

Annual Reports, Accounts and Agenda for AGM 2017-18

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Your vote

This year's AGM is the fifth at which members not attending the meeting are able to cast votes on business determined there. If you're not coming to the AGM, then please take some time to study the agenda items, consider the issues carefully and exercise your influence by casting your votes as you think fit, in the interests of AUK.

Most of you will have received these papers by email from mi-Voice, who are helping us with the voting process. You can cast your proxy vote online using their voting website or, alternatively, if you wish to appoint your own proxy, please contact the General Secretary.

For members wishing to have more information about Board discussions and the papers that inform our decisions, minutes and papers are available on the AUK website, www.audax.uk, for all to see. There is also related discussion on the AUK online forum at forum.audax.uk

If you would like to attend the AGM it is taking place at 12 noon on the 9th February 2019 in:

The George Stephenson Room, ibis Birmingham New Street Station Hotel, 21 Ladywell Walk, Arcadian Centre, BIRMINGHAM B5 4ST

If possible, can you let the General Secretary know that you will be there so that sufficient catering arrangements can be put in place.

1. Annual Report 2017-18

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 2017-18. This period corresponds to AUK's financial year which ran from 1 September 2017 to 31 August 2018, although some officer reports refer to activities and figures relating to the UK Randonneur season, which runs from October to September.

Summary

In reporting last year, we noted that while patterns of AUK activity traditionally varied according to the occurrence of PBP years, and more recently the occurrence of LEL years, there were encouraging signs that activity overall continued to increase regardless of these. In 2017-18 there were:

- 541 registered Audax UK calendar events; a very slight increase on last year's 537;
- 459 riders achieving a Super Randonneur series of rides as opposed to 458 last year;
- 5,996 Permanent rides completed, a 6% decrease on the previous year's 6,373;
- another increase in membership, which had reached 8,278 at December 2018 compared with 7,750 at the same point in 2017;
- 21,585 calendar event rides validated, a 5% reduction on the previous season (after taking LEL out of the equation), probably due to the very poor weather in the early months of the year; and
- Notable increases in the proportion of both AUK-registered events being 200km or above

and the number of validations of rides of 200km or above.

While the reduction in the number of calendar events validated is disappointing, it should be noted that some of the data regarding event participation now collected by the Board can be helpful in understanding this.

Leaving out LEL, we know that in 2017-18, event entries increased from about 30,500 in 2016-17 to to about 31,000 but, overall, DNS (Did Not Start) figures moved upwards from 5,694 to 6,877 and DNF (Did Not Finish) figures from 1,906 to 2,238.

Looking at the distances and dates where these rides were prominent, it would appear that not only the cold winter weather in early 2018 but also the hot weather in summer 2018 led to the decrease in validations. It's likely that the fall in permanent event validations also fell foul of the same considerations.

During the year, the Board has:

- continued to work to introduce policies that would enable us to consider a successful application for National Governing Body status covering Randonneur cycling and thus consolidate and protect our current position;
- compiled and submitted the National Governing Body pre-application;
- developed the necessary policies and practices to comply with the requirements of the GDPR;
- continued to support development of computer software to determine routing and altitude gain;
- continued to use the AUK Strategy for up to 2020 (available to view on the website) as an integral part of its business and set aside time for discussion on future developments;
- 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;
- worked to continue to modernise, update, and improve the content as well as the look and feel of the club magazine, ARRIVEE, in order to maintain its depiction of long distance cycling and provision of information about it; and
- progressed the IT Refresh project through the beginnings of its implementation.

Governance and People

There have plenty of comings and goings, including:

- Geoff Cleaver, who was the Events Delegate for the East & Midlands, sadly passed away whilst out cycling in February. Our commiserations to those who were close to him;
- Oliver Iles, who stepped down from the Audax Altitude Awards Secretary position, but retains his other delegate post as Brevet Card Secretary;
- Nigel Hall, who left his long tenure as Events
 Delegate for the North of England and
 Scotland;
- Chris Smith, who has retired from being a DIYxGPS Organiser;
- Miranda Smith, who has stepped down from the Web Content Editor position;
- Caroline Fenton relinquished the post of Randonneur Round the Year (RRTY) Secretary; and
- Mike Wigley, who stepped down from the Director position of Membership Secretary.

We welcomed on the way in:

- Rob McIvor, who was appointed Communications Director;
- Nigel Armstrong, who was appointed Finance Director;
- Caroline Fenton, who moved to take on the Director position of Membership Secretary;

- Grant Huggins, who became Randonneur Round The Year (RTTY) Secretary;
- Lucy McTaggart, who became Events
 Delegate, in place of Geoff Cleaver;
- Andy Uttley, who became Events Delegate, in place of Nigel Hall;
- Mike Kelly, who has become a DIYxGPS organiser;
- Russell Kesley, who has become Annual Awards Secretary; and
- Mike Wigley, who took up a former position as membership delegate.

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.

Aukweb and IT Refresh

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.

Shortly after the close of 2016-17 the IT Refresh team commenced working with a Huddersfield-based firm, Control F1, to develop the new systems. Steady progress early on was encouraging, but by April, there were signs that expenditure would be higher than anticipated. Phase 1 costs were turning out significantly higher than the original Statement of Works had indicated. The need for an additional sprint had been found necessary because of the complexities of our activities, and it was clear that a further sprint or sprints might well be needed.

By July it was clear that the overspend would be substantial, and the Board had to consider where to go from there. A Board meeting at the end of August agreed to raise membership subscriptions and seek to increase charges to event organisers for AUK event services. Members may note that the increases introduced and proposed still represent good value as they have been held or

indeed reduced since the last increases and are below the various prevailing rates of inflation.

Since then, development has continued, 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.

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.

The trading for the twelve months shows total Revenue of £147,157 (2017: £141,646) with Direct expenditure of £98,326 (2017: £84,798) and overheads of £140,652 (2017: £30,955), showing a net deficit for the period of £91,821 (2017: surplus of £25,920).

At the end of August the company had £237,555 in the bank and at hand showing a decrease of £87,175 from the 2017 figure of £324,730.

Members will recognise the impact of spending on the IT Refresh project. Given its impact as well as the need for it, Board members have worked intensively to review both the project and the means of financing it. One of the Board's last acts in the year under report was to agree to raise members' subscriptions and seek to raise charges to event organisers for AUK event services. Combined with a flexible approach to management of the IT Refresh Programme of Works, our current aim is to deliver financial stability as well as the membership phase of the IT Refresh.

More for 2018-19

Last year we noted that we intended to examine our Regulations in order to see if we can revise them to make them simpler as well as clearer. They have been repeatedly amended for a variety of reasons over the years. They also originate from and bear the marks of:

- the Italian origins of an audax discipline in which participants had to swim, run, walk, or cycle a set distance in 14 hours, approximately between sunrise and sunset, with the cycling distance set at about 200 kilometres;
- the efforts of Audax Club Parisien to differentiate randonneur cycling "á allure libre" from the group riding audax-style cycling promulgated by Henri Désgranges;
- the efforts of the founders of Audax UK to differentiate randonneur cycling from the racing origins of the fledgling organisation;
- imperfect translations of the French Brevet de Randonneurs Mondiaux (BRM) regulations;
 and
- the efforts of Audax UK to differentiate its own Brevet de Randonneurs (BR) regulations from the BRM, potentially as a parallel, rival, and successor.

