



2024-25 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

ANNUAL REPORT

AUDAX UNITED KINGDOM LONG DISTANCE CYCLISTS' ASSOCIATION
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Chair's Introduction

Introduction

Audax UK is the long-distance cycling association for the UK, and is the regulating body for cycling events held under the rules developed by Audax Club Parisien and developed further in the UK 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 (AUK) 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 2024-25. This period corresponds to AUK's financial year which ran from 1 September 2024 - 31 August 2025, although some officer reports refer to activities and figures relating to the UK Randonneur season which now runs from November to October.

Building on work to strengthen the board in 2023-24, a group was convened this year to undertake a strategic review of AUK structure and whether changes should be implemented to better serve the membership. The group included members from outside of the board structure. Topics reviewed included board structure, awards and trophies and supporting materials. Outputs included a number of resolutions being put to this meeting, the creation of our Women in Audax group and identification of future topics for consideration.

The board met regularly throughout the year, continuing the approach of augmenting quarterly face-to-face meetings with monthly online calls and an associated drive to regularly review and progress outstanding actions.

London Edinburgh London saw the involvement of a number of board members, many acting in other roles. Whilst it was disappointing that the event was curtailed due to Storm Floris, there was a lot of positivity from the riders and with my Controller's hat on it was all quite humbling. The event organising team led by Danial Webb did an exceptional job in the circumstances and whilst there is a long time to go, I know that planning is underway to further refine the approach for 2029.

Merit and Services Awards

We are delighted to announce the following recipients of 2025 Merit and Service awards as follows:

- **Merit Award – Female: Sophia Attwood-Apperley**

Several words could describe Sophia including 'mad', 'nutter', 'bonkers' but 'amazing' and 'inspirational' are maybe more appropriate. Last year, after completing the Transpyrennean Race (TPR) solo, Sophia had a crazy idea of completing a Super Randonneur Round the Year (SRRTY) i.e. a 200, 300, 400 + 600 every month. Despite some severe adverse weather conditions, she got stuck in and completed this, still smiling. It's also worth adding that Sophia works in a bike shop, and therefore has to work most Saturdays, adding significant challenges to riding 400s and 600s. But she adapted her schedule to starting from work, riding through the night and ending a ride at a roundabout near her work where she wild-camped.

- **Merit Award – Male: Ian McBride**

Ian has been a member of AUK of eight years and personifies the ethos of our discipline. Whilst challenging himself, he has inspired many others to attempt challenges. In particular, he shows how riding long distances can be done with understated focus and good humour.

In 2025, many people will have become aware of his role in London Edinburgh London. He managed to ride ahead of the storm and being caught between controls when the event was curtailed, he had to continue to Edinburgh. His return was closely followed on social media. Strikingly, the images of his ride and the interactions with the volunteers highlighted his modesty and warmth towards the other riders and helpers.

Ian exemplifies the spirit of Randonneuring: personal achievement within a community of people who respect and support each other.

- **Organisers Award – Audax Club Mid-Essex (ACME)**

Audax Club Mid-Essex has been running audax events for the past decade, has a mix of events with distances from 50km up to 1000km, and with one or more events every month. The club ran last year's National 400 as a team effort, with fully catered controls being run by teams of ACME members including organiser Tom Deakins and points champion Owen Wood. In addition, ACME also organises the hugely successful ECE friendly ACME Anvil series of BP events over the winter months. There's a strong tradition in ACME of helping at events with a large group within the membership prepared to step in as and when needed.

- **Helpers Award – Chris Cairns**

Chris is always a very willing helper, prepared to sacrifice riding himself to help when needed. He regularly helps several organisers and is willing to do the 'long, hard' shifts others aren't keen to do. He can be relied upon to run a control, he is a fabulous cook (his trifle and his corned beef pie are both becoming things of legend) and he cannot be fazed by any outrageous requests for help. He has the trait that all great helpers share, which is that he will do the thing that needs doing before the organiser even become aware of it.

- **Services to Audax UK – John Ward**

John has made significant contributions to Audax UK over more than 20 years. He has been overseeing perm events for most of that time, having managed significant changes and developments to how perms are managed and ridden (see his Special Report in Section 5). He has also been a diligent and effective Committee and Board member for many years. The Board thank John for his dedicated service and contributions to Audax UK, and after validating nearly 100,000 perms, wish him well in his retirement!

Finance

We continue to be on a healthy financial footing. The year to 31st August 2025 showed an increase in income of 8% over last year. More details are provided in the Finance Director's report and the Annual Accounts.

IT

Further significant progress has been made during the year in the migration from the legacy AUKweb planner to the Audax.uk platform. Highlights have included the migration of functions related to entry and validation. This puts us at a point where there is no longer anybody logging into the aukweb system. There is still the need for the migration of some historic data. Once this is completed, we will be able to retire AUKweb entirely addressing a significant area of ICT-related risk. Parallel to this, work is ongoing with applying version upgrades to the Audax.uk platform.

We are indebted to Dave Allison and Caroline Fenton for their significant efforts in these areas and to Terry Kay for support of the AUKweb and AWS platforms. Our wider IT needs are in transition at the moment but there is an anticipated need for additional volunteer input and commercial development in future migrations, these are to be informed by future discussion.

Membership

At the beginning of 2025 we had 7533 members and by the end 9592 which again is a new high. Although 2025 started a bit slower than 2024, by August we consistently had about 150 more members each month than for the same month in 2024. It is likely this upturn was partially related to interested in LEL. More details are provided in the Membership Secretary's report.

Events

There were 68 BRM (Brevet Randonneur Mondiaux: internationally validated) events including two at 1000km, 248 BR (Brevet Randonneur: AUK only validated) events including one 600 and one 1000 and 335 BP (Brevet Populaire) events from 50 to 150km. 4185 people rode at least one calendar event during the season. The number of Permanent events validated was 7,610. 1,162 AUK members completed one or more Permanent events. There were 17,505 calendar event validations.

More details are provided in the Event Services Director, the Permanents Events Secretary, the Calendar Events Secretary.

Communications

Arrivée continues to be an excellent and inspiring magazine and is highly valued by the members.

A re-invigoration of activities around communication are a top priority for the year ahead with an initial focus on celebrations of the 50th anniversary of Audax UK.

Reunion and Awards Ceremony

2025 saw a well-attended reunion event in Derby. It was an excellent event incorporating a Darts, rides, talks, an update from the board and dinner. Many thanks to delegates Peter Davis and Laura Massey-Pugh for delivering such a successful event and Lucy McTaggart who administered the

Darts. Planning is now well underway for the 2026 reunion and awards ceremony which will take place in York in March and will incorporate celebrations of the 50th anniversary of Audax UK.

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 support teams who make the events possible and enjoyable and the IT team that are supporting our systems.

All our volunteers are vital to AUK's operations, and we must not take their efforts behind the scenes for granted. We are fortunate to have them, and their continuing dedication and hard work deserve our thanks.

We always welcome thoughts, comments, suggestions as well as offers to assist with the running of the organisation. Please contact secretary@audax.uk in the first instance.

Finally, congratulations and thank you to all of you, our members. We hope you have all achieved your audax goals, enjoyed being a part of our superb community, and we thank you for your continued support. I hope to see some of you on the road in 2026 as we celebrate the 50th anniversary of Audax UK.

Andy Cox
Chair

Part A: Director Reports



1. Finance Director Report

Note: This report is for the year to 31st August 2025

The year to 31st August 2025 showed nearly 8% increase in income from the year to 31st August 2024, which contributed to a pre tax profit of £63,031 and £457,072 in our banks at 31st August 2025.

Income

Income from membership fees levied on new members and renewing members fell by 4%, and the money received from Temporary Members (being the charge we levy on non members who do one of our rides) also fell by 9% in the same time, continuing a similar decline in Temporary Member income in the year to August 2024. On the other hand, the sales of Audax branded goods through our online shop brought in £17,955 being a new source of income and also, the re-union brought in another £9,162.

The income from Calendar and Permanent rides which comes to us from the ride organisers through Ride Registrations, Brevet Cards and Validations fell by some 2% to £36,841.

The reductions in some costs of membership were carefully implemented by the board so as not to impact our level of Reserves and further reductions in our charges to our organisers are to be put in place in 2026 and beyond.

Expenditure

The greatest cost to us is the publication of our Arrivee magazine, which cost us £66,053 (including postage), included in the direct costs figure of £116,644 in the published accounts. The other major costs to us, included in the direct costs figure, were £10,153 spent on the Audax branded goods sold in the year and the £17,254 spent on the re-union at the Aubrey Park Hotel.

The £10,063 other legal & professional costs were entirely the costs of board meetings and the AGM.

Honoraria to those officials nominated to receive them was determined by the non-executive directors who decided who should receive honoraria and the amount. The honoraria are paid in recognition of the volunteered services without a contractual relationship between Audax UK and the volunteer, and is not payment for services performed by the volunteer based on time periods. The honoraria taken in the year to August 2025 are detailed in the table below and is put to the AGM for members to approve:

I also propose to the AGM that the members approve the setting of honoraria for roles in 2026 by a committee made up of the non-executive directors followed by their approval of the payments at the following AGM in 2027.

The Future

The forecast to 31st August 2026, version 1, was prepared in October 2025 and shows a £29,100 surplus over expenditure for the year to 31st August 2026 from our expected future activities, excluding any 50 year celebrations . The current level of reserves is adequate to meet the objectives of Audax UK through the proposed activities of Audax UK Long Distance Cyclists' Association, so I do not propose any increase to membership fees or increases to charges relating to events, including registration, validation and recording until the 2027 AGM.

Honoraria for the year to August 2025

	Honoraria		
A Taylor	£350	Delegate	Badge & Medal Secretary
J Ward	£2,250	Director	Permanent Events Secretary
I Hennessey	£910	Director	Calendar Events Secretary
O Iles	£1,775	Delegate	Brevet Card production
N Armstrong	£455	Director	Finance Director
G Huggins	£910	Director	Event Services Secretary
A Uttley	£1,400	Delegate	Regional Event Delegate
C R Brown	£1,775	Delegate	Validation Secretary
A M Cox	£910	Director	Chairman
A M Cox	£490	Delegate	Regional Event Delegate
H Knight	£250	Delegate	Member Enrolment
C Fenton	£910	Director	Membership Director
A Yates	£910	Director	General Secretary
A Yates	£250	Delegate	E-mail system
P Davis	£250	Delegate	Awards Secretary
P Davis	£250	Delegate	Reunion organiser
P Davis	£250	Delegate	Member Enrolment
A M Young	£300	Director	Non-executive
R Dalitz	£300	Delegate	OCD organiser
L Massey-Pugh	£250	Delegate	Reunion organiser
L McTaggart	£250	Delegate	Reunion organiser
S Ogden	£1,400	Delegate	Regional Event Delegate
P Renshaw	£910	Director	Communications
S Britton	£350	Delegate	RRTY Secretary
E A Maude	£300	Director	Non-executive
D Allison	£700	Delegate	Web content
Total	£19,055		

Nigel Armstrong

Finance Director

2. Membership Secretary Report

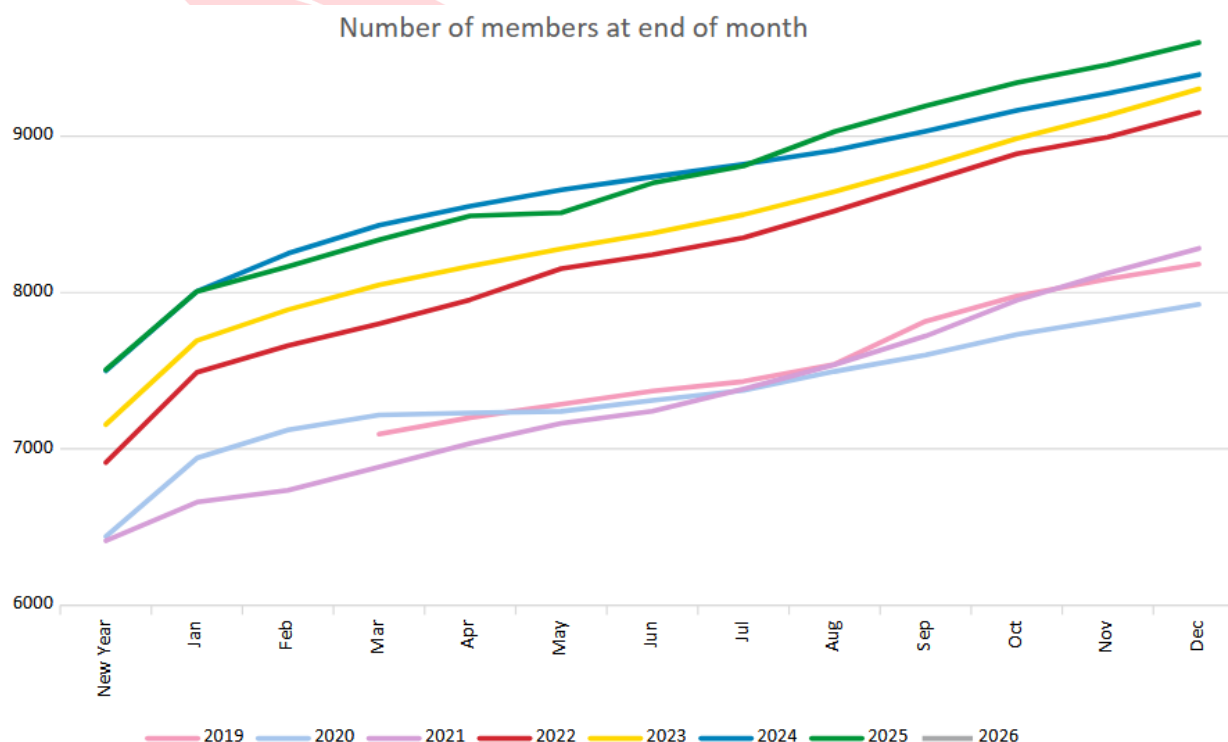
Note: The statistics in this report generally cover the period 1st Jan to Dec 31st 2025 as that is our membership year, rather than aligning with either the financial year or events season.

How do membership numbers for 2025 compare with previous years?

At the beginning of 2025 we had 7533 members and by the end 9592 which again is a new high. Although 2025 started a bit slower than 2024, by August we consistently had about 150 more members each month than for the same month in 2024. It is likely this upturn was partially related to interested in LEL.

As always, not everyone will renew and we started 2025 with around 7700 members.

Our joiners in 2025 were, as in previous years, a mix of people coming straight in as members, some who registered one or more years ago, entered a few events and then decided to join, as well as lapsed members coming back. Over 100 people whose membership had lapsed in 2020, 2021 or 2022 rejoined in 2025.



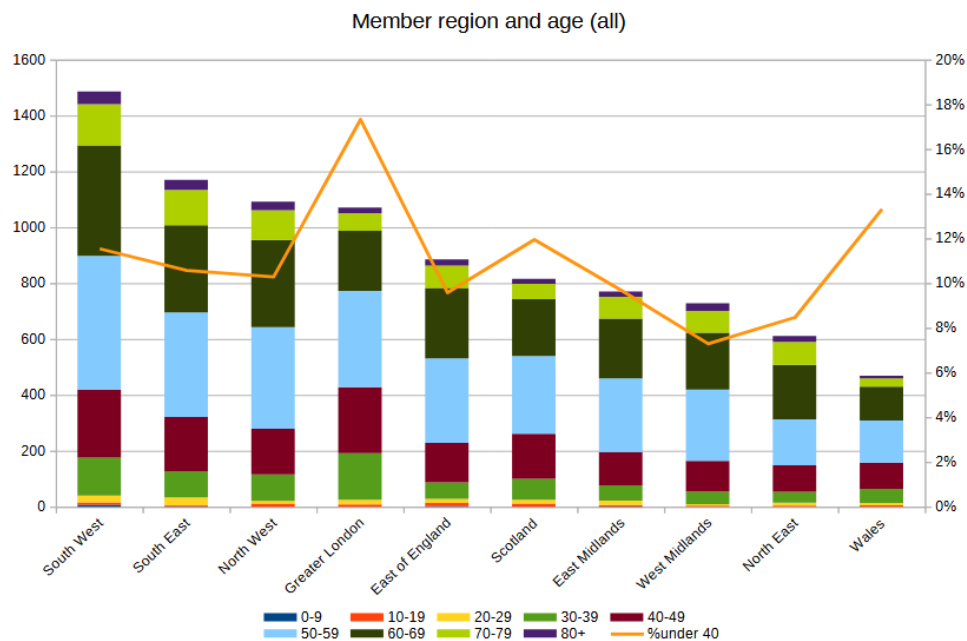
Some headline numbers from the end of 2025 with 2024 figures in brackets:

- 7821 (7620) Individual members (with no household)
- 909 (912) Household members in 862(862) households (most households are only two people)
- 967 (841) of our members qualify for life membership – approx. 65% (70%) subscribe to Arrivé

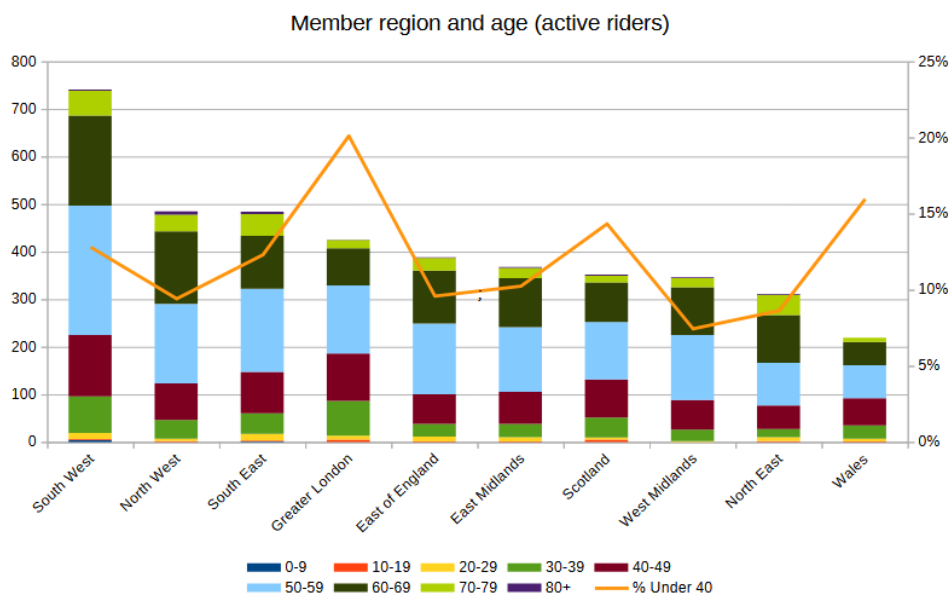
- 208 (195) members live overseas (not including Channel Isles/Isle of Man) of which 146 are in Europe, with 67 of those in Germany (the highest single membership country outside UK)
- Again the 15% of members are female with a lower average age (52) than the men (56) – no change compared to 2024

