



MINUTES FOR THE AUK BOARD MEETING HELD
ONLINE ON 14 NOVEMBER 2024 STARTING AT 1900.

PRESENT:

Andy Cox (**AC**) (Chair)
Caroline Fenton (**CF**)
Ian Hennessey (**IH**)
Grant Huggins (**GH**)
John Ward (**JW**)
Andy Yates (**AYa**)
Anne Young (**AYo**)

APOLOGIES:

Nigel Armstrong (**NA**)
Paul Renshaw (**PR**)
Darrell Whittle (**DW**)

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 September 24 meeting

The minutes of the September 24 meeting (5/9/24) were approved.

3.b Review of notes from Oct 24 meeting

It was agreed that the Oct 24 meeting would not constitute a formal Board Meeting, however the notes taken would be circulated to the Board.

Actions:

- **AYa** to compile and circulate notes from Oct 24 meeting.

4. Actions arising from minutes of previous meetings

Refer to Action Tracker.

Business

5. Event entry terms

AYa reported that an organiser had requested a review of the event entry terms following an incident on one of their events so as to clarify that an organiser has the right to refuse entry to their event if they so wish.

It was noted that an organiser already 'owns' their event and so do have the right to refuse entry. However, it was noted that refusal of an entry should only be for a good reason and that this should be reported to AUK.

It was agreed that additional wording should be added to the event entry terms to clarify the position, and wording also provided in the Organisers Handbook.

Actions:

- **AYa** to propose updated wording of event entry terms and conditions, and wording for the Organisers Handbook.

6. AGM preparation and resolutions

AYa presented his paper regarding preparation for the 2023-24 AGM to be held in February 2025. The Board agreed with **AYa's** proposal to use Mi-Voice for the online voting.

The Board discussed a proposed amendment (following an updated of ACP's BRM Regulations) to the AUK Event Regulations to clarify requirements. It was agreed, subject to ratification at the AGM, that Event Regulation appendix 7.3.1 be amended, and Event Regulation appendix 7.4.3 be added, as follows:

7.3.1 Acceptable proof of passage requires independent evidence of time, date and control location. Acceptable forms include:

- (a) A timed signature of a controller designated by the event organiser*
- (b) A stamp, sticker or other distinct mark provided by the event organiser or a controller*
- (c) A printed receipt, with time, date and control location e.g. from a cash register or ATM*

- (d) A digital record of time, date and location using a method designated by the event organiser, e.g. e-brevet.*
- (e) Other forms may be designated by the organiser, provided they are acceptable to AUK.*

Where a rider is unable to obtain proof of passage, an alternative form may be accepted at the organiser's discretion.

7.4.3 Timings for intermediate controls are advisory only.

7. Website Umbraco upgrade

AC reported that a quotation had been received to upgrade the audax.uk website to the latest version of Umbraco. This involves going through a number of upgrades as the website is currently a few versions behind the latest version. The work is required before the version currently used by AUK becomes unsupported.

It was agreed to proceed but that regular updates on progress should be provided to ensure that the work is completed in a timely manner.

8. 4 Nations SR

AC reported that discussions with Audax Ireland were continuing however it had become clear that AUK and Audax Ireland needed to prepare and clarify the rules of the proposed award.

Actions:

- **GH** to discuss with Audax Ireland and draft a proposal for the award's requirements.

9. Any other business

9.a Finances

It was agreed to temporarily remove the new member supplement.

9.b 2023-24 Season End

GH noted that the season end processes were awaiting Francis Cooke but he would liaise with Francis to assist in managing the process.

Closure

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