

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - AUDAX UNITED KINGDOM LONG DISTANCE CYCLISTS' ASSOCIATION ("Audax UK")

This year's meeting will be held via Zoom. Please contact the General Secretary at – secretary@audax.uk for login details.

[Agenda for the Audax UK Long Distance Cyclists' Association AGM 2019/20](#)

To be held on 15 May 2021 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 2018/19).
- 5) To approve the Annual Report
- 6) To approve the Annual Accounts and the Finance Director's recommendations
- 7) To consider resolutions:

Resolution 1:

Proposer: Graeme Provan – Audax UK General Secretary

Seconder: Ian Hennessey – Audax UK Calendar Events Secretary

Resolution: to amend Regulation 1.2.1 of Audax UK's Awards Regulations to read:

1.2.1 The season for trophies and awards is the 12 month period from 1 November to the following 31 October unless otherwise specified.

Note: The season previously ran from 1 October to 30 September. The Board made a temporary change during the 2019/20 season.

Rationale:

This change will bring AUK into line with national randonneuring associations around the world. It will also align our calendar with the Brevet de Randonneurs Mondiaux (BRM) calendar. Having extended the season temporarily in 2019/20, this is the ideal time to make the switch permanent.

Audax UK used to hold a combined Annual Reunion and AGM in November which made a September season end more practicable. The AGM is now held at the

start of February. It is likely that, if this resolution is passed, the Annual Reunion will take place in March each year.

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

Resolution 2

Proposer: Graeme Provan – Audax UK General Secretary

Seconder: Rob McIvor – Audax UK Communications Director

Resolution: to amend the Company's Articles of Association by the deletion of Article 19.3 and its replacement with the following:

19.3 Members may give written notice to the General Secretary of any resolution in addition to those originating from the Board which may properly be moved and is intended to be moved by those Members at a General Meeting or nominations including nominations for Directors, patrons and vice presidents as follows:

19.3.1 Special or Ordinary Resolutions of the Company and any resolutions to alter the AUK Regulations must be submitted by a proposer and seconder and supported in writing by not fewer than 25 Members.

19.3.2 Any other resolutions may be submitted by Members acting as proposer and seconder.

19.3.3 Resolutions should be submitted in writing to the General Secretary no later than 56 days prior to the date of the General Meeting or as specified in the notice for the meeting. The resolution may include a statement of no more than 1000 words. The resolutions will be advertised to members via the Audax UK website or extension thereof for review and discussion for a minimum of 21 days. During this period proposers of resolutions may withdraw or amend resolutions so long as they continue to address the resolution's original subject.

19.3.4 Nominations with details of the members proposing and seconding the nomination and the consent of the nominated person to serve together with a statement of that person's relevant abilities or experience of no more than 1000 words shall be sent in writing to the General Secretary to be received no later than 28 days prior to the date of the General Meeting at which election is proposed or as specified in the notice for the meeting. Members will receive notice of the nominations no later than 21 days prior to the General Meeting or as specified in the notice for the meeting.

19.3.5 Members will receive notice of the resolutions and the nominations for the General Meeting no later than 21 days prior to the General Meeting or as specified in the notice for the meeting.

Note:

Article 19.3 currently reads:

19.3 A Member may give written notice to the General Secretary of any

resolution including nominations for Directors, patrons and vice presidents which may properly be moved and is intended to be moved by that Member at a General Meeting:

19.3.1 Resolutions must be submitted by members acting as proposer and seconder in writing to the General Secretary no later than 56 days prior to the date of the General Meeting or as specified in the notice for the meeting. The resolution may include a statement of no more than 1000 words. The resolutions will be advertised to members via the Audax UK website or extension thereof for review for a minimum of 21 days. During this period members may submit amendments to resolutions in the same manner as resolutions. Proposers of resolutions and/or amendments may similarly withdraw unamended resolutions and/or amendments, or otherwise combine, partition or otherwise redraft them so long as they continue to address the resolution's original subject.

