



# AUDAX UK

The long-distance cyclists' association

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## Annual report 2018-19

### Introduction

Audax UK is the long distance cycling association for the UK, and is the regulating body for cycling events held under the rules developed by Audax Club Parisien and developed further by Audax UK itself. It is at the same time a membership club for cyclists enthused by the concept of long distance cycling.

Audax UK is a company limited by guarantee under UK company law, governed by a Board of Directors elected by and from the membership at the Annual General Meeting. The Board reports back to the membership at the AGM, and this is their report for 2018-19. This period corresponds to AUK's financial year which ran from 1 September 2018 – 31 August 2019, although some officer reports refer to activities and figures relating to the UK Randonneur season which runs from October to September,

#### During the year the Board has:

- having compiled and submitted the National Governing Body pre-application for National Governing Body status covering Randonneur cycling, to consolidate and protect our current position, responded to Sport England's request to provide further supporting information;
- implemented the use in our events of new computer software developed by an AUK member, to determine altitude gain and related AAA questions;
- continued to use the AUK Strategy for up to 2020 (available to view on the website) as an integral part of its business, while setting aside time to consider if any late term changes in the strategy would be required. It was agreed that no material changes would be necessary and noted that the remaining work to do, including the IT Refresh, overhaul of the regulations and the NGB application, were still in progress. We identified a need to consider a new strategy for 2021 onwards;
- continued the essential, on-going background work of guiding organisers and members on the regulations and acting as adjudicator on disputes;
- continued to review the levels of honoraria paid to directors and delegates to try and ensure that the system operates fairly, both to the delegates and directors receiving recognition of their work and in the interests of Audax UK itself;
- progressed the IT Refresh project through Phase 1 of its implementation and laid the financial and logistical groundwork for Phase 2 (Membership) and Phase 3 (Events);
- liaised with the organisers of London-Edinburgh-London regarding the 2021 event; and
- worked to develop newly structured regulations, as promised in last year's report. These are to be presented at the AGM for member approval.

### Governance and People

There have plenty of comings and goings, including on the way out:

- Martin Foley, who stepped down as Calendar Events Secretary because of pressures of work;
- Lucy McTaggart, who stepped down as Events Delegate for Midlands & East of England; and

- Richard Jennings, who stepped down from the position of IT Refresh manager, having guided our website development through Phase 1 of the upgrade.

Our thanks go to all of them for making their contributions, with best wishes for the future. If I've missed anybody out, please let me know and I will mention you next year.

### **We welcomed on the way in:**

- Kevin Lake, who took on the role of IT Refresh Manager and later agreed to add responsibility for aukweb to his portfolio;
- Dave Allison who joined us as Web Content Manager;
- Martin Stefan, who was appointed Non-Executive Director;
- Ian Hennessey, who was appointed to the Director position of Calendar Events Secretary; and
- Grant Huggins, who became Events Delegate for Midlands & East of England.

On the member side, we are sorry to report the passing of AUK members of some distinction, particularly:

- Mick Latimer, the first elected AUK Chairman, and a current AUK Vice President, who passed away in his adopted home of Tasmania. In recognition of his role in the development of Audax UK, a donation was made to the Australian STROKE FOUNDATION, the family's chosen charity;
- Liz Creese, whose Audax experience exceeded that of most of her contemporaries and whose achievements were an inspiration to many; and
- David Pountney, whose riding career was wide and varied, and whose event organising married challenge and achievement with the best landscapes on offer.

### **Aukweb**

Francis Cooke has continued his long association with our current website and administration system, aukweb, ably assisted by Terry Kay. Between them they have kept aukweb going while also enhancing and improving it. Kevin Lake may now have responsibility for aukweb, reporting to the Board, but it is Francis and Terry who do the work. Our attempts to find members willing to assist them have proved fruitless. Any volunteers would be appreciated.

### **IT Refresh**

We reported last year on the cost overruns associated with Phase 1 of the IT Refresh and our decision to raise subscriptions, fees to organisers, and other fees and charges. This was not a decision easily taken and implementation was not easy either, resulting in a lot of work.

A Board meeting at the end of August 2018 had agreed to raise membership subscriptions and seek to increase charges to event organisers for AUK event services. The increases introduced and proposed had been held or even reduced since the previous last increases and were below the various prevailing rates of inflation.

Development continued in 2018-19, with the cost of Phase 1 being considerably above the original estimate. In October 2018, the Board agreed that development on Phase 2 would not start until Phase 1 had reached a satisfactory state, which would probably delay it until 2019.

Effectively this would push Phase 3 into the financial year 2019-20 and potentially affordable territory. That has, indeed, happened.

## Financial

The accounting function within Audax UK is now firmly established.

- The accounts continue to be produced using professional accountancy software (Sage On-Line)
- The accounts continue to be produced by a book-keeper on a paid for basis.
- The Finance Director role continues to be more involved in strategic financial development of the organisation with an overseeing and reviewing role for the accounting function.

It is likely that the cost of the outsourced book-keeping will rise when the current Finance Director chooses to retire from the company that currently employs him.

In considering the effects of the IT Refresh on the company's financial situation, the Finance Director has provided the Board with detailed forecasts for different scenarios, enabling decisions to be taken on as sound a basis as possible. We were agreed that the increases implemented would be sufficient for our needs, even assuming that membership renewals, new memberships, and other income instances would fall by 5%. These anticipated falls did not happen. Membership continues to rise, with renewals higher than last year and new memberships also higher.

## More to come in 2019-20

- 1 We hope to move the IT Refresh project towards completion of Phases 2 & 3, although would not be surprised to see Phase 3 continuing into 2021.
- 2 We still hope to be able to progress our pre-application for National Governing Body Status for randonneur cycling to the full application stage.
- 3 We hope to make a start on a new Board strategy for 2021-2026, a mainstay of which is likely to be the move towards employing paid staff in order to ease the volunteer workload.

## Acknowledgements

Many people contribute to the work and success of Audax UK; the delegates who manage membership, validation, calendar events, DIY events, event services, and all the other back office functions; the organisers and all the support teams who make the events possible and enjoyable and the IT teams that are supporting our current systems and managing the move to the new.

All our volunteers are vital to AUK's operations, and it would be easy to take their efforts behind the scenes for granted. We are fortunate to have them, and their continuing dedication and hard work deserve our thanks.

### Chris Crossland

Chair, on behalf of the AUK Board

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## Membership Secretary's Report 2018-19

Membership at 31 December 2019 stood at 8,697. This is an increase of around 360 compared with the same point in 2018, so the membership increase seen in previous years has continued.

### The headline numbers are:

- 6,885 Individual members (not households)
- 1,812 Household members in 899 households (most households are only two people)
- 1,314 of our members qualify for life membership – approx. 50% subscribe to Arrivé
- 199 members live overseas
- Approximately one in six members are female – but they do have a lower average age (50) than the men (55) – note that this statistic is the same as last year.

Renewals were launched in October and we have used a different mass mailing system than in previous years which has significantly reduced the cost. This year there was a strong incentive for anyone wanting to keep a guaranteed LEL 2021 place to renew before Dec 31st.

During 2019 we introduced payment by direct debit. The fees for this are much lower than for PayPal and it also much easier for us to manage than the standing orders we used to offer. It has proved popular with both existing and new members and at the end of the year we had just over 800 people signed up.

