

Minutes of the meeting held at Birmingham on the 27th Sept 2005

Meeting commenced at 10:45

Apologies from NS. All others present. In attendance: Richard Phipps; Roland Massett; Arthur Vince, Julian Beach.

Matters Arising

Terry Bateman, archivist, still to be contacted

Action FC

CTC affiliation fee has been paid after contact from Kevin Mayne.

Mick Latimer to be contacted re historical documents relating to AUK. Query what he holds.

Action IH

Major championship award winners and Merit award recipients to be offered free accommodation at AGM.

Action PP

Publication closing dates

Submission of events - 30th Sept

Calendar - 15th Nov

Renewals go with Autumn Arrivee

Membership cards with Winter Arrivee

Cards, handbook, and Arrivee through letterboxes by 15th Feb.

As PC is away during November late events will not go into the calendar, and will instead be published in Arrivee.

Correspondence

PM: Receiving requests for next year's overseas events, but no information available yet.

FC: Document (international agreement) received from ACP with request for us to translate to English by the end of the month. Agreed that RM or PM can do it by 3rd week October.

Discussion about LEL validations. Agreed to validate three late riders following precedents set by ACP after PBP. 1 against.

PC: CTC Cycling Development Committee has not met recently, has now been renamed Events Steering Group.

PC volunteered to attend.

Action PC

NH: Queries from members about validations missing from results list. Nearly always because they had failed to supply their membership number.

SGKH: Had received similar enquiries.

GM: Kevin Moreland had taken over Rob Kilby's events. Discussion about problem of 'double ownership' of some perms. JW will sort this out.

Action JW

Steve Snook has volunteered to run AAA and change the scheme to follow the new system proposed at the last AAA meeting. Secretary to contact SSn

Action IH

IH: Donation received from Brian Rowson for help given.

Officers' Reports

PM: Nothing much will happen until the end of October.

FC: Website now on new server after recent breakdown.

SS: All editors are now using the same software, Adobe Suite. All committee members should check their areas of handbook and calendar as they are being updated now.

Action All

PC: Events being received. 200 so far, about as expected.

NH: No report

SGKH: National 400 now received and validated. Still awaiting Bryan Chapman 600 cards (postal problems, but should be on their way). Torplex 100 cards not received. Chase organiser.

Action IH

Total validations up through the year, estimate 12% or more increase by the end of the season. Many returns include cards with missing controls or otherwise incomplete. Asked for advice on what to validate.

Agreed that such cards should be returned unvalidated, and a note to organisers reminding them that they should only send cards which they believe are in order.

Action PC SGKH

Discussion about substitution on the day of a shorter event for a longer one. Decided that, unless the option was pre-arranged and agreed with the events sec, it should not be allowed except possibly where the shorter event was a BP.

Action PC

GM: Cycling Weekly had published a short piece about LEL. They said they would list finishers in the Christmas edition if there was room. It was becoming very difficult to get news published in CW. Would prefer to deal with Cycling Plus.

GG: Had an enquiry from a new member asking about support vehicles.

RT: Accounts presented. Estimated loss for the year of £5000.

JW: Some cards were still missing. Most people very understanding about the problems. There were about 6 queries outstanding. RW had not been contacted. Updated list of permanent events would be ready for the next calendar.

There was a shortage of events in Scotland, but several people had volunteered to take over DP's old events.

John Walker was giving up the YH Darts post. These were often the most difficult to validate.

Scheme needs an overhaul. It was agreed that a tie-in with YHA to generate publicity would be a good idea.

Simon Jones was running a 2 day BP Falmouth to London to commemorate Trafalgar. Organise publicity for that.

Action GM

Agreed to put a notice in Arrivee that insurance was required for permanent events, and charged extra for temporary cover as with calendar events.

IH: Richard Phipps will stand for the post of Secretary at the AGM.

LEL report from Simon Doughty (received by Richard Phipps) was read and discussed. There will be a meeting of all involved with the event on the 8th October. Agreed to provide basic travel expenses.

There was some criticism of apparent lack of control of expenditure. Stricter financial control and a sub-committee needed for future events. Full accounts not yet received.

Sub-committee volunteers: PP; DKB; SG/KH; SS. Suggested that Melita Luxton may wish to be involved.

There should be no further expenditure without explicit authorisation. £1000 authorised as total expenditure for the 8th Oct meeting. SD to be advised of this.

Action DKB, IH

DKB will email all controllers asking for expenses.

Action DKB

Committee vacancies

Richard Phipps has indicated he is willing to stand as secretary. Roland Massett, Arthur Vince, and Peter Marshall are willing to stand for ACP/LRM correspondent. FC is currently dealing with the data exchange part of the job and would wish to hand it over to the new post-holder. PM is nominated to act until the AGM.

AGM

There was discussion about who should present the awards; agreement that a fresh face would be a good idea.

Awards made by the committee were discussed.

Incorporation

Name of company to be 'Audax United Kingdom (Long Distance Cycling Association)'. Draft articles have been distributed. Minor corrections to be made.

Standing Orders

Now in place for new season. Online membership - semi-automatic; MW receives immediate notification, but new member still has to send cheque by post.

National Series

Cycling Plus has offered to put the National Series on their website, and to publicise AUK events. Agreed to run 'double-century' event or events as C+ promotions and ask them to mention Nat Series.

National Series will be any 100 to qualify then designated 2/3/4/600 events. Awards as before.

AUK Shop

New lines - polo shirts, mugs. Some adverts not correctly run in Arrivee resulting in poor sales. Vital that items are listed on cover sheet with Arrivee.

New supplier for medals, sourced in China with no die costs. Large stocks of medals, presumably bought in quantities to reduce unit cost. Club is over-stocked. Offer to organisers for sale. New supplier must be capable of rapid delivery. It was suggested that organisers could decide to add £1 to entry fees and supply medal to all finishers.

AOB

PP distributed stationery.

Next meeting at 10:00 7th January 2006.

AGM in 2007

Llandrindod Wells has offered prices of £44 pp per night for two nights, or £49 for one night, first week in January.

Meeting closed at 16:00