



MINUTES FOR THE AUK BOARD MEETING
HELD via TELECONFERENCE
on 29th August 2018 STARTING AT 20.30.

PRESENT:

Chris Crossland (“CC”) (Chairman)
Martin Foley (“MF”)
John Sabine (“JS”)
Graeme Provan (“GP”)
Peter Lewis (“PL”)
Caroline Fenton (CF”)
Nigel Armstrong (“NA”)
Rob McIvor (“RM”)
John Ward (“JW”)

IN ATTENDANCE:

APOLOGIES

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

AUK Finances

CC reported that the meeting was a follow up to the July board meeting.

PL stated that he had made it clear to CF1 at the very first meeting that AUK had a very complicated data structure and it might be helpful to remind them of this.

CC suggested that PL pick this up during the IT Project Board telecon.

JS queried what AUK's contractual position was with CF1. CC explained that the IT Project Board had looked at other providers but it was felt that by the time a new provider had taken the time to understand the project it was likely that they would be no cheaper.

CC has proposed measures that will cover the budgeted expenses based on across the board rises of 25%. Member subscription rates were last raised in 2008. RPI had increased by 34% since 2008. The calculations had been made based on 5% reductions in membership, new members and rides, anything better than those figures would be a bonus.

PL suggested that temporary membership should rise to £3. JW agreed. CC felt there was already some resistance to the temporary membership fee. He believed that membership offered wider benefits than just cheaper entry fees to events.

It was agreed that temporary membership would be increased to £3 from 1st March 2019.

GP queried how this would affect organisers, many of whom had already started taking entries for events after the 1st March 2019. It was agreed that the proposed increases should be communicated to organisers as quickly as possible and in advance of final approval. Any organisers who were unduly affected could make their case for assistance.

CF reported that the current IT system could not cope well with fractional amounts so the membership rate should be a whole number. This would mean an increase of £4 a year, slightly above the 25% proposed.

CF queried whether it would be worth offering the opportunity to renew for five years at the current rate for a limited period. It was agreed that CF would work up a proposal and liaise with CC. {Note: it was subsequently agreed that the proposal was difficult administratively and likely to be of limited benefit}

CC raised a concern about the cost of sending one issue of ARRIVÉE to life members, particularly those living abroad. CF will provide CC with cost estimates

MF noted that the increases should also be applicable to the three different types of brevet cards and to the late fees charged to organisers.

It was agreed that the annual membership rate would be increased to £18 and that the increases in the region of 25% would be applied generally based on the spreadsheet provided prior to the meeting but with due regard to any IT issues relating to whole numbers.

RM will liaise with CC over how to communicate the increases to organisers and members.

4. AOB

PL asked what was happening with the online versions of Arrivee.

CC explained that AUK needed a new "Issuu" account as it was thought the previous account had been held by a now deceased member. Ged Lennox is looking at it.

RM is to ask Ged Lennox about the proposed brevet card re-design for PBP year.

5. Closure

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 21.30.

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