At the end of 2019 we asked life members who did not subscribe to Arrivé and were not active riders or organisers to confirm their interest in remaining a life member. Although a simple reply by email, text or letter was sufficient, many have written much more and I have received some great memories of Audax UK membership.

We also trialed a promotion whereby non-members who enter a ride and then decide to join could have their entry supplement refunded if they paid by direct debit. Many organisers were pleased to have something they could hand out to promote membership, so we will follow up on this in 2020.

We started work on the new membership system development, so a considerable amount of time was spent working on the requirements, discussing this with the supplier and then doing some initial testing. This work will continue in 2020.

The team of membership delegates – Peter Davis, Mike Wigley, Howard Knight, Findlay Watt and Peter Gawthorne – have continued to provide invaluable support. Many thanks to them all.

**Caroline Fenton**

Membership Secretary

## Permanent Events Annual Report 2018-19

While there was a significant (26%) increase in the number of Permanent Validations between the 2015-16 and 2016-17 seasons, the number of Permanent Event validations for the 2017-18 season did not see this growth continue and, overall, there was a slight drop in the number of Permanent Events ridden. In the past year there has been a slight increase in the total number of Permanent Events, with 6,288 validations for the 2017-18 Season bringing the total back closer to the 2016-17 level.

There has been a slight increase in the proportion DIY Events (76%) compared with all Permanent Events ridden, which reflects the trend of the past few years, and the total number of DIY Events has increased by 13% compared with last year. Validations for fixed route Permanent Events has continued to drop, bringing the total back down to about the number being validated 10 years ago when DIY events were just beginning. The number of Extended Calendar Events validated has very slightly decreased since last year.

### The summary Permanent Event numbers for 2018-19 are:

<b>Fixed Route Events</b>	1109	17% decrease on 2017-18
<b>DIY Events</b>	4810	13% increase on 2017-18
<b>ECE Events</b>	393	6% decrease on 2017-18
<b>TOTAL</b>	6312	5% increase on 2017-18

- 6,601 Permanent Events results, including AAA points awarded to DIY events, have been recorded for 2018-19.
- 1,013 AUK members completed one or more Permanent Events during the 2018-19 season
- 122 Permanent Events were completed by non-AUK members

### Events completed for the 2018-19 Season compared with previous years:

Season	All Perms	Fixed route	DIY	ECE
2007-08	1790	1100	690	–
2008-09	2160	1280	880	–
2009-10	2300	1215	1010	75
2010-11	2430	1200	1160	70
2011-12	2800	1305	1385	110
2012-13	3900	1683	2080	137
2013-14	3920	1442	2320	158
2014-15	4090	1474	2460	156
2015-16	5067	1764	3108	195
2016-17	6373	1724	4247	402
2017-18	5996	1335	4241	420
2018-19	6312	1109	4810	393

83% of Permanent Events ridden were BR Events, and 17% were BP Events, which continues the slight increase in the proportion of BR Events in recent years.

There has been little change in the spread of event total distances for BR distance Events – numbers adjusted to incorporate ECEs to give total combined event distance

(Percentage of BR Events total in brackets):

Season	200km	300km	400/500km	600km	700 to 900km	1000+km
2012-13	2176 (85%)	200 (8%)	77 (4%)	59 (2%)	1	11
2013-14	2102 (86%)	183 (8%)	88(4%)	47 (2%)	1	19
2014-15	2523 (85%)	273 (9%)	82 (3%)	52 (2%)	4	18
2015-16	3163 (86%)	286 (8%)	130 (4%)	74 (2%)	0	31
2016-17	3975 (83%)	445 (9%)	175 (4%)	108 (2%)	9	36
2017-18	3782 (83%)	515 (11%)	190 (4%)	87 (2%)	4	22
2018-19	4198 (85%)	474 (10%)	149 (3%)	69 (1%)	12	31 (1%)

The spread of event total distances for BP distance Events between 2016-17 and 2017-18 seasons changed considerably, with a substantial increase in 50km Events (explained by a small number of AUK riders targeting them as being the easiest way, with many repeat rides, to gain AAA points), and a drop in 100km distances ridden, partly because fewer 100km Events were ridden but also because more AUK entrants were riding to and from these Events and, in so doing, were converting them into 200km (and longer) rides. The 2018-19 results show that this has continued as an established pattern.

Season	50km	100km	150km
2012-13	270 (20%)	1018 (74%)	88 (6%)
2013-14	250 (17%)	1137 (77%)	91(6%)
2014-15	303 (27%)	774 (68%)	63 (6%)
2015-16	280 (20%)	1053 (76%)	50 (4%)
2016-17	251 (16%)	1284 (80%)	70 (4%)
2017-18	389 (40%)	517 (53%)	70 (7%)
<b>2018-19</b>	<b>353 (35%)</b>	<b>536 (55%)</b>	<b>97 (10%)</b>

As in previous years, DIY riders follow much the same pattern for Events ridden as the overall Permanent Events results. 83% of DIY Events ridden were BR Events and 17% were BP Events. 78% of all DIY Events ridden were 200km.

Thanks are given to the team of seven DIY organisers – Joe Applegarth, Andy Clarkson, Julian Dyson, Martin Foley, Tony Hull, Chris Smith and Paul Stewart, with Chris starting off the 2018-19 season, before standing down and handing over to Mike Kelly.

And also, thanks to Ivan Cornell (with some help from Mike Kelly) who calculated and attached AAA points to 746 DIY Events' recorded results.

## The Unofficial Permanent Event 'Prizes'

**Organisers' award for having most entrants** (excluding DIY & ECE Events) this year has the same organisers jostling for the top spots as last year, albeit with slightly reduced numbers, reflecting the overall drop in fixed route Permanent Events:

- 1st** (108) Mike Wigley
- 2nd** (105) Tom Fox
- 3rd** (77) Nick Wilkinson (but with Chris Kula-Przewanski and Steve Poulton both on 75)

Rider podium places for most Permanent points collected this year goes to:

- 1st** (138) Colin Norcup (All but one were 200km DIYs, but just once it was a 300km DIY!)
- 2nd** (76) James Williamson (All DIYs at different distances)
- 3rd** (70) Alan Steele (a mixture of DIY and fixed routes including his own new Lakeland Perms)

Permanents Events AAA prize of the year for the most AAA points scored in a single Permanent Event was won by Geoff Crowther who scored 28.5 AAA points by completing Mark Hummerstone's 1,900km eponymous and aptly named 'Hummers' Lumpy End to End'.

2018-19 was a good season for Long Permanent Events being successfully completed. Most were of the DIY variety, which included sixteen 1000km Events, one 1200km, one 1400km Event, two 1600km Events and four between 2000km and 2300km each. In addition to the Lumpy End to End, one AUK cyclist also completed the ride using a more conventional route. But the far and away over the horizon AUK cyclist was Ian Walker, who completed 6300km collecting 63 DIY distance points in one go by cycling from one end of Europe to the other (Nordkap to Gibraltar).