And some demographic analysis:

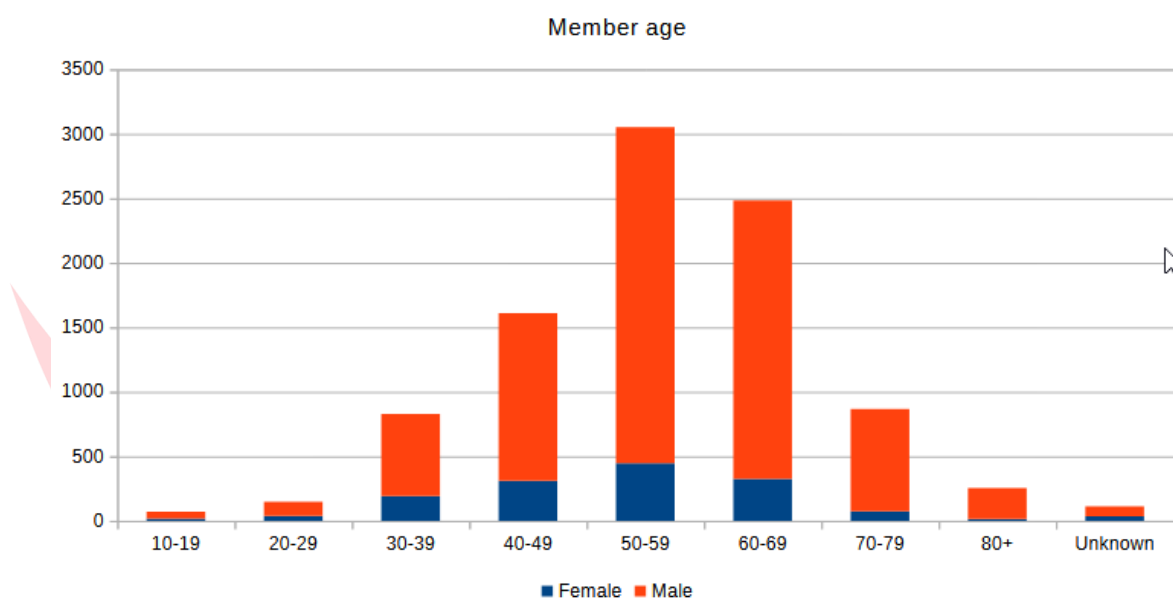
- 1) By region, South West England still has a higher number of members than any other. North West has moved up from 4th to 3rd and Scotland from 7th to 6th by member numbers. London again has the youngest membership (at least the highest % under 40).



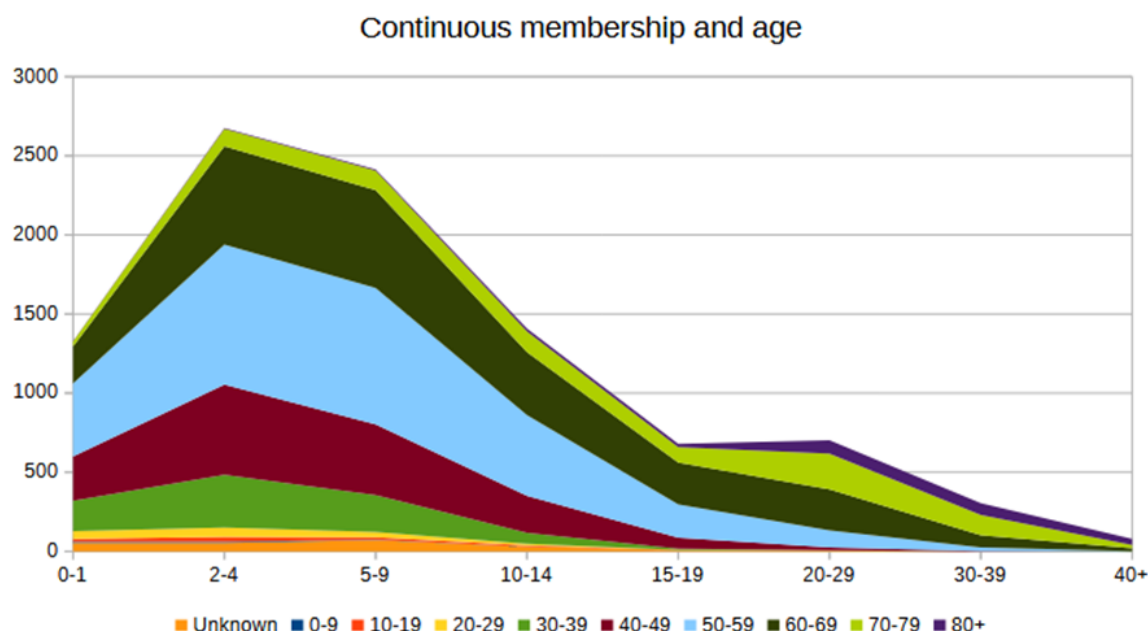
The numbers look slightly different for active riders (at least one completed event in the 2025 season) – very few 80+ finishers, and North West 2nd for total numbers.



- 2) By age – again not much change, 50-59 is still the dominant age range, although this does not necessarily reflect the members actually riding events



- 3) By continuous years membership – we would expect the longer continuous memberships to be linked to older members. Up until last year this picture was still skewed by members of all ages who let their membership lapse during Covid years, but now this is not so obvious. We also see that 58% of members have 5 or more years continuous membership.



Membership and Audax merchandise

Although not strictly a membership function, the team assumed responsibility in 2025 for procuring and distributing a number of Audax UK merchandise items. High visibility vests with an AUK logo

which were sold previously directly by supplier Apidura were handed over to us to sell the rest. We also sourced and sold 300 buffs in two new designs, these being offered to members only at cost price. These items were sold online via the Shop section of our website.

We purchased pens and lens cleaning cloths which were added to “new member packs” sent to our joiners and also distributed by organisers who wanted them to hand out at events.

LEL and membership

In August we ran a promotion for LEL riders and volunteers to offer a discount on membership which was used by 43 people. However there may have been others joining because of awareness via LEL who did not claim the discount.

The “guaranteed entry” list process starts again – eligibility is all members who joined before 30/09/25 and remain members in 2029, renewing each year by 1st January. Working out the latest eligibility list is a key membership secretary duty at the beginning of the calendar year!

Questions in the inbox

The membership inbox is pretty busy throughout the year. Some classic questions and topics are:

“I want to add my partner/daughter/son/husband/wife as a household member but they already have an account” This is one of the highest volume membership actions which is not “self service” and I have to join the accounts manually.

“Please can you update my email address” It is possible for members to do this themselves, but it can be a little tricky so I am happy to oblige but always ask for additional security information before doing so.

“My Arrivee hasn’t arrived” Each issue a few don’t make it through the postal system and I am happy to resend on request

“The renewal notice went into spam – can I renew late and still have my LEL place?” This is a common January question and the answer is No, same for other variants of this such as *“I thought you would renew it automatically”* or *“I was away on holiday”*

“Can I arrange a gift membership for a friend?” Yes, I am always happy to do this, but need to know the person’s details and find out where the pack needs sending.

“I have entered an event as a non-member and now want to join, please can I have a discount code” I do supply some organisers with a code and they send it to their entrants, but I am happy to send direct to individuals as necessary

“Do I get free entry to events if I join” No, self-explanatory really!

Thank you to our delegates

As in previous years I would like to thank the membership delegates Peter Davis and Howard Knight for their work in mailing out packs to new members. This year they have dealt with the new merchandise (pens and cloths) as well as the usual letters, magazines and stickers. In total they sent around 1500 packs out in 2025.

Caroline Fenton

Director and Membership Secretary



3. Calendar Events Secretary & ACP/LRM Report

Last year we had 68 BRM (Brevet Randonneur Mondiaux: internationally validated) events including two at 1000km.

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We had 335 BP (Brevet Populaire) events from 50 to 150km.

LRM (Les Randonneur Mondiaux) are events of 1200km and over. We ran two in 2025, including the second-largest 1200+ event in the world, the London-Edinburgh-London. Unfortunately the weather intervened in the form of Storm Floris and, after an agonising few hours tracking the storm and talking to the Met Office, the organiser, Danial Webb made the difficult decision to abandon the event on safety grounds. The response from the riders was overwhelming. There was obviously disappointment, but also acceptance of the decision and support for Danial and all the volunteers. Everyone who returned to the start received a medal, and a humorous renaming of the event to London-Floris-London lightened the mood.

Excluding LEL, riders covered over 116,000km during the season.

4185 people rode at least one event during the season.

It's worth restating that AUK events are run entirely by volunteers; the rules expressly prohibit commercially run events. Organisers dedicate their time to researching routes, controls, if necessary hiring halls, and all for the pleasure of seeing riders completing their events. Applications from potential organisers are always welcome; details including form are on the website. If you don't yet feel ready to organise, with the responsibility that entails, then most organisers would welcome volunteers to help before and during their events.

The next Paris-Brest-Paris is in 2027. To enter you have to complete qualifying events (BRM/LRM) of 200, 300, 400, and 600km (a Super Randonneur series) during 2027. You will be able to start your entry before you finish all your qualifiers. If you ride a pre-qualifier in 2026, you will be able to start your PBP entry earlier – the greater the distance up to 1000km, the earlier you will gain access. Earlier means more choice of start times. There will be more details on our website in due course. You can also go to the PBP website: www.paris-brest-paris.org.

Much gratitude is owed to the hard-working regional delegates. We have far too many events for one person to deal with. So thanks to Tom (SE England), Andy U (Scotland and the North), Andy C (Wales and the SW, and Steve (the Midlands).

And our thanks to all the organisers and volunteers who make our events happen.

Ian Hennessey

Director and Calendar Events Secretary

4. Permanent Events Secretary Report – 2024-25 Season

Last year, with the number of AUK members steadily increasing, the number of Permanent events validated increased to slightly more than 7,000, which was reassuring after the dip in validations that occurred in 2022/23. This year the number of validations has continued to increase reaching 7,610 including ECE validations.

As in most years, some Permanent events have dropped out of the calendar, others have been handed on to a new organiser and some new Permanent event organisers have come forward with new event routes.

At end of the season there were 515 Permanent events available for members to ride. This is a few less BR events than in 2023/24, but there are still a wide range of events on offer with distances from 50km (long distance cycling?) to 4,000km (possibly over-long for most AUK members?). Some events give members the option of becoming a tourist and riding them as a succession of separate 200km stages. Some events exist for the sole purpose of cramming as many AAA points into the distance as possible. But beware, the absence of AAA points is not a guarantee of a flat ride (not all organisers bother to give their Permanent events an AAA rating).

Once again my thanks go to all Permanent event and DIY event organisers.

Summary Permanent Event validation numbers for 2024-25 compared with (2023-24)

A slight increase for all types of Permanent events.

Fixed Route events	1,261	(1,070)
DIY events	6,071	(5,675)
ECE events	278	(273)
TOTAL	7,610	(7,018)

471 AUK members had one or more Fixed route Permanent events validated

691 AUK members had one or more DIY events validated

135 AUK members added an ECE validation to one or more validated Calendar events

Spread of Distances for BR Events

200km	300km	400km	500km	600km	700km	1,000km	2,000+km
4124	379	131	6	107	7	14	1
(86%)	(8%)	(3%)	(0.1%)	(2.2%)	(0.1%)	(0.3%)	

Spread of Distances for BP Events (excluding ECE events)

This shows the increase in 50km events from virtually none in previous years to a significant number of 'points collectors' being interested.

50km	100km	150km
991	1267	304
(39%)	50%)	(12%)

7,610 Permanent events results, including ECE events have been recorded for 2024/25.

Overall, 1,162 AUK members completed one or more Permanent events, which is proportionally similar to 2023/24 allowing for the increase in AUK members.

691 members completed one or more DIY events, and 471 members completed 1 or more conventional Permanent events.

53% of Permanent events ridden were BR events, and 47% were BP events, a continued and increasing shift from BR to BP events compared with the last three seasons.

68% of DIY events ridden were BR events and 32% were BP events, showing that in DIYs as well as other Permanent events the proportion of short BP rides being ridden is increasing.

87% of all DIY BR events ridden were 200km

22 AUK members completed Permanent events longer than 600km. 15 members cycled 1,000km or more and Mike Churcher managed to complete a 2,000km DIY event.

The Unofficial 2005/26 Permanent Events 'Prize'

The Organiser's award for most often topping the list as the Permanent event organiser who has created most events and attracted most entrants (excluding DIY & ECE events) **during the second 25 years of Audax UK** goes to Mike Wigley:

In recent years Mike Wigley has almost made the annual slot for this 'prize' his own personal award having often topped the list and so easily wins not just this year's prize again but also the overall 25 year prize. In the 2024/25 season 31% of the Permanent events validated were organised by him. There is no magic formula, but as I said in last year's report if you want riders to enter your Permanent events Mike's formula is: Interesting routes with GPS or eBrevet validation as options, a great website (peakaudax.co.uk) and some interesting merchandise including for RRTY.

Ordre des Cols Durs (OCD)

OCD events are recorded over a calendar year with claims and validations for the previous year being made during the first two months of the following year. The 2025 annual report for OCD will, be published in Arrivée magazine as soon as it is complete.

John Ward

Director and Permanent Events Secretary

5. Permanent Events Secretary 'Special Report' – 2000-2025

Getting involved

I shall be retiring as AUK Permanent Secretary this year as AUK enters its 50th anniversary. After a few years of taking part in Audax events, including cycling through the night in order to complete an SR series and organising some Calendar and Permanent events I was drawn into helping to run the AUK organisation. I became responsible for Permanent events Brevet Cards production as a delegate to Pam Pilbeam and that morphed into taking on the role of Permanent Secretary. So, as I seem to have been involved with Permanent events for the second half of AUK's existence, below are a few thoughts on just how much has changed in the 25 years from 2000 to 2025.

Some context

In 2000 most bicycles were made of steel and often had 3 chainrings to help weary cyclists up steep hills (not to forget the one-sprocket fixed-wheel brigade). Halogen bulbs had been invented but many lights were still of the 'Never-Ready' filament variety that only just put out more light than a glow worm in a jam-jar. Self-sufficiency was expected and a long flap Carradice saddlebag could hold most of the tools required by a well-equipped mobile mechanic. A route sheet (or map) was an essential addition to handlebars (or you could put them in a back pocket and then get lost). Mobile phones existed but less than half of UK households had one and getting a signal in rural Britain in order to send a text was far from a certainty.

The number of AUK members fluctuates during each year, but in 2000 there were a bit less than 4,000 members and by 2025 there were more than 9,000 members. So more cyclists should = more events ridden and in fact Permanent event validations has risen from less than 1,000 in 2000 to more than 7,000 in 2025.

In 2000 there were:

About 140 distinct **Permanent Events** with route sheets,

But many more point to point opportunities for riders to sort out their own routes such as:

- At least 6 '**Series**' providing at least 100 rides (e.g. 'The Middle Road between Lossimouth and Fareham with 71 points that could be combined to make distances from 100km to 2,200km)
- **Meshes** (which were nodes that riders could join together to make a route (e.g. Midlands, Peak and Plain, and Eastern meshes)
- Round Britain **Relays** in a series of 200km stages

24 personal **Arrows and Darts** from your home and **YHA Arrows and Darts** from Youth Hostels

Various versions of **LEJoG** or The great Triangle between Dover / Lands End / Cape Wrath / John O'Groats

About **40 PRoFs** to take you abroad, some on epic long journeys and others taking in as many famous Alpine and Pyrenean Cols and Summits as possible

In 2025 there were:

Slightly more than 300 distinct Permanent Events (although not all with route sheets)

The Meshes, Relays and most Series had gone.

Arrows and Darts had gone

But there were still some Long cycling opportunities such as:

- The NPS Series and the Cambrian Series
- Two versions of a UK Grand Tour
- A Scottish Star
- Eastern, Western and Southern Tours and few 1000km events
- Ten National Parks in a series of 200km stages

Various versions of LEJoG continued and the Diagonal from Ness Point to Ardnamurchan was on offer.

The range and number of PProFs increased steadily from 2000 onwards until fairly recently. But by 2025 nearly all of the former PProFs offering Cols and Summits had gone because most of the organisers of these PProFs had retired. About 15 PProFs were still available and a few Cols remained, but most of the PProFs left were offering the same epic long journeys that they did 25 years ago (with BR and BP versions) as well as some multi stage events.

DIY Events.

These were invented by Sheila Simpson as a replacement for Meshes and similar Permanent events of a 'DIY' nature. Introduced in the AUK Calendar in 2005 DIY events grew in popularity and by 2007 DIY events accounted for 41% of Permanent events validated and a team of three were in charge of organising them for various parts of Britain. Their growth has been continuous until in 2025 80% of Permanent event validations were for over 6,000 DIY events managed by team of six organisers covering different regions of Britain.

ECE Events.

These extended calendar events were introduced for the 2009/10 season. They are intended to encourage cyclists to do just that and ride to and from Calendar events, and to convert shorter BP events into a BR ride or to increase the BR distance. The AUK website explains how to do it with suitable FAQs. The number ridden each year is not immense but is fairly consistent There were just under 300 ECE validations in the 2025.

