

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

[Agenda for the Audax UK Long Distance Cyclists' Association AGM 2021/22](#)

To be held on Saturday 11 February 2023 at 12.00pm at The George Stephenson Room, Ibis Birmingham New Street, 21 Ladywell Walk, Birmingham B5 4ST.

- 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 2020/21).
- 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: Nigel Peter Armstrong - AUK2585 - AUK Finance Director

Seconder: Graeme Provan -AUK12829 - AUK General Secretary

That pursuant to Regulation 3.5, the fees paid for membership for 12 months are amended, effective from 1 March 2023, as set out in the accompanying note.

Rationale:

Membership fees were last increased by the Board for the year starting September 2018.

The Retail Price Index in September 2018 stood at 284.1 and in December 2022 it stood at 360.4, an increase of 26.8%.

The increases detailed in the resolution represent an average increase of 10%.

Note:

The temporary membership fee was increased by 50% in 2018.

The event organisers' fees will be reviewed after the implementation of the new Events IT system.

Free of charge "life, no Arrivee" membership will continue to be available to members who are 65 or older on Jan 1st of the membership year and have 10 or more years continuous membership.

Board View:

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

Proposed New Fees:

1. Annual Membership: £20
2. Joining/late renewal fee: £5
3. 5 year Membership: £80
4. Household Membership: £7
5. 5 year Household Membership: £28
6. Annual Life Membership (with Arrivee): £12
7. 5 year Life Membership (with Arrivee): £60
8. Overseas Membership: £29
9. Overseas 5 year Membership: £125
10. Overseas Household Membership £7
11. Overseas 5 year Household Membership £28
12. Overseas Life Annual Membership (with Arrivee): £21
13. Overseas Life 5 year Membership (with Arrivee) £105
14. Temporary Membership unchanged at £3

Resolution 2

Proposer - Brandon Edgeley (AUK 8025)

Seconded - John Gallagher (AUK19033)

(Note: the resolution also has the written support of at least 25 members of AUK)

That Regulation 1.1 be deleted replaced with the following:

1.1 Points: Members shall be awarded points at a rate of 0.5 point for every 50km in BP, BR, BRM and RM events validated by Audax UK, plus PBP, Flèches Nationales, BRM and RM events validated by ACP or LRM and Audax events validated by UAF of 50km or more.

Note:

Regulation 1.1 currently reads:

1.1 Points: Members shall be awarded points at a rate of 1 point for every 100km in BR, BRM and RM events validated by Audax UK, plus PBP, Flèches Nationales, BRM and RM events validated by ACP or LRM and Audax events validated by UAF of 200km or more.

If passed, the change would take effect from 1st November 2023. It would not be applied retrospectively.

Rationale:

Audax UK is happy to promote and validate rides shorter than 200km, I cannot see any logical reason why we wouldn't allow these rides to have points applied that are only applicable to Audax UK members for use in Audax UK records and points based competitions. If we accept 50km and 150km should receive 0.5 points per 50km then I think we also have to apply this to rides over 200km as well to remain consistent (ie a 350km ride would be 3.5 points).

Board View:

The Board is neutral on this matter. If passed, the implications the change has for record keeping and administration generally will need to be assessed fully.

8) Election of Directors

1. Director - Calendar Events Secretary

Nominee: Ian Hennessey (AUK 2294)

Proposer: Andy Uttley (AUK 7062)

Seconded: Andy Cox (AUK 6766)

Supporting Statement:

I have served on the events team for many years, the last three as Calendar Events Director. That turned out to be a challenging time as the COVID epidemic struck and pretty much closed down our operations. However, we recovered from that with the help of our organisers, who coped very well while the restrictions were in place.

I have changed the way in which the events team works, with more collaboration and decisions being taken collectively.

In the background a new organisers' portal is being developed to replace the ageing aukweb one which has served us for over two decades.

My aim is to continue the focus on the unique discipline of AUK events. They are essentially rides over standard distances, to be completed within given time-limits. Having said that, I do appreciate that it can be a challenge to produce good simple routes given our often busy road structure. This is where dialogue between the events team and the organiser is important. Our team is focussed on supporting current organisers and encouraging new ones to provide a good range of events across the UK.

I am happy to continue as Events Director for another term, and my delegates have indicated that they support me doing so.

Supporting statement from Andy Uttley (AUK regional events delegate for Scotland and Northern England):

"The process of compiling the AUK events calendar is fairly complicated. Therefore, it is vitally important the calendar secretary, at the head of the team, is competent in its production. I have worked on the calendar team with Ian in 2 spells over 10 years or so and I am confident that he is best placed to fulfil this side of the job.

Ian has also held board level positions for 2 decades and is well accustomed to dealing with VIPs in both AUK, ACP and other external

organisations that is a fundamental requirement for any board member.”