PRoFS interest on fixed route Permanent Events was not great in 2018-19, but there were some notable rides. Matthew Larkins and Simon Neatham completed the 3100km 'Trafalgar to Trafalgar', and two 'Roscoff to Nice' PRofs were ridden. Although a DIY, Robert Wragge-Morley completed 2100km from Venice to Athens. There were also four 'Mallorca Moonpigs' ridden and five cyclists completed the 'Ouireham Circuit'.

Several Permanent Events were withdrawn during the year, but there have also been some new ones created and new organisers. At the end of the season there are 436 fixed route events available to be ridden, with quite a few being Permanent versions of popular Calendar Events. Although some of these are ridden by only a handful of AUK members in the course of the year it is good to have a spread of 'Ready to Go Perms' of all distances across Britain and a few more abroad. I am grateful to the 72 Permanent Event organisers who keep them going.

## Ordre des Cols Durs (OCD)

OCD remains active, though a little disappointing this year. Twenty claims were received by the calendar year end, which was well under the number received by the same date in the last two years.

It is possible that a many new riders are thinking more in terms of Strava, where there is a lot of competition to make fast ascents of individual cols. Cycling over cols as a part of long distance cycling may seem a bit old-fashioned, although OCD still fits in with other venerable organisation such as the Cent Cols Club, and Brevet International Grimpeurs.

For 2019-20 season it is hoped to assess calendar events for their OCD eligibility in order to encourage riders to make OCD claims by making it easier. A new OCD logo with more reference to AUK will be produced, together with OCD cloth badges for the various ranks.

Because the AUK annual season does not fit well with the OCD calendar year with claims still being made when this report is written, a final OCD account for 2019 will be published in due course in Arrivée.

## **Super Randonnées**

Not to be confused with ‘Super Randonneurs’, Super Randonnées are permanent events that were created by Audax Club Parisien in 2009. They are mountainous Permanents of 600 km (373 miles) with over 10,000 m (32,800 ft) of elevation gain. Riders have the option of riding a Super Randonnée either as a Randonneur or as a Tourist. Randonneurs have a 60-hour time limit. Super Randonnée events are available worldwide, and in 2018 Colin Bezzant introduced the first UK SR (The Cambrian SR) within the AUK Permanent Events calendar. In 2018-19 this was successfully ridden once only, by temporary AUK member, Kei Takita from Japan – a truly audacious ride by someone quite unfamiliar with the small lanes and hills that comprise the route.

A second SR has been organised this year by Will Pomeroy and it is now available to be ridden (perhaps when we have the 2020 longer days). Named the ‘Devilishly Elegant SR’ this Permanent Event was described by the ACP representative in Paris as, “It looks like a terrible, but very attractive SR”. The challenge awaits you.

### **John Ward**

Permanents Secretary

## IT Manager's Report, 2018-19

Our new website went 'live' at the beginning of November 2018 and was demonstrated to members at the annual reunion in Sterling. Throughout the year our web content manager was moving individual pages from the old website to the new one. Every page was reviewed for its relevance and accuracy, and in some cases, pages have been rewritten to make them clearer.

In parallel with this, we completed the analysis of the next phase of the IT refresh programme (Membership administration). Our IT supplier quoted for the work, and the Board gave their approval for the development to start. Development started in October, and we have plans to test and commission the new system during 2020.

Specification and analysis of for Phase 3 of the programme, Event administration, has started. This work will continue into 2020.

The overall programme strategy and roadmap was shared with members at the 2019 Annual reunion in Northallerton.

The 'old' website, aukweb, continues to provide all the event administration functions for both members and organisers. Francis Cooke and Terry Kay continue to support this site and have been actively making changes to aukweb to ensure that information flows smoothly between it and the new audax.uk site.

**Kevin Lake**  
IT Manager

## ACP Correspondent/LRM Representative Report

Verifying and submitting award claims on behalf of members for ACP Randonneur 5,000 & 10,000 awards and collecting and sending on to them was a pleasant task, as was dealing with a handful of orders for BRM distance and Super Randonneur medals.

I attended the Audax Club Parisien awards presentation in Paris in early 2019, at which final information about Paris-Brest-Paris was revealed. The pre-qualification process subsequently came into operation. Early fears that the field would be full before all pre-qualifiers had had the chance to enter were assuaged by the release of several hundred extra places and, in the end, places became available to several hundred riders who had not pre-qualified.

I attended Paris-Brest-Paris as a volunteer at the new headquarters at the National Sheepfold in Rambouillet, to the southwest of the venue that a lot of us will know, St. Quentin-en-Yvelines.

As far as the venue goes, it was a stunningly beautiful place with grand – but a little ramshackle – 17th and 18th century agricultural buildings set in the grounds of the Chateau de Rambouillet. There is plenty of discussion online now among riders and ACP officials were keen to hear views on the venue's suitability. It seemed that the relatively late decision to move to Rambouillet had led to some obvious problems including:

- Insufficient covered space in the check-in areas and bike inspection marquee that left many entrants exposed to heavy rain;
- Start areas for designated groups of riders being poorly organised;
- The final kilometre or so of the route entering the chateau grounds being shared with motor vehicles, pedestrians, and other cyclists, all going in different directions; and
- A convoluted actual Finish area that confused many riders, who could not work out the position of the actual finish.

There are fairly obvious solutions concerning how to do these things better, which I think will probably be taken up. In my view, it's a good venue and I think it will be ACP's choice for the next time. There are certainly advantages over SQY: the town is smaller and also friendly. Riders are straight out into the country and coming back they miss out those busy urban roads that can be so unpleasant.

During the year, I continued to liaise with Keith Benton, the LRM President regarding his plans to modernise the LRM Constitution, including introducing the ability of representatives to vote by proxy at the quadrennial LRM General Assembly. As reported last year, he also wanted to re-formulate the LRM event regulations to replace those lost without trace when the old LRM website became infested with malware, and to update them where appropriate. I provided him with drafts according to his specification. These were sent out to all national LRM representatives for their consideration. This consultation resulted in final versions, which were approved at the 2019 LRM General Assembly in August. Both the Constitution and the Event Regulations are available on the LRM website at [www.randonneursmondiaux.org](http://www.randonneursmondiaux.org)

## Other decisions taken by the Assembly included

- Since the last Assembly meeting when it was agreed to lower LRM homologation fees from 5€ to 3€, reserves had risen by 10,000€, largely as a result of the fast growing number of LRM homologations. The Treasurer said that he and the next President would consult with a view to reducing homologations fees further. [Subsequent to the meeting it was decided to further reduce the LRM validation fee to 2€]
- Mark Thomas (USA) was elected unanimously as the next LRM President.
- Tal Katzir (Israel) was elected as the next LRM Vice-President, beating Lazar Vladislavov (Bulgaria) by 18 votes to 9.
- Jean-Gualbert Faburel (ACP) was re-elected unanimously as Treasurer.
- A new award was approved, the Challenge Lepertel, which commemorates Robert Lepertel, who re-invigorated PBP and was a founder of LRM. It will be awarded for completing LRM or PBP rides in each of four consecutive years.

### **Chris Crossland**

ACP Correspondent / LRM Representative

## Event Services Report 2018-2019

Audax UK has for a long time recorded a sharp spike in the number of calendar event validations as our members qualified for PBP. Looking at the calendar event validations for the past four years, however, that pattern seems to have been broken. The total number of calendar event validations was 21,912, just 1.5% higher than the 2017-2018 season and still well short of the record of 23,593 for the 2016-2017 season (although that total does include LEL).