This proved to be an impossible task, given the time constraints involved with dealing with the normal operations of AUK, in support of the many events run under our regulations, and in support of the members. The progression of the IT Refresh project also took much delegate and director time. The Board is still committed to doing this work on the regulations and it is hoped to be able to make some progress on this in the current year.

We also hope to be able to progress our preapplication for National Governing Body Status for randonneur cycling to the full application stage.

We are cognisant of the Board's 5-year strategy being due for review after its first three years and hope to do that, too.

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

Director Report: Calendar Events

Analysis of Events

In the 2017-18 season there were 541 events and we currently have 185 organisers, 25 of whom organised events for the first time during the season. 186 (34%) of those calendar events qualified for Audax altitude Award (AAA) points which is 30 events more than in the previous season.

The number of calendar events continues to

remain remarkably consistent year on year, which is surprising considering that approximately 10% of events each season will not run in the following season. We do get about 50 "new" events each season, whether that's a brand-new route or return of an old favourite.

The percentage of calendar events that are less than 200km continues to fall and is now just over 50%. Is this an indication of a growing preference for longer, hillier events?

1. Breakdown of events by distance and year

		BR/						
	ВР	BRM	200	300	400	600	>600	Total
2018	291	250	173	36	21	16	4	541
2017	308	229	161	34	19	13	2	537
2016	314	228	152	34	23	16	3	542
2015	310	223	151	36	20	16	0	533
2014	311	218	158	31	15	13	2	532
2013	334	220	163	29	15	12	1	554
2012	320	215	159	27	18	10	1	535
2011	310	246	167	32	24	22	0	556
2010	322	211	148	21	25	16	1	535
2009	317	200	146	23	14	14	3	517

The 2018-19 Season

A large motivation of many riders for the 2018-19 season will be riding qualifying events for Paris-Brest-Paris which is due to be held in August 2019. As the table on the next page illustrates there is a marked rise in BRM events at distances above 200km for this season.

We are organising more BRM events than ever before, which is approximately 25% more than our previous best. I'd like to thank all the organisers for a great effort in organising these events and giving AUK members an extensive range of events to qualify for PBP.

2. AUK BRM events by year/distance

	200km	300km	400km	600km	1000km	1200km+	Total
2019	61	28	24	23	1	1	138
2018	21	19	16	12	4	0	72
2017	17	11	11	10	1	1	51
2016	17	13	15	13	1	2	61
2015	57	21	18	14	0	0	110
2014	17	14	13	13	1	1	59
2013	12	6	7	8	0	1	34
2012	7	6	7	6	1	0	27
2011	46	22	22	17	0	0	107

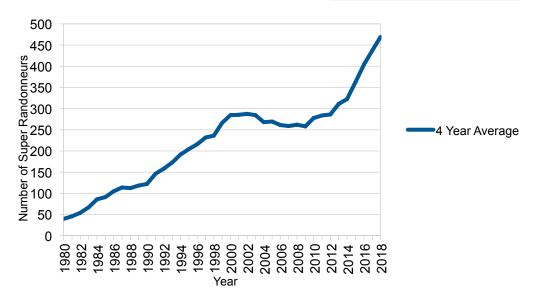
Rider Participation

The number of riders taking part in the longer events continues to increase.

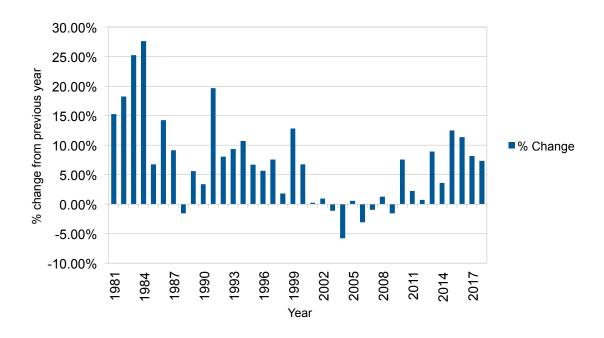
The following graphs show the number of riders gaining a Super Randonneur award (averaged over a four-year period to negate the spikes in PBP and LEL years).

The approximate annual rate of increase for the last four years is just under 10% and there was an increase of just over 7% this year.

3. Number of riders gaining an SR (averaged over previous 4 years)



5. Percentage change from previous year (averaged over previous 4 years)



Conclusion

Geoff Cleaver, who was the Events Delegate for the East & Midlands, sadly passed away whilst out cycling in February. He has been ably replaced by Lucy McTaggart.

Nigel Hall stood down earlier this year following many years as Events Delegate for Scotland & the North and I'd like to help him for all his work and assistance. He

has been ably replaced by Andy Uttley.

Finally, a big thank you to all organisers, helpers, riders and the members of the Events Team without whom there would be no events.

Martin Foley

Calendar Events Secretary and Director

Director Report: Permanent Events

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 has not seen this growth continue and overall there has been a slight drop in the number of Permanent Events ridden in the past year.

The total number of Permanent Event validations for the 2017-18 Season was 5,996. There has been a slight increase in the proportion of DIY Events (71%) compared with all Permanent Events ridden, which reflects the trend of the past few years, but the total number of DIY events has not increased.

Validations for fixed route Permanent Events has dropped significantly, but the number of Extended Calendar events validated has slightly increased since last year.

The summary Permanent Event numbers for 2017-18 are:

Fixed Route events	1,335	23% decrease on 2016-17
DIY events	4,241	No change from 2016-17
ECE events	420	4% increase on 2016-17
TOTAL	6,373	6% decrease on 2016-17

6,824 Permanent Events results, including AAA points awarded to DIY events, have been recorded for 2017-18.

Events completed for the 2017-18 Season compared with previous years:

Season	All Perms	Fixed route	DIY	ECE
2007-8	1,790	1,100	690	-
2008-9	2,160	1,280	880	-
2009-10	2,300	1,215	1,010	75
2010-11	2,430	1,200	1,160	70
2011-12	2,800	1,305	1,385	110
2012-13	3,900	1,683	2,080	137
2013-14	3,920	1,442	2,320	158
2014-15	4,090	1,474	2,460	156
2015-16	5,067	1,764	3,108	195
2016-17	6,373	1,724	4,247	402
2017-18	5,996	1,335	4,241	420

78% of Permanent Events ridden were BR events and 22% were BP events, which is a slight increase in the proportion of BR events.

