

MINUTES OF THE AUK BOARD MEETING HELD AT THE "IBIS HOTEL" BIRMINGHAM ON 26th SEPTEMBER 2013

The meeting started at 09:10. Paul Stewart took the Minutes.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: IH, PC, SG/KH, JH, LJ, SS, JW, MW.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: PP, RP and AT.

OBSERVERS PRESENT: Rod Dalitz, Danial Webb, Tony Greenwood, Roger Cortis, Chris Crossland, Paul Stewart.

MINUTES: The Minutes from the previous Board meeting (6th June 2013) were agreed as a true record subject to a comment from LJ that it had been requested agenda items should include a brief summary and an indication of how much time should be allocated.

MATTERS ARISING:

Branding and Website Development: DW advised he has been working with Kieran Harrod on a design for various aspects of AUK branding, including for the website, and will be working with Nigel Hall who has been nominated as Systems Manager (and is currently the only candidate for that role), to re-design the website.

Action - DW to bring ideas to next meeting and AGM.

PC has received a CV from Les Haskins, a new (returning) member interested in supporting the web project. SS passed a copy to DW.

Job Descriptions: SG had pulled together several job descriptions but was still waiting for details of others.

Action - SG to chase those outstanding

Ratification of AGM2012: There was a general discussion as to whether it was necessary to take any action regarding the ratification of AGM2012 at AGM2013. It was decided to leave it off the agenda and instead respond to any question that might arise.

DIRECTORS REPORTS:

Validation (KH): After a quiet start to the year, numbers have picked up well during the summer. Validated rides currently stand at 17651 (not including LEL) with approximately half of September's rides still to validate. This compares very well with 4 years ago as well as the intervening years. Organisers continue to use the on-line start/finish system but an on-line payment system would make the process much better.

Permanents (JW): CC advised that he is providing care-taker support for John Radford perms as John had been badly hurt in an RTA and would be unable to continue as an AUK organiser for the foreseeable future, and has passed on one Brevet to JW with a few more to follow.

Systems (PC): PC confirmed that whilst he was not standing as SM at AGM2013 he would continue to provide support/support the new Systems Manager.

Publications (SS): SS noted she not be attending AGM2013, her first such miss in some 30 years as she would be visiting Rajasthan instead. Arrivee has a new editor who uses the same software as others and will follow standard layouts for regular sections of the publication but has a free hand on layouts of articles. Francis Cooke is doing the handbook (previously it has been a SS & FC co-production) and most of that had been done. Production of AGM materials is being handled separately to Arrivee so as to relieve the new editor. This includes coversheet, subscription renewal advice, agenda, revised regulations, accounts and a growing number of motions.

SS advised she had this morning received an email this morning to say that the Headleys contact has been off work which explains why she had not been able to contact them for some 10 days. The current situation is none of the Arrivee editors can access the Headleys flatplan to upload documents (not a problem per se) and it

also looks like Headleys have not taken on board that we will be submitting additional materials (the AGM agenda) for the 7th October. Asked about finding alternate printers, SS advised the problem was not the printing so much as the distribution which was more complicated which meant that we could not go elsewhere at the last minute. RC asked about the timing of AUK Accounts for submission deadline of 7th October to Arrivee. LJ advised the accounts were already drawn up to year end 31st August.

Addendum: SS has advised that the following morning our previous contact at Headleys, Jackie Woogar, had been in touch to say she had taken the matter in hand and offer apologies.

Events (JH):

John Radford: With the efforts of Nigel Hall we've found (hopefully temporary) replacement organisers for John Radford's events from within CTC Halifax and VC167. Attention to date has focused on the Goodbye Xmas Pud, which Peter Ralphs has returned to organising to look after, and the Easter/Summer Arrows, which Keith Benton will run for 2014.

