

PRESENT:

Andy Cox (**AC**) – Chair
Caroline Fenton (**CF**)
Ian Hennessey (**IH**)
Grant Huggins (**GH**)
Arabella Maude (**AM**)
John Ward (**JW**)
Andy Yates (**AYa**)
Anne Young (**AYo**)

ATTENDANCE:

Danial Webb (**DW**)

APOLOGIES:

Nigel Armstrong (**NA**)
Paul Renshaw (**PR**)

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. LEL2025 update

DW presented an update on planning and preparation for the LEL2025 event.

Generally, preparations are proceeding well with no major problems foreseen. The logistics plan is being finalised and there are sufficient volunteers to support the event.

A difficult junction with the A17 near Boston has been the subject of discussion with the local council. A thorough review of the route and alternative options has been undertaken, concluding that this junction is still the preferred option. Safety management signage will also be

included at this junction. **DW** is also starting a campaign (particularly aimed at foreign riders) to Look Right.

A discussion was held regarding instant certification and validation of brevet cards at Arrivée. **GH** has prepared a draft process and AUK volunteers to undertake the validation process. This needs to be developed further, and coordinated with the LEL certification checks, to finalise the process with an efficient use of volunteers. Discussions to be held with Tim Decker (Writtle Controller) to coordinate. It was noted that the brevet cards for London and Writtle starts should be visually different to assist the validation team.

Actions:

- **DW** to share A17 junction review with AUK Board.
- **DW/GH** to arrange meeting with Tim Decker to finalise validation process.

4. Minutes of previous meetings

4.a Minutes of April 2025 meeting

The minutes of the 05 April 2025 meeting were approved.

5. Actions arising from minutes of previous meetings

Refer to Action Tracker.

6. IT and Membership Data

CF raised an issue regarding access to the AUK membership database and whether access should be provided to organisers (to assist them with non-online entries) via audax.uk. It was highlighted that any non-online entry should include all the relevant information needed by the organiser to complete the start list and hence access to the AUK membership database is not required.

A discussion was held regarding the visibility of the results tables on audax.uk. It was proposed that the results tables are only to be visible to registered users. It was also suggested that members should be able to opt out of having their results posted if they wish.

Actions:

- **CF** to progress with limiting visibility of results tables on audax.uk to registered users only
- **AY** to review AUK's data protection policies to ensure they align with organisers' access to members' data, and registered users' visibility of results.

7. York Rally

It was noted that flyers and AUK promotional material had been prepared and posted for the York Rally.

8. Shop delegate

CF noted that Allan Taylor (the current badge and medal shop secretary) had advised that he did not wish to undertake the role of Shop Delegate. It was agreed to seek a member to volunteer to undertake the Shop Delegate role.

Actions:

- **CF** to add short note to next Arrivée calling for volunteers to be Shop Delegate with a link to the website for further information.

9. Organiser communications

AYa proposed that communication between the Board and Organisers could be improved by providing more regular updates of relevant matters discussed at Board Meeting (and that this had also been suggested as feedback by some organisers). The new email set up should also make this easier. This potentially would also improve feedback from organisers.

Actions:

- **AYa** to progress with preparing and sending newsletter type updates to organisers following Board meetings.

10. Any other business

10.a Validation

GH noted that Cathy B (Validation Secretary) has indicated that she may want to step down from the role in the future and hence it would be prudent to engage with back up. This had been previously been discussed

and expressions of interest had been obtained from 3 members. It was agreed to approach these 3 volunteers and see if they were still interested.

Actions:

- **AYa** to contact previous volunteers for assistant validation role to see if they are still interested.

10.b AUK 50th anniversary

GH proposed a special (one-off) award of 50 points in the 2025-26 season to celebrate the 50th anniversary of AUK. It was agreed to progress with this, and potentially a 25 points special award.

Actions:

- **GH** to progress with special 50th anniversary awards.

10.c Organiser payments

It was agreed that AUK would stop accepting Paypal payments from organisers at the end of the 2026-27 season, and would strongly encourage organisers to transition to Stripe payments well in advance of this deadline. Financial incentives for organisers to transition will be put in place.

Actions:

- **AYa** to add to agenda for June 2025 Board Meeting to confirm exact arrangements and organiser incentives for transition away from Paypal prior to communication with organisers.

10.d DIY Events

JW noted the recent discussions regarding submitting a DIY entry to run concurrently with another external event. Previously, DIY organisers and the Permanent Secretary assessed external events to ascertain whether they met AUK's regulations and therefore if a DIY could be submitted for such rides. However, there are a wide range of external events available offering different levels of support and making it hard for DIY organisers to make consistent decisions.

It was agreed that fundamentally all audax events whether Calendar events, conventional Permanent events, or DIY events, should be standalone events entered solely as audax events, not in combination with other cycling events.

The Board therefore clarified that a DIY entry cannot be submitted to be ridden at the same time, or as part, of another event.

Actions:

- **JW** to communicate this clarification to DIY Organisers and update the DIY FAQ on the website.
- **AYa** to include a note about this clarification within his next Arrivée column.

Closure

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