Instead, the recent trend for a decline in the numbers completing shorter events and an increase in the popularity for the longer events has continued for a third season in a row. That is reflected in the fact that the total distance completed in calendar events jumped 13% from 3.8 million to over 4.3 million kilometres.

For those interested in the breakdown, the final numbers compared with the last few years:

	50km	100km	150km	200km	300km	400km	500km	600km	1000km	Longer
<b>2015-16</b>	1118	10805	1190	6200	1006	647	-	456	38	27
<b>2016-17</b>	937	10771	979	7407	1314	876	-	475	3	831 (LEL)
<b>2017-18</b>	896	10255	873	6527	1451	814	-	589	180	-
<b>2018-19</b>	611	9251	850	7135	1742	1259	60	966	14	24

In addition to our own events, the number of Audax UK members asking for overseas events to be added to their record is increasing dramatically. Apologies to those members whose records have not been processed promptly as a result.

Whilst on the subject of overseas events; because of the way PBP results are published, the final numbers of AUK members being validated for this edition has yet to be finally determined as I write this, but it looks to be around 490 – another record tally.

As ever, Audax UK owes a great big thank you to the Event Services delegates:

Oliver Iles producing a record of 33,200 brevet cards, and mailing them out for nearly 600 events.

Cathy Brown, scrutinizing the cards for a large proportion of those 21,912 validations, and dealing patiently with the idiosyncrasies of nearly 200 different organisers.

And not forgetting Grant Huggins, dealing with the ever increasing number of RRTYs

### Peter Lewis

Events Services Director and Recorder

## Events Director Report 2018-2019

During the year we have had some senior organisers retiring and new ones starting up. The organiser planning pages continue to function thanks to Francis Cooke. The events team, consisting of the secretary and four delegates, works closely together to ensure events are of a suitable standard and conform to the ethos of AUK.

I took over from Martin Foley late last year after he resigned because of work commitments. He left a solid legacy and my initial task is to continue his good work. In the longer term I hope to develop events teamwork and revise the organiser guides and other documents.

I might even have time to ride the occasional event.

**Ian Hennessey**  
Events Director

## Agenda for the Audax UK Long Distance Cyclists' Association AGM 2018-19

To be held at The George Stephenson Room, Ibis Birmingham New Street, 21 Ladywell Walk, Birmingham B5 4ST on 8 February 2020 commencing at 12:00pm

- 1** To record the names of those present at the meeting
- 2** To record apologies for absence
- 3** To approve the minutes of the last AGM as a true record of that meeting
- 4** Matters arising from the last meeting (AGM 2017/18).
- 5** To approve the Annual Report
- 6** To approve the Annual Accounts and the Finance Director's recommendations
- 7** To consider resolutions
- 8** Election of Directors
  - 1** Calendar Events Secretary
  - 2** Non-Executive Director (2 posts)
  - 3** General Secretary
  - 4** Event Services Director
- 9** Date and venue of next meeting
- 10** Close of meeting

## Resolutions for AGM

- 1 To approve the minutes of the last AGM as a true record of that meeting.
- 2 To approve the Annual Report.
- 3 To approve the Annual Accounts and the Finance Director's recommendations.
- 4 To consider the following Resolutions:

1.

**Proposer:** Caroline Fenton – AUK Membership Secretary

**Seconder:** Rob McIvor – AUK Communications Director

**Resolution:** To delete Regulation 4.1.2 in its entirety and replace it with the following:

4.1.2 New Members who join from the 1st October onwards shall be Members until the end of the following subscription year. Reduced membership fees may also be applied for those joining part way through the subscription year but on or before the 30th September.

**Rationale:**

Current Regulation –

4.1.2 New members who join after 31 August shall be members until the end of the following membership subscription year.

Currently the “rollover” date when membership applies through to the end of the next calendar year triggers a large increase in memberships (approx. 125 new joiners in 2019 from 1st – 4th Sept). This comes at a time when the membership team are working on the Arrivee mailing list and causes some administrative issues with trying to define a cut off point for that mailing. It also means that some of these new members want their non-member results added to their record, at a time of year when the recorder is busy trying to finish off the year's results.

So aligning the rollover date with the start of the new Audax season would be easier for the membership and event services team to manage.

We recognise that for those joining in say August and September it will seem a little harsh to pay a full year's membership for just a few months. However with the new membership system we will be able to reduce the membership fee payable at various times of the year, making it more equitable. This should also reduce somewhat the “rollover” date rush.

**Board View:** This resolution has been brought forward on behalf of the Board of AUK.

2.

**Proposer:** Graeme Provan – AUK General Secretary

**Seconder:** Peter Lewis – AUK Event Services Director

**Resolution:** To delete Regulations 1 to 6 (inclusive) in their entirety, renumber the subsequent sections and replace them with new Administrative Regulations in the form annexed.

**Rationale:**

At the AGM in February 2018, AUK adopted an up to date set of Articles of Association that complied with and adhered to the Companies Act 2006. At that time the Board stated that the next step would be to update our Regulations. At present, the Regulations comprise one document which covers three distinct areas; administration, event rules and awards.

It is now proposed that we split the Regulations into three documents; Administrative Regulations which deal with how we run our Association, Events Regulations which contain the rules for the different types of event that we administer and Awards Rules which set out how awards and points are calculated.

Other than some tidying up and formatting, there will be no material changes to the Regulations as they currently stand.

The only change proposed is to the existing Regulation 4.1.2 which is being put forward as a separate resolution (see draft resolution 1).

If the various resolutions are passed, we will be able to move to the next (and final) step along the way which will be to revise the interaction between the Administrative Regulations and the Articles of Association and to improve some of the processes so that they are fit for purpose going forward. For now though, we simply want to separate the different parts of the Regulations to make them easier to read and adapt for the future.

**Board View:** This resolution has been brought forward on behalf of the Board of AUK.

3.

**Proposer:** Peter Lewis AUK Event Services Director

**Seconder:** Rob McIvor – AUK Communications Director

**Resolution:** Subject to passing Resolution 2 above, to delete Regulations 7 to 12 (inclusive) in their entirety, renumber the subsequent section and replace them with new Events Regulations in the form annexed

**Rationale:**

The current Regulations are split into four types of event whereas there are actually at least twenty-six. Even more confusingly, they use the rules for BR events and deal with everything else by exception.

The proposed changes aim to make it easier for members by identifying which rules apply to each event, firstly by bringing together the fundamental rules that apply to all Audax UK events in a single document, and then dealing separately with each different type of event. Whilst the entirety of the Events Regulations are presented in a single aggregated document for the purposes of this resolution, they will usually be presented as discrete pages.

Most members will come to the Events Regulations via the website and this approach will allow Members to look at the discrete rules applying to a particular event. We will also make it possible to access the documents from a “map” where members can select a type of event and bring up a full set of the rules applying to that type of event.

Whilst no material changes to the content of the Regulations are proposed in this Resolution, the new structure would allow any future changes to be made to the Regulations for one type of event without any unintended consequences for other types of event.