2. Director - Communications

Nominee - Paul Renshaw (AUK 28667)

Proposer - Donald Ramage (AUK 19565)

Secunder - Joe Greystone (AUK 21718)

Supporting Statement

I was really excited to be appointed to the board by the current Directors in October 2022 and will be standing for formal election at this AGM (2021/22).

My working background has been in Marketing for a motorbike and cycle product company. Within this role I am heavily involved in social media, digital advertising, both photography and video shoots and being the link between our sponsored race teams and the company. Within this role there are number of crossovers with the Communication Directors role.

My cycling background goes back even further, starting with mountain bikes and then moving onto my first road bike. This was the start of what has become a modern day love affair. From joining a cycling club, to progressing through the ranks at racing crits, road races and TT's. I have always loved being outdoors on the bike and touring so it seemed only right that I should join Audax UK. This seems the perfect fit for me now. Having experienced multi-day events from Haute Route, I now plan to have a go at Ultra-Distance cycle races in 2023, starting with Pan Celtic.

It has been a huge learning curve for me the last few months, I have spent a large amount of time reading up on Articles of Association, AUK Regulations, Audax history and Board policies - quite a lot to take in. Having a good grasp of social media, I have been keen to view our current social media portfolio and look at ways of developing it. Already I have set up a new Instagram account *@audax_uk* and have started to build followers and collaborate with members and audax groups both in this country and abroad. My belief in running this account is that it will draw in more people to Audax whilst giving current members an outlet. Arrivee the quarterly magazine is a fantastic magazine that I believe members really look forward to receiving and then eagerly reading cover to cover. I have spent some time with the managing editor and have some content ideas for upcoming issues. In the short time since joining the board I have now liaised with GCN and Audax UK to make sure we have some fantastic superstars that will hopefully

feature in a film around PBP later in 2023. One pressing item that is in the inbox is to help develop AUK clothing for PBP. Once we have a design that is agreed, I will then look at number of manufacturers so that members can purchase. We also need regular content for the AUK website and this is something that I will be looking to get onto in the new year. I/we have several ideas already but please feel free to chip in with any of your own.

3. General Secretary

Nominee - none

4. Non-Executive Director - Post 1

Nominee - Andy Yates (AUK 14666)

Proposer - Caroline Fenton (AUK 8040)

Secunder - Ivan Cornell (AUK 2692)

Supporting Statement:

I am an active member of Audax UK and Audax Club Hackney and so far have achieved, amongst other awards; 6 SRs, 4 RRtYs, LEL 2017 and PBP 2019. I also successfully completed the Transcontinental Race No. 8 in August 2022. 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 AUK awards. I also volunteer for various calendar events to man controls or assist at the start and arrive as well as being an organiser for 2 perms. I have been a Non-Executive Director of Audax UK since May 2021 and enjoy being part of the Board.

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 continue to assist with the running of Audax UK as a Non-Executive Director and believe my experience and skills are 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 an engineering consultancy business. The company was established in 2005 and over the past 18 years I have led the development and growth of the company to a practice of over 70 staff with 2 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 stepping down from my director role in March 2023 and intend to spend more time cycling and narrow boating around the country.

5. Non-Executive Director - Post 2

Nominee - Paul Haxell member (AUK 12811)

Proposer - Tom Jackson (AUK 366)

Seconded - Steve Rowley (AUK 6826)

Supporting Statement

By way of background, I am a lifelong cyclist, having Time Trialled in my teens before going off to compete in other sports, before participating in Audax probably 25 years ago.

From a business perspective, I currently have a portfolio career in which business coaching and consultancy plays a large share. By education, I am a Chartered Civil Engineer and I have worked for a range of construction companies. This includes Group level Director roles for FTSE 250 Developers. More recently, I have run my own consultancy, am a board director for another consultancy and mix in a blend of interim projects alongside.

Within my career I have also become a Chartered Health and Safety Practitioner and sought to take an approach which has provided businesses with pragmatic and proportionate solutions always railing against bureaucracy! This has led me to work on advisory committees for HSE Construction Division and to sit on Council to the Safety Professions Professional Body for 3 years (IOSH) holding the Board of Trustees to account. IOSH have a strong charitable aspect.

I believe from this there are many skills that would be beneficial to the Board of Audax UK.

Back to the cycling. I have for many years dragged my children across Europe on two tandems (both with kiddy crank conversions) before dipping my toe into the world of Audax. I recollect that my first Audax was the Fleet Moss 200 in the Dales riding a Halfords Mountain bike with my dad, finishing with about 15 minutes to spare. Bizarrely, my picture appeared in the next Arrivee. I was

pushing my mountain bike up Fleet Moss as the oldest rider (probably 80+) crested the top!

Since then, I've ridden LEL, PBP, completed a few SR series and RRTY too. I spent several days in August volunteering at Hessle for LEL to give back and support others to enjoy the challenges of long-distance cycling.

For the last few months, I been filling the vacant NED position to support the Audax Board and would like to be able to continue in this role.