



MINUTES FOR THE AUK BOARD MEETING  
HELD via TELECONFERENCE  
on 16 March 2020 STARTING AT 20.00.

**PRESENT:**

Chris Crossland (“CC”) (Chairman)  
John Sabine (“JS”)  
Graeme Provan (“GP”)  
Caroline Fenton (CF”)  
Ian Hennessey (“IH”)  
Martin Stefan (“MS”)  
Daniel Smith (“DS”)  
Rob McIvor (“RM”)  
John Ward (“JW”)  
Nigel Armstrong (“NA”)

**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**

**3.1 Prime Minister’s latest statement on COVID-19 Pandemic**

CC noted the PM’s latest statement.

MS referred the meeting to his draft report and, in particular, the sections on infection control and the use of healthcare resources. The Government’s latest announcements relate to infection control.

Healthcare resources will be stretched and AUK cannot risk validating or, in effect, sanctioning any events at present.

IH wondered if we could set a time limit to give organisers some certainty.

IH also suggested the cancellation of this year's points championships in light of the statement.

JW reported that he had already received a number of enquiries about replacing calendar events with DIY or group DIY events. He was therefore of the view that all events should be suspended and supported the suggestion that the points championships should be cancelled for the current season. JW can deal with permanent rides based on the date ridden.

CC suggested that specific policies should be agreed regarding RRTY and Mileater.

It was agreed that they should be suspended immediately. Mileater would be resumed when AUK re-activated its validation of events. The clock would stop for RRTY at the end of February and resume on re-activation with the intervening months ignored for the RRTY award. Riders who had already ridden their March RRTY ride(s) would be able to count those.

It was resolved to suspend the validation and support of all AUK activities from midnight on the 16<sup>th</sup> March 2020. RM was asked to draft an announcement to be placed on the AUK forum immediately and added to the website.

It was noted that there would be financial implications. NA agreed to look at possible outcomes.

It was further noted that there would be issues with refunds to event entrants and it was agreed that AUK would look at helping individual organisers on a case by case basis.

IH will ask Francis and Kevin to disable all entries on the website.

IH will draft an email to be circulated to organisers to notify them of the suspension and alerting them to further information to follow.

CF will liaise with CC and RM in respect of sending emails to individual members.

It was agreed to defer further discussion to a teleconference to be held at 8.00pm on the following day to allow RM and CC to agree and circulate an appropriate notice before midnight.

#### 4. Closure

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

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