1000k+ Events:

There are 3 1000k+ events in various stages of planning for 2014:

- Highlands, Glens & Western Isles 1300km (21st Jul), an X rated tour of the west coast of Scotland, as previously reported in my February report. This event is published and indeed sold out already (60 places).
- Mille Cymru (27th June): I'm intending to re-run my Welsh 1000, 4 years on from the original and following much the same recipe as last time – 100 rider entry, 3 legs of roughly 300-350k.
- Fort William 1000 (7th Jul): Andy Corless is planning this event from Preston to Ft William along main roads (A6, A74, A82). A sleep stop somewhere south of Glasgow is planned but all other controls are likely to be garages and service stations.

National 400: NH has reported difficulties finding a school to use as base for the National 400. If the matter is not resolved shortly he will progress a motion for the VC167 AGM (13 October) to propose withdrawing as promoter. JH will explore options with other organisers who have expressed interest and meanwhile will set the Calendar Event to details TBA. **Action: JH to include the event in the BRM calendar** Addendum: Thirsk School have confirmed they would be willing to host the event

Provisional BRM Calendar 2014: With ACP announcing that pre-qualification will once again be applied for PBP2015 we've encouraged organisers of longer (300km+) events to register their events as BRM events wherever possible. Happily it looks like there'll be a good number of BRM events next year and so riders won't be short of suitable pre-qualifying rides

Request of £500 Grant to develop promotional materials for the 2014 Mille Cymru: JH requested a grant of £500 to refresh current website and allied materials (logos, etc.). There was discussion why it was necessary to spend money on promoting events that would likely sell out anyway. JH said this would help promote a more professional image for AUK large events, a view supported by DW. JW asked whether it was better to spend money on individual events or general promotion of AUK into which the branding for larger events could be incorporated. JH felt it was not appropriate for AUK to present a corporate image. The request was agreed. **Prop: JH, Sec: KH.**

Membership (MW): Full report provided as attachment. MW noted we are now at a record strength of 5426 members to which the merger with OCD would add 184 new members. KH noted this for a volunteer led association this compared well with the Triathlon association which has ~15k members but has a far higher national profile. LJ asked about the effects of scale; this does not seem an issue at present.

Treasurer (LJ): The club's financial position remains in a healthy state and therefore I propose that no increases are made to membership or event fees. As proposed at the previous board meeting I will be including in my Agm report the recommendation to abolish the £1.00 extra fee for BRM events.

Monies on loan to LEL 2013 were repaid before the end of the financial year for which I thank that team. The amount of interest for this financial year is low as monies were left available in case called on by LEL. There is still £40k on a 2 year bond which will mature next March and pay interest at that point. I propose to place a further £50k on deposit, a balance of £50K should be in the current account to enable us to continue with free banking. The accounts for this year are attached.

LJ had been investigating the need for statutory audit of AUK accounts and been advised this is only required for organisations with turnover of >£3m. All AUK requires is an independent/external oversight of accounts which is provided by ex-AUK James Tinsley who provides a similar service for other voluntary organisations. This is to confirm the accounts are in good order, monies at bank tally with accounts, etc. JT provides this gratis whereas a Statutory Audit would cost £1~2k. The only issue is that JT is based in Devon and LJ now in Northumberland, which means this is not a long term solution and somebody else may be approached to provide this service in future. RC suggested the Board appoint JT as an honorary auditor, and this was agreed, **Prop: LJ, Sec JH**

Brevet Card Secretary (PP): **Written Report**: Card production is going smoothly no problems to report. Brevet cards are on order for the next season in preparation for the handover to Tony Greenwood I have had a quote from Apogee for transfer of the photocopier to Tony this will be done over two days and will cost 150.00 +vat .

AGM & dinner bookings are still coming in, I have advised the hotel that the board meeting will be on Friday night I need to let them know the start time

Trophies, I have received a provisional list from Francis. I would appreciate early notice of the other awards decided by members and board ASAP so that I can let the winners know and get the trophies engraved. **Report Ends**

The Meeting agreed the pre-AGM board meeting would be moved to Saturday, 9:00am followed by lunch. MW noted members had commented about lack of acknowledgement of bookings for the AGM and Dinner weekend. JW noted the same applies to brevet card orders and was a systems issue.