19.3.2 Nominations with details of the members proposing and seconding the nomination and the consent of the nominated person to serve together with a statement of that person's relevant abilities or experience of no more than 1000 words shall be sent in writing to the General Secretary to be received no later than 28 days prior to the date of the General Meeting at which election is proposed or as specified in the notice for the meeting. Members will receive notice of the nominations no later than 21 days prior to the General Meeting or as specified in the notice for the meeting.

19.3.3 Members will receive notice of the resolutions and the nominations for the General Meeting no later than 21 days prior to the General Meeting or as specified in the notice for the meeting.

Rationale:

There are a couple of key changes to the original Article 19.3.

The first is the introduction of a threshold for resolutions seeking to amend Audax UK's constitutional documents. The current Article, was transferred from the previous Articles of Association but it is no longer appropriate for an organisation the size of Audax UK.

Our constitutional documents underpin the operation of our Association and our sport. Many of Audax UK's Regulations flow from its agreements with international governing bodies.

This change brings us into line with similar organisations.

The second change looks to streamline the process for reviewing draft resolutions.

Draft resolutions are already publicised in a dedicated section of the AUK

forum. This provides an opportunity for the proposers to debate and discuss draft resolutions with the membership prior to their being put to a General Meeting. The revised Article clarifies this process but still provides an opportunity for proposers to amend draft resolutions at this stage.

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

8) Election of Directors

1. Chair

Nominee: Chris Crossland (AUK 2964)

Proposer: Mike Wigley (AUK 1309)

Seconder: Chris Boulton (AUK 5025)

Statement:

I have had the privilege of holding the post of Chair of Audax UK since late 2013. This was two years after I retired from my job in the NHS. Since then I have been happy to note my qualifications and aspirations, in line with the job description and person specification when twice seeking re-election.

Cycling experience includes; touring, riding to/for work, club riding, audax etc. In audax; five PBP's, two LEL's, Ultra Randonneur, Brevet 25000, experienced organiser (ROA 25000).

Committee experience; includes twenty years chairing trade union branches and Chair/Secretary of Joint Trade Unions Committees within NHS organisations, twenty-seven years similar and continuing committee involvement with cycling (Chair /President /Secretary of two CTC/Cycling UK member groups), thirty years in local football administration (twelve years as League Secretary).

My continuing objectives as Chair have been; to make Audax UK more focussed, improve governance, widen participation in decision-making, and enhance rider/volunteer experience.

We can add to that now seven years and a bit experience as Audax UK Chair with a record of working for meaningful change within Audax UK in order to improve governance and prepare the organisation for a more ambitious present and future both domestically and on the international scene. My assumption of the ACP/LRM representative role at the behest of the Board has led to further responsibilities including drafting a new LRM constitution and new LRM event regulations for the then LRM President.

Audax UK's development and adoption of a wide-reaching Board Strategy for the period up to 2021 has informed Board deliberations and mandated us to look ahead into the future beyond that. We continue to work on the development of a new website and online back-office administration system that we hope to complete in late 2021 or early 2022 in the face of some setbacks and difficulties.

When you study the annual report for 2019-20, you will see what we have done in our last financial year and some detail of what has happened subsequently. If

you would like to refresh your memory about what we have been doing in previous years since I was first elected as Chair in 2013, you can look at previous annual reports, which are available on the Audax UK website at <https://audax.uk/about-us/minutes/>

I hope you will agree that we have indeed introduced lasting and meaningful changes to the way that Audax UK operates since I was first elected as Chair.

I would appreciate the opportunity to continue the task I started in 2013, and have continued since, in the pursuit of establishing more firmly and maintaining Audax UK's position as the UK's premier long distance cycling association and a world leader in randonneur cycling, as well as being the membership club that growing numbers of long-distance cyclists want to join as THE way of achieving their aspirations.

