the time period may be extended to take into

account the break in validations. ACP will no doubt go their own way regarding their multi-year Randonneur 5,000 and 25,000 awards.

JW noted that it would be easier to open entries from the 1<sup>st</sup> August rather than in advance.

### 3.2 Financial Update

NA drew members' attention to the management accounts. AUK has more funds in its bank accounts than it had this time last year .

NA believed AUK was in a better financial state than he had planned for at the start of the pandemic and he considered it to be in good shape financially.

### 3.3 Membership

CF suggested that the offer of membership to the end of the next calendar year should be made slightly earlier this year.

There are still new members joining though not at the rate that would usually be expected at this time of year.

Phase II of the IT Refresh Project is almost ready. Kevin Lake has been working incredibly hard and the system now works between the new website and the existing database. Kevin has also been exploring the possibility of the AUK forum being part of the same login as the main website.

### 3.4 Members' Survey

CF referred to the initial report. She has asked for volunteers to carry out more detailed analysis.

### 3.5 Brevet Cards

RM reported that he had received draft designs from Ged Lennox. Ged was now working on a couple of additional designs but RM believed they would be available shortly for approval.

### 3.6 ACP

DS reported that ACP had contacted him for an update on the status of BRM events until the end of the ACP season.

IH suggested that, for certainty with ACP, all outstanding BRM events until the end of the ACP season should be re-classified as BR.

CC noted that he too had received the request from ACP in his role of ACP representative. He felt such action was unnecessary and contrary to AUK's agreement with ACP. If the events were to take place they should take place as BRM, and if they were cancelled or re-scheduled it would be as BRMs. The process for informing ACP was far more streamlined than previously and so it allowed for greater flexibility.

It was agreed that events should remain with their existing classifications. DS will establish which events have been cancelled or re-scheduled, mark them as appropriate and inform ACP accordingly. CC will let ACP know that the remaining BRM events in the calendar will also be subject to cancellation or postponement.

The next meeting will take place on the 8<sup>th</sup> of July as a full board meeting with the exact format to be agreed.

#### 4. Closure

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed.

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