**Board View:** This resolution has been brought forward on behalf of the Board of AUK.

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**Proposer:** Graeme Provan – AUK General Secretary

**Seconder:** Ian Hennessey – AUK Calendar Events Secretary

**Resolution:** Subject to passing Resolutions 2 and 3 above, delete the final Regulation, accordingly the current Regulations will then no longer apply to Audax UK, and replace that Regulation with the new Awards Regulations in the form annexed.

**Rationale:**

This is the final part of the restructure of the Regulations.

**Board View:** This resolution has been brought forward on behalf of the Board of AUK.

## Nominations for Election as Audax UK Directors

### 1 DIRECTOR & CALENDAR EVENTS SECRETARY

**Nominee:** Ian Hennessey – (AUK 2294)

**Proposer:** Jon Banks – (AUK 12120)

**Seconder:** Lucy Mctaggart – (AUK 3923)

**Statement:**

I have been a member of AUK since 1993 (though rode my first event in 1984).

I have held committee posts as secretary and chair.

I have been the events delegate for the SW & Wales for about 20 years.

I organise various events for my club (Exeter Wheelers) amounting to an SR series plus. I am a vice-president & vice-chair of EWCC.

I have ridden PBPx5, and 27 years of SRs.

I have a clear vision of AUK's fundamental commitment to providing/enabling long-distance cycling events in the UK.

### 2 NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – POST 1

**Nominee:** Martin Stefan – (AUK 19481)

**Proposer:** Nick Wilkinson – (AUK 3506)

**Seconder:** Tom Jackson – (AUK 366)

**Statement:**

I was appointed to the board of Audax UK as a non-executive director in July 2019 and I am now hoping to be elected by the membership to this role. As a relatively new member, (I joined AUK in 2017) I have really enjoyed, and greatly value, being part of the community of long distance riders that AUK represents. Although I have been a cyclist for most of my life, I am very aware that in this discipline I am still a beginner, so I am proud that in 2019 I achieved – “just for fun” – a Hyper-Randonneur, and completed PBP (with almost an hour to spare...)

My professional background is as a Consultant Psychiatrist in the NHS. I retired from clinical practice in 2017 and now work part time for the Tribunals Service. I have many years' experience dealing with challenging situations both as a senior clinician and as an NHS manager working in operational and latterly in strategic roles. I have practical knowledge and experience of organisational governance and of change management. As well as my medical qualifications, I have a Master's degree in Law.

One of the objectives of AUK is – to quote from the Articles of Association – “to support and encourage all forms of cycling which benefit the physical and mental well-being of the community” and I am particularly interested, if elected as a non-executive director, in helping AUK develop strategies to achieve this ambition.

### 3 NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – POST 2

**Nominee:** John Sabine – (AUK 3171)

**Proposer:** Rob McIvor – (AUK 7120)

**Secunder:** Grant Huggins – (AUK 6150)

**Statement:**

I first joined the Board in December 2014 and have been elected to continue as a non-executive director at the last four AGMs. I said at the last AGM that I intended 2019 to be my last year as an NED: I felt that I was beginning to become too embedded in the current Board, and – while not accepting proposals uncritically – not as able to challenge from a truly independent perspective.

I was delighted that we were able to appoint Martin Stefan as an NED last summer and believe that his personal and professional perspectives on our activities have strengthened the Board and AUK, and had hoped that others would feel able to seek nomination and to be a critical friend to the Board. It is important for there to be another voice on the Board who is not focused on the needs of a particular portfolio or function, so in the absence of any such nominations, I am standing again this year with some reluctance.

AUK continues to grow in membership and in ride validations: I believe that our work in revising the Articles (last year) and restructuring the Regulations (this year) strengthens the organisation in supporting further sustainable growth.

More critically, our long-promised IT refresh project is now well under way, with Phase 1 completed and Phase 2 in progress: this will make life easier for existing organisers and for riders, as well as helping us excite the interest of a new, wider group.

I want to continue ensuring the Board's work is focused on supporting members and riders, organisers and volunteers – making it as simple as possible to plan and run events, as well as easy and welcoming to enter and ride them, and thereby ensuring we continue to see an increase in the numbers of people enjoying audaxes.

I want to help us work to a future where we can continue to expand without diluting our uncommercialised ethos and without an increasingly complex rulebook: I would encourage any other members who share this wish to help to scrutinise and support the Board's work, and especially to consider seeking nomination as a non-executive director next year.

#### 4 GENERAL SECRETARY

**Nominee:** Graeme Provan – (AUK 12829)

**Proposer:** Andy Corbyn- (AUK 15106)

**Secunder:** Jason Burns – (AUK 14873)

**Statement:**

If elected, this will be my second term as General Secretary of Audax UK, having been appointed by the Board in 2016 and formally elected at the following AGM.

During my time in post I have spent considerable time on updating our policies and procedures and this is still ongoing. I would very much like the opportunity to complete this process as another step towards ensuring that Audax UK is able to meet the challenges of continued growth within an ever more complicated compliance landscape.

Away from Audax UK, I am a solicitor in private practice specialising in company/ commercial law. In addition, I have held a number of voluntary positions across a range of sporting and other organisations. Between work, family and Audax UK, I do not always manage the bike mileage I would like but I continue to enjoy the challenge and the community that audax cycling provides.

#### 5 EVENT SERVICES DIRECTOR

**Nominee:** None

**Audax UK Annual Accounts**  
for year ended 31 August 2019

Company Registration No. 5920055 (England and Wales)

AUDAX UNITED KINGDOM LONG DISTANCE CYCLISTS' ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019

## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT ON THE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE DIRECTORS OF AUDAX UNITED KINGDOM LONG DISTANCE CYCLISTS' ASSOCIATION.**

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 August 2019.

### **Respective responsibilities of Directors and examiner**

The Directors of Audax United Kingdom Long Distance Cyclists' Association are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Directors consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, and have requested that an independent examination is carried out.

Having satisfied myself that the company is not subject to audit under company law and have been asked to carry out an independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- (i) examine the accounts;
- (ii) review the accounting records; and
- (iii) to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### **Basis of independent examiner's report**

My examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the company and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as Directors concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
  - (i) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
  - (ii) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, and comply with the accounting requirements of section 394 and 395 of the Companies Act 2006; have not been met.
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**AUDAX UNITED KINGDOM LONG DISTANCE CYCLISTS' ASSOCIATION  
COMPANY INFORMATION  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019**

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<b>Directors</b>	Christopher Peter Crossland Peter Christopher Donald Lewis John Matthew Sabine William John Ward Graeme David Provan Nigel Peter Armstrong Caroline Anne Fenton Robert Alan Mcivor Ian Gerard Hennessey Martin David Stefan
<b>Secretary</b>	Graeme David Provan
<b>Company Number</b>	5920055 (England and Wales)
<b>Registered Office</b>	Whitelands Terling Road Hatfield Peverel Essex CM32AG

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**AUDAX UNITED KINGDOM LONG DISTANCE CYCLISTS' ASSOCIATION  
(COMPANY NO: 5920055 ENGLAND AND WALES)  
DIRECTORS' REPORT**

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The directors present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2019.

**Directors**

The following directors held office during the whole of the period:

Christopher Peter Crossland  
Peter Christopher Donald Lewis  
John Matthew Sabine  
William John Ward  
Graeme David Provan  
Nigel Peter Armstrong  
Caroline Anne Fenton  
Robert Alan Mcivor

The following directors were appointed during the period:

Martin David Stefan was appointed on 6 July 2019.  
Ian Gerard Hennessey was appointed on 12 August 2019.