ACP Super Randonnée Events

With a name easily confused by the regular use of the words 'Super Randonneur' as in a SR Series, these are a quite different set of events that were created by Audax Club Parisien (ACP) in 2009. They are organised in many countries around the world and were introduced into the AUK calendar in 2018. There are randonneur and tourist versions of four of these events in the AUK calendar. No AUK points are awarded for these 600km Mountainous Permanent events. Bicycles have to carry an event-specific frame plate and proof of passage is obtained by taking a photo of the bicycle at control locations. After a few successful rides had been validated by ACP I was deemed to be a

'competent person' to validate them on behalf of ACP and then make an annual return. Unfortunately in 2022 ACP decided to no longer include SR events in some of its composite awards. Sophie Matter who had organised them for ACP has now kept them going as international events by taking the events under the wing of Provence Randonneurs!!

OCD (Ordre des Cols Durs)

French OCD was founded in 1960 to promote cycling uphill. OCD UK was later formed as the English language equivalent. By 2010 The membership of OCD in Britain was foundering and at the end of 2013 AUK took over responsibility with OCD being merged into the Permanent Events portfolio. It remains a specialist niche with claims based on trust and a series of four Honours are awarded allowing participants to progress from 'Officer' (100,000m) to 'Venerable' (1,000,000m).

Brevet Cards (and doing without them)

In 2000 to take part in a Permanent event riders were required to have a brevet card and to collect proof of passage (usually receipts) on their way. I used to stay in the office after work and process and stick validation labels on mountains of these cards. With brevet cards went three SAEs (organiser to participant / back to organiser / to Permanent Secretary / to participant). Mostly it worked OK, even if a bit tedious. A few brevet cards got lost during events (some turned up months later) and because Permanent events could be ridden at any time it was possible to arrive at a Control location that had lots of receipt obtaining possibilities during the day but none at 3am in the morning. One card was returned with a milkman's signature declaring that he met said cyclist at 5am while delivering milk bottles to.... At another control it turned out that their date stamp had the wrong date – the control was a Post Office!!

Like Calendar events there was a fee for brevet cards and a separate fee for validations. The problem was that it was almost impossible to collect Permanent event validation fees, so the two fees were combined as one payable by the organiser on purchase of brevet cards. (in effect an up-front in advance validation fee)

Progress with digital maps and GPS meant that in 2015 validation by submission of a GPS track was possible. A route validator tool checked both the route and overall time but also the speed of the cyclist. Finishing in time but with part of the ride done at 40mph was not likely to get your ride validated.

Later on eBrevets were introduced so that electronic proof of passage could be obtained at designated controls, thereby allowing organisers to have controls in remote locations instead of finding places where a receipt might be obtained.

As time went on fewer and fewer brevet cards were being purchased or used on Permanent Events (None have been used on DIY events for several years) and the problem of collecting validation fees was back with us. The solution was, once again, to move fee paying earlier in the process. Combining it with the entry fee and some fancy processing with Stripe payments was the solution (and our diligent treasurer was happy that VAT or other tax measures that some of us did not understand were not

going to be a problem). By 2025 most Permanent event organisers were using Stripe. This is now compulsory for new Permanent event organisers and will soon be a requirement for all (the end of PayPal as a part of Permanent event processing is coming)

It remained a requirement that brevet cards and physical proof of passage was a required option for cyclists on all events until recently (even if few relied on this). But now in 2025 there are Permanent events where the only permissible proof of passage is a GPX track and/or eBrevet. Brevet cards disappeared completely from DIY events some time ago.

In 2025 about half of Permanent events in the AUK calendar were offering Proof of Passage by eBrevet or a GPS track, and more significantly almost all Permanent and all DIY events that were ridden and validated used a GPS track or eBrevet for validation.

I do rather miss receiving brevet cards for long PRoFs that were more like a book in several languages with pages of proof of passage records for the various countries traversed.

Route sheets (and doing without them)

In 2000 a paper route sheet on your handlebars and a head torch to read it while cycling at night was the norm. The same IT progress that has just about done away with brevet cards has also done away with route sheets. Just follow the illuminated line on your GPS unit or mobile phone of your choosing. But make sure the battery is charged. When this was all a bit new my tandem cycling partner and I were on our way across France with Francis Cooke. As well as asking (often) for advice on how to use our newly acquired Garmin, she asked what do you do if the GPS unit fails? Answer - Use the back-up spare one in my pannier. And if that fails? Answer – Use the extra reserve one in the bottom of my pannier. Perhaps this was a new technology version of carrying a few spare spokes – just in case.

Can I Do The Route Backwards? (but still cycling forwards)

In 2000 some (but not all) Permanent Organisers would let riders start and finish at any control location on the route. Now in 2025 organisers have the option to make Permanent event routes Mandatory or Advisory and can select proof of passage to be any of eBrevet, GPS PoP or Brevet card PoP. Starting and finishing at any control location is OK. Reversing routes is OK unless there are AAA points that usually only work in one direction.

Can I Ride A Bicycle Without Being On An Audax Event?

The answer is YES of course you can, bicycles were invented long before AUK events. But in the pursuit of 'points' an increasing number of DIY events were becoming just a process of overlaying the route of some other cycling event with a DIY GPS track. Whether this other event was supported or a race or had any other non-Audax characteristics was hard for DIY organisers to know. Finally in 2025 the FAQs were updated to explain why "DIY events, are intended to be standalone events entered solely as Audax events, not in combination with other cycling events".

How Far Should I Cycle?

In 2000 most Permanent events were BR events with 200km being by far the most common distance. BP events were also ridden and were nearly all 100km – just a few 150km. No one cycled 50km and thought they were participating in an Audax (long distance) event. But in the last few years many more 50km Permanent events have appeared and a significant number of 50km DIYs are being validated (772 - 13% - of all DIYs in 2025). Why? Perhaps extending 'Points' to be awarded for not going very far or just turning commuting by bicycle into a DIY event is the cause? In 2025 one AUK member has managed to have 94 x 50km DIY events validated.

IT (everything online)

Replacing aukweb with a new IT system seems to have been on the Committee / Board agendas for ever. With AUK having fewer Permanent events than Calendar events, Permanent events went first in the transition. Now in 2025 we have a totally new IT system with a totally new way of handling Permanent events. Everything a Permanent Secretary needs to do the job is online. Previously I had a collection of spreadsheets on my computer and used to concatenate chunks of results data in order to upload it to aukweb. The support, particularly from Dave Allison, has been terrific. Although not exactly an AI casualty it does mean that my job description as it was can now go through the shredder.

Things Can Go Wrong

My general approach to the role of Permanent Secretary has been to help rather than hinder AUK members to have their Permanent event cycling efforts rewarded with a validation. There have been some notable cases of 'special circumstances' between 2000 and 2025.

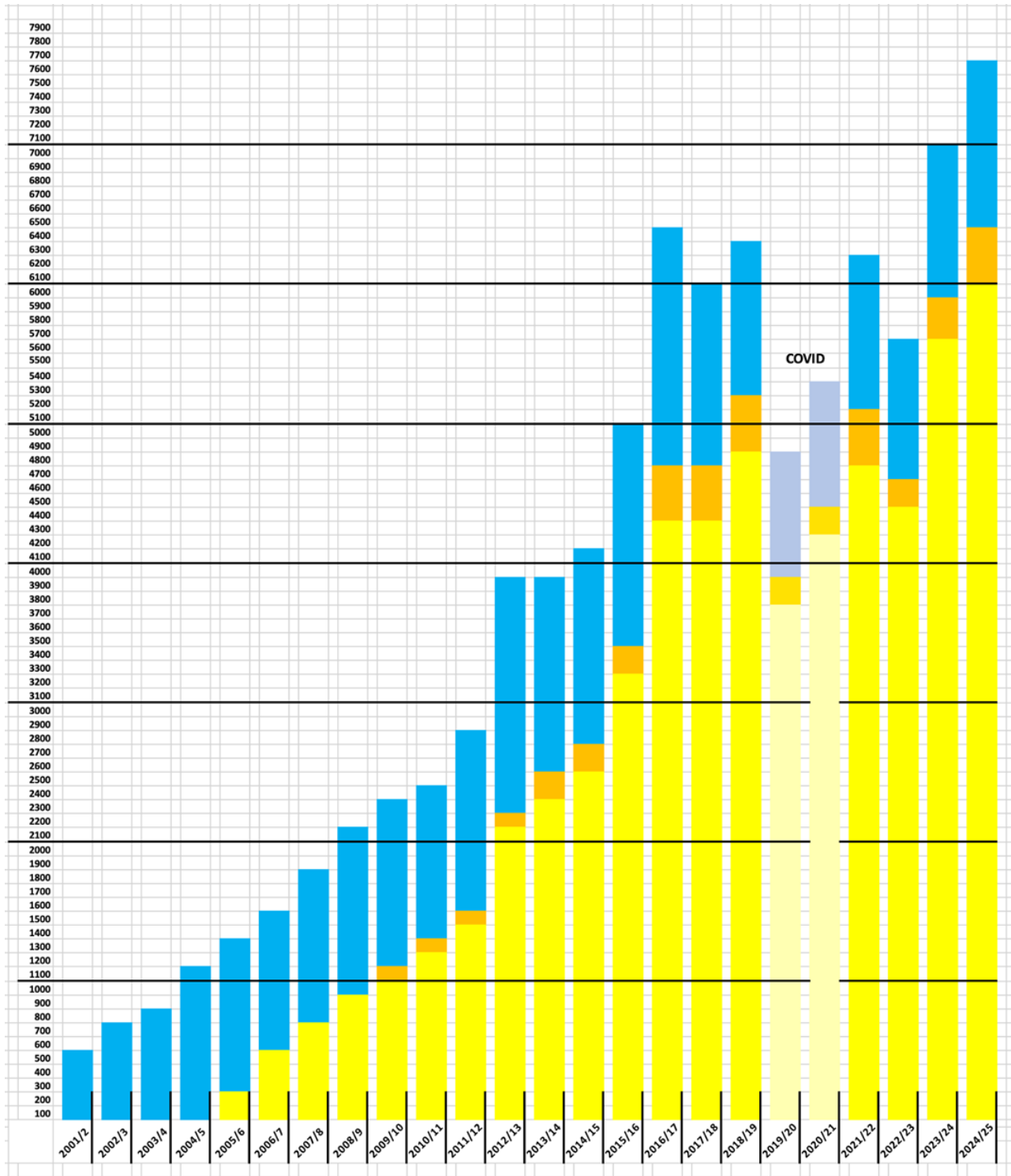
Notable examples include:

- "We are in Spain riding Trafalgar – Trafalgar and our Rohloff hub has broken. They are air-freighting a new wheel to us tomorrow – please will you 'stop the clock' for 12 hours".
- "My bike was stolen while I was in the café. I got a lift to Halfords and bought a new one. Out of time at the next control but caught up before the finish. Is this OK?"
- From a solo cyclist on an epic very long PRoF, "I was attacked in (*country deleted*), had my bike stolen and ended up in hospital. Hope to be out in a couple of days. If I buy a new bike may I continue?"

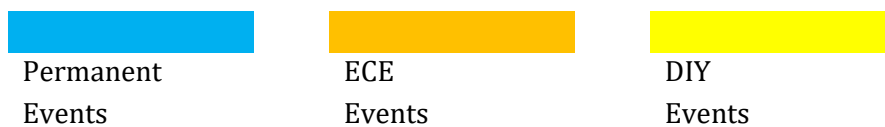
All of their events were validated.

John Ward

Director and Permanent Events Secretary



Permanent events validated from 2001/2 to 2024/25 showing the changing proportions of types of Permanent events



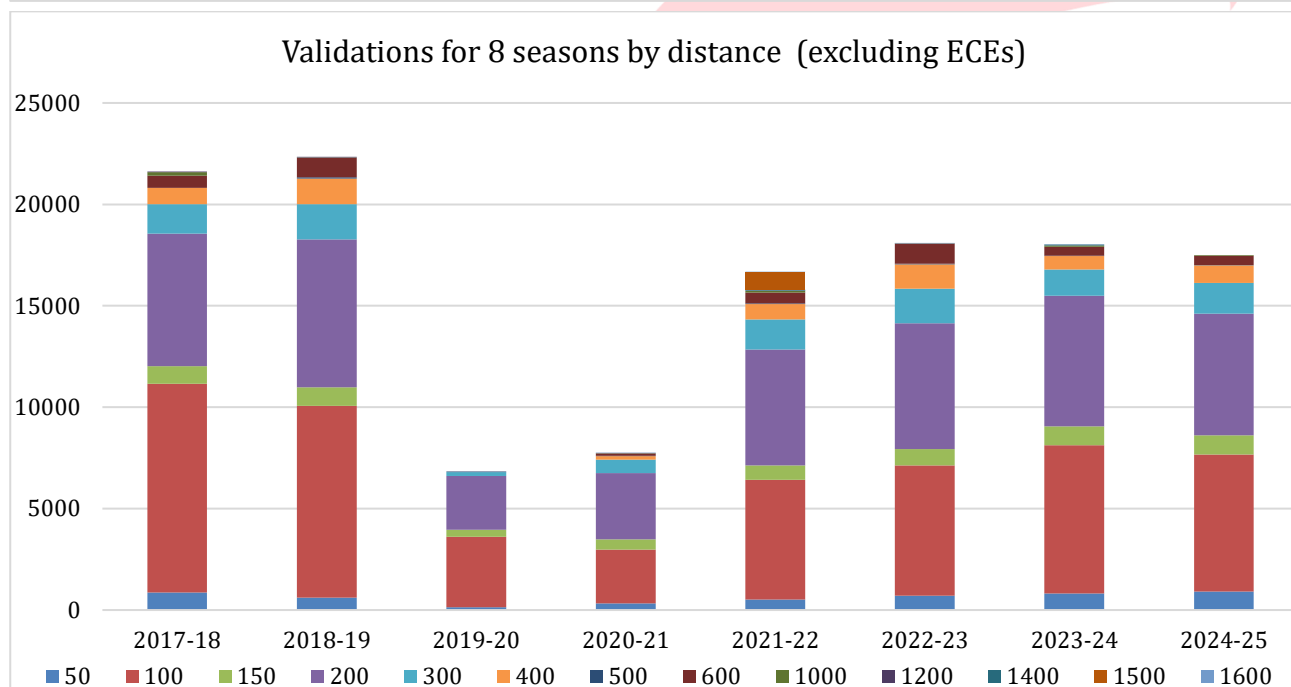
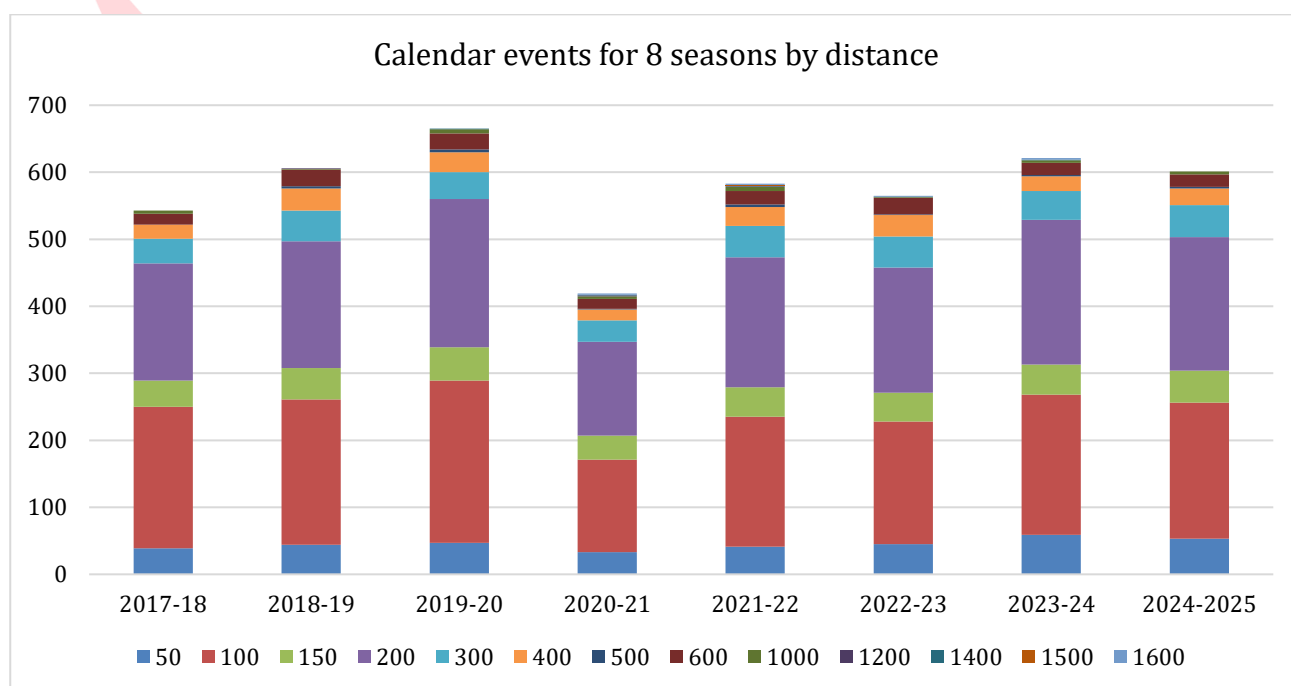
6. Event Services and Recorder Report

Calendar Events and Validations

There were 601 calendar events during the 2024-2025 season with 17,505 validations. Details are shown in the table below (excluding ECEs). This again represents a small reduction of events and validations overall on the previous season.

Distance	50	100	150	200	300	400	500	600	1000+	Total
Events	53	202	44	204	43	23	3	19	10	601
Validations	909	6,760	947	5,989	1,523	868	18	448	43	17,505

(Season 2024-25 combines all events of 1000km and above into the same band.)



In a trend reversal from last season, the Randonnée 200k distance validations are down on recent non-PBP years, but the 300k & 400k validations are up with 600k static.

Total validations are down by 525 and events put on by Organisers is down by 20 from last season.

Recorder and Brevet Awards

The following awards were claimed and validated during the past season:

- Brevet 1000: 6
- Brevet 2000: 8
- Brevet 3000: 9
- Brevet 4000: 6
- Brevet 5000: 9
- Brevet 25000: 1
- Randonneur 25000: 14
- Randonneur 50000: 8
- Randonneur 75000: 6
- Randonneur 100000: 7

Overseas Rides

Members requested 57 overseas rides be added to their records.

