



**AUDAX  
UK**  
long distance cycling

MINUTES FOR THE AUK BOARD MEETING HELD ON 18<sup>th</sup> July  
2026 Face to Face Meeting at the Priory Rooms , STARTING  
AT 9.00.

*Approved on 17/09/2026*

**PRESENT:**

Andy Cox (AC) – Chair  
Caroline Fenton (CF)  
Ian Hennessey (IH)  
Arabella Maude (AM)  
Gideon Rabinowitz (GR)  
Kevin Daffey (KD)  
Kevin Hickman (KH)  
Grant Huggins (GH)  
Liam FitzPatrick (LF)  
Nigel Armstrong (NA)

Danial Webb – Safeguarding Lead – (DW)

**APOLOGIES:**

Chris Regan (CR)  
Anne Young (AY)

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

Action log updated and shared in the September 2026 folder

**2. Review board meeting minutes from Zoom meeting on  
18/06/26 - 5 mins**

The minutes of the 18<sup>th</sup> June 2026 were amended and approved

**3. Adoption of Danial Webb – Safeguarding lead**

Danial Webb was appointed as the Safeguarding lead delegate for AUK.

A hold was placed on the Safeguarding/Welfare director role until DW has had a chance to revert on the need/requirement/ requirement of the compliance director role

Noted that Mike Kear has provided a point of contact on Safeguarding in Cycling UK. KD could make similar connections with British Cycling.

Suggested that Danial is a delegate reporting into the Secretary role (GR)

It was proposed that we require a Compliance Director for which expressions of interest need to be published (GR)

## 4. Strategy Review – 2 Hours – [background paper here](#)

Key points covered, note LF to revert on conclusion of work from the meeting on 18/07/26

We discussed the idea of the proposition and there was broad acceptance of the ideas

An Audax is a defined distance challenge within set time limits...

Every ride has its own character ...

...within a consistent framework...

...whether you want to ride 100 events or just see how far you can manage today...

...and you're part of a community of people supporting each other...

...because, on the day, it's about your ride and your challenge - not who was fastest or lightest or best...

...We have endearing quirks because it's all about an authentic cycling experience drawing on over 50 years of riding further

Key points that LF will revert with an 'aunt Sally'

- A stable and effective organisation - with a not for profit ethos
- A committed and growing organiser community
- There was a fair bit of discussion about ensuring we have a pipeline of new organisers especially in areas where we are thin on events...
- ...and avoiding the risks that come from a few prolific organisers in certain places (who could leave a big hole in the programme if they retired!)
- Plus how do we support them to deliver events of a consistent quality?
- A proposition for riders that highlights the different challenges that are available within the Audax world with a unique flavour

## 5. Resolutions 3 & 17

See updated action log entry

## 6. Communications Report – LF (10 minutes)

- o To note [written report in folder](#)

- o Approved the formalising communications roles outlined in report
- o To agree content and authors for July Organisers' Newsletter (topics listed in report)

## 7. LEL update – Danial Webb

Verbal update – key points noted.

Tanya Rowe who was the control at Innerleithen, has been appointed as director for LEL additional to DW.

2025 accounts on schedule for September 2026 filing.

Discussions held with Writtle college including upgraded catering and accommodation items.

Writtle leadership is to be split due to onerous requirements put on Tim Decker who will continue as the site manager with other roles to be filled.

Risks identified in securing Harwick and Richmond sites as controls.

A review of catering for many of the controls of being undertaken due to the poor value of what was provided in 2025.

Web site ownership and management need a review, but this is not a priority ATM

'Martyns' law will impact the organisation of the event

CQC registration is required for any medical support we offer at the event. However, this would not cover simple first aid

- Regulatory impact of Martyns law is underway.
- Numerous impact budget has identified that the likely entry fee will be higher in 2029.

Plan to have a stand at PBP in 2027

## 8. BRM validations – IH

- PBP qualification windows have now been issued to organisers
- Conversations have focussed on not overloading Cathy, but there is also a fall back offered by GH.
- Final date for any events offering PBP validation is 27/6/27 with validation to be completed for PBP by 04/07/2027 IH to confirm
- IH is looking for some events on late May and June 300/400km for riders who need to top up their entries for PBP
- Some events already planned in for November / December
- IH to follow up with Cathy Brown on any non-availability plans

## 9. Agenda topics for September/ October meeting

- August meeting cancelled next meeting will be on the 17<sup>th</sup> September 2026 at 19.00 over Zoom

September Topics

Roadside repair YouTube video – AM

AGM topics (GR proposed)

Reunion preparation (GR proposed)

October Topics (With delegates)  
Organiser Development – with delegates

- **8. AOB**

AGM Meeting date formally set at 17/02/2027

ROA – CF proposed that this be removed and that it is ratified at the February AGM