Martin David Foley resigned on 1 July 2019.

**Statement of directors' responsibilities**

The directors are responsible for preparing the report and accounts in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare accounts for each financial year. Under that law, the directors have elected to prepare the accounts in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law the directors must not approve the accounts unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing these accounts, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

**Small company provisions**

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

**AUDAX UNITED KINGDOM LONG DISTANCE CYCLISTS' ASSOCIATION**  
**INCOME STATEMENT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019**

	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
	£	£
<b>Turnover</b>	187,604	147,157
Cost of sales	(90,797)	(98,326)
<b>Gross surplus</b>	96,807	48,831
Administrative expenses	(96,097)	(140,652)
<b>Operating surplus/(loss)</b>	710	(91,821)
Interest receivable and similar income	1,521	1,164
Interest payable and similar charges	(3)	
<b>Surplus/(loss) on ordinary activities before taxation</b>	2,228	(90,657)
Tax on surplus/(loss) on ordinary activities	(1,767)	(1,181)
<b>Surplus/(loss) for the financial year</b>	461	(91,838)

**AUDAX UNITED KINGDOM LONG DISTANCE CYCLISTS' ASSOCIATION**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**  
**AS AT 31 AUGUST 2019**

	Notes	2019 £	2018 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets	4	1,224	1,631
<b>Current assets</b>			
Inventories	5	5,303	4,132
Debtors	6	17,516	3,279
Cash at bank and in hand		203,610	230,144
		<u>226,429</u>	<u>237,555</u>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	7	(32,904)	(44,638)
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>193,525</u>	<u>192,917</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		194,749	194,548
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year</b>	8	(37,162)	(37,422)
<b>Net assets</b>		<u>157,587</u>	<u>157,126</u>
<b>Reserves</b>	9		
Profit and loss account		157,587	<u>157,126</u>
<b>Members' funds</b>		<u>157,587</u>	<u>157,126</u>

For the year ending 31 August 2019 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies. The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with the provisions of FRS 102 Section 1A - Small Entities.

Approved by the Board on 8 January 2020.

**AUDAX UNITED KINGDOM LONG DISTANCE CYCLISTS' ASSOCIATION**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019**

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### **1 Statutory information**

Audax United Kingdom Long Distance Cyclists' Association is a private company, limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales, registration number 5920055. The registered office is Whitelands, Terling Road, Hatfield Peverel, Essex, CM3 2AG.

### **2 Compliance with accounting standards**

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of FRS 102 Section 1A Small Entities, The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Companies Act 2006.

These financial statements were authorised for issue by the Board on ....

### **3 Accounting policies**

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below and have remained unchanged from the previous year, and also have been consistently applied within the same accounts.

#### ***Basis of preparation***

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of certain fixed assets, except that as disclosed in the accounts certain items are shown at fair value.

#### ***Tangible fixed assets and depreciation***

Tangible assets are included at cost less depreciation and impairment. Depreciation has been provided at the following rates in order to write off the assets over their estimated useful lives:

Plant & machinery	25% Reducing balance method
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#### ***Inventories***

Finished goods inventories have been valued at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to sell and comprise stocks of medals and badges.

#### ***Tax accounting policy***

The tax expense is recognised in profit and loss. The current income tax charge is calculated on the basis of tax rates and laws that have been enacted by the reporting date in the countries where the company operates.

#### ***Revenue Recognition***

Turnover comprises the fair value of the consideration received or receivable for the sale of goods and provision of services in the ordinary course of the company's activities. Turnover is shown net of sales/value added tax, returns, rebates and discounts.

The company recognises revenue when:

The amount of revenue can be reliably measured;  
it is probable that future economic benefits will flow to the entity;  
and specific criteria have been met for each of the company's activities.

#### ***Employees***

Members and Directors of Audax United Kingdom Long Distance Cyclists' Association who are paid an honorarium for their services to the company are identified as employees in note 10.

#### ***Cash & cash equivalents***

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

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**AUDAX UNITED KINGDOM LONG DISTANCE CYCLISTS' ASSOCIATION**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019**

**Trade debtors**

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the company will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

**Trade creditors**

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if the company does not have an unconditional right, at the end of the reporting period, to defer settlement of the creditor for at least twelve months after the reporting date. If there is an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

Trade creditors are recognised initially at the transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

**4 Tangible fixed assets**

**Cost or valuation**

At 1 September 2018

At 31 August 2019

**Depreciation**

At 1 September 2018

Charge for the year

At 31 August 2019

**Net book value**

At 31 August 2019

At 31 August 2018

**Plant &  
machinery**

£

At cost

2,900

-

2,900

-

1,269

407

1,676

-

1,224

-

1,631

-

**5 Inventories**

Finished goods

**2019**

£

5,303

5,303

**2018**

£

4,132

4,132

**6 Debtors**

Accrued income and prepayments

**2019**

£

17,516

**2018**

£

3,279

**AUDAX UNITED KINGDOM LONG DISTANCE CYCLISTS' ASSOCIATION**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019**

<b>7 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
	£	£
Trade creditors	2,768	3,178
Taxes and social security	3,366	3,149
Other creditors	22,214	30,312
Accruals	4,556	7,999
	32,904	44,638

Other creditors above include members deferred subscriptions of £22,214.

<b>8 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
	£	£
Other creditors	37,162	37,422

Other creditors above are made up of members deferred subscriptions.

**9 Company limited by guarantee**

The company is limited by guarantee and has no share capital.

Every member of the company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the company, in the event of a winding up, such an amount as may be required not exceeding £1.

**10 Average number of employees**

During the year the average number of employees was 31 (2018: 30).

**AUDAX UNITED KINGDOM LONG DISTANCE CYCLISTS' ASSOCIATION**  
**DETAILED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019**

	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
	£	£
<b>Turnover</b>		
Fees	187,604	147,157
<b>Cost of sales</b>		
Other direct costs	90,797	98,326
<b>Gross profit</b>	96,807	<u>48,831</u>
<b>Administrative expenses</b>		
Travel and subsistence	5,851	5,765
Bank charges	3,946	3,445
Software	82,815	127,786
Depreciation	407	544
Bad debts		14
Sundry expenses	228	13
Accountancy fees	2,850	3,085
	96,097	<u>140,652</u>
<b>Operating profit/(loss)</b>	710	<u>(91,821)</u>
<b>Interest receivable</b>		
Interest receivable	1,521	1,164
<b>Interest payable</b>		
Bank loans and overdrafts	3	
<b>Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities before taxation</b>	<u>2,228</u>	<u>(90,657)</u>

## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2017-18

Held at The George Stephenson Room, IBIS Hotel, 21 Ladywell Walk, Birmingham B5 4ST on 9 February 2019 at 12.00pm

### 1 To record the names of those present at this meeting.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. He introduced the members of the Board and asked the members present to introduce themselves to the meeting.