2. Director – Permanent Events Secretary

Nominee – John Ward (AUK 826)

Proposer – Tony Hull (AUK 1431)

Seconder Lucy McTaggart (AUK 3923)

Statement:

Re-discovered cycling in my fifties, then you all know the familiar Audax story; a few more 100km rides, the impossible distance of 200km, perhaps a bit further, bought some lights, cycled through the night, SR series, PBP.....and without really thinking about it 125,000m of eligible OCD climbing in the Alps (must put in a claim sometime).

Event organising:

AUK events from 50km to 1,000km organised. I have run the New Forest Permanent and Calendar Events for 15 years.

AUK:

As Permanent Secretary I have seen the number of Permanent Events validated grow from 800 to more than 5,000 per season. DIY and ECE events have been introduced and systems for new events and validation and recording have been developed, including GPS and virtual brevet cards and more recently e-brevet validations. OCD responsibility has been taken into the AUK fold and I have liaised with ACP in Paris to introduce the confusingly named international Super Randonnée permanent events into Britain.

During the past year I have learned a lot more about the geography of Britain and national boundaries than I ever thought necessary for an AUK Director; suspending and unsuspending Permanent Events and trying to keep the long distance cycling show as much on the road as possible through Covid19.

Almost inevitably over time the IT systems for Permanent Events have grown in an ad hoc way with bits bolted on and a few homemade spreadsheets of my own. We have moved from paper and postage stamps to mobile phone apps. Now, part way through the comprehensive process of refreshing all of AUK's IT systems, the priority task continuing for 2021/2 is to review and modernise the Permanent Event processes from new events through event entry to validation, making more information easily available and offering a better seamless experience for both organisers and riders.

Other cycling roles:

Committee member CTC Wessex Cycling until 2021

Organiser Lymington Tuesday Cycling

3. Director – Event Services and Recorder

Nominee – Dan Smith (AUK12008)

Proposer – Chris Campbell (AUK 6628)

Seconder – Dave Bradshaw (AUK 519)

Statement:

I was appointed to the post of Events Services Director following the last AGM and am now standing for formal election.

I have been an Audax member since 2013 and am now on my sixth season assisting Kingston Wheelers Audax Chapter (KWAC) with event organisation in their SR series and have been an event organiser during the last three seasons.

Given my relatively modest goals as a rider (preferring shorter events and RRTY attempts), I consider I may be better off helping out with the organisation and administration of the sport.

By trade I am a management consultant and coach working with technology and business transformation. I believe my experience can assist Audax UK in its ongoing challenges as it continues to evolve.

4. Director – Membership Secretary

Nominee – Caroline Fenton (AUK 8040)

Proposer – Malcolm Wills (AUK 17448)

Secunder – Agi Palanki (AUK 13363)

Statement:

I have been the Membership Secretary of Audax UK since February 2018 and am willing to stand again to serve a second term.

During my three years we have made some changes and improvements in the membership area including:

- Introduction of direct debits for membership subscriptions
- Successful development and then deployment of the new membership system
- Work on membership promotion – such as discounts for people joining after entering an event as a non-member

I have also corresponded with a large number of members (and prospective members) about many topics from subscriptions to award seasons, LEL eligibility, Arrivee delivery issues, password problems, gift memberships and many more). I hope that in most cases I have been able to provide the assistance or information needed in a timely manner.

Outside the specific remit of the membership function, I have also assisted with the website content management and the delivery and analysis of the membership survey undertaken in 2020 and, of course, the general activities of the board.

If elected to serve again, I will continue with the basic everyday functions of the role as before and I also hope to contribute to the next stage of the IT refresh project, building on what we have already done for the membership system.

Unfortunately, I have not been riding much for the last two years – my family situation and Covid have really seen to that, but I hope to be out and about a bit more soon.

5. Non-Executive Director – Post 1

Nominee – Andy Yates (AUK 14666)

Proposer – Caroline Fenton (AUK 8040)

Seconder – Ivan Cornell (AUK 2692)

Statement:

I am an active member of Audax UK and Audax Club Hackney and, so far, have achieved, amongst other awards; 4 SRs, 3 RRtYs, LEL 2017 and PBP 2019. I am a keen rider and for the past few years have been in the top 6 of our club's points table. My aim is to continue entering events across the country and collecting more of the various awards. I also volunteer for various calendar events to man controls or assist at the start and arrivée.