Addendum : the distributed Agenda indicates an AGM start time of 2pm

Secretary (RP): RP was not attending as he was in hospital following a RTA. The Board wished him a speedy recovery.

Commenting on the Swallow/Minter team arrow, KH noted his unease regarding the decision not to validate the ride. Nobody seemed to doubt the ride has been completed but the issue turned on the interpretation of the rules, and that he felt the way forward was to tighten up on the rules for next year. Beyond that John Radford's decision as organiser was final subject possibly to any final appeal that might be made at the upcoming AGM. The board offered a vote of appreciation of John Radford and wished him a speedy recovery.

Recorder (AT): **Written Report**: Recording of events is up to date. All BRM results have been submitted to ACP and homologation numbers returned. There are three BRM results to submit for this (Audax) year. Enquiries and Claims from 43 members were received and dealt with in the period 1st June to 13th September. Sales of medals and badges have continued with 130 members ordering via the web site in the period 1st June to 13th September. Sales via the web site are now more than £1,200.00. The new free mudguard/ frame

stickers have proved popular, but only three requests for the car stickers have been received. New stock of badges was delivered in the period, including AAA badges ordered for Steve Snook. **Report Ends.**

LEL Report (DW and RC):

DW summarized the event by saying 1000 went, 800 came back, and 3 went to hospital. AUK got its loan back. Good feedback from riders, less so from volunteers. As is the usual way of things, much could have gone wrong but the event passed smoothly. "Business As Usual" for all event organisers.

The main learning point was the central team, some controllers and volunteers were worked far too hard. This is something that needs to be addressed for the next event so as to smooth the load, as he would not be prepared to run LEL2017 under the same conditions. This comes down to proposing some form of part time employment payment for the central team during the organizing phase, honoraria payments to controllers and more paid support during the event especially for the heavy lifting/dirty jobs such as catering and cleaning, leaving the volunteers to support the riders by running registration desks, marshaling, etc. This would be an expansion of practice during LEL2013 when there were some 90 paid workers on the event. This will require the LEL2017 expand in numbers and an increase in entry fees to generate the required additional funding. The feeling was that the event could handle additional numbers as the pinch point was catering, and that could be resolved through more staffing.

SS asked how payments to "volunteers" would be handled as the Honoraria system didn't seem appropriate. LJ noted that all such payments go through a payroll system, tax is paid, etc. SS suggested that when Roger Cortis investigated how 2017 LEL volunteers might be paid without their becoming employees, possibly by contracting out, then AUK could benefit from the advice and cease employing the officials receiving honoraria. MW noted that the entry fees for LEL2017 would cover these costs, RD noted that as long as LEL is a separate company it was an issue for LEL rather than AUK, and such issues should be included in the LEL proposal. IH noted the requirement to have oversight to ensure the event was not run for personal profit. MW queried a £750 insurance cost in the account. This related to a hired vehicle which was damaged whilst parked. LEL insurance declined to cover this and the claim excess was covered by LEL. SG asked why costs for Edinburgh were so high. DW explained that this was a true cost, partly inflated by an unforeseen VAT bill due because food was served by paid staff, and that ultimately it was not that costs for Edinburgh were high but other controls costs were abnormally low, and to some extent this was reflected in the services provided (you get what you pay for). KH noted the surplus was frighteningly small and could easily have been swallowed by any additional unforeseen cost. IH noted that even on PBP running out of food at controls and similar issues is not unknown.

The board offered a vote of thanks to DW and the LEL team as the event had been very successful in promoting AUK internationally.