There has been little change in the spread of event total distances **for BR distance events**, adjusted to incorporate ECEs (Percentage of BR events total in brackets)

Season	200km	300km	400/500km	600km	700 to 900km	1000+km
2012-13	2,176 (85%)	200 (8%)	77 (4%)	59 (2%)	1	11
2013-14	2,102 (86%)	183 (8%)	88(4%)	47 (2%)	1	19
2014-15	2,523 (85%)	273 (9%)	82 (3%)	52 (2%)	4	18
2015-16	3,163 (86%)	286 (8%)	130 (4%)	74 (2%)	0	31
2016-17	3,975 (83%)	445 (9%)	175 (4%)	108 (2%)	9	36
2017-18	3,782 (83%)	515 (11%)	190 (4%)	87 (2%)	4	22

The spread of event total distances for BP distance events has changed considerably. The substantial increase in 50km events is explained by a small number of AUK riders targeting them as being the easiest way, with many repeat rides, to gain AAA points. Perhaps in future AAA awards should be for

Season 50km 100km 150km 1,018 (74%) 2012-13 270 (20%) 88 (6%) 1,137 (77%) 2013-14 250 (17%) 91(6%) 774 (68%) 2014-15 303 (27%) 63 (6%) 2015-16 280 (20%) 1,053 (76%) 50 (4%) 2016-17 251 (16%) 1,284 (80%) 70 (4%) 2017-18 389 (40%) 517 (53%) 70 (7%) drop in 100km distances ridden is partly because fewer 100km events have been ridden (751), but also because more AUK entrants are riding to and from these events and in so doing are converting them into 200km (and longer) rides.

AAA points gained in BR / BRM events only? The

As in previous years, DIY riders follow much the same pattern for events ridden as the overall Permanent Events results. 81% of DIY Events ridden were BR events and 19% were BP events. 70% 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 Oliver Iles, who calculated and attached AAA points to 828 DIY Events recorded results.

The Unofficial Permanent Event 'Prizes'

Organisers award for having most entrants

(excluding DIY & ECE events) this year has the same three organisers in the same three places as last

year, albeit with slightly reduced numbers reflecting the overall drop in fixed route Permanent Events:

1st (131) Mike Wigley
 2nd (109) Nick Wilkinson
 3rd (99) Chris Keeling Roberts

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

1st (117) Andy Curran
 2nd (108) Ivor Peachey
 3rd (92) Nick Gardiner

Permanents events AAA prize of the year for the most AAA points scored in a single Permanent event was once again won by Mille Cymru cyclists; and is shared this year by Richard Coomer, Shaun Hargreaves, Ian Ryall and Ian Walker who each scored 15 AAA points on this 1,000km ride.

Long Permanent events successfully completed were mostly of the DIY variety, which included six 1,000km events, one 1,200km and one 1,400km event, five 1,500km events and three cyclists finishing a 1,900km event. But the far and away over the horizon AUK cyclist was Vilas Silverton who completed 5,400km collecting 54 DIY distance points in one go. Four Mille Cymru and three Endto-End rides were also completed.

PROFS interest on fixed route Permanent Events was not great in 2017-18. Simon Joseph completed the 1,400km Eiger Sanction, there were five 'Mallorca Moonpigs', one Ouistreham Circuit and four cycled the Transmanche. In the mountains one Alpe d'Huez Circuit was completed and there might have been a couple of Mont Ventoux PRoFS if your Permanents Secretary and his wife had not forgotten to take brevet cards on holiday with them.

Ordre des Cols Durs

At the time of writing this report OCD claims for 2018 were still coming in. 20 had been received by December, but more are expected to come in January 2019. Claims are from the usual European countries, France, Spain, Germany, Austria, Italy, Switzerland, and Majorca, but also Greece,

Belgium, and the Canary Islands. No more exotic places so far. The youngest OCD claimant is Fraser Anderson (AUK 16690), age 11.

It had been hoped to have cloth badges, like the Ancien PBP badges, available during 2018, but these have been delayed to 2019. They will celebrate OCD grades: 50K Member; 100K Officer; 200K Commander; 500K Honourable; 1M Venerable; 2M Ancien. Mementoes will also be established for riders who have claimed over one million metres - seven people so far.

Thanks to Rod Dalitz for his work in revitalising and promoting OCD within AUK.

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 600km (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 Colin Bezant organises a Cambrian SR within the AUK Permanent Events calendar. In 2018 four cyclists successfully completed this event.

John Ward

Permanent Events Secretary

Director Report: Membership

Membership at 31st December 2018 stood at 8,285. This is an increase of around 550 compared to the same point in 2017.

The figure in December is always slightly unrepresentative of the true levels as at this point we don't yet know who has chosen not to subscribe for 2019.

More up to date figures will be available in Arrivée 143 in February. However, the general trend at all points in the year has been a steady increase in members. The headline numbers are:

- 6,621 Standard members (not households)
- 1,657 Household members in 802 households (most households are only two people)
- 1,279 of our members qualify for life membership – approx. 50% subscribe to Arrivée
- 197 members live overseas
- Approximately one in six members are female
 but they do have a lower average age than
 the men (50 vs 55)

This year, we had 3,763 members who needed to renew by the end of the year, as well as 1,101 Life Members who were invited to subscribe to all issues of Arrivée. Renewals have been proceeding at a good rate, although we started the process (e-mail reminders and then Arrivée notice) approximately two weeks later than last year.

This year we had the first increase in fees since 2008. This provided a number of challenges including getting the membership system configured with the new rates (many thanks to Francis Cooke for his work on this). Work is continuing on chasing up standing order

payments, many of which have not been changed in time.

Looking ahead to 2019, our biggest challenge and workload will be the design and implementation of a new membership system. Unfortunately Audax UK membership is quite a complex business, and standard packages which would work for a local village tennis club will not cover our needs – in particular, our life and household membership types and, most importantly, the need for individuals to maintain their unique membership number throughout their membership - even if their actual membership category changes during that time - together with the functionality to link to event entry and results. Another new development which we will look at is introducing direct debit for subscriptions, which we think would be convenient for many members.

This is my first Annual Report having taken over from Mike Wigley at the 2017-18 AGM. Mike is still a much appreciated contributor in the membership team, along with the other delegates - Findlay Watt, Peter Gawthorne, Howard Knight and Peter Davis - who have continued their excellent work. Many thanks to them all. Audax UK would struggle to function without them.

The main task for the enrolment delegates is to mail out Arrivées and welcome letters to new joiners – by my calculations they have processed around 1,200 of these in the last 12 months, which is a fantastic effort.

Caroline FentonMembership Secretary

Director Report: Events Services

The total number of Calendar event validations for the 2017–2018 season was 21,585, a 5% reduction on the previous season (after taking LEL out of the equation), probably due to the very poor weather in the early months of the year

Despite this, the breakdown by distance continues the trend of the increasing popularity of longer distance events.

	50km	100km	150km	200km	300km	400km	600km	1000km	Longer
2015-16	1,118	10,805	1,190	6,200	1,006	647	456	38	27
2016-17	937	10,771	979	7,407	1,314	876	475	3	831 (LEL)
2017-18	896	10,255	873	6,527	1,451	814	589	180	

This was the last season as Validation Secretaries for Keith Harrison and Sue Gatehouse, having curated the job through many changes and in excess of 282,000 validations in all. We owe them a great debt of gratitude.

