



MINUTES FOR THE AUK BOARD MEETING
HELD via TELECONFERENCE
on 2 June 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”)

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 COVID 19 Review

CC referred members to the notes on the legislation and guidance across the different parts of the UK.

JW believed the first issue was to establish whether AUK should re-commence on a UK-wide or multi-national basis.

It was noted that despite the obvious unfairness of being able to enter validated events in some parts of the country when we are a national organisation, there was no particular reason why events could not be restricted this way. It was further noted that it was possible that regional or even local lockdowns could take place in future. Whatever path it followed, AUK and its organisers would need to be prepared to be flexible after re-commencement.

It was agreed that whilst the overriding preference was to re-commence across the whole of the UK at the same time, it may be necessary to adapt this approach either before or after re-commencement.

MS believes that there is very little in the current guidance for England that would prevent shorter DIY or Permanent events being held shortly. JW noted that it may, in fact, be possible to run shorter DIY events in other parts of the UK but subject to applicable local restrictions.

MS stated that calendar events would be impossible to run until the various restrictions on gatherings were removed.

It was agreed that, dependent on the legislation and guidance applying at the time, AUK would be willing to permit different types and different durations of events to re-commence.

The role of AUK in monitoring the restrictions applying to individual events was discussed in detail. It was concluded that when the legislation and guidance permitted safe and responsible re-commencement of some or all events, that was the basis on which the decision should be reached. It was neither practicable nor desirable to impose detailed conditions or assessments on organisers or riders on an event by event basis.

It was agreed that organisers should have unfettered discretion to decide if an event permitted by AUK should take place.

IH and JW reported that they had been working with Francis Cooke and believed that they could now switch individual events on or off on the system as necessary. At present all events that had not been cancelled were suspended on the system.

JS referred to the British Cycling timetable for review and noted that the earliest possible date for running club events in England, Wales and Scotland was the 4th of July with sportives and non-competitive events not to run before 1st August. CC noted that the Cycling UK guidance had been updated today but that the British Cycling advice had not altered since the announcement of 27th May.

CC noted that there were practical considerations to re-commencing events and that some notice would be required even prior to running DIY or Permanent events.

It was agreed that the suspension would be reviewed fortnightly with no events to take place until at least the 1st of July. At least 2 weeks' notice would be given of re-commencement.

MS enquired about points and Championships. All points championships have been cancelled for the season. It was impossible to reach a decision today on points and RRTY. That decision would depend on what events re-commenced and where and would be taken at the same time as the decision to re-commence.

Action Point – RM was asked to draft an update to members which would be circulated by email and published on the AUK forum and website.

Action Point – JW was asked to begin initial consultation with DIY Organisers and Permanent Organisers about their willingness/ability to re-commence events.

The next meeting will take place on the 16th June at 8pm.

4. Closure

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

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