Delegates reporting to Event Services Director

Recorder:

Grant Huggins also performs the Recorder role. Missing brevets from rider records are now added automatically in the audax.uk site processing, leaving multi-season award claims for manual validation and recording.

Awards:

Peter Davis has worked diligently to determine awards for the last three seasons. There were no trophy awards at the November 2025 reunion, these will be presented at the March 2026 reunion.

New trophies for the Randonneur 25k, 50k & 75k achievements will be awarded at the next Reunion.

Validations:

Event validation processing was migrated from aukweb to audax.uk.

Cathy Brown, Validation Secretary, worked closely with Caroline Fenton & Dave Allison to make the migration a success and resolve bugs & processing issues as they were discovered.

A new AUK laptop PC was purchased for Cathy to conduct event validations.

Brevet Cards:

Brevet card production is stable after some challenges in the previous year. Thanks to Oliver Iles for timely response to Organiser requests for brevet card production.

Grant Huggins has filled in for brevet production if Oliver was unavailable at any time or if there were PC/printer issues.

A new AUK laptop PC was purchased for Oliver to conduct the production of brevet cards.

Ride with GPS:

There has been little development of the AUK Ride with GPS club account, this needs to be a focus for next season to make more productive use of the tool.

Mike Kear is the delegate appointed to administer the AUK RwGPS club account.

RRtY:

Sarah Britton has kept the RRtY validations processing running smoothly. There is a new RRtY validation tool developed by Dave Allison to help Sarah with validations in the new audax.uk site.

AAA:

Ivan Cornell has kept AAA validation claims working quietly & effectively.

Mileater:

The Mileater Secretary position was moved from reporting to the Chairman to Event Services Director.

Graham Brodie was appointed Mileater Secretary, succeeding Chris Crossland. Graham is fully processing the Mileater awards from the 2024 season and is resolving queries from previous seasons.

New Mileater diaries will likely be required to be printed in the 2025 season.

Grant Huggins

Director – Event Services and Recorder

Part B: Annual Accounts for the Year Ended 31 August 2025



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 2025**

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Richard Alsept
Chartered Accountant

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 2025.

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
16 Burlington Terrace
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DATE: 10th December 2025



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**AUDAX UNITED KINGDOM LONG DISTANCE CYCLISTS' ASSOCIATION
COMPANY INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025**

Directors	William John Ward Nigel Peter Armstrong Caroline Anne Fenton Ian Gerard Hennessey Andrew David Yates Paul Renshaw Andy Cox Grant Huggins Anne Margaret Young Elizabeth Arabella Maude
Secretary	Graeme David Provan
Company Number	5920055 (England and Wales)
Registered Office	Whitelands Terling Road Hatfield Peverel Essex CM3 2AG

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 2025.

Directors

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

William John Ward
Nigel Peter Armstrong
Caroline Anne Fenton
Ian Gerard Hennessey
Andrew David Yates
Paul Renshaw
Andy Cox
Grant Huggins
Anne Margaret Young

Elizabeth Arabella Maude was appointed on 19 February 2025.

Darrell James Whittle resigned on 19 February 2025.

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



Andy Cox
Director

Approved by the board on: 17 January 2026

AUDAX UNITED KINGDOM LONG DISTANCE CYCLISTS' ASSOCIATION
INCOME STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
Turnover	235,548	218,316
Cost of sales	(116,644)	(88,427)
Gross surplus	<u>118,904</u>	<u>129,889</u>
Administrative expenses	(65,222)	(53,539)
Operating surplus	<u>53,682</u>	<u>76,350</u>
Interest receivable and similar income	9,349	10,691
Surplus on ordinary activities before taxation	<u>63,031</u>	<u>87,041</u>
Tax on surplus on ordinary activities	(2,726)	(2,860)
Surplus for the financial year	<u><u>60,305</u></u>	<u><u>84,181</u></u>



AUDAX UNITED KINGDOM LONG DISTANCE CYCLISTS' ASSOCIATION
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 31 AUGUST 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	4	3,352	1,236
Current assets			
Inventories		16,541	13,409
Debtors	5	28,652	19,134
Cash at bank and in hand		457,072	418,463
		<u>502,265</u>	<u>451,006</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	6	(50,302)	(59,471)
Net current assets		<u>451,963</u>	<u>391,535</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>455,315</u>	<u>392,771</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	7	(38,853)	(36,614)
Net assets		<u>416,462</u>	<u>356,157</u>
Reserves	8		
Profit and loss account		416,462	356,157
Members' funds		<u>416,462</u>	<u>356,157</u>

For the year ending 31 August 2025 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 478 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.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors and authorised for issue on 17 January 2026 and were signed on its behalf by

Andy Cox
Director

Company Registration No. 5920055

AUDAX UNITED KINGDOM LONG DISTANCE CYCLISTS' ASSOCIATION
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

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 18th January 2025

3 Accounting policies

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

Basis of preparation

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

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

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

Plant & machinery	25% Reducing balance method
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Inventories

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

Tax accounting policy

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

Revenue Recognition

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

The company recognises revenue when:

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

Employees

Members and Directors of Audax United Kingdom Long Distance Cyclists' Association who are paid an honorarium for their services to the company are identified as employees in note 9.

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.

AUDAX UNITED KINGDOM LONG DISTANCE CYCLISTS' ASSOCIATION
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

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 2024		2,545
Additions		2,940
Disposals		(1,126)
At 31 August 2025		4,359
Depreciation		
At 1 September 2024		1,309
Charge for the year		716
On disposals		(1,018)
At 31 August 2025		1,007
Net book value		
At 31 August 2025		3,352
At 31 August 2024		1,236
5 Debtors	2025	2024
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year		
Trade debtors	-	75
Accrued income and prepayments	28,652	19,059
	<u>28,652</u>	<u>19,134</u>

AUDAX UNITED KINGDOM LONG DISTANCE CYCLISTS' ASSOCIATION
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

6 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade creditors	11,471	6,182
Taxes and social security	4,141	3,479
Other creditors	30,397	31,021
Accruals	4,023	14,697
Deferred income	270	4,092
	<u>50,302</u>	<u>59,471</u>

Other creditors above include members deferred subscriptions of £30,397.

7 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	2025	2024
	£	£
Other creditors	<u>38,853</u>	<u>36,614</u>

Other creditors above are made up of members deferred subscriptions.

8 Company limited by guarantee

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

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

9 Average number of employees

During the year the average number of employees was 22 (2024: 21).

**AUDAX UNITED KINGDOM LONG DISTANCE CYCLISTS' ASSOCIATION
DETAILED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025**

This schedule does not form part of the statutory accounts.

	2025 £	2024 £
Turnover		
Fees	235,548	218,316
Cost of sales		
Other direct costs	116,644	88,427
Gross profit	118,904	129,889
Administrative expenses		
Wages and salaries	9,550	7,880
Directors' salaries	9,505	5,425
Bank charges	5,808	6,067
Insurance	12,956	12,642
Software	12,351	11,320
Depreciation	824	570
Bad debts	300	600
Sundry expenses	40	33
Accountancy fees	3,825	2,950
Other legal and professional	10,063	6,052
	65,222	53,539
Operating profit	53,682	76,350
Interest receivable		
Interest receivable	9,349	10,691
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	63,031	87,041

Part C: AGM Agenda



Agenda for the Audax UK Long Distance Cyclists' Association AGM 2024/25

To be held on 18 February 2026, commencing at 19:00:

- 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
 - Refer to [Appendix 19: Minutes of the AGM 2023-24](#)
- 4) Matters arising from the last meeting (AGM 2023/24).
- 5) To approve the Annual Report
- 6) To approve the Annual Accounts and the Finance Director's recommendations
- 7) To consider Special Resolution 1 – Refer to [Appendix 1: Resolution 1 Information](#)

Note: If Special Resolution 1 is passed, the agenda will continue with items 8 to 11 below; if Special Resolution 1 is not passed, the agenda will move to items 12 to 15 inclusive.

A: If Special Resolution 1 is passed:

- 8) To consider the Ordinary Resolutions – Refer to [Appendices 2 to 17 inclusive](#).
- 9) Election of Directors – Refer to [Appendix 18 for supporting statements](#).
 - a) General Secretary
 - **Nominee:** **Gideon Rabinowitz (AUK 19766)**
Proposer: Jason King (AUK 25731)
Second: Liam FitzPatrick (AUK 7100)
 - b) Executive Directors (5 posts)
 - **Nominee:** **Liam FitzPatrick (AUK 7100)**
Proposer: Danial Webb (AUK 5263)
Second: Laura Massey-Pugh (AUK 14101)
 - **Nominee 2:** **Ian Hennessey (AUK 2294)**
Proposer: Grant Huggins (AUK 6150)
Second: Sarah Britton (AUK 6850)
 - c) Non-Executive Directors (4 posts)
 - **Nominee 1:** **Arabella Maude (AUK 5617)**
Proposer: Emma Dixon (AUK 9301)
Second: Matthew Chambers (AUK 7300)
 - **Nominee 2:** **Anne Young (AUK 6749)**
Proposer: Lucy McTaggart (AUK 3923)
Second: Andy Berne (AUK 16532)
- 10) Date and venue of next meeting
- 11) Close of meeting

B: If Special Resolution 1 is not passed:

12) To consider the Ordinary Resolutions – Refer to [Appendices 2 to 17 inclusive](#).

13) Election of Directors – Refer to [Appendix 18 for supporting statements](#).

a) General Secretary

- **Nominee:** **Gideon Rabinowitz (AUK 19766)**

Proposer: Jason King (AUK 25731)

Second: Liam FitzPatrick (AUK 7100)

b) Calendar Events Secretary

- **Nominee 2:** **Ian Hennessey (AUK 2294)**

Proposer: Grant Huggins (AUK 6150)

Second: Sarah Britton (AUK 6850)

c) Permanent Events Secretary

- **No nominees**

d) Communications Director

- **Nominee:** **Liam FitzPatrick (AUK 7100)**

Proposer: Danial Webb (AUK 5263)

Second: Laura Massey-Pugh (AUK 14101)

e) Non-Executive Directors (2 posts)

- **Nominee 1:** **Arabella Maude (AUK 5617)**

Proposer: Emma Dixon (AUK 9301)

Second: Matthew Chambers (AUK 7300)

- **Nominee 2:** **Anne Young (AUK 6749)**

Proposer: Lucy McTaggart (AUK 3923)

Second: Andy Berne (AUK 16532)

14) Date and venue of next meeting

15) Close of meeting

Appendix 1: Resolution 1 Information



Resolution 1 – Information (Special Resolution)

Proposer: AUK Board

Resolution 1:

That Articles of Association be amended as provided below (note that the full text of the proposed amended Articles can be viewed [here](#)).

Note that this is a Special Resolution (as it proposes to amend the Articles of Association) and hence requires a majority of not less than 75% to pass.

Article 8.5

Current wording:

‘8.5 Unless otherwise determined by Ordinary Resolution the Board shall consist of the following posts:

- 8.5.1 Chairman;
- 8.5.2 General Secretary;
- 8.5.3 Finance Director;
- 8.5.4 Calendar Events Secretary;
- 8.5.5 Permanent Events Secretary;
- 8.5.6 Communications Director;
- 8.5.7 Membership Secretary; and
- 8.5.8 Events Services Director

(together **Executive Directors**)

plus two non-executive directors (**Non-Executives**)’

Proposed wording:

‘8.5 Unless otherwise determined by Ordinary Resolution the Board shall consist of the following posts:

- 8.5.1 Chair;
- 8.5.2 General Secretary;
- 8.5.3 Finance Director;

and up to seven further Directors, collectively responsible for the management and operation of the organisation (together **Executive Directors**)

plus up to four non-executive directors (**Non-Executives**).’

Rationale:

The current Articles can be restrictive on the ability of the Board to operate effectively and the allocation of roles and responsibilities to lead and manage the organisation. The current wording of Article 8.5 stipulates specific roles and numbers of Directors. In recent years this restriction has also hampered the ability of the organisation to fully benefit from members' expertise and willingness to support the organisation.

The proposed amendment is intended to provide the organisation with increased flexibility to allow the Board to arrange how the organisation is managed whilst retaining appropriate director responsibilities. It is proposed that three key posts (Chair, General Secretary, Finance Director) remain as named posts, but other Executive Director roles are not specified in the Articles, rather they are determined by the Board (see proposed Article 8.7 below).

It is further proposed that the number of non-executive Directors is amended to be a flexible number, rather than fixed. This is intended to enable the organisation and Board to maximise the benefit from members' expertise.

Note also that Article 8.4 states 'the minimum number of Directors shall be five and the maximum number of Directors shall be fourteen'. The proposed amendment to Article 8.5 is consistent with this provision.

Article 8.7

It is proposed to add an additional clause to the Articles, and renumber existing Articles 8.7 and 8.8 to Article 8.8 and 8.9 respectively.

Proposed wording:

'8.7 The Board shall arrange for the allocation of responsibilities between the Executive Directors such that all aspects necessary for the effective management and operation of the organisation are clearly defined and allocated between the Executive Directors.'

Rationale:

The proposed amendment to Article 8.5 (see above) removes the specific naming of Executive Directors. This proposed wording makes the Board responsible for determining how the various aspects required for the effective management of the organisation are divided and allocated between the Executive Directors.

Article 11.1

Current wording:

'11.1 A Director appointed by Ordinary Resolution of the Members under Article 8.1.1 shall retire:
11.1.1 in the case of the Executive Directors at the conclusion of the third AGM following their appointment; and

11.1.2 in the case of the Non-Executives at the conclusion of the first AGM following their appointment.'

Proposed wording:

'11.1 A Director appointed by Ordinary Resolution of the Members under Article 8.1.1 shall retire at the conclusion of the third AGM following their appointment.'

Rationale:

The proposed amendment aligns the non-executive Directors' term of office with the Executive Directors' term (i.e. 3 years). Appointment for a single year has been considered as too short and extending this term to 3 years would allow for enhanced benefit to the organisation from the non-executive Directors' input.

Note also that Article 11.2 states that 'A Director appointed by simple majority of the Directors under Article 8.1.2 shall retire at the AGM following their appointment.' It is not proposed to amend this Article as it remains relevant and appropriate. If a Director has been appointed by the Directors, they should either stand for election by the members at the AGM, or retire. There should be no need for an extended or overlap period in this case.

Article 11.3

Current wording:

11.3 The Board will take steps to procure that elections for the positions of Chairman, General Secretary and Finance Director are held in separate years, and that similar provisions are extended to other Executive Director posts as appropriate to the constitution of the Board.

Proposed wording:

11.3 The Board will take steps to procure that elections for the positions of Chair, General Secretary and Finance Director are held in separate years, and that similar provisions are extended to other Director posts as appropriate to the constitution of the Board.

Rationale:

With the proposed amendment to non-executive Director term (see 11.1 above), a minor amendment is proposed to Article 11.3 to align with this change.

Article 11.5**Current wording:**

11.5 If the Members fail to elect a person to replace a retiring Director, that Director shall, if willing to act, be deemed to have been re-appointed unless at the meeting it is resolved not to fill the vacancy.

It is proposed that existing Article 11.5 is deleted.

Rationale:

This article is considered unnecessary and potentially could cause confusion. The Directors have the ability under Article 8.1.2 to appoint a Director, and Article 11.2 requires that such appointed Director retires at the AGM following their appointment.

General amendments

With the above proposals to amend specific articles, it is also proposed to take the opportunity to update the Articles to remove any gender specific terms. The proposed changes are provided below but broadly consist of replacing 'Chairman' with 'Chair' and replacing 'he' or 'his' with 'they' or 'their'.

Current wording:**1. Definitions and interpretation**

Chairman the chairman of Audax UK appointed in accordance with Article 8;

1.8.2 the insertion in Model Article 7(2) of the words "(for so long as he remains the sole director)" after the words "and the director may".

5.1 The liability of each Member is limited to £1, being the amount that each Member undertakes to contribute to the assets of Audax UK in the event of its being wound up while he is a Member or within one year after he ceases to be a Member, for:

5.1.1 payment of Audax UK's debts and liabilities contracted before he ceases to be a Member,

6.5.2 prior to any payment being made to the Director or for his benefit an appropriate written contract is concluded between the Director (or relevant person) and Audax UK containing the full details of his duties and obligations to Audax UK, the amount of remuneration or other sums payable to him and all other relevant terms and conditions and copies of all such contracts are retained by Audax UK for inspection by any authorised person;

6.5.4 the provisions of Article 5 below are observed in relation to any discussions of the Directors concerning that Director's interest, his entitlement to remuneration or other sums or any variation of his remuneration or other sums payable to him;

7.1 The Directors may, in accordance with the requirements set out in this Article, authorise any Conflict proposed to them by any Director which would, if not authorised, involve a Director (an Interested Director) breaching his duty under section 175 of the Act to avoid conflicts of interest.

7.4 In authorising a Conflict the Directors may decide (whether at the time of giving the authorisation or subsequently) that if the Interested Director has obtained any information through his involvement in the Conflict otherwise than as a Director of Audax UK and in respect of which he owes a duty of confidentiality to another person the Interested Director is under no obligation to:

7.4.2 use or apply any such information in performing his duties as a Director;

7.6.2 the Interested Director will not infringe any duty he owes to Audax UK by virtue of sections 171 to 177 of the Act provided that he acts in accordance with such terms, limits and conditions (if any) as the directors impose in respect of its authorisation.

7.7 A Director is not required, by reason of being a Director (or because of the fiduciary relationship established by reason of being a Director), to account to Audax UK for any remuneration, profit or other benefit which he derives from or in connection with a relationship involving a Conflict which has been authorised by the Directors or by the Members in general meeting (subject in each case to any terms, limits or conditions attaching to that authorisation) and no contract shall be liable to be avoided on such grounds.

