



MINUTES FOR THE AUK BOARD MEETING HELD  
AT THE PRIORY ROOMS, 40 BULL STREET, BIRMINGHAM  
ON 18 JANUARY 2025 STARTING AT 0930.

**PRESENT:**

Nigel Armstrong (NA)  
Andy Cox (AC) – Chair  
Caroline Fenton (CF)  
Ian Hennessey (IH)  
Grant Huggins (GH)  
Paul Renshaw (PR)  
John Ward (JW)  
Darrell Whittle (DWh)  
Andy Yates (AYa)  
Anne Young (AYo)

**ATTENDANCE:**

Danial Webb (DWe)

**APOLOGIES:**

None

## 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. Minutes of previous meetings

### 3.a Minutes of December 2024 meeting

The minutes of the 17 December 2024 meeting were approved.

## 4. Actions arising from minutes of previous meetings

*Refer to Action Tracker.*

## Business

## 5. Finance

### 5.a Management Accounts and forecasts

**NA** presented the Management Accounts (to Nov 2024). It was noted that a significant amount of membership renewals would be received in December 2024. It was also noted that the finances of AUK are in a healthy position and monies (above that required for reserves) should be spent for the benefit of the members.

### 5.b Approval of 2023-24 Accounts

**NA** presented the Annual Accounts for 2023-24. No comments were raised and these were approved by the Board.

### 5.c Honoraria

**AYo** and **DW** referred the Board to their separate paper regarding honoraria. They highlighted that it was unclear as the rationale behind the payments and that they did not appear to reflect the level of input undertaken by the directors and delegates. They proposed that honoraria were banded and that the roles and work done by the directors and delegates should be reviewed and then allocated to the various bands.

It was agreed that a survey of the directors and delegates should be prepared to understand the level of work done and time required for each of the roles.

#### **Actions:**

- **AYo/DW** to prepare survey for directors and delegates to understand the level of work done and time required.

## 6. IT

### 6.a Progress update for audax.uk and aukweb

**CF** advised that calendar events and their set up is now live on audax.uk. Brevet card preparation and ordering is also on the new site.

The next item to be worked on is validations for calendar events and then results.

It was noted that organisers should now only require very limited use of aukweb and hence a review (including relevant delegates) should be undertaken of what aukweb data needs to be kept and/or moved over to audax.uk.

**Actions:**

- **CF/GH** to review what aukweb data needs to be kept and/or moved over to audax.uk.

## 7. LEL 2025

**DWe** provided a general update on LEL 2025 preparations.

The event is sold out and has a lot of international riders. Preparations are going very well and and issues arising are being managed.

Work and discussions are underway between **IH, GH** and Tal Katzir (LRM President) to hopefully arrange for instant validation at the finish. AUK will look to provide staff to facilitate this instant validation.

**DWe** will provide AUK with a start list a few weeks before the event to identify AUK members who are participating.

**DWe** confirmed that time penalties will be issued to riders contravening the event's rules. It will be made clear to all riders in advance that time penalties can and will be given.

## 8. 2023-24 AGM Preparation

### 8.a Resolutions

**AYa** confirmed that 3 resolutions were to be presented at the AGM, all of which related to ratification by members of Board amendments to the Regulations.

### 8.b Nominations

**AYa** confirmed that Nigel Armstrong was the sole nominee for the role of Finance Director; and Rob Bullyment, Arabella Maude, Darrell Whittle and Anne Young were the 4 nominees for the 2 Non-Executive Director positions.

### 8.c Board Awards for 2023-24

A discussion was held regarding the recipients of the Board awards for 2023-24 and were confirmed as follows:

- 1) Organisers award: Danial Webb
- 2) Helpers award: Andy Berne
- 3) Services to Audax UK award: Dave Allison and Caroline Fenton
- 4) Merit award - Female: Sarah Britton
- 5) Merit award – Male: Tom Deakins

### 8.d Voting and returning officer

**AYa** noted that the online voting was all set up and ready to go live.

**JW** agreed to act as returning officer at the AGM.

### 8.e Annual report

**AYa** thanked all Board members for their contribution to the Annual Report and that this would now be finalised and published.

## 9. General Secretary

### 9.a Event Entry Terms

**AYa** referred the Board to the *Event Entry Terms* paper which had been updated following comments at the November and December 2024 Board meetings.

It was agreed that the if an organiser chooses to refuse an entry then this is to be reported to AUK within 1 week of the refusal. This is to be included within the revised wording and within the Organsiers Handbook.

The proposed revised Event Entry Terms were approved.

**Actions:**

- **AYa** to arrange for publishing of the revised Event Entry Terms.

### 9.b 24hr TT Regulations

**AYa** referred the Board to the *24 Hour TT Regulations* paper.

The proposed amendment to the Regulations was approved and it was noted that this will require ratification by members are the next AGM (February 2026).

**Actions:**

- **AYa** to publish the revised Awards Regulations.
- **AYa** to prepare Resolution for the next AGM for ratification by members.

### 9.c AUK Strategic review proposal

**AYa** referred the Board to the *Strategic Review Proposal* paper.

It was agreed to proceed with the proposal following the AGM.

It was noted that one of the first tasks for the committee would be to write their own Terms of Reference for approval by the Board.

**Actions:**

- **AYa** to add to the agenda for the Board Meeting after the AGM.

## 10. Membership Secretary

**CF** noted that membership is reasonably stable at present with around 8000 members.

## 11. Communications Director

**PR** shared designs for new AUK banners and event signage. Comments were made and the designs are to be developed further.

## 12. Calendar Events + ACP/LRM

**IH** reported he had attended the ACP/LRM meeting in Paris in January 2025. This was a useful meeting including discussing other countries who have also been developing electronic brevets.

## 13. Perm Events

**JW** reported that the number of DIYs is increasing whilst traditional perms is decreasing, and noting that no long distance perms had been ridden recently. He also noted that the new audax.uk system for perm organisers is working well.

## 14. Event Services + Recorder

**GH** proposed that the trophies were reviewed with a view to providing something more appropriate and/or useful for recipients.

**GH** advised that the new R25,000 etc. awards need medal and badge designs preparing.

## 15. Any other business

### 15.a Extreme weather and event cancellation

**AYo** raised an issue regarding extreme weather and event cancellation and whether we should review our advice to organisers and/or make it more prominent to riders that it is their decision whether to ride or not

## Closure

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