REGULATIONS REVISION:

A revision to the AUK events regulations and appendices intended for ratification at AGM2013 were reviewed. The intention is to tighten up the numbering and wording and make them more consistent with other materials. The following additional changes to the revisions presented at the meeting were agreed:

App 9.8.1 (iv) Other forms [of proof of passage] may be accepted at the discretion of the organiser, with agreement with AUK, provided they are published in the event literature

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The change reflected a query by PS as to what was meant by "Event Literature". JH intended this should relate to statements regarding Proof of Passage specified when the event was published in the AUK calendar. This clause was dropped because the definition of "Event Literature" was unclear and there was no process for documenting or managing this information.

Apx 9.9.2 Organisers may provide support such as food and rest facilities at controls and route guidance. Riders remain responsible for their own welfare and may stop for food and rest at any place.

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The change allowed that organisers may arrange for food, etc. at locations outside controls.

MW asked about the status of Arrow events. IH explained that they are governed by ACP Fleche Nationale rules as interpreted by AUK (although only the Easter Arrow is an ACP validated event), and that AUK was anomalous in allowing them to count as BR events. Keith Benton would act as caretaker for the Arrow events whilst John Radford was unavailable.

COMPOSITION OF THE AUK BOARD:

IH opened the discussion regarding suggestions from RC that board membership and job functions be separated, i.e., there should not be a direct link between the two. RC expanded on this noting that being a board director was a function in its own right distinct from a job function, and that linking the two was inherently limiting. SS noted that since 1987 the AUK Regulations made clear that all officials are responsible for the overall running of AUK not just a specific function, and that nothing in AUK articles prevents additional members being co-opted to the board without a specific function. DW noted the lack of a CEO function, that board discussions tended to be driven by operational issues rather than strategy, and that nothing seemed to happen between meetings (regarding progressing board-led strategic projects). KH noted the distinction between CEO and Chair role. JW thought there was a role for non-execs and a need to improve electronic communication between meetings but was concerned the board should retain contact with the operation of the organization.

The conclusion was that this was not an issue that could be resolved immediately but that it would be useful to revise – possibly effectively delete - Clause 9 of the Articles which link board membership with specific roles and instead require a minimum of three named director functions (Chair, Secretary and Treasurer). This would provide flexibility for the future. **Prop: JW, Sec:SS, Action – JW to draft a motion for the AGM**

RC also queried the frequency of elections, suggesting a period of 3 years, and that elections should be staggered to allow for continuity. This will be considered with other changes for AGM2014.

Future of AGM / Proxy Voting:

RC asked Board to address the question of Proxy voting as he felt it was important the membership was aware of the Board views. Discussion touched on: the additional admin effort associated with proxy; issues with “open” proxy’s being abused or by groups campaigning for specific issues; the need to set barriers, as personal/online proxy’ were too “easy” whilst postal proxy’ involved some effort. Other barriers might consist of restricting voting to organisers or SRs; that that most members are not long distance cyclists so may want changes which the board do not like; the need for an AUK member website to enable discussion. IH noted that CC has raised a motion for AGM advocating proxy voting.

It was agreed the board will propose a separate motion for AGM2013 to establish the requirement for Proxy Voting with a view to ratification at a later EGM so as if passed Proxy Voting would be operational for AGM2014. **Action: JW to work with RC to prepare and circulate an appropriate motion for submission to AGM2013.**

CC confirmed he would consider whether to continue with his motion regarding proxy voting once the Boards motion was published.

IH noted an alternate approach was not to hold an AGM or else simply book a venue for AGM and allow members to make their own accommodation arrangements. It was noted that many members did that already.

DW noted that other motions coming up for AGM included (1) circulating notices by email and the website, (2) for AUK to have its own forum and (3) for to allow members to review motions prior to closure of submission. There was some discussion as to how this would be managed, costs and timing, and the need of an AUK website/forum to promote review of notices. Motions. IH expressed concerns regarding the legality of circulating notices by electronic communication. Currently about 20% of members have not listed an email address. PS noted that electronic communications might be managed through the AUK Website/forum, the members themselves defining how they would receive alerts regarding notices. It was agreed these issues might be looked at by a future working party.