Cathy Brown has made a great start as their replacement, reporting very few delays with the posting of cards to and from the (almost) farthest reaches of the AUK empire.

Thanks also Oliver Iles who produced 32,000 Brevet Cards, and assessed a huge number of GPX tracks for AAA points and to our newest delegate, Grant Huggins,

taking over as Delegate for the RRTY award.

I shall have completed two three-year terms as Event Services Director when the next AGM comes around in 2020 and seven years altogether as Recorder and feel that will be an appropriate time to let others take up the cudgel. Anyone interested in all or part of the role and wanting to know more – do please get in touch.

Peter Lewis

Events Services Director

Director Report: Communications

This post was vacant for most of the season so this report focuses mainly on activities towards the end of the calendar year 2018.

Web site

The most visible achievement was the "soft launch" of the new Audax.uk web site, timed to coincide with the annual reunion in November. This was done before the interactive elements of the site were fully functional as it was being demonstrated at the reunion and it would have been unfair for only a small proportion of members to have the opportunity to see it and comment upon the work so far.

The new site is not only visually very different from Aukweb, including photographs and new visuals, for example, but also aims to provide a more welcoming introduction to randonneuring, much more information about the different aspects of our events and the diversity of opportunities we offer for people to take part. As interest in Audax grows (particularly with 2019 being a PBP year) the Audax.uk site should provide a useful resource for potential new participants and, I hope, prospective members.

Feedback from members has been very helpful and a number of improvements have already been made as a result. However, the intention is that the site will be dynamic, with material being regularly updated and new sections constantly being added. We have recruited two content managers, who will take over the day-to-day editorial management when the site goes fully live and several other members have also very kindly offered their technical expertise to support future development.

Particular thanks must go to Richard Jennings, who has managed the website project and to Miranda Smith who did much of the heavy lifting on the style and content, as well as Caroline Fenton and Dave Allison, who painstakingly worked through the final pages, adding or fixing links and checking for consistency. I'd also like to thank the numerous AUK members who have allowed us to use their superb photographs. They are not credited on the site at the moment, but this is something I intend to fix in due course.

ARRIVEE

Our members' magazine has also undergone a redesign, under managing editor, Ged Lennox. In particular, Ged has produced a series of striking covers that are distinctly different from the run of the mill covers on most commercial magazines. Arrivee is, of course, principally written by our members and its quality stands or falls by their contributions. This year has seen some excellent articles, and photographs, both about AUK events and other cycling activities undertaken by members. Many thanks to all our contributors – and please keep the articles coming. I'd also like to thank Tony Lennox, Peter Moir and Claire Oldfield, who edited individual editions during the year.

Member communications

In the past, most of our member communications have tended to be passive, in that important information was published only on the web site and in Arrivee. However, given the justifiable interest in the impact of the IT refresh project on the organisation's finances, we decided to send the Chair's update on this topic directly to all members by email. Inevitably, there were some messages that were returned as undeliverable but it appears that the majority did receive the message. As this is something we may choose to repeat should circumstance ever warrant it, I urge all members to ensure that the email addresses that we hold for them are up to date.

Media coverage

AUK is not a high profile organisation and it is not our objective to seek the same level of media coverage as, say, Cycling UK or British Cycling. Indeed, some would argue that drawing too much attention to long-distance events and the potential for riders to be on the road while sleep-deprived could well have unwelcome consequences. However, there is scope for what we do to be understood more widely and, consequently, attract more participants. To this end, during the year we saw two substantial articles in national media – a report from a rider's perspective on the London-Wales-London 400km in *The Guardian*,

arranged by the event's organiser, Liam Fitzpatrick, and a general piece on long-distance cycling, and Audax in particular, featuring AUK members Robert Hanwell and Agi Palanki, in *The Daily Telegraph*. I hope that PBP year may provide a suitable 'hook' to generate further coverage this year.

On a sad note, a night-time hit and run incident involving riders on one of our events was also the subject of media coverage. Thankfully, such incidents are extremely rare but they do bring considerable risk that the nature of randonneuring will be negatively mis-reported. Liam Fitzpatrick provided valuable professional advice on how to mitigate this and, I

believe, helped to ensure that the reporting was fair and criticism focused on the driver involved rather than the cyclists.

As I was co-opted to the Board during the year, I will be putting myself forward for election at the Annual General Meeting. In the meantime, I would like to thank my fellow Board members and others who have given me help and guidance over the past five months.

Rob McIvor

Communications Director

ACP Correspondent / LRM Representative Report

Verifying and submitting award claims on behalf of members for ACP Randonneur 5,000 & 10,000 awards for members 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 2018. Early information about Paris-Brest-Paris included requirements about pre-qualification given the explosive growth of randonneur cycling in some parts of the world, with a minimum 400km event ridden in 2017 being a possible minimum requirement in the eyes of ACP. However, the growth in the number of 1,200km plus events may mean that the demand for PBP dissipates across those, We will find out soon enough.

The first ACP Super Randonnee Permanent 600km. events in the UK. have now been ridden by a small number of riders. Any organisers interested in

promoting such an event should contact the Permanents Secretary for information.

I have 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 Asembly.

He would also like 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. Keith has recently written to all national LRM representatives and provided them with drafts for their consideration. It is his desire that the 2019 LRM General Assembly in August will be in a position to approve final versions.

Chris Crossland

ACP Correspondent / LRM Representative

Director Report: Finance

During the year under consideration, 2017-18, Nigel Armstrong was appointed Finance Director in April 2018. He then worked on forecasts of Audax UK's 12 month financial future and quickly identified a threat of lack of funds within two years should Audax UK's expected expenditure on the IT Refresh and all its other activities come about as expected.

This resulted in the increase in membership fees of about 25%, implemented in September 2018, and the proposed increases to other fees that will be put to the Annual General Meeting.

Our income increased 3.9% from 2017 to 2018 before the membership fee increases in September this year. However our expenditure in the same period (before tax) increased by 106% to £238,978 as the long held ambition and objective of the board to use a new website and GDPR-compliant database to lighten the load on the volunteer administrators and delegates, who work hard to keep Audax functioning, starts to become fact.

Over many years, Audax UK has built a reserve to fund this development and in 2017-18 the work started with Phase 1, which is now complete, and we are about to embark on Phase 2. The Phase 1 subcontractor cost Audax UK £116,152 in the year and the costs of administrating the websites and controlling the subcontractor cost £8,626.

The trading for the twelve months shows total Revenue of £147,157 (2017 £141,646) with Direct Expenditure of £98,326 (2017 £84,798) and Overheads of £140,652 (2017 £30,955), showing a deficit for the period of £91,821 (2017 was a surplus £25,893).

At the end of August, Audax UK had £230,144 in the bank and at hand, down from £313,215 at the end of August 2017.