7.8 Subject to sections 177(5) and 177(6) and sections 182(5) and 182(6) of the Act and provided he has declared the nature and extent of his interest in accordance with the requirements of the Act, a Director who is in any way, whether directly or indirectly, interested in an existing or proposed transaction or arrangement with Audax UK:

7.8.2 shall be counted in the quorum and be entitled to vote for the purposes of any proposed decision of the Directors (or committee of directors) in respect of such contract or proposed contract in which he is interested;

7.8.3 shall be entitled to vote at a meeting of Directors (or of a committee of the Directors) or participate in any unanimous decision, in respect of such contract or proposed contract in which he is interested;

7.8.4 may act by himself or his firm in a professional capacity for Audax UK (otherwise than as auditor) and he or his firm shall be entitled to remuneration for professional services as if he were not a Director;

7.8.6 shall not, save as he may otherwise agree, be accountable to Audax UK for any benefit which he (or a person connected with him (as defined in section 252 of the Act)) derives from any such contract, transaction or arrangement or from any such office or employment or from any interest in any such body corporate and no such contract, transaction or arrangement shall be liable to be avoided on the grounds of any such interest or benefit nor shall the receipt of any such remuneration or other benefit constitute a breach of his duty under section 176 of the Act.

8.3 Subject to Articles 9 and 10 a Director shall hold office until his retirement in accordance with Article 11.

8.6 A Director may not appoint an alternate director or anyone to act on his behalf at meetings of the Directors.

9.1 Audax UK may, by Ordinary Resolution of which special notice has been given to Audax UK in accordance with the Act, remove any Director before the expiration of his period of office notwithstanding anything in these Articles or in any agreement between Audax UK and such Director.

9.2 The Directors may remove any Director before the expiration of his period of office by a resolution at a meeting of the Directors passed by all the Directors (excluding the Director whose proposed removal is the subject of the resolution) provided that:

10.1.3 the Director becomes bankrupt or makes any arrangement or composition with his creditors generally;

10.1.5 a court makes an order which wholly or partly prevents the Director from personally exercising any powers or rights which he would otherwise have and the Directors resolve that his office be vacated;

10.1.6 the Director resigns his office by written notice to Audax UK provided at least five Directors remain in office after the resignation takes effect;

10.1.7 the Director is absent from all Directors' meetings without leave for six months and the Directors resolve that his office be vacated;

10.1.8 the Director is directly or indirectly interested in any contract with Audax UK and fails to declare the nature of his interest as required by the Act or the Articles and the Directors resolve that the office be vacated; or

13.3.2 the chairman of each committee shall be appointed by the Directors each year;

13.3.5 in the case of an equality of votes the chairman of the committee shall have a second or casting vote;

14.4 The chairman of the meeting shall not be entitled to vote other than in a case of an equality of votes when he shall have a casting vote.

14.5 Article 14.4 shall not apply in respect of a particular meeting (or part of a meeting) if, in accordance with the Articles, the chairman of the meeting has a Conflict for the purposes of that meeting (or part of a meeting).

15.1.1 agrees to become a Member and to pay the appropriate subscription (or to ensure that it is paid on his behalf);

15.1.2 accepts that, as a Member, he will be a member of Audax UK;

18.3.3 electing the Chairman and Directors in place of the retiring Chairman and Directors;

20.2 The notice shall specify the place, the day and the time of meeting, the general nature of the business to be transacted and a statement pursuant to the Act informing the Member of his rights regarding proxies.

22.2 There shall be a chairman of every general meeting:

22.2.1 The Chairman, if any, shall chair every general meeting of Audax UK.

22.2.2 In his absence the General Secretary, if any, shall act as chairman.

22.2.3 If at any meeting neither the Chairman nor the General Secretary is present within ten minutes after the time appointed for the holding of the meeting and willing to act, the Directors present shall elect one of their number to chair the meeting.

22.2.4 If there is only one Director present and willing to act, he shall chair the meeting.

22.2.5 If at any meeting no Director is willing to act as chairman or if no Director is present within fifteen minutes after the time appointed for the holding of the meeting the Members present shall choose one of their number to chair the meeting.

23.3 The chairman of the meeting shall not be entitled to vote while acting in such capacity save In the case of an equality of votes where the chairman of the meeting shall, (with the exception of Article 8 where the business concerns the election of the Chairman and the chairman of the meeting is one of the nominees for that office and in such circumstances the General Secretary shall instead have a second or casting vote), be entitled to a casting vote.

Proposed wording:**1. Definitions and interpretation**

Chair the chair of Audax UK appointed in accordance with Article 8;

1.8.2 the insertion in Model Article 7(2) of the words “(for so long as they remain the sole director)” after the words “and the director may”.

5.1 The liability of each Member is limited to £1, being the amount that each Member undertakes to contribute to the assets of Audax UK in the event of its being wound up while they are a Member or within one year after they cease to be a Member, for:

5.1.1 payment of Audax UK’s debts and liabilities contracted before they cease to be a Member,

6.5.2 prior to any payment being made to the Director or for their benefit an appropriate written contract is concluded between the Director (or relevant person) and Audax UK containing the full details of their duties and obligations to Audax UK, the amount of remuneration or other sums payable to them and all other relevant terms and conditions and copies of all such contracts are retained by Audax UK for inspection by any authorised person;

6.5.4 the provisions of Article 5 below are observed in relation to any discussions of the Directors concerning that Director’s interest, their entitlement to remuneration or other sums or any variation of their remuneration or other sums payable to them;

7.1 The Directors may, in accordance with the requirements set out in this Article, authorise any Conflict proposed to them by any Director which would, if not authorised, involve a Director (an Interested Director) breaching their duty under section 175 of the Act to avoid conflicts of interest.

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22.2.5 If at any meeting no Director is willing to act as chair or if no Director is

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23.3 The chair of the meeting shall not be entitled to vote while acting in such capacity save in the case of an equality of votes where the chair of the meeting shall, (with the exception of Article 8 where the business concerns the election of the Chair and the chair of the meeting is one of the nominees for that office and in such circumstances the General Secretary shall instead have a second or casting vote), be entitled to a casting vote.



Appendix 2: Resolution 2 Information



Resolution 2

Proposer: AUK Board

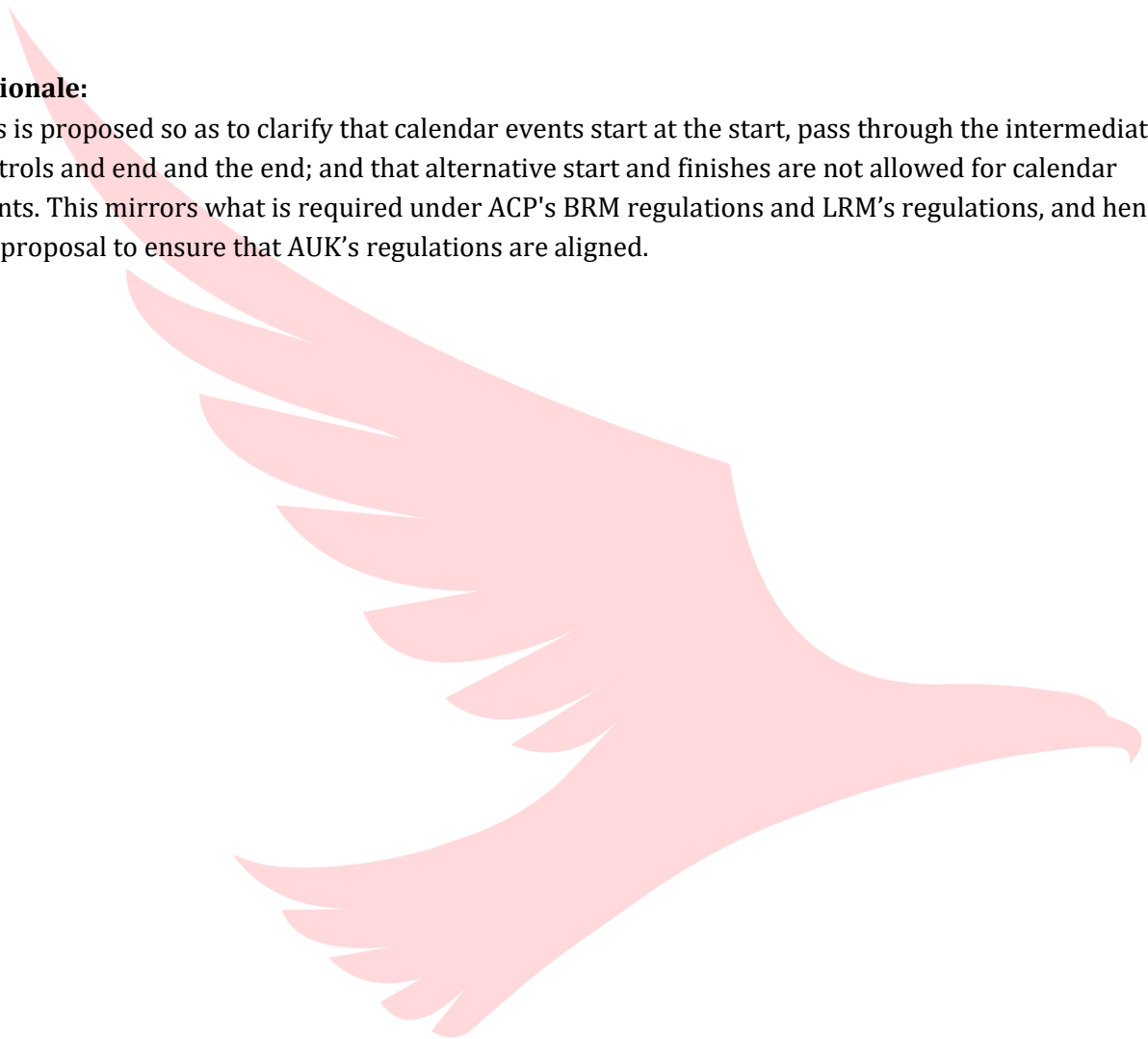
Resolution:

That the Event Regulations; Regulations for all AUK Events be amended with the addition of the following appendix to Regulation 7.3:

7.3.2 To achieve validation of calendar events, a rider must ride from the start of the event route, pass through the intermediate controls, and arrive at the event finish within the required time limits.

Rationale:

This is proposed so as to clarify that calendar events start at the start, pass through the intermediate controls and end at the end; and that alternative start and finishes are not allowed for calendar events. This mirrors what is required under ACP's BRM regulations and LRM's regulations, and hence the proposal to ensure that AUK's regulations are aligned.



Appendix 3: Resolution 3 Information



Resolution 3

Proposer: AUK Board

Resolution:

That the BP Event Regulations be amended with the following revision to Regulation 3:

3 *BP events may be of any distance up to 199 km.*

Note: Existing BP Event Regulation 3 states: '*BP events may be of any distance acceptable to the AUK events secretary.*'

Rationale:

This is proposed to formalise and clarify the distinction between rides of less than 200 km and those of 200 km and above; i.e. rides of up to 199km be classified as Brevet Populaire (BP) and those above Brevet Randonneur (BR), Brevet de Randonneur Mondiaux (BRM), or Randonneur Mondiaux (RM).

The internationally accepted definition of 'long-distance' cycling is 200 km and above, known as randonneur cycling. Within AUK, we additionally have Brevet Populaire events which have more relaxed speed limits than BR, BRM and RM events.

This proposed Regulation is intended to formalise the distinction between event categories and maintain the designation of randonneur as applying to events of 200 km or longer.

Appendix 4: Resolution 4 Information



Resolution 4

Proposer: AUK Board

Resolution:

That the Awards Regulations be amended be amended with the addition of the following appendix to Regulation 1.1 (and subsequent renumbering of following items):

1.1.3 AUK distance points are awarded as either:

(i) BP points: For events categorised as BP; or,

(ii) BR&RM points: For events categorised as BR, BRM, or RM and those validated by ACP and LRM.

Rationale:

This is proposed so as to keep the 'randonneur' designation aligned with international practice and to provide a consistent distinction between Brevet Populaire (BP) events and Brevet Randonneur (BR), Brevet de Randonneur Mondiaux (BRM), and Randonneur Mondiaux (RM) events.

Last season (2025) we had around 11,000 finishers of BP events, and 13,500 finishers of BR, BRM and RM events. This demonstrates that these different event types are broadly equally popular and we want to encourage and support all members in achieving their own goals whilst maintaining the distinction of 'randonneur' events.

Appendix 5: Resolution 5 Information



Resolution 5

Proposer: AUK Board

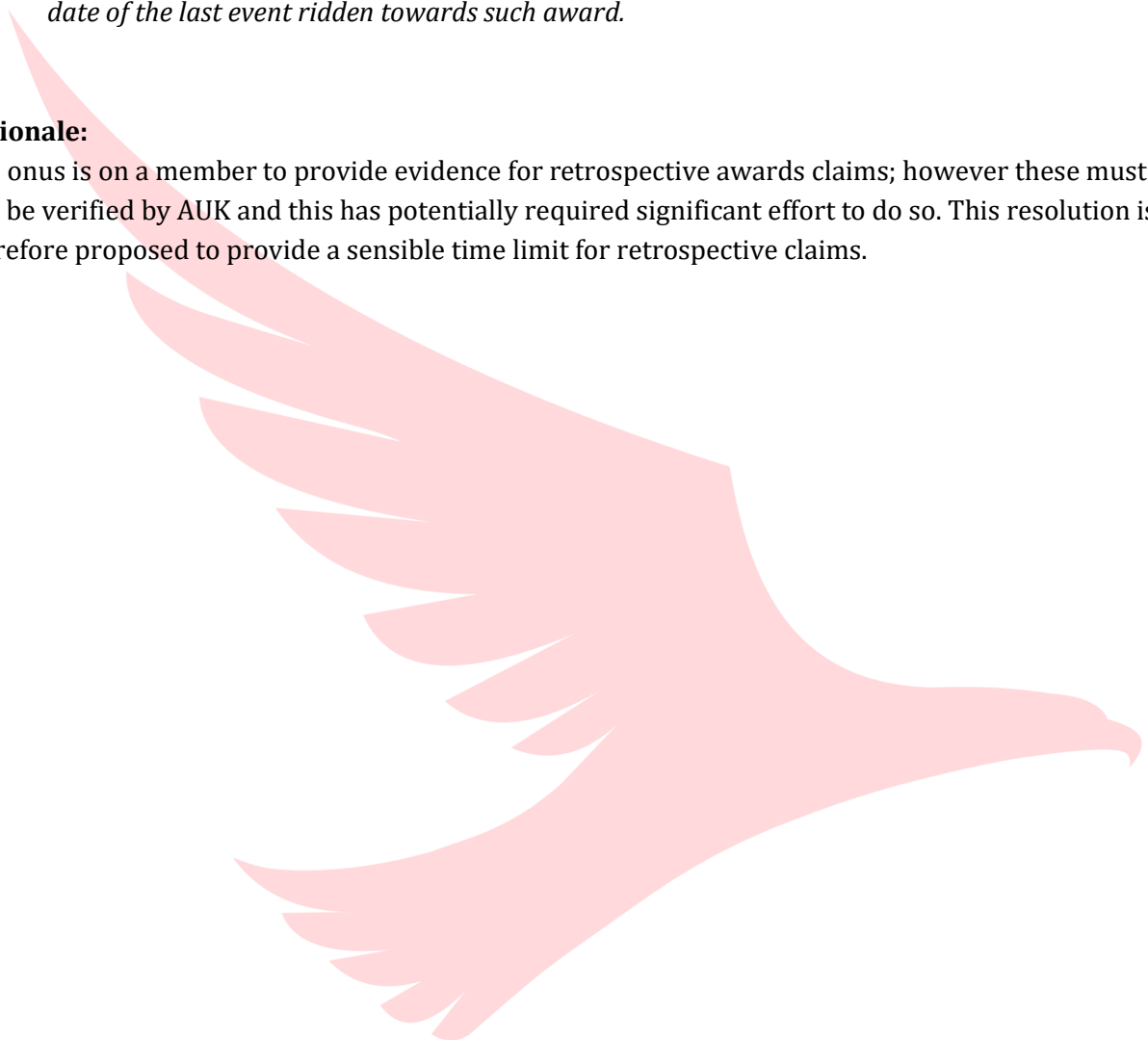
Resolution:

That the Awards Regulations be amended be amended with the addition of the following appendix to Regulation 1.1:

1.1.4 Claims for awards (if not automatically awarded) must be made within 2 calendar years of the date of the last event ridden towards such award.

Rationale:

The onus is on a member to provide evidence for retrospective awards claims; however these must still be verified by AUK and this has potentially required significant effort to do so. This resolution is therefore proposed to provide a sensible time limit for retrospective claims.



Appendix 6: Resolution 6 Information



Resolution 6

Proposer: AUK Board

Resolution:

That the Awards Regulations be amended with the following revision of existing appendix 1.1.3 to Regulation 1.1:

1.1.3 Members who ride and appear on the result sheet of an official 24-hour time trial road ride organised under the rules of Cycling Time Trials or any successor body, may claim within 4 weeks of published results of the event, 1 BR&RM point for every 100 km ridden in that event to a maximum of 7 points provided the member covers a minimum distance of 360km. Subject to a claim being made by the Member, such points will count towards Audax UK individual and club awards for the Audax UK season within which the 24-hour ride occurs.

Note 1: This Regulation was first amended and approved by the Board at their meeting on 6th March 2025. It is presented here for ratification by AUK members.

Note 2: If other Resolutions relating the Awards Regulations are passed, this appendix may be renumbered.

Rationale:

The amendment to this regulation was the addition of ‘*within 4 weeks of published results of the event*’ into the first sentence. This was proposed and agreed so as to facilitate the prompt recording of the event results and subsequent awarding of points.

The wording has also been amended to clarify that points would be BR&RM points (assuming that Resolution 4 passes).

