

Minutes of the Committee Meeting of Audax UK held at Birmingham on the 18th February 2005

Meeting opened at 10:50

Apologies received from NS, NH

All others present except RW

Simon Doughty also present

Matters Arising

Place advert in the next edition of Arrivee for delegate to the Recorder.

Action NH, SS

Terry Bateman still to be contacted.

Action FC

Correspondence

CTC request booking for York Rally stand. Agreed to go ahead.

Message relayed from Duncan Peet asking why his permanent events had been removed from the list.

RT said that he had not paid CTC affiliation fees because they had not answered his queries about the increase from £32.00 to £75.00 (attributed to insurance costs) nor quoted as requested for affiliation without insurance. He will await their reply.

Action RT

KH had received a letter from members wishing to ride an Easter Arrow as two teams, but riding a major part of the route together. Agreed to allow this but the teams would be ineligible for awards.

Action KH/SG

Reports

PP. 'Ticking over'. Printing more cards this year.

RT. Concerned about costs of LEL.

IH. No response so far to advert for replacement secretary.

PM. One 'Cyclopassion' missing because of delay in subscription renewal. RT volunteered to supply the missing copy.

GG. Renewals completed to very tight schedule for pre-Christmas deadline. Hoping in future to send out renewal notices in the Autumn - explanatory article for Arrivee. Will produce a diary of deadlines for publication through the year. Also will advertise for a delegate to allow Julian Beach to concentrate on database development. Mike Wigley is doing a sterling job in preparing and sending info packs in response to replies to adverts. He needs notice of future adverts so he can prepare responses.

Action GG, SS, etc.

FC. Simon Ward has put a php interface on the website to allow easier access to various areas of the site. Committee members should familiarise themselves with its workings.

SS. Arrivee is as good as it can get. Asked for comments on the policy for adverts in the publications. Some discussion. It was noted that these contributed a large amount to the costs of publication. Occasional problems with advert copy not delivered or late could be resolved by grouping adverts together. Discussion about payments to photographers. Agreed to maintain

payments as laid out in the handbook. One against.

KH/SG. Validation system set up and running. Cards being returned within one week. Job at present taking two evenings a week, but envisage more time needed during the summer. Validations up by 13.5% overall on last year. Greater increase in 200ks than 100ks. PP said that the organisers of the Cotswold Corker had to turn away 100 people. This would be disappointing to those who were pursuing a National Series award. After discussion it was agreed that more of the shorter events would be designated 'National' next season. Advertise for NS organisers for next year. Comments noted after the Corker event were positive.

PC. There are over 500 calendar events this season.

Permanent Secretary. No report received and no response to letter sent by DKB, nor to phonecall. Cards being returned except that there appear to be some missing batches including batch given to RW at the AGM. Agreed to ask John Ward to stand in for day-to-day business and inform RW and organisers of this. Kevin Moreland has volunteered to help with route checking and to take over some events. Official note to go in Arrive.

Action IH, TW, JW, etc.

LEL

Simon Doughty gave a presentation showing what had been achieved so far. He felt it should be seen as a flagship event in keeping with AUK's status as a significant member of LRM. After discussion it was agreed that the committee would take responsibility for the event with SD acting as Project Manager mentored by BM. Lee Valley hostel is more expensive than expected. Approx cost £9,000. Some of that to be recouped by charging for accommodation there before the event. Start time now 08:00. Entry form should include relevant regulations and order form for goods. More helpers still required. 4 people have volunteered to marshal on motorcycles. SD showed a logo devised by John Rivers. Discussion about costs. Budget predicts a loss at current figures. Agreed to revise fee to £90.00, cap expenditure at approx £21.00 per head. Charge £8.00 for pre-event pasta meal. Charge £25.00 for Lee Valley accommodation. Entry window should open asap. Food hygiene course needed for those in charge of catering. Discussion about start procedures.

Advertising

CTC email newsletter now includes AUK press release info. Adverts in Cycling Plus are continuing. None in Cycling Weekly at present. Much interest in AUK events at the triathlon exhibition. C+ have expressed an interest in next season's national Series. C+'s website and discussion forum was discussed. Some interest there in AUK events.

Progress towards Ltd status

Articles have been produced and need to be checked. Facility to remove a director to be added. Sub-committee formed: SS, RT, DKB, IH. Wording on entry form and membership form needs altering. All members have to be on a register updated each year. Final documents to be checked by lawyers. Discussion about directors' liabilities and responsibilities.

Action SS, RT, DKB, IH

DAs

DAs still exist, but the CTC does not want the term used in press releases, etc., because it does not convey meaning. After discussion it was agreed to move all CTC groups to a CTC list for award purposes. All other clubs to remain as they are. Warning to members to be specific as regards their CTC membership of DAs, sections, etc.

Action FC, GG

Clothing and Badges

New design of jersey shown and go-ahead given for artwork and production. KHSB have stocks of the old design medals. PP is selling these at events. Suggested to put medals and badges on order form and returns sheets. Sending medals with card orders reduces postage costs. There was discussion about recovery of costs of production of medals, especially die costs. It was suggested that they could be phased out.

Action PP

Self-validation

The current officers decided to leave things as they are for a year and report their findings then.

Action KH/SG

AOB

PP said that publicity packs from Mike Wigley should have a badge included as this was usually given to new members. At present only mudguard stickers were given.

Next meeting

Monday 13th June starting 10:30. Birmingham.