Nigel Armstrong

Finance Director

Agenda for the Audax UK Long Distance Cyclists' Association AGM 2017/18

To be held at The George Stephenson Room, Ibis Birmingham New Street, 21 Ladywell Walk, Birmingham B5 4ST on Saturday 9 February 2019 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 2016/17).
- 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. Finance Director
 - 2. Non-Executive Director (2 posts)
 - 3. Communications Director
- 9) Date and venue of next meeting
- 10) Close of meeting

RESOLUTIONS FOR AGM

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

Resolution 1

Proposed by: Nigel Armstrong – AUK 2585 – Finance

Director, on behalf of the AUK Board

Seconded by: Martin Foley – AUK 3207 – Calendar Events Secretary, on behalf of the AUK Board

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.

Board View: This resolution has been brought forward on behalf of the Board of AUK. It is now many years since these fees were last reviewed and the increases are still below the applicable rate of inflation.

Resolution 2

Proposed by:
Paul Stewart – AUK 4488,
Seconded by:
Andrew Turner – AUK 3407

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.

Note: Regulation 2 currently reads:

2 Affiliations

2.1 AUK associates with Audax Club Parisien (ACP) and represents ACP in the United Kingdom.
2.2 AUK associates with Les Randonneurs Mondiaux (LRM) and represents LRM in the United Kingdom.
2.3 AUK may affiliate with other organisations as appropriate.

Board View: The Board of AUK has considered the effect of this resolution and is broadly supportive.

Proposer's and Seconder's Rationale: Associations and affiliations with other organisations represents a major change and so should be approved by the wider Audax UK membership.

Resolution 3

Proposed by:

Paul Stewart - AUK 4488,

Seconded by:

Andrew Turner - AUK 3407

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.

Note: Regulation 7.3(g) currently reads:

(g) Extended Calendar Events (ECE) add a DIY event to a registered calendar event.

Board View: The Board of AUK believes the administrative burden of introducing EPEs will outweigh the benefits to the membership as a whole. Accordingly, the Board recommends that you vote against this resolution.

Proposer's and Seconder's Rationale: To allow AUK Permanent events and for events organised by associate/affiliate organisations and recognised by

AUK, e.g., overseas BRM events validated by the local ACP affiliate to be extended.

Over time the definition of an 'ECE' has been expanded to include BRM events validated by other ACP associates (listed as 'overseas' events in the results section of the Audax UK website) and this resolution makes provision for this explicit in the Audax UK Regulations.

Some Members have also asked for the ability to similarly extend Audax UK Permanent events.

Currently riders wishing to incorporate a route registered as an AUK Permanent into a larger ride are forced to do so by registering the overall ride as a DIY Permanent. They would prefer instead to extend the Permanent and thereby support the Audax UK Permanent scheme and Permanent Organiser. This would also allow the registered Permanent to appear in their results as part of an extended event rather than the ride listed as a somewhat anonymous 'DIY Permanent' as now.

EAE/EPEs are generally supported by the current AUK website, and, as variations of the existing ECE scheme, could be incorporated into the new AUK website project at this stage of its development at minimal additional cost and effort (leaving it to a later date would inevitably be far more costly). It is not expected there will be a large number of Extended Affiliate and Permanent Events validated each year, so the additional administrative effort to support them would be correspondingly low.

In summary this resolution is being progressed to recognise current practice, support riders' interests and facilitate future development.

Resolution 4

Proposed by:

Paul Stewart - AUK 4488,

Seconded by:

Andrew Turner - AUK 3407

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.

Board View: The Board of AUK has considered the effect of this resolution and is broadly supportive.

Proposer's and Seconder's Rationale: Whilst 'events are open to all riders' it has become accepted practice for Organisers of oversubscribed events to prioritise entries from Members (individuals who have been admitted to membership of Audax UK in accordance with the Articles). This amendment clarifies the Audax UK Regulations to reflect this.

Resolution 5

Proposed by:

Paul Stewart - AUK 4488,

Seconded by:

Andrew Turner – AUK 3407

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 (DNS), Did Not Finish (DNF), Out of Time, Unvalidated, i.e., riders using Electrically Assisted Pedal Cycles, and Disqualified.

Board View: the Board notes that certain of these terms are not currently defined in the Regulations and that the IT System will not currently support reporting of this type. If this Regulation is passed, it will be up to

individual organisers to publish results as they see fit in accordance with the Regulation pending potential further updates to the IT System. The Board also believes that riders whose brevets are not validated may not wish their names to be published.

Proposer's and Seconder's Rationale:

Audax UK currently only publishes details of validated event finishers. The efforts of other participants, even those who finish out of time after a long and gruelling ride and others who might fail to finish because of misadventures on the road do not feature in the official record. Officially, it is though they were not there. This is inconsistent with the Audax ethos of encouraging riders to stretch themselves in tackling long distance events.

This amendment seeks to address this by ensuring that the efforts of all event participants are recorded for posterity, to provide a more complete record of riders participation of Audax UK events for the benefit and interest of all concerned.

Note: Provision for collecting addition rider categories is generally supported by AUK systems, so DNS and DNF riders are currently recorded but not published. Riders would appeal to the Organiser to amend a DNF to Out of Time as appropriate. Similarly, EAPC riders may request their (unvalidated) ride be registered if not validated. Only validated rides would qualify for awards, as now.

Resolution 6

Proposed by:
Paul Stewart, AUK 4488,
Seconded by:
Gary Hocking, AUK 12999

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.

And 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.

Note: Article 12.4 currently reads:

- 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 including (but without limitation):
 - 12.4.1 technical regulations;
 - 12.4.2 rules to combat doping in cycle sport to ensure compliance with national and international rules relating to doping control;
 - 12.4.3 appeals procedure;
 - 12.4.4 rules for the promotion and organisation of championships;
 - 12.4.5 mechanisms for co-ordinating the arrangement of and the date of fixtures of cycling events organised under Audax UK rules and guidelines; and
 - 12.4.6 mechanisms for co-ordinating commercial activities of Audax UK.

Board view: This resolution has been in produced in co-operation between the board and the original proposer and seconder. The board is supportive of this resolution on the basis that it adds clarity to the relationship between the Articles of Association and the AUK Regulations.

Resolution 7

Proposed by: Paul Stewart, AUK 4488, Seconded by: Gary Hocking, AUK 12999

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.

Note: Article 16 currently reads:

16. Classes of membership

16.1 The Directors may establish different classes of membership and prescribe their respective privileges and duties and set the amounts of any subscriptions. Subject to and in default of any other classes being established by the Directors, the classes of membership, shall include but not be limited to:

- 16.1.1 Member;
- 16.1.2 Household Member; and
- 16.1.3 Life Member;

16.2 Eligibility for household Membership and life Membership shall be in accordance with the AUK Regulations.

Board view: This resolution has been in produced in co-operation between the board and the original proposer and seconder. The board is supportive of this resolution on the basis that it adds clarity to the relationship between the Articles of Association and the AUK Regulations.