OCD:

RD reported he had contacted the OCD members regarding the proposed merger with AUK, had received 50 positive responses, 2 suggesting OCD be left to "die in peace" and no negative responses. Accordingly the proposed merger would proceed with OCD having a similar status as the AAA scheme, with an OCD Secretary, a page on the AUK website and handbook, links to the OCD website, etc. SS noted that handling of OCD claims are quite complex and would be difficult to automate.

Action: An AGM motion is required to authorize the merger effective 1st January 2014, RD to propose, SS to second.

HONORARIA REVIEW:

Honoraria payments are offered to Board members as thanks for services. The last review was in 2008 which set the rates to:

- £300 Chair, Secretary, Events Secretary(s), Handbook Secretary, ACP Secretary, Publicity Secretary
- £750 Perms Secretary
- £600 Recorder, Arrivee Editors
- £900 Treasurer

£1200 Systems Manager, Validation Secretary, Brevet Card Secretary

The following changes were agreed:

- Treasurer and Brevet Card Secretary would be awarded £1200
- ACP Correspondant would receive expenses only
- Recorder would be awarded £300
- Perms Secretary would be awarded £900
- Press Secretary would be awarded £600

AWARD MOMINATIONS:

The board reviewed nominations for the discretionary Merit awards (Organiser, Volunteer, Services to AUK, Male and Female Rider) and selected those to receive the awards.

AOB:

LEL: KH noted that for LEL, 27 riders had a completion time between 116hrs and the cut off time of 116hrs 40mins, and all except 4 brevets had been processed. 1 rider finished +26min but reported 3 punctures on the last stage. It was agreed this brevet would be validated. The remainder were riders who had missed the Easton Control which allowed for a possible shortcut of 21km. It was agreed these Brevets would not be validated.

Distance medal costs: KH confirmed the cost of distance badges charged to organisers should be decreased from £1.75 to £1.50 because of postage costs. The organiser's return form will need to be updated to reflect this.

Processing of payments for Awards medals and badges through the Recorder website: LJ noted a problem with obtaining payment for badges sold by the Recorder, as AT had set up a second AUK account associated with the website used to sell badges. This was against PayPal rules and there were problems getting the monies from PayPal. It was further confirmed the price of Award medals to riders was £2ea including postage (AT had been charging additional postage per medal, which was not what was intended).

Write down of old LEL Medals: KH reported there was a stock of old LEL medals which were listed on the Recorders badge website at £8ea, however as LEL now provides a bespoke event medal they were not selling and it was agreed to write off the stock held.

Cheques: LJ asked all to use paying in books and not send her cheques as she no longer has a local Lloyds Bank branch.

Date of next meeting, 9am on morning of AGM

Close of Meeting: 4:05pm

Membership Secretary's Report September 2013 – Mike Wigley

There were 5426 members as of 05/09/2013, with 869 enrolments (or previously lapsed members returning) during 2013. As a point of reference, I reported to the 2012 AGM that we had 4828 AUKs as at 28/09/2012.

	Expiry Date		Commuted	
Main Members	Dec 2013	3100	3100 x 1 =	3100 years
	Dec 2014	362	362 x 2 =	724 years
	Dec 2015	291	291 x 3 =	873 years
	Dec 2016	291	291 x 4 =	1164 years
	Dec 2017	398	398 x 5 =	1990 years
	Dec 2018	16	16 x 6 =	96 years
	Total	4458		7947 years
Household Members	Dec 2013	388	388 x 1 =	388 years
	Dec 2014	33	33 x 2 =	66 years
	Dec 2015	35	35 x 3 =	105 years
	Dec 2016	38	38 x 4 =	152 years
	Dec 2017	41	41 x 5 =	205 years
	Dec 2018	2	2 x 6 =	12 years
	Total	537		928 years
Life Members	Free	431		431
Total				5426

male/female ratio			
male:	4701	86.6%	13 in 15
female:	725	13.4%	2 in 15
	5426		

Age profile		
0 – 24	108	2.0%
25 – 34	290	5.3%
35 - 44	867	16.0%
45 - 54	1678	30.9%
55 - 64	1140	21.0%
65 - 74	818	15.1%
75 +	399	7.4%
unknown	126	2.3%
	5426	

