



MINUTES FOR THE AUK BOARD MEETING HELD
ONLINE ON 09 MAY 2024 STARTING AT 1900.

PRESENT:

Andy Cox (**AC**) (Chair)
Caroline Fenton (**CF**)
Ian Hennessey (**IH**)
Grant Huggins (**GH**)
John Ward (**JW**)
Darrell Whittle (**DW**)
Andy Yates (**AYa**)

IN ATTENDANCE:

Dave Allison (**DA**) – part

APOLOGIES:

Nigel Armstrong (**NA**)
Paul Renshaw (**PR**)
Anne Young (**AYo**)

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. Minutes of previous meetings

3.a Minutes of April 24 meeting

The minutes of the April 24 meeting (11/4/24) were approved.

4. Actions arising from minutes of previous meetings

Refer to Action Tracker.

Business

5. IT Systems

5.a Audax.uk progress.

Dave A (Web Content Delegate) joined the meeting.

AC has located a possible external company who could provide DevOps support for AUK. The company has offered to undertake a pre-sales review and it was agreed that an initial exploratory meeting should be undertaken.

DA noted that progress with being made with the additional AUK member volunteers. Anonymised data is prepared and cleaning up of the source code repository is underway.

Actions:

- **AC/CF/DA** to arrange initial exploratory meeting with possible external DevOps company.

6. Validations

GH reported on a useful discussion he had held with Cathy B (Validations Secretary). Cathy B would appreciate some assistance with the validations role and processes. At present, the Recorder (GH) can act as a backup to Validations but it was agreed that additional resilience would be beneficial.

It was agreed that we should seek expressions of interest from members who would be willing to act as Assistant Validations Secretary to support Cathy B. Potentially, the validations role could be aligned with the regional events team, although maybe start with a north/south split. It was noted that care needs to be taken that avoid divergence.

A discussion was held regarding whether to only use Stripe for organiser fees for validations (and switch off the PayPal option). A couple of issues with the 'Pay Us' feature on audax.uk should be ironed out before PayPal is discontinued (linking of registration fees payment, and removing scroll buttons on Stripe payment field).

Cathy B has suggested that validation stamps could potentially be used in place of validation stickers (and thus saving on postage). **DW** to investigate costs of providing stamps to organisers.

At present there is an arbitrary limit of 300 km BR events requiring secondary validation by Cathy B. It was agreed that, at Cathy's discretion, trusted organisers (and not on probation) should be given the ability to self-validate their events of 300 km or above.

It was unclear what information ACP required for validating the Easter Arrows, and who is responsible. **IH** to ask ACP what information they require.

Cathy B should be provided with access to the Events Planner. **AYa / IH** to facilitate access to the Event Planner.

AYa to invite Cathy B to October 24 Board Meeting.

GH noted that additional blank brevet cards are about to be ordered. It was confirmed that no artwork, graphics or colour changes were required.

Actions:

- **AYa** to request expressions of interest for Assistant Validations Secretary via his column in Arrivée.
- **AC/GH** to seek expressions of interest for Assistant Validations Secretary on the Organiser's FB group.
- **GH/CF** to review audax.uk Stripe payment process for organiser event registrations payment so that PayPal can be discontinued.
- **DW** to investigate costs of providing validation stamps to organisers.
- **GH** to advise Cathy B of agreed change to organisers self-validation limits.
- **IH** to ask ACP what information they require for validation of Easter Arrows.
- **AYa / IH** to facilitate Cathy B access to the Event Planner.
- **AYa** to invite Cathy B to October 24 Board Meeting.

7. Any other business

IH presented a proposed revised wording for the home page introduction to Audax UK on the website so as to state more specifically what AUK events are about, to differentiate them from other cycling events, and to encourage a better understanding of the ethos of AUK. It was agreed to adopt the revised wording.

It was noted that ACP have changed their year for their SR award to be a calendar year, but not amended the deadline for requiring BRM events to be registered by. **IH/AYa** to review if this change impacts AUK.

Actions:

- **IH/CF** to update website homepage with revised wording.
- **IH/AYa** to review if this change impacts AUK.

Closure

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