NOMINATIONS FOR ELECTION AS AUDAX UK DIRECTORS

1. Finance Director

Nominee: Nigel Armstrong - AUK 2585

Proposer: Peter Lewis - AUK 7916

Seconder: Caroline Fenton – AUK 8040

Statement:

I put myself forward as a nominee for the position of Financial Director of Audax United Kingdom Long Distance Cyclists' Association.

I have spent my professional life in industry, starting out as a Metallurgist with British Steel in Sheffield & then as a Management Accountant in various industries until I was Director on Site for a PLC subsidiary in the 1990s in Lancashire. In 1993 I started an accounting practice that became Pi Partners Ltd which is aimed at micro industrial / manufacturing businesses and has provided the bookkeeping and the preparation of the annual accounts for Audax UK since 2015.

I am a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA) and have gained a good working knowledge of Audax UK's systems and its strengths and weaknesses whilst working for the previous financial director.

Cycling wise I bought my first bike shaped object when I was 19, having never ridden as a child and was hooked. Various bikes later at the age of 51 I undertook my first long distance ride when I cycled with a tent and large full panniers front and back from

Penzance to Land's End, Lizard Point, Lowestoft, Ardnamurchan Point, Duncansby Head, John O'Groats, Dunnet Head and finished at Inverness taking the whole month of May but discovered I could ride all day.

Then, aged 55, I met the late John Radford of Huddersfield CTC who encouraged me to try an Audax, so in May 2013 I completed my first 100 and by today I have managed to grow my points tally to 155. My longest distance completed under Audax rules was a 411km The Lincoln in June 2016 and I am currently working on my fourth RRTY award.

Long distance cycling has had sustained growth since 1976 which has become an administrative burden which has been recognised by the Board's adoption of an Audax 5 year Strategy and the drive to become the sport's national governing body. This growth has and will continue to change the administrative roles of the directors and delegates with the continued refinement and changes to the methods of control needed in an era of computerised systems and, ultimately, increasing levels of paid for administration of Audax UK.

My technical competence is in repeatable, reliable management accounting, which I have used to create a 1 year forecast process needing input from all the responsible persons who drive the expenditure of Audax UK. This 1 year forecast is the basis of the control of the expenditure of the organisation and its future course, enabling a method of reporting that would highlight significant differences to the forecast and would seek to provide answers to the how and why such differences came about. This forecasting system will be part and parcel of the next 5 year Audax UK strategy document.

To my eyes the growth of Audax UK and its continued success is the main threat to the financial stability of Audax UK and systems. Posited future changes identified by the board should result in flexed forecasts presented to the board showing the results of various alternative actions that Audax UK could take so that the income and expenditure consequences of board decisions can be identified so that board actions can be based on real data.

2. Non-Executive Director – Post 1

Nominee - John Sabine AUK 3171

Proposer - Andy Uttley AUK 7062

Seconder - Lucy McTaggart AUK 3923

Statement

I first joined the Board in December 2014 and have been elected to continue as a non-executive director at the last three AGMs. I joined AUK at the beginning of 2013 so I still have strong memories of what it is like to be very new to audax; both what I've found difficult and helpful as a relatively inexperienced rider and what sparked my enthusiasm for it.

I hope I have brought a reasonably fresh perspective as a non-executive director, and have been able to be a critical friend to the Board, helping to reach decisions rather than simply discussing endlessly: I am not afraid of challenging the status quo or other people's assumptions, though I try to do that constructively.

Professionally, I have worked as a journalist, in local government and for a couple of charities. I am able to express ideas and proposals clearly, and enjoy working with others to make them happen.

I believe in setting a strategic direction for AUK that respects existing members and traditions, but also looks to a future where we're able to expand without diluting our uncommercialised ethos and without an increasingly complex rulebook.

We are seeing an increase in the numbers of people enjoying audaxes and, although as a result AUK is getting bigger, my priority is to support 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.

The Board's work must be focused on this.

We have now almost completed Phase 1 of our longpromised IT Refresh project. This is fundamental to allowing us to grow sustainably, by making life easier for existing organisers and riders, as well as appealing to a new, wider group. Further, we are partway through a re-examination of our Regulations. They are currently very dense, sometimes inconsistent and can be off-putting – I very much support the need to bring them up to date and make them more accessible, simplifying where we can, without losing our ethos.

3. Non-Executive Director - Post 2

No nominations received.

4. Communications Director

Nominee – Rob McIvor AUK 7120

Proposer – Tom Deakins AUK 6380

Seconder – Liam Fitzpatrick AUK 7100

Statement

After being co-opted to the Board during the year, I am now seeking formal election for the post of Communications Director.

It was a chance conversation at a Wiltshire Women's Institute cake sale that led to my entering my first Audax event, in 1997. While riding the Salisbury Century (a commercial event) another rider and I were lured in from the persistent rain by the prospect of hot tea and cheap cakes. Over our snack, I commented that I was starting to find century rides less of a challenge and was looking for something to stretch me a little more. "You should try an Audax," my companion suggested. I made some notes, made some inquiries when I got home, and a few weeks later rode my first 100km, in Kent. Despite rookie errors such as not having anywhere to put my route sheet or a pen to note the info control answers, I loved it and came back for more and longer events in subsequent years.

Since then I have managed to complete PBP three times, LEL twice and several SRs. I've also helped out at local events – I'm an expert at re-filling bidons – and ran the kitchen at the Great Easton control on LEL in 2013. I haven't done it yet but I aspire to organising events at some point.

As a rider, I'm definitely in the "full value" camp, partially because I enjoy the social aspects of randonneuring almost as much as the cycling and so tend to spend far too much time at the controls! That may give me a slightly different perspective on our events and their participants from those who are able to polish off 600km and still be home in time for their Sunday lunch – and of whom I am perpetually in envious awe.

It seems to me that the appeal of Audax events is broadening – and that's a good thing. As an organisation – with the Board's leadership – we need to acknowledge that individuals will have diverse reasons for taking part and try to ensure that we can offer an experience that satisfies as many of those requirements as practicable, without undermining our core purpose of long-distance cycling. From a communications perspective, this means being clear and consistent about what we offer and how it differs from, for example, commercial sportive events or club rides, while emphasising the inclusive nature of our rides.

I believe that the material on our updated web site already goes some way to achieving this. I think it is crucial that we balance the emphasis on the challenge aspect of our longer/tougher rides with the appeal of BPs as both entry-level rides and achievements in themselves. To this end, I welcome the growth of regional SR series as a way of encouraging new riders

to stretch themselves with the incentive of a nominal award if they complete the set.

On a similar note, Arrivee has improved dramatically over the 20 years or so that I have been reading it. Visually, the move from A5 mono to A4 colour was a huge leap forward and the recent innovations in layout and typography have given it a more modern feel.

Again we must recognise that the magazine serves a diverse audience and, crucially, relies on its unpaid contributors. We need also to think of the magazine as a key element in advertising AUK to potential members.

