

Agenda for the Annual General Meeting 2008/9

To be held at The Racecourse Centre, York on the 28th November 2009 commencing at 3:00pm

1) TO RECORD THE NAMES OF THOSE PRESENT AT THIS MEETING. A list will be circulated around the hall. Please add your name to it and pass it to your neighbour.

2) TO RECORD APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

3) TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE LAST AGM as a true record of that meeting. (These were published in Arrivée edition Number 103. Copies available at the meeting)

4) MATTERS ARISING from the last meeting.

5) TO CONSIDER OFFICERS' REPORTS. Copies will be available at the meeting.

5a) TREASURER'S RECOMMENDATIONS.

6) PROPOSAL: that AUK be approved as the organising body for LEL 2013. Although LEL 2009 was a great success from the riders' perspective, the scale of the event has got to the stage where it has been clearly demonstrated that it is now too large to be organised by a single organiser and the Committee would therefore request authority from the membership for Audax UK itself to take over the running of LEL as the organising body.

While previous events have broadly broken even, LEL involves serious financial investment and risk for AUK as well as potential legal liabilities and before undertaking any material action in relation to the 2013 event, the Committee will initially appoint a sub-committee to investigate the practicalities of organising an international ride of this scale. It is intended that the sub-committee should comprise experienced organisers and riders including a number of serving Committee members who had a material involvement in the running of LEL 2009.

Rationale: The intention is to ensure the continued success of LEL as the second most important LRM event after PBP while closely managing the organisation and administration and consequent financial and reputational risks to AUK.

Proposed: Ritchie Tout

Seconded: Richard Phipps

7) PROPOSAL: That the essential traditions of London-Edinburgh-London, namely a record of successful events and extensive volunteer participation, shall be permanently ensured by the setting up of a co-operative society with limited liability, open membership, an elected and accountable committee, reserved seats for Audax UK and the ability to engage in contracts.

Rationale: Experience as Middleton Tyas controller, and wide subsequent discussions, convinces Tommy that the LEL organising body needs to be inclusive, open and participative to harness enthusiasm and retain momentum.

Bob considers that a co-operative society (Ltd) is the structure which best meets the needs of working alongside Audax UK with openness and transparency.

Further details and FAQs from bikerider@phoncoop.coop

Proposed: Tommy Long

Seconded: Bob Harber

8) PROPOSAL: That Audax UK shall have nomination rights for the society committee and shall assist with the provision of 'seedcorn' funds to help establish the society.

Rationale: Audax UK has a major interest in ensuring that a suitable and sustainable governance structure for LEL is established, encompassing all relevant interests and talents, whilst at the same time protecting its assets.
If Audax UK wishes to offer a loan rather than a grant, then the society will repay from event revenues.

Proposed: Tommy Long

Seconded: Bob Harber

9) ELECTION OF OFFICIALS. The following members are standing for re-election. No competing nominations have been received.

CHAIRMAN: Keith Benton, Proposer: Graham Wanless, Seconder: Gerry Boswell.

TREASURER: Position Vacant.

SECRETARY: Richard Phipps, Proposer: Roger Philo, Seconder: David Hudson.

BREVET CARD PRODUCTION: Pam Pilbeam, Proposer: Sheila Ward, Seconder: Alan Rayner.

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS SECRETARY & LRM/ACP CORRESPONDENT: Peter Marshall, Proposer: Pat Lomas, Seconder: Rob Watson.

PERMANENT EVENTS SECRETARY: John Ward, Proposer: Roger Paddey, Seconder: Tony Hull.

PRESS SECRETARY: Ian Hennessey, Proposer: Sarah Britton, Seconder: Richard Harding.

PUBLICATIONS MANAGER: Sheila Simpson, Proposer: Nev Cooke, Seconder: Don Black.

RECORDER: Nev Holgate, Proposer: Terrence Seanor, Seconder: Richard Abram.

SYSTEMS MANAGER: Peter Coates, Proposer: Matt Haigh, Seconder: Chris Crookes.

VALIDATIONS SECRETARY (job share): Susan Gatehouse & Keith Harrison, Proposer: Andrew Mills. Seconder: Bernard Webb.

The following have indicated their willingness to stand for election to the undermentioned posts. No competing nominations have been received.

EVENTS SECRETARY: Danial Webb, Proposer: Sheila Simpson, Seconder: John Hamilton.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY: Mike Wigley, Proposer: Gerry Goldsmith, Seconder: Geoff Bell.

10) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

11) DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT AGM: To be advised.

12) CLOSE OF MEETING.