Appendix 7: Resolution 7 Information



Resolution 7

Proposer: AUK Board

Resolution:

That the Awards Regulations be amended with the revision of existing appendices 1.2.4 and 1.2.5, and the addition of 2 new appendices 1.2.6 and 1.2.7 as follows:

1.2.4 The Randonneur Award Series is for achievement in one season, except where indicated. For any distance a longer distance may be substituted. The Super Randonneur award is available to all riders; only subscribed Members are eligible for other Randonneur awards. A rider completing a Super Randonneur award is thereafter designated a Super Randonneur:

Single year awards:

- (a) Super Randonneur: 200, 300, 400 and 600 km BR, BRM or RM events;*
- (b) Randonneur 2500: 200, 300, 400, 600 & 1000 km BR, BRM or RM events;*
- (c) Randonneur 5000: BR, BRM or RM events totalling 5,000 km;*
- (d) Randonneur 7500: BR, BRM or RM events totalling 7,500 km;*
- (e) Randonneur 10,000: BR, BRM or RM events totalling 10,000 km;*

Multi year awards:

- (f) Ultra Randonneur : riders completing ten Super Randonneur series shall be eligible for the award of Ultra Randonneur. Only one series per year counts. The series do not have to be consecutive;*
- (g) Randonneur Round The Year: riders completing one 200km or longer event per consecutive month, as listed in the Audax UK event results;*
- (h) Randonneur 25,000; within any period of time, BR, BRM, ACP or RM events comprising a total distance of at least 25,000 km at randonneur standard;*
- (i) Randonneur 50,000; within any period of time, BR, BRM, ACP or RM events comprising a total distance of at least 50,000 km at randonneur standard;*
- (j) Randonneur 75,000; within any period of time, BR, BRM, ACP or RM events comprising a total distance of at least 75,000 km at randonneur standard; and*
- (k) Randonneur 100,000: within any period of time, BR, BRM, ACP or RM events comprising a total distance of at least 100,000 km at randonneur standard.*

1.2.5 The Brevet Award Series includes achievement over extended periods. All events must be BR, BRM or RM. Longer distances events may only be substituted for shorter where specified. An event may only count towards one award within a category, i.e., a B5000 and a B25000 but not two B5000. Only subscribed Members are eligible for Brevet awards:

- (a) Brevet 1000; in the same season five events at 200 km;*
- (b) Brevet 2000: over any period ten events at 200 km;*
- (c) Brevet 3000: over any period fifteen events at 200 km;*
- (d) Brevet 4000: over any period twenty 200 km events;*

(e) Brevet 5000: within a four year period, events comprising a Super Randonneur, an event of 1000km or more, an additional event of 1200km or more, a 24 hour team Arrow and other BR, BRM or RM events to bring the total up to at least 5,000 km; and

(f) Brevet 25000: within a six year period, events comprising; 3 Super Randonneur, PBP or LEL, an event of 1000km or more, an additional event of 1300km or more, a 24 hour team Arrow and other BR, BRM or RM events to bring the total up to at least 25,000 km.

1.2.6 *The Populaire Award Series is for achievement in one season, except where indicated. All events must be BP. Only subscribed Members are eligible for Populaire awards:*

(a) Populaire 250: in the same season five events at 50km;

(b) Populaire 500: in the same season events totalling 500km;

(c) Populaire 1000: over any period events totalling 1000km;

(d) Populaire 2000: over any period events totalling 2000km;

(e) Populaire 3000: over any period events totalling 3000km;

(f) Populaire Round the Year: riders completing one 50km, 100km or 150km event per consecutive month, as listed in the Audax UK event results.

1.2.7 *The Rouleur Award Series is for achievement in one season. For any distance a longer distance may be substituted, but at least two BP events must be included.*

(a) Rouleur 500: 50, 100, 150 and 200 km events;

(b) Rouleur 1000: 50, 100, 150, 200, 300, plus other events to a total of 1,000 km;

Rationale:

The proposed changes are summarised as:

- Redesignate existing Randonneur 500 and Randonneur 1000 awards as Rouleur 500 and Rouleur 1000 awards, with minor changes to awarding criteria.
- Redesignate existing Brevet 250 and Brevet 500 awards as Populaire 250 and Populaire 500 awards, with minor changes to awarding criteria.
- Add Populaire Awards Series of awards for BP events.
- Add Rouleur Award Series of events (effectively renaming of previous Randonneur 500 and Randonneur 1000 awards).
- Add Randonneur 7500 award.

Last season (2025) we had around 11,000 finishers of BP events, and 13,500 finishers of BR, BRM and RM events. This demonstrates that these different event types are broadly equally popular (previous seasons also have a similar ratio of finishers) and we want to encourage and support all members to achieve their personal aims and challenges.

Currently, the awards arrangements are partially muddled between different event types, and there is a lack of distinct awards for the large number of members we have riding BP events hence the proposed addition of the Populaire Award Series.

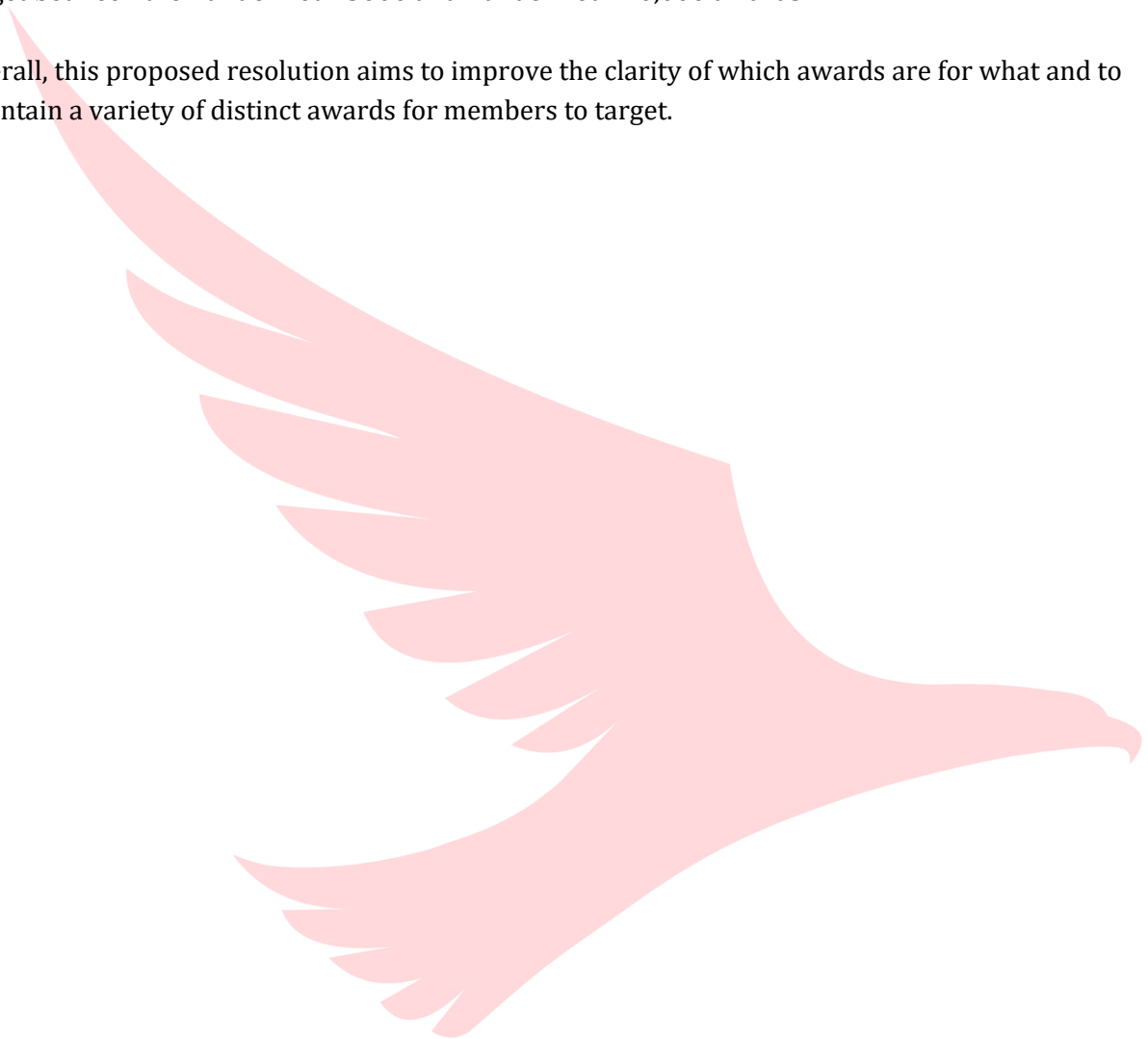
This proposed resolution is also aligned with proposed Resolution 4, where these changes to the awards are proposed so as to keep the 'randonneur' designation aligned with international practice

and to provide a clear and distinct set of awards for achievements in both BP and BR, BRM and RM events. This has led to the proposed redesignation of the Randonneur 250 and 500 awards, and the Brevet 250 and 500 awards.

The Rouleur 500 and Rouleur 1000 awards are a redesignation of the current Randonneur 500 and Randonneur 1000 awards and are designed to bridge across both BP and BR events providing a route and challenge for members to step up to longer distances.

The addition of a Randonneur 7500 award aims to provide an intermediate award for members to target between the Randonneur 5000 and Randonneur 10,000 awards.

Overall, this proposed resolution aims to improve the clarity of which awards are for what and to maintain a variety of distinct awards for members to target.



Appendix 8: Resolution 8 Information



Resolution 8

Proposer: AUK Board

Resolution:

That the DIY Event Regulations be amended with the following revision of existing appendix 1.1:

1.1 DIY events are additionally classified as either BR or BP and adopt the speed & distance limitation of those categories, except that minimum speed up to 600km will be 14.3 km/h for BR events.

Note: Existing DIY Event Regulation appendix 1.1 states: '*DIY events are additionally classified as either BR or BP and adopt the speed & distance limitation of those categories, except that minimum speed up to 600km will be 14.3 km/h*'.

Rationale:

This amendment is proposed to clarify the minimum speed requirements of DIYs and avoid misinterpretation.

Appendix 9: Resolution 9 Information



Resolution 9

Proposer: AUK Board

Resolution:

That the DIY Event Regulations appendix 1.6 and Permanent Event Regulations appendix 1.4 be removed.

Note: Both existing appendices state: *'For rides by AUK members validated as BR, AUK distance points are awarded at a rate of 1 point for each 100 km of distance.'*

Rationale:

The awarding of points is covered by the Awards Regulations and hence these appendices are unnecessary and potentially cause confusion with the Awards Regulations. This resolution is therefore proposed to improve the consistency of the Regulations.

Appendix 10: Resolution 10 Information



Resolution 10

Proposer: AUK Board

Resolution:

That the Extended Events Regulations be amended with the following revision of Regulation 1 and existing appendix 1.4 as follows:

1 *Extended events add distance, organised as a DIY, before and/or after another AUK calendar event.*

1.4 *Intermediate controls between the start/finish of the extension portion and the start/finish of the event which it extends should be placed as per the general Event Regulation 7.1.1, although for extensions of each leg under 80km no intermediate control is required.*

Note 1: Existing Extended Event Regulation 1 states: '*Extended events add distance, organised as a DIY, before and/or after another event*'.

Note 2: Existing Extended Event Regulation appendix 1.4 states: '*A maximum of three intermediate controls is permitted between the start/finish of the extension portion and the start/finish of the event which it extends*'.

Rationale:

This proposal is firstly to clarify that Extended Events are only applicable to AUK calendar events, and secondly to align the requirement for intermediate controls with other event regulations.

Appendix 11: Resolution 11 Information



Resolution 11

Proposer: AUK Board

Resolution:

That the Darts Event Regulations are replaced in their entirety with the following:

- 1 Darts are calendar events of up to 24 hours duration for individual cyclists but may be ridden solo or as a group**
 - 1.1 The organiser defines either:**
 - the start location, with riders providing to the organiser other control details including the finish, or,
 - the end location, with riders providing to organiser other control details including the start location.
 - 1.2 Darts are additionally classified as either BR or BP and adopt the speed & distance limitation of those categories, except that minimum speed will be 14.3 km/h for BR events.**
 - 1.3 Rides may be validated using proof of passage from brevet card or GPS.**
 - 1.4 Entries may be submitted with a mandatory route or advisory route.**
 - 1.4.1 Mandatory route entries must be by GPS.**
 - 1.4.2 Advisory route entries must be by control points.**
 - 1.4.3 When entering by advisory route the organiser will only agree distances that are the shortest distance between control points.**
 - 1.5 Mandatory routing proof of passage is exclusively by means of a recorded GPS tracklog. GPS tracklogs may also be used on advisory routes as alternative to conventional paper proofs of passage.**
 - 1.6 Proof of passage must be obtained at the designated finishing point or at the end of the allowed time, whichever is sooner. It is not necessary to reach the designated finish point.**
 - 1.7 If entry is made by advisory route distances will be credited from the shortest distance between control points and must be within 20% of the distance agreed at the time of entry.**
 - 1.8 If entry is made by mandatory route and GPS proof of passage, distances will be awarded by actual distance ridden and must be within 20% of the distance agreed at the time of entry.**
 - 1.9 If an entry is for a group, the whole group must follow the same route as entered.**
 - 1.10 AAA points are not awarded for these rides.**

Rationale:

This proposed revision of the Darts Regulations includes:

- Darts can be of any distance
- Mandatory routing can be used
- Proof of passage from GPS can be used

These changes (together with the proposed revisions to Arrow and Trail Regulations) suggested that a whole rewrite of the Darts Regulations would be preferable rather than trying to tweak the existing Regulations. The opportunity has therefore also been taken to align them with the Arrows and Trails Regulations to improve consistency.

Appendix 12: Resolution 12 Information



Resolution 12

Proposer: AUK Board

Resolution:

That the Arrow Event Regulations are replaced in their entirety with the following:

- 1 Arrows are calendar events of 24 hours duration for teams of cyclists.**
The end location and the range of acceptable start times are defined by the organiser.
Start location and route to the end location are set by each team.
- 1.1 *The Easter Arrow to York is additionally validated by ACP*
- 1.2 *All teams will have a team captain who will coordinate the team and correspond with the Organiser.*
- 1.3 *Rides may be validated using proof of passage from brevet card or GPS.*
- 1.4 *Entries may be submitted with a mandatory route or advisory route.*
 - 1.4.1 *Mandatory route entries must be by GPS.*
 - 1.4.2 *Advisory route entries must be by control points.*
 - 1.4.3 *When entering by advisory route the organiser will only agree distances that are the shortest distance between control points*
- 1.5 *Teams consist of between 3 to 5 members (tandems count as one member thus 5 tandems allows 10 riders).*
- 1.6 *Teams agree in advance with the organiser their own start location, time and control details. Routes can be circular and in any direction but must eventually head for the nominated end location. The nominated start time must be adhered to.*
- 1.7 *Different teams may not ride together. If several teams use the same starting point and route the start times for the individual teams shall be spaced at least one hour apart.*
- 1.8 *The team must ride together, and at least 3 team members must arrive at the finish for the ride to be validated. Only team members who ride the whole distance will be validated.*
- 1.9 *No following cars are allowed. Teams may only meet a support car at the designated controls. No rest stop may exceed two hours.*
- 1.10 *Proof of passage by GPS:*
 - 1.10.1 *Each team member shall make a GPS track that is identical (as far as is practicable) to the route submitted in the entry and which passes through ALL the designated control points including the start.*
 - 1.10.2 *If any team member's GPS unit fails, their proof of passage must be obtained at all the missing controls by getting a receipt or if a receipt is not available a photo of the whole team clearly identifying the place (e.g. in front of a road sign) may be substituted.*
 - 1.10.3 *During the 22nd hour time stamped photos of the whole team clearly identifying the place (e.g. in front of a road sign), or an alternative proof of passage as agreed in advance with the organiser, must be emailed to the organiser.*
- 1.11 *Proof of passage by Brevet Card:*
 - 1.11.1 *Each team member must obtain proof of passage at the starting point and at each designated control in the form of a stamp, ATM or till receipt. If proof of passage is not available in the form of a stamp, ATM or till receipt a photo of the whole team clearly identifying the place (e.g. in front of a road sign) may be substituted.*

- 1.11.2 *During the 22nd hour and at the end of the 24th hour the exact time and location of the team must be noted in the brevet card and proof of passage obtained.*
- 1.12 *The team must ride until the end of the 24th hour, even if the planned destination is not reached. If proof of passage is not available at that point they must continue riding to the next available place where it may be obtained. A minimum of 25km must be ridden between the 22nd hour control point and the finish.*
- 1.13 *If entry is made by advisory route distances will be credited from the shortest distance between control points and must be within 20% of the distance agreed at the time of entry.*
- 1.14 *If entry is made by mandatory route and GPS proof of passage, distances will be awarded by actual distance ridden and must be within 20% of the distance agreed at the time of entry.*
- 1.15 *For validated rides by AUK members, AUK distance points are awarded at a rate of 1 point for each 100k, subject to a minimum of 360 km and maximum of 720 km. AAA points are not awarded for these rides.*

Rationale:

This proposed revision of the Arrows Regulations includes:

- Mandatory routing can be used
- GPS proof of passage can be used

These changes (together with the proposed revisions to Darts and Trail Regulations) suggested that a whole rewrite of the Arrows Regulations would be preferable rather than trying to tweak the existing Regulations. The opportunity has therefore also been taken to align them with the Darts and Trail Regulations to improve consistency.

