

MINUTES FOR THE AUK BOARD MEETING HELD ONLINE ON 09 OCTOBER 2025 STARTING AT 1900.

PRESENT:

Andy Cox (AC) – Chair Caroline Fenton (CF) Grant Huggins (GH) Arabella Maude (AM) – part Andy Yates (AYa) Anne Young (AYo)

APOLOGIES:

Nigel Armstrong (NA) Ian Hennessey (IH) Paul Renshaw (PR) John Ward (JW)

ATTENDEES:

Fergus Coyle (FC) – part Danial Webb (DW) – part

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 September 2025 meeting

The minutes of the 09 September 2025 meeting were approved.

4. Actions arising from minutes of previous meetings

Refer to Action Tracker.

5. AUK Filming proposal

DW and **FC** presented a proposal to the Board to produce a film of a year in Audax UK, including cycling footage from events and conversations with riders.

The Board we supportive of the idea but raised concerns over ensuring that outputs be made available during the process to use on social media, and that costs were controlled over the course of the project.

Actions:

• **FC** to review and amend proposal to include for an initial 3 month project and then staged milestones (including costs) beyond that.

6. AUK Forum

AYa noted that there had been some issues with the AUK Forum. The software has now been updated (including renewing the security certificate) and the content has been tidied up following **AM**'s review of the Online Safety Act. However, the link between the forum software and audax.uk/aukweb for setting up and validating user accounts is currently not working. A temporary and manual fix is being used for the time being until a decision regarding the future of the Forum is made.

7. LEJOG 2025

AYa referred the Board to the correspondence he had received regarding the organiser of the LEJOG 2025 event. It was noted that a LEJOG event would likely garner higher expectations from participants than a 'standard' AUK event, but also that an organiser should provide the facilities that are advertised.

Actions:

• **IH** to discuss the concerns raised with the organiser.

8. 50th anniversary activities

AC noted that there were currently no volunteers to run a Windsor-Chester-Windsor event in 2025.

The potential for a National Series during 2025 was discussed. 2 organisers have volunteered to host a National event. It was noted though that this would potentially be rebadging of events already planned.

AC advised that preliminary discussions had been had regarding a member supporting AUK with publicity, particularly focused on the $50^{\rm th}$ anniversary activities.

GH presented plans for 50th anniversary awards, including badge designs and potential costs. It was agreed that to proceed with the 50th anniversary awards. **GH** also discussed the possibility of creating special Brevet cards for the 50th anniversary.

CF presented options for 50th anniversary stickers. It was agreed to proceed with this for distribution via organisers at events.

Actions:

- **AC/IH** to discuss with additional National events with the organisers who have offered to assist.
- **AC** to discuss the role of Publicity Officer with a potential candidate for the role.
- **GH** to proceed with 50th anniversary awards and potential special brevet card.
- **CF** to proceed with ordering stickers.

9. Update on draft AGM resolutions

AYa highlighted to the Board the draft proposals for AGM resolutions and requested that comments are made by the Board by 31/10/25.

Actions:

• All to review and comment on draft AGM resolutions by 31/10/25.

10. Plans for Nov Reunion and presentations

The Board discussed plans for the presentation from the Board at the November Reunion. It was agreed to present some statistics regarding AUK and some bigger picture content, together with the draft proposed resolutions and outputs from the Strategy Group.

Actions:

• **AYa** to prepare a draft outline of slides for review and input from the other Board members.

11. Update on Strategy Group and Women's Group

AM advised that the members' survey was prepared and ready to send to members. It was agreed to circulate this in November following the end of the season.

AYo noted that a Women's Group had been formed to look at ways of increasing women's participation in AUK events.

Actions:

• AM/CF to send out members' survey.

12. Any other business

12.a AUK banners

GH presented updated banner designs. It was suggested that they should be produced with two-tone colours and the full Audax UK logo (i.e. with 'long distance cycling'). It was noted that it needs proof-reading check on the events presented.

Actions:

• **GH** to progress with updates to banner design.

Closure

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