



MINUTES FOR THE AUK BOARD MEETING HELD ON
17 JANUARY 2026, AT THE PRIORY ROOMS, BULL STREET,
BIRMINGHAM, B4 6AF, STARTING AT 0930.

Approved

PRESENT:

Nigel Armstrong (**NA**)
Andy Cox (**AC**) – Chair
Caroline Fenton (**CF**)
Grant Huggins (**GH**)
Ian Hennessey (**IH**)
Arabella Maude (**AM**)
John Ward (**JW**)
Andy Yates (**AYa**)
Anne Young (**AYo**)

APOLOGIES:

Paul Renshaw (**PR**)

ATTENDEES:

Liam FitzPatrick (**LF**)

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 18 December 2025 meeting

The minutes of the 18 December 2025 meeting were approved.

4. Actions arising from minutes of previous meetings

Refer to Action Tracker.

5. Finance

5.a Finance Director Report

NA advised that he was having discussions with a member regarding providing additional support to AUK as a Finance Delegate. The individual would look after the accounts@ mailbox and would undertake book-keeping, with NA remaining as approving payments etc.

5.b Approval of 2024-25 Annual Accounts

The 2024-25 Annual Accounts were approved by the Board. These will be included in the Annual Report for the AGM and approval by the members.

5.c 50th Anniversary Membership Bonus

It was agreed that an additional year's membership will be given to all members as part of the 50th anniversary. This will be announced in the March edition of Arrivé and implemented in October 2026 when renewals start.

Actions:

- LF to include a note within March's Arrivé
- CF to action when renewals start in October 2026.

6. AGM Preparation

6.a Board's view of resolutions

The Board reviewed and agreed with the proposed wording of the Board's view for Resolutions 15 and 16.

The Board discussed the multi-day BP AGM resolution proposed by a member (Resolution 17). A range of views were expressed but the Board's view was against the resolution, predominantly due to multi-day BPs already being feasible within the existing regulations, and the proposed resolution being administratively complex.

Actions:

- **AYa** to prepare draft wording of Board's view of Resolution 17 and circulate for comment prior to including within the Annual Report.

6.b AGM setup, voting and returning officer

AYa advised that the online voting system was almost ready to go live. The Annual Report has been completed and the final items would be completed to open the voting on 27/1/26.

It was agreed that **JW** would act as returning officer at the AGM.

AYa would set up a short online meeting to run through the AGM.

6.c Merit awards

The Board discussed the various nominations which had been received for Merit Awards. It was agreed who the various recipients would be and these would be included within the Annual Report, and advised to the Awards Secretary.

7. Strategy discussion

A discussion was held regarding the broad strategic themes for AUK over the next few years. The key points from this discussion were to aim to:

- Improve consistency
- Improve communications with organisers
- Support the development of existing and new organisers

8. Comms strategy

LF presented some initial thoughts on AUK comms strategy. This included looking at communications priorities, coordinating messaging, and how the various communications channels can work together to support the development of AUK.

The presentation was well received by the Board and it was agreed to continue pursuing the strategy.

9. Membership Secretary

CF advised that the new version of the website was in development and requested that everyone review and comment on the development version prior to it being made live.

CF noted that any future updates and versions of the website would need to be done by external parties.

CF noted that 1822 responses to the membership survey had been completed. It was proposed to use the services of a member who had volunteered to assist with reviewing and analysing the results.

Actions:

- **All** to review and comment on new website.

10. Chair

AC advised that some comments had been received from a LEL 2026 volunteer helper regarding improvements to food hygiene. Danial Webb is reviewing the comments and will produce some recommendations which will be shared with AUK. These are likely to be relevant to other calendar events and not just LEL, and guidance should be added to the Organisers Handbook.

11. Calendar Events Secretary

IH noted that a 4 Nations SR medal had been produced by Audax Ireland.

IH provided an updated from the recent ACP meeting. A revised route for PBP has been developed for the 2027 edition.

12. Permanent Events Secretary

JW advised that he has carried out a general tidy up of BP and BR perms. He is also happy to take over the End to End perm.

JW noted that whilst he is stepping down from the Board at the AGM, he is willing to continue as a delegate for perms until a suitable replacement can be found.

13. Events Services

GH noted that his delegates are working well. Graham Brodie (Mileater Secretary) has all of the historic information from his predecessor and is sorting through it.

14. General Secretary

AYa reminded the Board that the government has brought in ID verification for directors. This is required by all Directors and is needed for filings to be made to Companies House. The AUK annual confirmation statement is due in September 2026, and all Directors must have completed their ID verification beforehand.

AYa presented an updated version of the Delegate and Organisers Code of Conduct. This included a minor update following feedback from an organiser. The updated Code was approved.

AYa noted that with his stepping down as General Secretary at the AGM, he was willing to continue monitoring AUK's email setup and the forum, but noted that the Board should undertake a review of the IT systems, decide which to keep etc, and should look to arrange for an IT Manager to look after these systems.

Actions:

- **AYa** to arrange for the revised Code of Conduct to be published.

15. Any other business

15.a Director Nominations

It was noted that there are a number of Board vacancies and if anyone were aware of members who may be willing and suitable to join the Board should be encouraged to do so.

Closure

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