Appendix 13: Resolution 13 Information



Resolution 13

Proposer: AUK Board

Resolution:

That the Trail Event Regulations are replaced in their entirety with the following:

1 Easter Trail or Trace Nationale is a calendar event ridden in teams.

- 1.1 Trail to York is additionally validated by ACP.
- 1.2 All teams will have a team captain who will coordinate the team and correspond with the Organiser.
- 1.3 Rides may be validated using proof of passage from brevet card or GPS.
- 1.4 Entries may be submitted with a mandatory route or advisory route.
 - 1.4.1 Mandatory route entries must be by GPS.
 - 1.4.2 Advisory route entries must be by control points.
 - 1.4.3 When entering by advisory route the organiser will only agree distances that are the shortest distance between control points
- 1.5 Teams consist of between 2 and 6 members (tandems count as one member thus 6 tandems allows 12 riders).
- 1.6 The end location and the range of acceptable start & finish times are defined by the organiser such that earliest start time and latest finish time are 35 hours apart.
 - 1.6.1 The earliest start time is 00:01 Good Friday and the finish time is between 08:00 and 11:00 the following day.
 - 1.6.2 The Easter Trail must be at least a minimum distance of 201k and maximum distance of 360k.
- 1.7 Teams agree in advance with the organiser their own start location, time and control details. Routes can be circular and in any direction but must finish at the nominated end location. The start time must be adhered to.
- 1.8 The route must have a minimum of three controls (not including the start and finish controls) spaced at least 50 km apart.
- 1.9 A mandatory stop of 8 hours during the hours of darkness is required.
- 1.10 Different teams may not ride together. If several teams use the same starting point and route the start times for the individual teams shall be spaced at least one hour apart.
- 1.11 The team must ride together, and at least 2 team members must arrive at the finish for the ride to be validated. Only team members who ride the whole distance will be validated.
- 1.12 Proof of passage by GPS:
 - 1.12.1 Each team member shall make a GPS track that is identical (as far as is practicable) to the route submitted in the entry and which passes through ALL the designated control points including the start.
 - 1.12.2 If any team member's GPS unit fails, their proof of passage must be obtained at all the missing controls by getting a receipt or if a receipt is not available photos of the whole team clearly identifying the place (e.g. in front of a road sign) may be substituted.
- 1.13 Proof of passage by Brevet Card:
 - 1.13.1 Each team member shall obtain proof of passage at the starting point, at each designated control, and at both the time of arrival at and departure from the overnight stop.

1.13.2 Proof of passage may be in the form of a stamp, ATM or till receipt or an alternative proof of passage as agreed in advance with the organiser,

1.13.3 If proof of passage is not available photos of the whole team clearly identifying the place (e.g. in front of a road sign) may be substituted.

1.13.4 Distances will be credited from the shortest distance between control points, but must be within 20% of the distance agreed with the organiser.

1.14 No AUK distance points or AAA points are awarded for these rides.

Rationale:

This proposed revision of the Trail Regulations includes:

- Mandatory routing can be used
- GPS proof of passage can be used

These changes (together with the proposed revisions to Darts and Arrows Regulations) suggested that a whole rewrite of the Trail Regulations would be preferable rather than trying to tweak the existing Regulations. The opportunity has therefore also been taken to align them with the Darts and Arrows Regulations to improve consistency.

Appendix 14: Resolution 14 Information



Resolution 14

Proposer: AUK Board

Resolution:

That the Individual and Club Trophies awarded by AUK annually, be amended as set out below.

- a) The Distance Trophy (The Jock Wadley Cup) be redesignated as The Points Trophy (The Jock Wadley Cup) and to be awarded to the individual who achieves the highest qualifying BR&RM points in a season.
- b) The Distance – Opposite Sex Trophy (The Jo Brunton Cup) be redesignated as The Points Trophy – Opposite Sex (The Jo Brunton Cup) and to be awarded the individual of the opposite sex to the Points Trophy recipient who achieves the highest qualifying BR&RM points in a season.
- c) A new trophy designated as The BP Points Cup to be awarded to the individual who achieves the highest qualifying BP points in a season and is not the recipient of either of the Points Trophies.
- d) A new trophy designated as The BP Points – Opposite Sex Cup to be awarded to the individual of the opposite sex to the BP Points Cup recipient who achieves the highest qualifying BP points in a season and is not the recipient of either of the Points Trophies.
- e) The Veteran Distance Trophy (The Challenge ACP 1987 Trophy) be redesignated as The Veteran Points Trophy (The Challenge ACP 1987 Trophy) and to be awarded to the individual over the age of 65 at the start of the season who achieves the highest qualifying BR&RM points in a season, and is not the recipient of any of the Points or BP Points Trophies listed above.
- f) The Veteran Distance – Opposite Sex Trophy (The Doncaster Trophy Centre Award) be redesignated as The Veteran Points – Opposite Sex Trophy (The Doncaster Trophy Centre Award) and to be awarded to the individual who is over the age of 65 at the start of the season and of the opposite sex to the Veteran Points Trophy who achieves the highest qualifying BR&RM points in a season and is not the recipient of any of the Points or BP Points Trophies listed above.
- g) The Junior Distance and the Junior Distance – Opposite Sex Trophies to be discontinued.
- h) The Club Points Award be redefined as to be awarded to the AUK Club which achieves the highest number of BR&RM points in the season gained by the top 6 riders of the club.
- i) The Organising Club Points Award be redefined as to be awarded the AUK Club which achieves the highest number of BR&RM points gained in rides organised by the club.
- j) The Cycling UK Club Points Award and The Cycling UK Organising Club Points Awards to be discontinued.

Note: Qualifying points for the individual points trophies are defined by Award Regulation 1.1.1, i.e. *‘For the individual uncategorised points trophies listed on the Audax UK website, the number of points gained from permanent events must not exceed the number of points gained in calendar events’*, also known as *‘the 50% rule’*, or *‘championship points’*.

Rationale:

This resolution is proposed to complement Resolution 4 (regarding the separation of BP and BR&RM points) as well as to rationalise the trophies which are awarded.

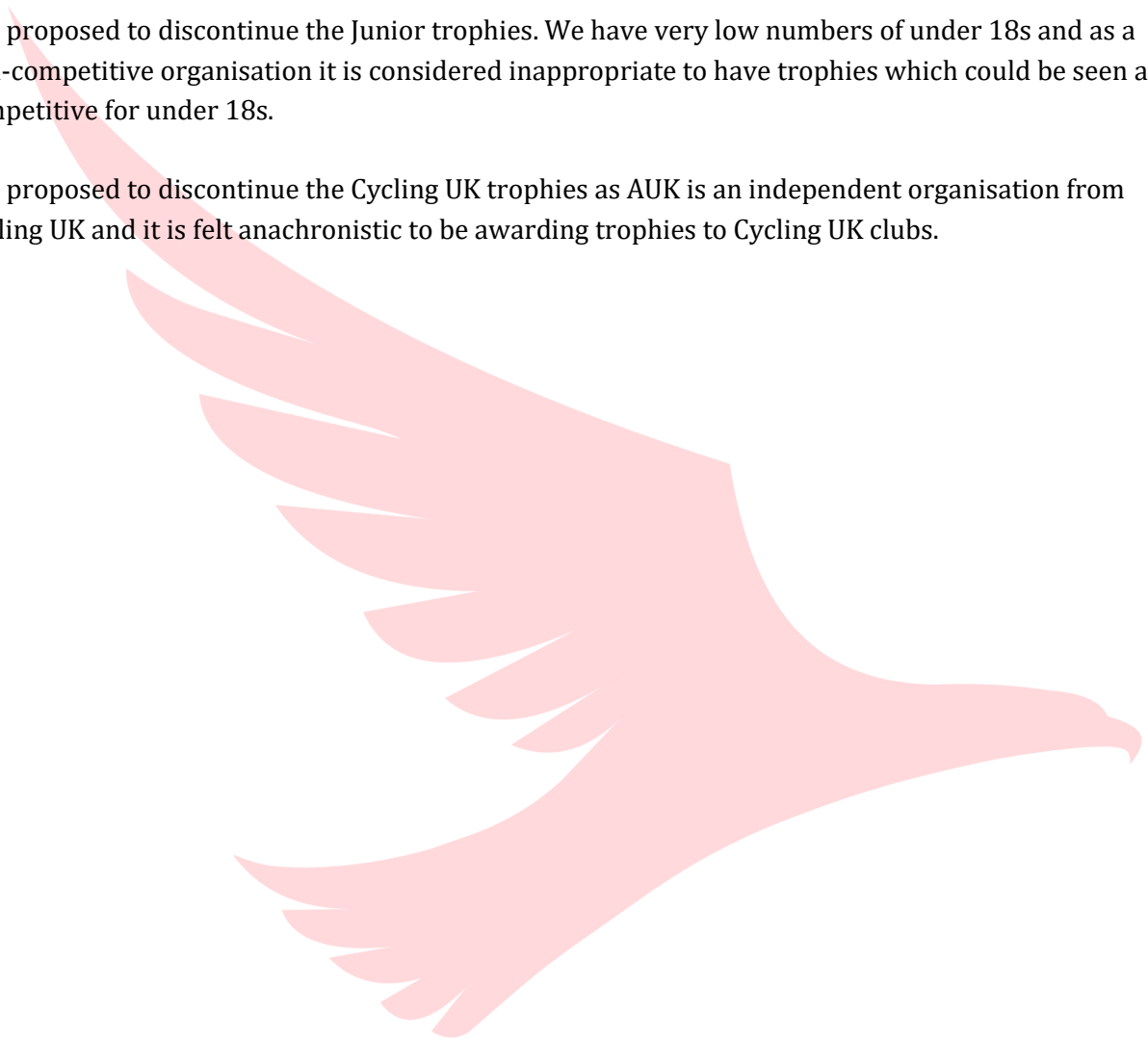
It is proposed to provide separate trophies for both BR&RM points totals and BP points totals.

It is proposed that an individual can only win one of the individual trophies.

It is proposed to raise the age for veterans to 65.

It is proposed to discontinue the Junior trophies. We have very low numbers of under 18s and as a non-competitive organisation it is considered inappropriate to have trophies which could be seen as competitive for under 18s.

It is proposed to discontinue the Cycling UK trophies as AUK is an independent organisation from Cycling UK and it is felt anachronistic to be awarding trophies to Cycling UK clubs.



Appendix 15: Resolution 15 Information



Resolution 15

Proposer: Mike Wigley (AUK 1309)

Seconder: Darrell Whittle (AUK 5592)

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

Resolution:

That the Award Regulations be amended with the addition of the following appendix to Regulation 1.1:

1.1.4 BP Rides undertaken using an Electrically Assisted Pedal Cycle (EAPC) shall be recorded as "completed by EAPC". They will not be validated, and they will not be eligible for AUK points, AAA points, awards or trophies.

Rationale:

The Audax UK membership have already approved the use of EAPCs for BP rides, but we didn't give our Organisers any guidance on how to process such rides. They cannot mark them as "completed", as this would lead to the ride being validated, which is not permitted. They cannot mark them as DNF (did not finish) as it is not a true reflection of the ride status. This proposal asks that we create a new category of "completed by EAPC".

Some riders haven't understood that it is their responsibility to inform the Organiser that they have ridden using an EAPC. This proposal asks that we include a box to select "ride by EAPC" on the entry form. You will be allowed to change this selection up to the start of the event, in case you turn up on the wrong bike, or change your mind and will be riding human powered.

Other riders have questioned why they need to enter an event that isn't going to officially recognise their participation. By recording EAPC rides we can answer this. We must have entries from all riders who then benefit from any hospitality and facilities provided by the Organiser. It also ensures that they will have Audax UK insurance cover. In return we can include EAPC completed rides on their Individual Results online page (but with zero points, zero AAA points). EAPC completed rides should also be included on the Single Event Rider List online page, suitably distinguished from the validated rides, giving the Organiser a more complete record of their event participants.

This proposal is purely administrative and shouldn't be controversial. Its intention is to help Organisers carry out the original intention of the membership in allowing EAPCs on BP events. It will also allow Audax UK to monitor the use of EAPCs.

The proposal does NOT permit validation of EAPC rides.

It does NOT issue championship or AAA points.

It does NOT permit EAPCs on BR or BRM events.

It does NOT permit the use of illegal cycles. Only a road legal EAPC as defined in the Highway Code is permitted under the existing BP Regulation.

Resolution 15 – The Audax UK Board View:

The Board is supportive of this resolution and particularly highlights that the only EAPCs to be covered by this proposed change are UK road legal EAPCs. Other forms of electrically powered bicycles or mopeds are not to be used in any form on any AUK event. It is also noted that the use of an EAPC on an event should be notified to the organiser in advance.



Appendix 16: Resolution 16 Information



Resolution 16

Proposer: Ian Lyons (AUK 23343)

Seconder: Richard Lake (AUK 19171)

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

Resolution:

That the DIY Regulations be amended with the addition of the following appendix to Regulation 1:

1.8 Exceptionally to the Event Regulations, a member may request approval to complete a specific non-AUK event as a DIY ride.

- Approval may be granted at the discretion of the AUK Recorder (and other relevant officers as required) where the event clearly demonstrates self-sufficiency consistent with AUK principles.*
- For the purposes of AUK validation, any external publication of race times or placings by the event organiser shall have no status within AUK. The rider's DIY result will be validated solely against their submitted DIY evidence and in accordance with AUK regulations.*
- Approval applies only to the individual member and the specific event, and the request must be submitted in good time before the event.*

Rationale:

This motion restores a modest and manageable flexibility that previously existed within the DIY system. It allows the AUK Recorder to approve a small number of suitable self-supported, long-distance events on a case-by-case basis where they clearly align with Audax values. Many of these events already embody the spirit of randonneuring, and riders have historically relied on DIY validation for them.

Allowing DIY recognition in these limited cases benefits the whole membership. It increases visibility for Audax UK among long-distance cyclists, strengthens relationships with like-minded communities and often acts as free advertising for AUK. These events attract riders who naturally fit the ethos of Audax, and many go on to join the organisation and ride our calendar events. This supports long-term membership growth and contributes to a healthy event calendar for all.

DIY rides remain AUK activities and must be completed in a non-competitive manner. External results have no status within AUK. The AUK Recorder provides a single, transparent point of decision-making, which improves consistency and limits the volume of requests. AUK validated 5,885 DIY rides last season, and only a very small fraction are likely to fall under this proposal, making implementation manageable.

If approved, I am committed to working closely with the Board and relevant officers to develop simple guidance that protects volunteers, maintains fairness, and ensures the process remains aligned with AUK's non-competitive ethos.

Resolution 16 – The Audax UK Board View:

The Board does not support this resolution for a number of reasons:

- Fundamentally, Audax UK events, and the associated points being awarded, should be treated as their own stand-alone events, and including points gained while riding non-AUK events potentially undermines the distinct 'randonneur' identity and its rules.
- Our view is that to administer such a proposal would be too hard and overly onerous on an individual to enable consistency to be maintained. We are very concerned that the proposal would lead to arguments about why one route was approved and another not. This would put officials in the unenviable position of having to try and make consistent judgements while also potentially defending previous judgements.
- The original purpose of DIY events was to enable AUK members to be given some flexibility in riding their own routes. They were not set up to provide AUK points for non-AUK events.
- The Board disagrees that this proposal supports AUK's Objects. It appears to be facilitating those who want AUK points but don't want to support AUK events (i.e. 'I wish to ride this other event, which is more attractive to me, but I don't want to lose out on my AUK points.'). The Board's view is that members should support AUK events and ride AUK events if they want AUK points.
- Organisers of other non-AUK long distance events are very welcome to submit their event (or a version of it) to be run within AUK's rules and therefore be eligible for AUK points. The Board does not believe it is beneficial to try and extend the coverage of AUK's regulations to include external events for the points noted above.

It is also noted that the clarification issued by the Board previously concerning DIY events was specifically aimed to remove the muddle which such a proposal as this resolution would create.

Appendix 17: Resolution 17 Information



Resolution 17

Proposer: Will Pomeroy (AUK 13571)

Seconder: Luke Hounsme (AUK 16987)

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

Resolution:

That the BP Regulations be amended with the following addition and revisions to Regulations 3 and 4:

3 BP events can be single day or multi-day events

3.1 *Single day BP events may be any distance up to 199 km*

3.2 *Standard distances for single day BP events are 50km, 100km and 150km*

3.3 *Multi-day BP events split the validated distance into average portions per day as follows:*

- *For 2 day BP events, a minimum of 250km per day*
- *For 3-5 day BP events, a minimum of 200km per day*
- *For 6-10 day BP events, a minimum of 165km per day*
- *For greater than 10 day BP events, a minimum of 140km per day*

3.4 *For multi day BP events, the total distance must be completed to achieve validation. No validation of shorter distances, or partial completion of the event, is allowed.*

3.5 *For multi-day BP events, as a minimum, an intermediate control is required at the start and end of each day's section. Proof of passage for both arrival and departure must be obtained at these controls.*

4 The speed limits may be lower than that for BR events at the discretion of the AUK events secretary

4.1 *A minimum of 10 - 12.5 km/h and maximum of 20 - 25 km/h is normal practice.*

4.2 *For multi-day BP events, a minimum speed of 10km/h and a maximum speed of 25 km/h apply to each daily portion.*

4.3 *The organiser may submit the event for assessment of AAA points, which are awarded to members for validated rides.*

Note: Existing BP Event Regulations 3 and 4 state:

3 BP events may be of any distance acceptable to the AUK events secretary

3.1 *Standard distances are 50km, 100km and 150km*

4 The speed limits may be lower than that for BR events at the discretion of the AUK events secretary

4.1 *A minimum of 10 - 12.5 km/h and maximum of 20 - 25 km/h is normal practice.*

4.2 *The organiser may submit the event for assessment of AAA points, which are awarded to members for validated rides*

Rationale:

One of AUK's principle objectives: **'to support and encourage all forms of cycling which benefit the physical and mental well-being of the community'**.

Multi-day BPs will allow organisers to offer events (calendar/perm) at a slightly more relaxed pace over multiple days. As well as the physical and mental well-being benefits they will also promote inclusion; catering for riders who are unable to maintain a BR+ pace over multiple days, or for who sleep deprivation is a barrier.

Why not just do several BPs of 50, 100 or 150km strung together? Why offer 1000km BR+ when it could be completed in 2x 300 & 1x 400 over the same time frame?

- Because it is the commitment to the time involved to complete an entire event. Using multiple BPs strung together would allow an entrant of a '600km BP (total distance) event' to be accredited for the 'stages' completed even if the event wasn't completed.

Why not use min/max speed based on distance like BR+?

- BR, BRM & LRM all use slightly different but similar criteria so there is no set in stone 'method'.
- To make a distinction between 1 day BPs and BP multiday events.
- To avoid any long (200+) 1 day BPs where waters would be muddled.

The Board's proposal to limit BPs to 50, 100 & 150 so as to make a distinction between Randonneur (BR, BRM, LRM) and Brevet Populaires shouldn't be a limiting factor - this should be solved through correct communication and sign-posting. Both of which could easily be implemented on the audax.uk event pages.