**Board Members Attending:** Chris Crossland (Chair), Graeme Provan (Secretary), John Ward (Permanent Events Secretary and Returning Officer), Caroline Fenton (Membership Secretary), Nigel Armstrong (Calendar Events Secretary), Rob McIvor (Communications Director) and John Sabine (Non-Executive Director)

**Other Members attending:** Nick Wilkinson, Peter Davis, Otto Reinders, Dave Hudson, Richard Painter, Mike Wigley, Kevin Lake, Richard Jennings, Mel Armstrong, John Wilkie and Pam Pilbeam.

He then asked members to join him in a short period of reflection in memory of members who had passed away since the last AGM. These included:

Ian Simmonds  
 Terry Anderson  
 Maria Thompson  
 Henry Bye  
 James Blair  
 Paul Noons  
 Charles Richmond  
 Daniel Ersser  
 Peter Weston  
 Geoffrey Parkinson  
 Jim Gresty (Ultra Randonneur, 2xPBP, 2xLEL, 2xBrevet 5000, Trafalgar-Trafalgar)  
 Brian Tomkins  
 Rod Laker  
 Neil Bowler  
 Al Mansley  
 Bill Norris  
 Eric Clark  
 Mick Latimer (First AUK Chairman, AUK Vice President)

The Chair explained that he was holding mandated proxy votes where he had no choice but to vote in line with the direction of the appointing members and also discretionary proxy votes where members had given him full discretion. He stated that he would listen to any debate before exercising those discretionary votes for the good of Audax UK.

## 2 To record apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from:

Jennifer Crossland  
 Keith Benton  
 Anne Benton  
 Robert Bialek  
 Peter Lewis  
 Martin Foley

## 3 To approve the minutes of the last agm as a true record of that meeting

John Ward, as Returning Officer, explained that he had a record of all proxy votes to be cast by the chair of the meeting and would add these to the votes in the meeting before announcing the result of each vote. Other proxies present at the meeting had voting cards to represent the correct number of votes.

John Ward declared that the Chair had:

472 mandated proxies to vote in favour of the resolution

1 mandated proxy to vote against the resolution

78 mandated proxies to abstain on the resolution

340 discretionary proxies

### Result:

For – 821

Against – 1

Abstain – 80

Approved

## 4 Matters arising from the last meeting

None

## 5 To approve the annual report

No comments

John Ward declared that the Chair had:

498 mandated proxies to vote in favour of the resolution

3 mandated proxies to vote against the resolution

50 mandated proxies to abstain on the resolution

337 discretionary proxies

### Result:

For – 824

Against – 3

Abstain – 50

## 6 To approve the annual accounts and finance directors recommendations

The Chair presented the Accounts and Report to the meeting.

No comments

John Ward declared that the Chair had:

462 mandated proxies to vote in favour of the resolution

7 mandated proxies to vote against the resolution

59 mandated proxies to abstain on the resolution

352 discretionary proxies

### Result:

For – 824

Against – 7

Abstain – 59

## 7 To consider resolutions

The Chair explained that the resolutions before the meeting would be subject to poll votes as the number of votes to be cast by proxy greatly exceeded the number of members in the room. Resolutions concerning regulations would be decided by a majority vote and resolutions to amend the Articles of Association required special resolutions to be passed by at least 75% of those voting. In theory, there would be an opportunity to ask questions of the proposer of each resolution but thereafter, as this would not be discussion in committee, any debate would follow the custom and practice of AUK AGM's and generally accepted rules of debate. Each member would be able to speak once on each proposal, with the exception of proposers who would be afforded the right of reply to a debate. Members would retain the right to make points of order, information and explanation.

### RESOLUTION 1:

That in accordance with Audax UK Regulation 3.5 the fees paid by event organisers for services relating to events, including registration, validation and recording, are amended, operative from 1 March 2019 as follows:

- 1 The Event Registration fee, (currently £7.00), be increased to £10.00, to remain refundable from the total validators' bill.
- 2 The cost of ordinary Brevet cards, (currently 35p each), to be increased to 50p.
- 3 The cost of blank Brevet cards, (currently 35p each), to be increased to 50p.
- 4 The cost of coloured inner Brevet cards, (currently 45p each), to be increased to 65p.
- 5 The surcharge for late ordered Brevet cards, (currently 35p each), to be increased to 50p.
- 6 The fee for validation of BP and BR events, (currently 20p), to be increased to 40p.
- 7 The fee for validation of BRM events, (currently 20p, to be increased to 40p). Note: As now, only one validation charge will be made.
- 8 The cost of Permanent and DIY Brevets, including validation, (currently £1.00), to be increased to £1.25.

Chris Crossland noted that when reviewing old minutes, he had chanced upon the last increase to BR validation which had increased to 20p in 1990.

Nick Wilkinson asked whether the proposed increases would cover the shortfall. Nigel Armstrong replied that the increases had been calculated on the basis that they would cover the shortfall. Chris Crossland noted that the budgeted projections were based on 5% reductions in membership and participation in all activities.

Caroline Fenton reported that there had been no decrease in membership which showed an increase against the same point last year.

John Ward declared that the Chair had:

673 mandated proxies to vote in favour of the resolution  
 56 mandated proxies to vote against the resolution  
 20 mandated proxies to abstain on the resolution  
 149 discretionary proxies

**Result:**

For – 822  
 Against – 56  
 Abstain – 20

Resolution passed

**RESOLUTION 2:**

That the Audax UK Regulations be amended by:  
 the deletion of Regulation 2 and the insertion of a new Regulation 2:

- 2 Affiliations
  - 2.1 AUK is associated with Audax Club Parisien (ACP) in the United Kingdom.
  - 2.2 AUK is associated with Les Randonneurs Mondiaux (LRM) in the United Kingdom.
  - 2.3 AUK is affiliated with the Union des Audax Français (UAF) in the United Kingdom.
  - 2.4 AUK is affiliated with Cycling UK (CTC).
  - 2.5 AUK is affiliated with Cycling Time Trials (CTT).
  - 2.6 The Board may associate and/or affiliate with any organisation as appropriate subject to ratification by members at the following AGM.

Chris Crossland explained that the proposer and seconder were not in attendance and that no apologies had been received.

Richard Painter asked why AUK was not affiliated to British Cycling. Chris Crossland explained that there could be a potential conflict with AUK's application for National Governing Body status. He also explained the background to the UAF, CTT and CTC affiliations.

John Ward declared that the Chair had:

648 mandated proxies to vote in favour of the resolution  
 36 mandated proxies to vote against the resolution  
 26 mandated proxies to abstain on the resolution  
 140 discretionary proxies

**Result:**

For – 840  
 Against – 39  
 Abstain – 26

Resolution passed

**RESOLUTION 3:**

That the Audax UK Regulations be amended by:

- the re-numbering of Regulation 7.3(g) as 7.3(g)(i)
- the insertion new Regulations at 7.3(g)(ii) 7.3(g)(iii) and 7.3(g)(iv):
- 7.3(g)(ii) Extended Calendar Events (ECE) add a DIY event to a registered calendar event.
- 7.3(g)(iii) Extended Associate/Affiliate Events (EAE) add a DIY event to an event organised by AUK affiliates and recognised for AUK Awards.
- 7.3(g)(iv) Extended Perm Events (EPE) add a DIY event to a registered permanent event. DIY events may not be extended.

Chris Crossland explained that the proposer and seconder were not in attendance and that no apologies had been received.