5 digit membership numbers

Peter's extension of the membership numbers seems to work well, and is much appreciated as we were about to run out of 4 digit numbers. This will allow us to include the new OCD members (it will be interesting to see how much overlap there is between OCD and AUK memberships). LEL has undoubtedly created a lot of interest in long distance cycling, and I hope we can retain this interest as we approach PBP 2015. And let's hope ACP can cope!

Arrivée

The last two edition seems to have gone out without too much difficulty, with just the usual number (a couple of dozen) either lost in the post or AUKs moving without a forwarding address. The latest edition included the car sticker as a free insert.

Renewals

I'll be setting up the Renewals notices for 2014 shortly. This has traditionally gone out with the November Arrivee but the intention is to have a separate mailing for AGM documents and to send the Renewals notices with this. Both delegates (Peter Gawthorne and Findlay Watt) are keen to continue.

Lloyds and TSB split

It would appear that both the Lloyds TSB branches AUK and I use are to remain as Lloyds branches, which is extremely convenient. Similarly my delegates Ian Hobbs and Peter Gawthorne will not be affected by the split, although the nearest branch of Lloyds for Findlay Watt isn't even in the same country, so I'll need to consider how to handle his renewal cheques. He'll probably just pop them in the post to either the Treasurer or me, what could possibly go wrong?

Clubs list

As we have an item on the agenda regarding Affiliated Clubs I thought I would explain our handling of Clubs and CTC Member Groups (as I understand it).

We hold a list of Affiliated Clubs on the Membership database, additions to which are made by request, normally to the Membership Secretary. These appear in the drop-down lists for Clubs and CTC Member Groups on the website. There is no deletion facility, but we can mark obsolete clubs "not-to-be-displayed". I occasionally review the lists and delete (or, more accurately, hide) any obvious duplications. Recent deletions are Wills Wheels RC (while retaining Wills Wheels CC) and NorfolkGood (but not NorfolkGood Audax).

Some Affiliated Clubs don't have any AUKs currently claiming affiliation. However it's worth keeping them available on the drop-down lists for selection by non-members, as well as for future selection by AUKs, unless the club has become obsolete. I'm not aware of any limit on the number of clubs we can hold.

No verification of any Affiliated Clubs is carried out, and we include clubs such as Dave CC, Black Sheep CC, YACF, NorfolkGood etc which some may question as being "true" clubs. In addition no verification is made of any claim to membership of such Affiliated Clubs and we certainly don't hold membership numbers (although I think we used to ask for this on older paper entry forms).

Members can select one Club and one CTC Member Group from the drop-down lists. They do this on the MyDetails page of the website, or by notification to the Membership Secretary. Non-members can also optionally include Clubs and CTC Groups on entry forms.

Clubs and CTC Groups are displayed on Event Start Lists and Event Results Lists and these may also be displayed on brevet cards, should the Organiser wish to. Note that it is very rare that any changes made by hand to the brevet card will be picked up by the Organiser and notified to the Membership Secretary.

We use the Affiliated Clubs data to allocate points for the Club and CTC Groups online results lists. There are trophies for the Club and CTC riders whose top 6 riders amass the most points in a season, this "top 6" rule being an attempt to level out the discrepancy between club sizes. There is no requirement for 50% of points to come from Calendar events, unlike the main Championships.