Professionally, I've spent my entire career in media and communications. My work has been published in a wide range of media including the Financial Times, Sunday Telegraph, Daily Mail and – bizarrely – the South China Daily Post and I've appeared on radio and TV here and in the USA. After a cycling accident in 2014 put me out of action for several months, I became an independent consultant, working for the likes of Lloyd's of London and Barclays, and I have no plans at present to go back to being an employee.

I believe that I would bring a considered, but constructively challenging, approach to AUK's communications, with a particular focus on differentiating our unique experience from what is offered by other bodies, and I hope that members will support my nomination.

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 2018

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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 2018.

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.

Richard Alsept, Chartered Accountant Seahouses Accountancy Service

Seahouses Hub, Seahouses NE68 7YL

DATE 7th December 2018

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AUDAX UNITED KINGDOM LONG DISTANCE CYCLISTS' ASSOCIATION COMPANY INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2018

Directors Christopher Peter Crossland

Martin David Foley

Peter Christopher Donald Lewis

John Matthew Sabine William John Ward Graeme David Provan Nigel Peter Armstrong Caroline Anne Fenton Robert Alan McIvor

Secretary Graeme David Provan

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

The directors present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2018.

Directors

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

Christopher Peter Crossland Martin David Foley Peter Christopher Donald Lewis John Matthew Sabine William John Ward Graeme David Provan

The following directors were appointed during the period:

Caroline Anne Fenton was appointed on 10 February 2018. Nigel Peter Armstrong was appointed on 11 April 2018. Robert Alan McIvor was appointed on 6 June 2018.

The following directors resigned during the period:

Ged Lennox resigned on 6 December 2017. Mike Wigley resigned on 10 February 2018. Dave Minter resigned on 10 February 2018.

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.

Signed on behalf of the board of directors

Approved by the board on:

9 JANUARY 2019

AUDAX UNITED KINGDOM LONG DISTANCE CYCLISTS' ASSOCIATION INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2018

	2018 £	2017 £
Turnover	147,157	141,646
Cost of sales	(98,326)	(84,798)
Gross surplus	48,831	56,848
Administrative expenses	(140,652)	(30,955)
Operating (loss)/surplus	(91,821)	25,893
Interest receivable and similar income	1,164	1,151
(Loss)/surplus on ordinary activities before taxation	(90,657)	27,044
Tax on (loss)/surplus on ordinary activities	(1,181)	(1,124)
(Loss)/surplus for the financial year	(91,838)	25,920

AUDAX UNITED KINGDOM LONG DISTANCE CYCLISTS' ASSOCIATION STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 AUGUST 2018

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	Notes	2018 £	2017 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	4	1,631	2,175
Current assets			
Inventories	5	4,132	5,357
Debtors	6	3,279	6,158
Cash at bank and in hand		230,144	313,215
	-	237,555	324,730
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	(44,638)	(46,643)
Net current assets	_	192,917	278,087
Total assets less current liabilities	-	194,548	280,262
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	8	(37,422)	(31,298)
Net assets	-	157,126	248,964
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Reserves	J	157 106	248,964
Profit and loss account		157,126	240,904
Members' funds		157,126	248,964
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For the year ending 31 August 2018 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 .

9 JANUARY 2019

Director

Company Registration No. 5920055

AUDAX UNITED KINGDOM LONG DISTANCE CYCLISTS' ASSOCIATION NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2018

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 9th January 2019.

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

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 Duistance 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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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		Plant & machinery £
	Cost or valuation		At cost
	At 1 September 2017		2,900
	At 31 August 2018		2,900
	Depreciation At 1 September 2017 Charge for the year		725 544
	At 31 August 2018		1,269
	Net book value		
	At 31 August 2018		1,631
	At 31 August 2017		2,175
5	Inventories	2018	2017
		£	£
	Finished goods	4,132	5,357
		4,132	5,357
6	Debtors	2018	2017
		£	£
	Trade debtors	-	2,177
	Accrued income and prepayments	3,279	3,981
		3,279	6,158

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7	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2018 £	2017 £
	Trade creditors	3,178	7,364
	Taxes and social security	3,149	2,571
	Other creditors	30,312	21,899
	Accruals	7,999	14,809
		44,638	46,643
	Other creditors above include members deferred subscriptions of £24,999.		
8	Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	2018	2017
		£	£
	Other creditors	37,422	31,298

9 Company limited by guarantee

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

Other creditors above are made up of members deferred subscriptions.

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 \mathfrak{L}_1 .

10 Average number of employees

During the year the average number of employees was 30 (2017: 29).

AUDAX UNITED KINGDOM LONG DISTANCE CYCLISTS' ASSOCIATION DETAILED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2018

	2018 £	2017 £
Turnover Fees	147,157	141,646
Cost of sales Other direct costs	98,326	84,798
Gross profit	48,831	56,848
Administrative expenses Travel and subsistence Bank charges Software Depreciation Bad debts Sundry expenses Accountancy fees	5,765 3,445 127,786 544 14 13 3,085	3,260 2,974 20,985 725 93 68 2,850
Operating (loss)/profit	(91,821)	25,893
Interest receivable Interest receivable	1,164	1,151
(Loss)/profit on ordinary activities before taxation	(90,657)	27,044

Appendix 2: Minutes of the AGM 2016/17

Audax UK Long Distance Cyclists' Association

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2016/17

Held at Room 101, The Library of Birmingham, Birmingham on 10 February 2018 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), Peter Lewis (Events Services Director), Mike Wigley (Membership Secretary and Returning Officer), Martin Foley (Calendar Events Secretary), John Sabine (Non-Executive Director)

Other Members attending: Caroline Fenton, Miranda Smith, Nigel Armstrong, Oliver Iles, Mike Lane, Nick Wilkinson, Peter Davis, Julian Dyson, Allan Taylor, Otto Reinders, Steve Bateman, Richard Jennings

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:

Roland Masset 2017 PBP ancien (3)
Tim Wainwright 2017 Arrivee editor, PBP ancien (3),
Ultra Randonneur, Brevet 5000
Mike Hall 2017 multiple ultra long distance Race
champion and guest of honour/speaker at the AUK
Reunion 2016
Dave Pitman 2016
John Gibb 2017
David Jones 2017 former Organiser from Merthyr
Eric Brownbill 2017
Douglas Williams 2017
Keith Miller 2017
Alex Wallace 2017

and Geoff Cleaver, AUK Regional events delegate, event organiser, Feb 2018

The Chair noted that this was the second time the AGM had been held separately from the Reunion. Nick Wilkinson noted that the attendance was lower than it had been at the Reunion AGMs. The Chair felt this was balanced by the increased participation overall via the online voting site. JS felt it was less polarising to have an open session at the Reunion followed by a separate AGM.

The Chair explained that he was holding several hundred proxy votes where he was obliged to vote in line with the direction of the appointing member, and also held a few dozen proxy votes where he had full discretion. He stated that, while he could be reasonably expected to align his opinions to the Board view on any question, 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: Anne Benton, Keith Benton, Jennifer Crossland and Dave Minter.

3) TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE LAST AGM as a true record of that meeting

Proposed: Martin Foley

Seconded: Peter Lewis

Against - 0

For - 507

Approved

4) MATTERS ARISING from the last meeting.