Nick Wilkinson agreed that not many members would take up the opportunity to enter EPEs. However, as an organiser of permanent events, he noted that where riders extend by riding the whole event as a DIY, no credit was given to the organiser of the permanent section in terms of points, revenue or recognition.

John Sabine noted that the current ECE organiser had expressed an unwillingness to be responsible for EPEs.

John Ward declared that the Chair had:

276 mandated proxies to vote in favour of the resolution

274 mandated proxies to vote against the resolution

88 mandated proxies to abstain on the resolution

259 discretionary proxies

**Result:**

For – 276

Against – 540

Abstain – 91

Resolution not passed

**RESOLUTION 4:**

That the Audax UK Regulations be amended by the addition of a new Regulation 9.2.3:

**9.2.3 Organisers may prioritise entries from Members.**

Chris Crossland explained that the proposer and seconder were not in attendance and that no apologies had been received.

Pam Pilbeam noted that the same proposer and two seconders had put forward a number of resolutions but were not present at the meeting. Members may have attended the meeting to question the proposer or seconder on their proposed resolutions. Chris Crossland explained that as the only absent proposer or seconder who had submitted his apologies was Martin Foley, it was possible the others had intended to attend but had been delayed.

Richard Painter believed that it was already the case that some events gave priority to AUK members and cited the BCM as an example. Pam Pilbeam noted that it was important that events remained open to prospective members to promote AUK membership.

John Ward declared that the Chair had:

711 mandated proxies to vote in favour of the resolution

28 mandated proxies to vote against the resolution

15 mandated proxies to abstain on the resolution

140 discretionary proxies

**Result:**

For – 856

Against – 30

Abstain – 19

Resolution passed

**RESOLUTION 5:**

That the Audax UK Regulations be amended by the addition of a new Regulation 9.11:

9.11 Published event results may include all riders participating in the event, including Did Not Start, Did Not Finish (DNF), Out of Time, Unvalidated, i.e., riders using Electrically Assisted Pedal Cycles, and Disqualified

Chris Crossland explained that the proposer and seconder were not in attendance and that no apologies had been received.

Nick Wilkinson stated that it was important to recognise the effort in finishing an event even if a rider was hors delai. He marks the brevets of such riders accordingly but there is no official record.

Kevin Lake felt that if he DNF'd, he would wish that fact to be kept private.

John Ward declared that the Chair had:

335 mandated proxies to vote in favour of the resolution

278 mandated proxies to vote against the resolution

70 mandated proxies to abstain on the resolution

212 discretionary proxies

**Result:**

For – 335

Against – 500

Abstain – 71

Resolution not passed

**RESOLUTION 6:**

That the Company's Articles of Association be amended by special resolution of the members as follows:

The deletion of Article 12.4 and the insertion of a new Article 12.4:

12.4 The Board shall have the power to make, vary and revoke rules, regulations, mechanisms and standing orders for the better administration of AUK and the furtherance of its objects but for the avoidance of doubt changes to the AUK Regulations will be subject to approval by a General Meeting in accordance with Regulation 1 of the AUK Regulations.

The addition of a new Article 12.5:

12.5 The Board shall have the power to make changes to the level of annual subscriptions and event charges and to introduce such changes pending ratification by the Members at the next Annual General Meeting in accordance with Regulation 3 of the AUK Regulations.

Chris Crossland explained that the proposer and seconder were not in attendance and that no apologies had been received.

John Ward declared that the Chair had:

615 mandated proxies to vote in favour of the resolution  
 31 mandated proxies to vote against the resolution  
 31 mandated proxies to abstain on the resolution  
 218 discretionary proxies

**Result:**

For – 843  
 Against – 32  
 Abstain – 31

John Ward confirmed that over 75% of those voting had voted in favour.

Resolution passed

**RESOLUTION 7:**

That the Company's Articles of Association be amended by special resolution of the members as follows:

The deletion of Articles 16.1 and 16.2 and the insertion of new Articles 16.1 and 16.2:

16.1 Subject to and in default of any other classes being established by the Directors and ratified by a General Meeting, the additional classes of Membership shall be as set out in the AUK Regulations.

16.2 Eligibility for additional classes of Membership shall be in accordance with the AUK Regulations.

The insertion of a new Article 16.3

16.3 The Directors shall have the power to prescribe the privileges and duties of temporary members and set the amounts of any temporary membership fees and to introduce changes pending ratification by the Members at the next Annual General Meeting.

Chris Crossland explained that the proposer and seconder were not in attendance and that no apologies had been received.

John Ward declared that the Chair had:

632 mandated proxies to vote in favour of the resolution  
 24 mandated proxies to vote against the resolution  
 29 mandated proxies to abstain on the resolution  
 210 discretionary proxies

**Result:**

For – 851  
 Against – 26  
 Abstain – 29

John Ward confirmed that over 75% of those voting had voted in favour.

Resolution passed

**8 Election of Directors****1 Finance Director**

Chris Crossland explained that Nigel Armstrong had been co-opted onto the board since the last AGM. He was now subject to election in accordance with the Articles of Association.

No questions from the floor

John Ward declared that the Chair had:

561 mandated proxies to vote in favour of the candidate  
 11 mandated proxies to vote against the candidate  
 36 mandated proxies to abstain on the election  
 284 discretionary proxies

**Result:**

For – 855  
 Against – 11  
 Abstain – 37

Nigel Armstrong was duly elected.

**2 Non-executive Director**

Chris Crossland noted that there were two posts but only one nomination.

Graeme Provan further noted that the same thing had happened last year and, following the position being advertised to the membership, the only real candidate had, unfortunately, already held an important executive position within AUK and was not therefore eligible.

John Sabine echoed this and stated how disappointed he was that there were no other candidates. For his part, he was keen to see the next part of the IT Refresh Project through but did not feel that he could maintain truly independent status if he continued in the role beyond the coming year.

John Ward declared that the Chair had:

568 mandated proxies to vote in favour of the candidate  
 7 mandated proxies to vote against the candidate  
 37 mandated proxies to abstain on the election  
 279 discretionary proxies

**Result:**

For – 857  
 Against – 7  
 Abstain – 37

### 3 Communications Director

Chris Crossland explained that Rob McIvor had been co-opted onto the board since the last AGM. He was now subject to election in accordance with the Articles of Association.

Rob McIvor believed that AUK would be in a good position to attract new members with good communications. He is focusing on the tone of the new website to ensure that it is as welcoming as possible.

Similarly, *Arrivée* was much improved and was becoming one of the better cycling magazines.

John Ward declared that the Chair had:

574 mandated proxies to vote in favour of the candidate

5 mandated proxies to vote against the candidate

36 mandated proxies to abstain on the election

284 discretionary proxies

#### Result:

For – 869

Against – 5

Abstain – 36

Rob McIvor was duly elected

### 9 Date and venue of next meeting

To be agreed but likely to be Birmingham on 8th February 2020.

### 10 Close

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and thanked the board, delegates, organisers and everyone else who had contributed to AUK for their hard work.

Richard Painter, on behalf of the members, thanked the board, delegates, organisers and everyone else who gave their time to AUK for their contribution to AUK and noted that whilst it was easy to comment on social media it was much more difficult to make an actual contribution.

The meeting closed at 13.20