To me, the non-competitive and self-sufficient nature of Audax riding but with the camaraderie from other riders is what makes it so appealing. I believe that audax offers a whole range of experiences, from challenging oneself to ride further or achieve the wide range of awards, enjoying the diversity of the UK's scenery (and cafes!), or just enjoying a ride with friendly, like-minded cyclists. All of these appeal to a growing body of people and I am keen to assist with the development and promotion of Audax UK. I would welcome the opportunity to assist with the running of Audax UK as a Non-Executive Director and believe my experience and skills would be of benefit to Audax UK.

In my professional career, I have been working as a structural engineer for over 25 years. I am a founder and company director at Webb Yates Engineers, an engineering consultancy business. The company was established in 2005 and over the past 16 years I have led the development and growth of the company to a practice of over 70 staff with 3 offices across the UK. My own specific management responsibilities are to lead on Finance, Quality Management, Health and Safety, Information Technology, Policies, Purchasing and Premises. My MBA has provided me with a solid background in company governance and organisational development and I use this knowledge to assist in my leadership of the organisation.

I am also a Fellow of the Institution of Structural Engineers and volunteer as a member of some of their committees to assist with the promotion, development, leadership and support to the members.

Professional Experience Summary

4/2005 – present Director, Webb Yates Engineers, London, UK.

4/2003 – 3/2005 Principal Engineer, Capita Symonds, Birmingham, UK

9/2001 – 3/2003 Structural Engineer, Amhara Regional Education Bureau, Bahir Dar, Ethiopia.

6/1999 – 8/2001 Senior Engineer, Whitby Bird and Partners, Bath, UK.
8/1995 – 6/1999 Design Engineer, Whitby Bird and Partners, London, UK.

Professional Memberships

2016 Fellow of the Institution of Structural Engineers
2014 Fellow of the Geological Society
2014 Associate Member of Institution of Occupational Safety and Health
1999 Chartered Engineer and Member of Institution of Structural Engineers

Academic Qualifications

2013 – 2015 MSc Earth Sciences, Merit, The Open University, UK
2013 – 2014 NEBOSH National Certificate in Construction Health and Safety
2004 – 2013 BSc (Hons) Natural Sciences, 2.1 Class, The Open University, UK.
2008 – 2011 MBA Technology Management, The Open University, UK.
2001 – 2004 Diploma in Earth Sciences, The Open University, UK.
1991 – 1995 BEng (Hons) Civil Engineering and Building, 1st Class, The University of Dundee, UK.

Institution of Structural Engineers Involvement

2016 – present Member of Business Practice and Regulatory Control Committee
2014 – present Vice Chair of Technical Products Panel
2012 – present Interviewer for Professional Reviews

6. Non-Executive Director – Post 2

Nominee – Lucy McTaggart - (AUK 3923)

Proposer – Ian Hennessey (AUK 2294)

Seconded – John Sabine (AUK 3171)

Statement:

I have been a member of Audax UK since 1998.

Riding wise, I have ridden nearly 400 events including three Paris Brest Paris events so have good experience from a rider's perspective.

In terms of organising, I have organised events at all distances up to 1000km, including several years of SR's as well as many shorter events.

For the last 15 years I have also been involved in mentoring new organisers and those moving up to running the longer events.

I have twice served on the AUK events team as area coordinator as well as running a DIY area and the Easter/Summer arrows

Locally in the Scottish Borders, I jointly set up the Scottish Borders Randonneurs to encourage more local riders to try audax as well as giving existing riders support in going on to greater adventures or starting out in organising their own events. This has been a good success and a great source of satisfaction to see lots of new faces enjoying audax adventures and some good new events appearing in the calendar from our new organisers.

I feel that I would like to offer the above experience to help AUK continue to grow and thrive into the future and provide an encouraging environment for new riders and organisers.

9) Date and venue of next meeting

10) Close of meeting