None

Proposed - John Ward

Seconded - Julian Dyson

Against - 0

For - 509

5) TO APPROVE THE ANNUAL REPORT.

A number of minor typos were pointed out by those present.

Nick Wilkinson asked about progress on the new website. Richard Jennings gave a brief report and explained the process that had been used to select the project supplier.

Nick Wilkinson expressed concern about the planning for the user experience. John Sabine explained that a number of profiles had been created to assess the user experience.

Nick Wilkinson queried why Wales was not treated as a separate region within Audax UK. Martin Foley explained that Wales was included within the South West and that this was based on the number of regional delegates around the country.

Nick Wilkinson asked if it was possible to add "Wales" to the name of the region.

Mike Lane asked about identifying the regions that rides go through. Martin Foley confirmed that the new website will have additional functionality allowing users to search intermediate controls which will help to identify regions.

Nick Wilkinson expressed concern that the rise of ECE and DIY could detract from the classic well-crafted Permanent routes.

John Ward recognised that DIYs have grown hugely and agreed it made sense to dig more deeply into the composite figures. Nick Wilkinson believes that DIY is not really audax.

Peter Lewis noted the new website should help with the visibility of Perms.

6) TO APPROVE THE ANNUAL ACCOUNTS AND TREASURER'S RECOMMENDATIONS

The Chair presented the Accounts and Report to the meeting.

Nick Wilkinson asked about the contribution made by non-members. He referred to the accounts and stated that by his calculation we would be worse off if the non-members all joined.

Nigel Armstrong noted that non-member revenue is subject to corporation tax as a commercial activity.

Peter Lewis explained the historical position that had led to the creation of the charge for non-member riders. He also explained that the new website should have an option to be a registered user as well as distinct from a member.

Martin Foley noted that non-member rider numbers reduced very sharply for rides of 200k and above.

Nick Wilkinson asked what steps were being taken to encourage non-members to join. Mike Wigley explained that currently there was no specific method of capturing non-member data centrally. Hopefully the new website would assist.

Oliver Iles noted that the strategy document refers to promotional materials being made available to organisers to assist with converting riders to members.

John Ward believed that AUK may be as interested or more in increasing participation in Audax as it was in increasing its membership. Nick Wilkinson asked about budgeted costs for the new website.

Richard Jennings stated that a maintenance budget of 20% of cost had been budgeted. This would be a significant cost but the actual amount will depend on what is ultimately developed.

Chris Crossland explained that Audax UK was still largely run by volunteers but that certain functions will increasingly need to be carried out by paid workers in order to cope with the scale of the organisation.

Peter Lewis noted there was some scope to increase revenue without too much pain as charges had not been increased for some years.

Proposed: Martin Foley

Seconded: Allan Taylor

For 510

Against 0

7) TO CONSIDER RESOLUTIONS

Mike Wigley, as returning officer, explained that he had a record of all directed proxy votes and would manage these on behalf of the proxies (including the Chair) by adding them to the votes in the meeting, before announcing the result of each vote. The proxies present at the meeting had voting cards to represent the correct number of votes.

The Chair further explained that the resolutions before the meeting would be decided by majority vote in line with existing requirements, save for the resolution to approve the new articles of association, which required a special resolution passed by at least 75% of those voting. 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: To delete Regulation 9.9.4 in its entirety, and to renumber the subsequent sections.

Peter Lewis introduced the resolution and explained that 9.9.4 was redundant as 9.9.2 and 9.9.5 already covered everything and allowed flexibility for organisers.

For 333

Against 36

Resolution passed

Resolution 2: To delete the Appendix to Regulation 9.9.2 and to amend the wording of Regulation 9.9.2

Nick Wilkinson supported the proposal believing that it matched the way riders now want to ride.

Peter Lewis speaking against the proposal, did not feel that it fitted all events.

Nick Wilkinson thought it was a non-issue as he had never been asked for support for a rider.

For 335

Against 36

Resolution passed

Resolution 3: To ratify the following change made to the Appendices by the Board of Audax UK since the last AGM as further amended:

Insert new Appendix at 7.3.1(i):

John Sabine explained that it was appropriate for Audax UK to adopt this in line with existing schemes elsewhere. We already have one organiser in the UK who wants to organise such events.

For 504

Against 6

Resolution passed

Resolution 4: To ratify the following change made to the Appendices by the Board of Audax UK since the last AGM and to make further consequential amendments:

Insert new Appendix at 7.3.1(j

Peter Lewis asked about distance points for UAF events, given the wording.

Chris Crossland confirmed they would be available for UAF events of randonneur distances conducted within randonneur time limits.

For 519

Against 10

Resolution passed

Resolution 5: To ratify the following change made to the Appendices by the Board of Audax UK since the last AGM:

Insert new Appendix at 13.2.5(i) and renumber the following subsections.

Martin Foley explained the idea had come from the mother of a 10 year old member – he had ridden 3 x 50k then realised there was no award. The Board had agreed there should be one.

Nick Wilkinson noted there were not that many 50k events on the calendar.

Martin Foley explained that DIYs were allowed.

For 503

Against 6

Resolution passed

Resolution 6: That the regulations contained in the document produced to the meeting, be and are approved and adopted as the Articles of Association of the Company in substitution for and to the exclusion of all the existing Articles of Association of the Company.

Graeme Provan explained that there had been a need to modernise the Articles to take account of the 2006 Companies Act. The new Articles were consistent in meaning with the previous Articles.

Peter Lewis noted that he had spent some time comparing the two and looking at the Model Articles and was happy that they did not change the current meaning.

For 513

Against 2

Mike Wigley confirmed that over 75% of those voting had voted in favour.

Resolution passed

8) ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

1: Chairman

Graeme Provan took the chair

No questions from the floor

For 491

Against 9

Chris Crossland was duly elected and resumed the chair.

2: Finance Director

No nominees.

3: Membership Secretary

There were three nominees. It was noted that Electoral Reform Services had advised that the Chair had no discretionary votes to exercise on this matter.

Each of the proposers spoke in favour of their candidate.

Mike Wigley thanked the three excellent candidates for putting themselves forward.

Caroline Fenton - 260

Oliver Iles - 88

Allan Taylor - 61

Caroline Fenton was duly elected

4: Calendar Events Secretary.

No questions from the floor

For 501

Against 9

Martin Foley was duly elected

5. Non-Executive Directors (2 positions)

There was one nominee for the two positions.

Position 1:- John Sabine

No questions from the floor

For 504

Against 6

John Sabine was duly elected

Position 2:- no nominee

Chris Crossland noted there was also a current vacancy for the post of Communications Director.

9) Date and venue of next meeting:

To be agreed but likely to be Birmingham in February 2019.

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. He particularly noted the contribution made by the IT delegates who were working hard with little recognition, whether on aukweb or the new website development.

Richard Painter thanked the board, delegates, organisers and everyone else who gave their time to AUK to make it the success it had become.

The meeting closed at 13.50