Note that occasionally someone might nominate the same organisation as both a Club and a CTC Member Group, resulting in the rider's scores being counted double. I check for this towards the end of the season and make appropriate corrections. (I've just checked and there are no such abuses currently.)

CTC Group names have changed almost beyond recognition in recent years and we hold a lot of obsolete CTC DA names on the lists (such as Manchester DA). However a wholesale change to new names is problematic;

it's a big job, it's contentious, and in most cases there isn't a simple new-for-old name change (in the above example, it could be to Manchester & District CTC, Bury CTC, West Manchester CTC, South Manchester CTC, Peak Audax etc). It's probably better to leave it to individuals to decide which Group they identify with, and for Secretaries keen to pursue a team award to encourage their members to nominate a particular Group.

One way of handling this confusion with CTC Member Groups is to treat apparent duplications as sub-groups of a parent group – the listing for Peak Audax CTC also includes the effective synonyms of Manchester DA and Manchester & District CTC.

In addition to internal AUK use, the Affiliated Clubs data is also invaluable to the running of the CTC's Tourist Competition (formerly DATC). AUK provides the vast majority of qualifying events in the Tourist Competition, and in the past Organisers have simply submitted copies of the AUK results sheets to the sadly missed Bob Kynaston. Now under new management, there is encouragement for AUK Organisers to include CTC Membership numbers. I've been in discussion with CTC to say that a firm insistence on Membership Numbers is likely to result in the withdrawal of most of their AUK events. They would certainly lose the 30 or so Peak Audax events.

We also hold data for use by ACP (although I'm not at all sure what they use it for or how we communicate it to them). AUKs select one of the Club/CTC Member Group pair as their ACP club (or accept the default choice).

We appear to have been allocated a 'slot' of ACP numbers from 012001 to 012999 a long time ago. The list currently goes up to 012993, so we might only be able to add a 6 further clubs list before some sort of apocalypse occurs! There are gaps in the list so we could in-fill but I don't know what the implications are with this. There is often pressure to add new clubs in the 18 months before PBP.

We encourage event Organisers to run their events under the auspices of an Affiliated Club; these are also selected from the drop-down lists. I believe the rationale here is to give some reassurance (perhaps to Insurers, to riders or just the AUK board) that Calendar events have the backing of more than just one enthusiastic individual. It is up to the Affiliated Club to decide whether they require their Organisers to keep detailed financial accounts and how to treat any funds generated (or lost!).

We have trophies for the Club and CTC Member Group with the most riders on their events that season.

Note that most changes to the Affiliated Clubs list are effective immediately, but the Clubs and CTC Groups lists are refreshed overnight.

Some points of contention regarding Affiliated Clubs might be:

- Should we authenticate the clubs list? *I doubt we have the means or enthusiasm for this.*
- Should we hold membership numbers, and authenticate current membership status? *I would doubt we have the enthusiasm to hold data solely for the benefit of outside interests. I prefer to treat Audax points as something to be bestowed by AUKs to the Affiliated Clubs of their choice, irrespective of their status within that Club.*
- Should we maintain the 6-rider rule for Club and CTC team awards? *The current system seems to be understandable and easy to implement.*
- Should we have a moratorium on changing nominated Clubs and CTC Groups? *Before broadband we used to discourage changes to club nominations after March but we now allow changes, either online or via the Membership Secretary, at any point in the season. Although this is open to abuse by trophy-bagging club*

secretaries signing up high scoring AUKs late in the season, there has been little evidence of such activities and we can consider reinstating a “transfer window” should we ever receive a complaint.

- *Should we include Clubs and CTC Member Groups on brevet cards? I can see little purpose for this other than to remind riders of their nominations. We did in fact drop this some years ago, only to reinstate it after receiving a complaint from AUK and CTC Councillor Jim Brown who claimed it was useful for Organisers of DATC events, so it is the hands of Organiser to fill in such data from entry forms (paper or online).*
- Should we request a further slot of ACP club numbers?