This resolution aims to maintain BPs of longer distances (as allowed currently at the discretion of the event secretary) than the common 50, 100 & 150km awards; but at the same time avoid any 1 day 200 BPs etc. The board has proposed to limit BPs to 199km and less. This would allow organisers of calendars/perms to offer 'long time events but not quite as distance long' to promote our community with either standalone events or side by side events

Resolution 18 - The Audax UK Board View:

The Board does not support this resolution as it believes that multi-day BP events are already available under the existing regulations (including the proposed regulation change in Resolution 3) and this proposal is adding unnecessary complexity to the regulations.

Whilst not against innovation, the Board notes that the aims outlined in this proposal can already be achieved under existing regulations through linking multiple BP events together (e.g. 3 x 100km events over 3 days). This approach has typically been used for a single BP event per day, but it is also possible to have a second BP event on the same day with a later start time (e.g. 2 x 100km events on each day).

Appendix 18: Election of Directors Information



1. General Secretary

Nominee: Gideon Rabinowitz (AUK 19766)

Proposer: Jason King (AUK 25731)

Seconder: Liam FitzPatrick (AUK 7100)

Supporting Statement:

A bit about me. Recently retired after a 40 plus year career in Food manufacturing, IT and mobile telecoms, mainly on project and programme management. I have spent my life in large organisations and have an MBA to my name as well, so I know a bit about how organisations work and the key functions.

My journey in endurance sports started on the 1980's with long distance running, coming to cycling about 9 years ago and picking up the audax bug about 5 years ago. I've done both LEL and PBP as well as numerous other events in the last few years, mostly successfully, but sometime fate has played a role. There is not much local in my area so most of my rides have been from Bristol or Tewkesbury, so I'd like to put something back into the audax from which I have made many new friends and have had some great adventures.

I know that AUK is driven from the grass roots through the organisers and volunteers, but is also part of a bigger picture of an organisation with over 9,000 members (Or so I have been told!), so I'd like support the running of what is now a large organisation and help it manage the trade off's of an organisation not for profit business with the regulatory challenges that brings. I'm also keen to explore how to give more opportunities for others to contribute.

I'm keen to pick up the General Secretary role from Andy Yates' safe hands and make a contribution to AUK.

2. Executive Directors

Executive Director / Communications Director

Nominee: **Liam FitzPatrick (AUK 7100)**

Proposer: Danial Webb (AUK 5263)

Second: Laura Massey-Pugh (AUK 14101)

Supporting Statement:

Why am I standing?

With around 9,500 members, Audax UK is a significant player in UK cycling but, reputationally, it punches below its weight. Our discipline has a distinctive ethos and I believe we can do more to share the joy of undertaking a challenge in a spirit of community and camaraderie.

I would like to help broaden understanding of what audax rides are about and make them feel more accessible to a wider cross-section of the UK's cycling community. I would like to celebrate the contribution of the organisers and volunteers that make long distance cycling happen and help attract the next generation of people who will build the calendar.

Audax UK is in great health and, with a clear narrative, can spread the joy of riding far and wide.

What do I bring?

I have been riding Audax events since 2003. Although I have ridden a few SRs and done PBP twice, I, like the majority of AUK members, gather a relatively small number of points each year doing mostly 200s and 300s.

I am an organiser. My first event was a 400km that I inherited and developed into London Wales London. And, I created a series of a 50, a 100 and a 200 rides aimed at people who are new to audaxing.

Additionally, I have worked in communications roles all of my career. In particular I have supported brand building, change and reputation protection around the world in a range of sectors.

Executive Director / Calendar Events Secretary

Nominee: Ian Hennessey (AUK 2294)

Proposer: Grant Huggins (AUK 6150)

Seconder: Sarah Britton (AUK 6850)

Supporting Statement:

In standing to continue as Calendar Events Secretary, my focus will be to continue to build on Audax UK's core activities, which, apart from fleches and darts, are standard-distance events, verified and recorded by AUK, and, for international events, by Audax Club Parisien or Les Randonneurs Mondiaux. The calendar events delegates and I work very much as a team, checking new events and helping new organisers find their way around the system. I shall of course continue to take a broader interest in the running of the club, in - I hope - the best interests of the members.



3. Non-Executive Directors

Nominee 1: Arabella Maude (AUK 5617)

Proposer: Emma Dixon (AUK 9301)

Seconder: Matthew Chambers (AUK 7300)

Supporting Statement:

I wish to stand for re-election to the position of Non-Executive Director for Audax UK at the upcoming AGM.

Long distance cycling is something that has given me a great deal of enjoyment over the past couple of decades, during which time I've had loads of fun, a sense of achievement and had a number of "interesting" experiences. Prior to joining AUK I've cycle commuted since 1989 and done various cycle tours including with a young family and later as a single parent.

I have been a member of AUK for over 20 years and did my first randonnées in 2005. From then, I went on to complete my first SR series in 2006, LEL in 2009, first Arrow in 2010, Brevet 5000 in 2010, PBP in 2011, RRTY in late 2011 and ultra randonneur in 2015 (not to mention an SR2000 in 2008 and 2025). Over the past 2 decades I have regularly participated in Audax UK events, even, in spite of living in the flatlands, managing to get the AAA points required for a full set of grimpeur medals. As a full value rider I'm familiar with the view from the back of the field.

I've written a number of articles for arrivée, the most recent garnering a couple of replies. My event organising has been limited to DIYs and Arrows - I've successfully captained five ladies' or mixed arrow teams, most recently last Easter, and done countless DIYs, alone and with others. I'm also active on the yacf (and predecessor) audax noticeboard. I help out on assorted local events (mainly but not limited to ACME). In 2013 LEL I was in charge of the St Ives control, stepping in after the initial controllers dropped out; in 2022 I volunteered at the Malton control run by our now chairman; this year I would have been part of the validation team at Writtle - as things turned out we ran the bag drop return instead.

If elected I will continue to turn my hand to whatever is required of me. In the past year this has included looking at the impact of the Online Safety Act (one key milestone of which fell last March, shortly after my election), safeguarding and co-chairing the Strategy Committee and running some of the sub committees - the results of the Strategy Committee are visible in a number of board proposals at this AGM, as presented at the recent (Derby) reunion.

I have a degree in computer science with business studies, a masters in telecommunications engineering and I am a chartered engineer. I'm fluent in french and speak a few other assorted languages with varying degrees of fluency, generally useful for chatting to riders as a volunteer, most recently, of course, at LFL.

Nominee 2: Anne Young (AUK 6749)

Proposer: Lucy McTaggart (AUK 3923)

Seconder: Andy Berne (AUK 16532)

Supporting Statement:

I would like to nominate myself to stand again as non-executive director or AUK for the next year.

I have held the position of non-executive director for almost 2 years and would like to continue in post. During this time, I have become integrated into the board and become more familiar with the running of Audax UK. I have had several tasks during this time which have included reviewing and improving some financial aspects. I have been a member of the AUK strategy committee (a small group comprised of directors and other AUK members) with the objective of developing AUK strategy going forward. I recently set up the women's strategy group (the aim of which is to encourage more women to ride audax events) and I have also recently become part of the small team of board members to update the AUK safeguarding policy. The outcomes of the strategy group have included updating AUK regulations, review of the trophies awarded and review of the board structure.

I have been a member of AUK for over 20 years and in this time, I have completed PBP 4 times, LEL and London Floris London. I have won the opposite sex points trophy several times, have around 25 RRTYs and was awarded the R100,000 in 2024. I intend to carry on riding as long as I can and I would like to complete my 5th PBP in 2027. I have recently become an organiser and have a couple of events in the calendar for early next year. I have been a member of the VC167 for almost as long as I have been a member of AUK and am currently membership secretary and have held his post for many years.

In my professional life, I am a semi-retired GP where I was a partner in a large practice in Ashington, Northumberland for several years until March this year. Prior to training as a doctor, I was a chartered accountant and prior to that, started my career as a research chemist for ICI Agrochemicals based near Reading. I had my first bike at aged 5 and recall using my Mum's battered single speed to do my hilly paper round in Sheffield for a couple of years. I think I've had a bike ever since and even worked in Steele's bike shop in Newcastle for a couple of years back in the mid 1990's.

If I am elected for a further term as non-exec director, I plan to continue being part of the strategy and women's strategy groups, complete the role of updating safeguarding policy and take on additional roles as required during the year.

Appendix 19: Minutes of the AGM 2023-24





Audax UK Long Distance Cyclists' Association Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2023/24

Held online (via Zoom) on 19th February 2025 at 19:00.

1) To record the names of those present at the meeting

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Board Members attending:

Andy Cox (Chair), Nigel Armstrong (Finance Director), Caroline Fenton (Membership Secretary), Ian Hennessey (Calendar Events Secretary), Grant Huggins (Events Services Director and Recorder), Paul Renshaw (Communications Director), John Ward (Permanent Events Secretary), Darrell Whittle (Non-Executive Director), Andy Yates (General Secretary), Anne Young (Non-Executive Director).

Other Members attending:

Gill Cooper, Chris Crossland, Ivan Cornell (AAA Secretary), Peter Davis (Awards Secretary and Reunion Delegate), Darryl Lidford, Kevin Lake, Arabella Maude, Lucy McTaggart (Reunion Delegate), Richard McTaggart, Jonathan Walters, Kevin Ward, Phil Wood.

2) To record apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from:

Robert Garvin, Richard Painter, Mark Thompson.

3) To approve the minutes of the last AGM as a true record of that meeting

Result:

John Ward declared that the Chair had 356 discretionary proxy votes.

The Chair declared that their discretionary proxy votes be cast in favour of the resolution.

John Ward declared that the votes cast at the meeting were:

- 2 votes for the resolution.
- 0 votes against the resolution.
- 1 vote to abstain on the resolution.

John Ward therefore declared the following result (incorporating the mandated proxy votes received from the online voting):

- 909 votes for the resolution.
- 2 votes against the resolution.
- 83 votes to abstain on the resolution.
- 994 total votes cast.

The minutes of the last AGM were approved.

4) Matters arising from the last meeting (AGM 2022/23).

None

5) To approve the Annual Report

The Chair asked for any questions or comments from the floor on the individual sections of the Annual Report. No questions or comments were raised.

Result:

John Ward declared that the Chair had 356 discretionary proxy votes.

The Chair declared that their discretionary proxy votes be cast in favour of the resolution.

John Ward declared that the votes cast at the meeting were:

- 3 votes for the resolution.
- 0 votes against the resolution.
- 0 votes to abstain on the resolution.

John Ward therefore declared the following result (incorporating the mandated proxy votes received from the online voting):

- 935 votes for the resolution.
- 2 votes against the resolution.
- 60 votes to abstain on the resolution.
- 997 total votes cast.

The Annual Report was approved.

6) To approve the Annual Accounts and the Finance Director's recommendations

The Chair asked for any questions or comments from the floor on the Annual Accounts. No questions or comments were raised.

Result:

John Ward declared that the Chair had 369 discretionary proxy votes.

The Chair declared that their discretionary proxy votes be cast in favour of the resolution.

John Ward declared that the votes cast at the meeting were:

- 3 votes for the resolution.
- 0 votes against the resolution.
- 0 votes to abstain on the resolution.

John Ward therefore declared the following result (incorporating the mandated proxy votes received from the online voting):

- 922 votes for the resolution.
- 1 vote against the resolution.
- 67 votes to abstain on the resolution.
- 990 total votes cast.

The Annual Accounts and the Finance Director's recommendations were approved.

7) To consider resolutions

a) Resolution 1

Proposer: AUK Board

Resolution:

That Awards Regulations be amended with the following revision to appendix 1.2.4:

1.2.4 The Randonneur Award Series is for achievement in one season, except where indicated. All events of 200km or more must be BR, BRM or RM. For any distance a longer distance may be substituted. The Super Randonneur award is available to all riders; only subscribed Members are eligible for other Randonneur awards. A rider completing a Super Randonneur award is thereafter designated a Super Randonneur:

- (a) Randonneur 500: 50, 100, 150 and 200 km events;*
- (b) Randonneur 1000: 100, 200, 300, plus other events to a total of 1,000 km;*
- (c) Super Randonneur: 200, 300, 400 and 600 km events;*
- (d) Randonneur 2500: 200, 300, 400, 600 & 1000 km events;*
- (e) Randonneur 5000: BR, BRM or RM events totalling 5,000 km;*

- (f) *Randonneur 10000: BR, BRM or RM events totalling 10,000 km;*
- (g) *Ultra Randonneur : riders completing ten Super Randonneur series shall be eligible for the award of Ultra Randonneur. Only one series per year counts. The series do not have to be consecutive;*
- (h) *Randonneur Round The Year: riders completing one 200km or longer event per month, as listed in the Audax UK event results;*
- (i) *Randonneur 25,000; within any period of time, BR, BRM, ACP or RM events comprising a total distance of at least 25,000 km at randonneur standard;*
- (j) *Randonneur 50,000; within any period of time, BR, BRM, ACP or RM events comprising a total distance of at least 50,000 km at randonneur standard;*
- (k) *Randonneur 75,000; within any period of time, BR, BRM, ACP or RM events comprising a total distance of at least 75,000 km at randonneur standard; and*
- (l) *Randonneur 100,000: within any period of time, BR, BRM, ACP or RM events comprising a total distance of at least 100,000 km at randonneur standard.*

The Chair asked for any questions or comments from the floor on Resolution 1. No questions or comments were raised.

Result:

John Ward declared that the Chair had 179 discretionary proxy votes.

The Chair declared that their discretionary proxy votes be cast in favour of the resolution.

John Ward declared that the votes cast at the meeting were:

- 3 votes for the resolution.
- 0 votes against the resolution.
- 0 votes to abstain on the resolution.

John Ward therefore declared the following result (incorporating the mandated proxy votes received from the online voting):

- 968 votes for the resolution.
- 10 votes against the resolution.
- 23 votes to abstain on the resolution.
- 1001 total votes cast.

The resolution was therefore passed.

b) Resolution 2

Proposer: AUK Board

Resolution:

That Event Regulations be amended with the following revision to appendix 7.3.1:

7.3.1 Acceptable proof of passage requires independent evidence of time, date and control location. Acceptable forms include:

- (a) A timed signature of a controller designated by the event organiser*
- (b) A stamp, sticker or other distinct mark provided by the event organiser or a controller*
- (c) A printed receipt, with time, date and control location e.g. from a cash register or ATM*
- (d) A digital record of time, date and location using a method designated by the event organiser, e.g. e-brevet.*
- (e) Other forms may be designated by the organiser, provided they are acceptable to AUK.*

Where a rider is unable to obtain proof of passage, an alternative form may be accepted at the organiser's discretion.

The Chair asked for any questions or comments from the floor on Resolution 2. No questions or comments were raised.

Result:

John Ward declared that the Chair had 158 discretionary proxy votes.

The Chair declared that their discretionary proxy votes be cast in favour of the resolution.

John Ward declared that the votes cast at the meeting were:

- 3 votes for the resolution.
- 0 votes against the resolution.
- 0 votes to abstain on the resolution.

John Ward therefore declared the following result (incorporating the mandated proxy votes received from the online voting):

- 988 votes for the resolution.
- 5 votes against the resolution.
- 8 votes to abstain on the resolution.
- 1001 total votes cast.

The resolution was therefore passed.

c) Resolution 3

Proposer: AUK Board

Resolution:

That Event Regulations be amended with the following addition of appendix 7.4.3:

7.4.3 Timings for intermediate controls are advisory only.

The Chair asked for any questions or comments from the floor on Resolution 3. No questions or comments were raised.

Result:

John Ward declared that the Chair had 188 discretionary proxy votes.

The Chair declared that their discretionary proxy votes be cast in favour of the resolution.

John Ward declared that the votes cast at the meeting were:

- 3 votes for the resolution.
- 0 votes against the resolution.
- 0 votes to abstain on the resolution.

John Ward therefore declared the following result (incorporating the mandated proxy votes received from the online voting):

- 971 votes for the resolution.
- 13 votes against the resolution.
- 15 votes to abstain on the resolution.
- 999 total votes cast.

The resolution was therefore passed.

8) Election of Directors

The Chair noted it was his usual policy to abstain on elections where he had discretionary votes.

a) Finance Director

Sole Nominee: Nigel Armstrong (AUK 2585)

No questions from the floor.

Result:

John Ward declared that the Chair had 222 discretionary proxy votes.

John Ward declared that the votes cast at the meeting were:

- 3 votes for the candidate.
- 0 votes against the candidate.
- 0 votes to abstain on the election.

John Ward therefore declared the following result (incorporating the mandated proxy votes received from the online voting):

- 743 votes for the candidate.
- 2 votes against the candidate.
- 223 votes to abstain on the election.
- 968 total votes cast.

Nigel Armstrong was duly elected.

b) Non-Executive Directors (2 posts)

Nominee 1: Rob Bullyment (AUK 4010)

Nominee 2: Arabella Maude (AUK 5617)

Nominee 3: Darrell Whittle (AUK 5592)

Nominee 4: Anne Young (AUK 6749)

No questions from the floor.

Result:

John Ward therefore declared the following result (incorporating the mandated proxy votes received from the online voting):

- 317 votes for Rob Bullyment.
- 431 votes for Arabella Maude.
- 351 votes for Darrell Whittle.
- 643 votes for Anne Young.

Arabella Maude and Anne Young were duly elected.

9) Date and venue of next meeting

To be agreed but likely to be held online in February 2026.

10) Close of meeting

Chris Crossland, on behalf of the members, offered a vote of thanks to the board, delegates, organisers and everyone else who had contributed to AUK for their hard work.

Chris Crossland noted that the AGM usually records the names of members who have passed away since the previous AGM. Caroline Fenton apologised for the oversight of not including this within the meeting and noted that they would be appended to the minutes.

The Chair thanked everyone who had attended the meeting.

The meeting closed at 19:25.

Post-meeting note

The following AUK members were noted as having sadly passed away since the previous AGM:

John Alldred, Stuart Ball, Chris Batch, Andreas Braukmann, Chris Burton, Terence Cleary, Jim Cope, Paul Everest, Peter Hansen, Michael Kennedy, Ken Knight, Eric Millington, William Morris, Stuart Norris, Rufus Pomeroy, Mike Street, Paul West, David Woodward.