

MINUTES OF THE ARMY ORIENTEERING ASSOCIATION (AOA) EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING - WED 1000HRS 10 DEC 2008

Present:

	Appointment	Unit
Brig D A Hargreaves	Chairman	Comd 2 Sig Bde
Maj John Steed	AOA Non Public Fund Manager	EinC(A)
Maj Lucy Giles	Ladies Team Captain and RLC Secretary	HQ DRLC
Maj John Owens	U25 Development and Mapping	CVHQ R Sigs
Lt Col Colin Metcalfe	4 Div and REME Secretary	HQ ARTD
SSgt Robert Head	5 Div Secretary	25 Engr Regt
Maj Paul L'Estrange	Infantry Secretary	RMAS
Lt Col Charles Bromley Gardner	RAC Secretary	DGS MOD
Maj Adam Spaul	RA Secretary	MOD
WO2 Tim Allsopp	RE Secretary	RE TDU
Maj Mel Rayner	R Sigs Secretary	HQ AG
WO1 Tom Murphy	AGC Secretary	MAS(A)
Capt Steve Collinson	APTC Secretary	HQ ITG
Capt Eddie Walsh	AOA Secretary	36 Engr Regt
APOLOGIES:		
Lt Col Chris Sanderson	Men's Team Captain	HQLF
Maj Paul McCellan	Men's Development Captain	13 Med Evac Sqn
Maj (Retd) Alan Farrington	Technical Advisor and Budget Manager	CPU RMP
Maj Christine Mitchell	NI Secretary	253 Med Sqn
Capt Bernie Fowler	AAC Secretary	3 AAC

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1	OPENING REMARKS	<p>The Chairman welcomed everyone for attending and sending in the reports in good time. The chairman then thanked:</p> <p>a. Lt Col N Challinor, the Senior Master at Arms APTC for allowing the use of the Brown Conference Room.</p> <p>b. Capt E Walsh for taking on the duties as secretary.</p> <p>c. Maj (Retd) Farrington for his hard work and effort and producing the minutes of the previous meeting.</p>	Info All
2	CONFIRMATION OF RECORD OF DECISIONS FROM LAST	<p>The Chairman then reviewed the previous minutes with the following action points:</p> <p>a. The AOA handbook will be reviewed and updated annually.</p>	Maj J Owens

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	MEETING	<p>b. AOA Certificates will be produced and presented to selected retiring officers / soldiers.</p> <p>c. The BAOC results should be filtered to include the runners Corps to assist Corps Team Managers for their selection process.</p>	<p>Secretary</p> <p>Secretary / Jerry Newsome</p>
3	OUTSTANDING ACTIONS	<p>a. AOA Handbook – There have been no comments received since the publication on the BAOC Homepage late Oct 08. As stated in Item 2. a. the handbook will be reviewed and amended once per year.</p> <p>b. Mapping – There was no brief on mapping progress. This is to be included in the next AOA meeting.</p>	<p>Info All</p> <p>Secretary</p>
4	LEAGUE BRIEFS	<p>Leagues Results & Events:</p> <p>a. Military League (South) – A detailed verbal brief was given by the 4 Div secretary. The league is running exceptionally well with 24-25 events planned. The civil participation remains strong.</p> <p>b. 5 Division League – A detailed verbal brief was given by the 5 Div secretary. The league is running well with 3 of 5 events completed to date. The size of the AOR has a detrimental effect on attendance but the attendance has been approx 60, 30 and 30 runners. The league Chairman is Lt Col Vincent – CO 3 Anglian.</p> <p>c. NI – The NI report from the NI secretary is attached.</p> <p>d. Cyprus – There is an embryonic, but strong league taking place in Cyprus with 9 events planned. Events take place every 2nd Fri with 100 runners attending. Various areas have recently been mapped. The AOA secretary will liaise with the Cyprus POC (Maj Birks) to ensure a report is obtained for the next meeting.</p> <p>e. BAOC Germany – There was no report from BAOC Germany. The AOA secretary will liaise with Maj Joe Barr to attempt to re-start a league.</p>	<p>Info All</p> <p>Info All</p> <p>Info All</p> <p>Info All</p> <p>Action Secretary</p> <p>Action Secretary</p>
5	ARMS & CORPS BRIEFS	<p>a. Infantry – The Infantry report is attached. The Infantry secretary proposed that the date of the Inter Corps event is moved to the right by 3-4 months. He also proposed that there was increased publicity to encourage more Army Individuals to compete.</p> <p>b. RAC – The RAC report is attached.</p> <p>c. REME – The REME report is attached.</p> <p>d. RLC – The Ladies Team Manager gave a detailed verbal brief on RLC orienteering. The RLC have had a busy period. The RLC Champs were on 23 Sep 08. A one week training camp was conducted from Ambleside in the Lake District in Jul 08. The RLC are planning to organise an exercise to participate in the Belgium 3 day event On 3-5 Jul 09.</p>	<p>Info All</p>

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		<p>The ladies team came 2nd and the men's team came 4th in the Inter Corps.</p> <p>e. RA – The RA report is attached.</p> <p>f. RE – The RE report is attached.</p> <p>g. R Sigs – The R Sigs report is attached.</p> <p>h. AGC – The AGC report is attached.</p> <p>i. APTC – The APTC report is attached.</p> <p>j. AAC – The AAC report is attached.</p> <p>k. TA – There was no TA report.</p>	
6	EVENTS	<p>Army & Corps Championship Results & Planning</p> <p>a. Inter Services 08 – The event took place in on 16 Nov 08 at Matlock and was organised by the RAF. The courses were technically difficult. The men and ladies team both won with some excellent individual performances. A proposal was made to award Army colours to two new members of the ladies team - Cfn Becky Hoare and Capt Joe Barr (now Maj). The ladies team manager is to place a formal request to the AOA secretary.</p> <p>b. Army Nights & Shorts 09 – The AGC secretary gave a detailed verbal brief. Tue 17 Mar 09 – Mitchet will be used for the nights and Pirbright on Wed 18 Mar 09 for the day short / sprint. Night planner volunteer is Maj John Owens. The day planner is Mr Hugh Drummond. Maj Richard Barrett will control the event.</p> <p>c. Army Team – The report for 29-30 Apr 09 is attached.</p> <p>d. Inter Corps – The R Sigs will organise the event in Feb 2010 (for the 2009/10 season). To facilitate the smooth running it is recommended that the R Sig secretary or an AOA representative remains in the Race HQ.</p>	<p>Info All Action Ladies Team Manager</p> <p>Info All</p> <p>Info All</p> <p>Info All Action R Sigs Secretary</p>
7	AOA TEAMS	<p>Training & Events planned in 2009</p> <p>a. Combined Services – The event will take place 7-8 Mar 09 within the British University Champs. It will be organised by Oxford with the event location possibly near Deepcut. Colours for combined services runners are pending.</p> <p>b. Inter Services 09 – The event will take place on 13 Dec 09. Details to follow. The team selection process is to be promulgated as early as possible to allow runners to prepare their race schedule to attempt to gain selection.</p> <p>c. Development Squad – The Development secretary issued two documents (attached). AOA Development Team – Options and Potential Development Team Members. Corps secretaries are requested to liaise with Maj John Owens to add comments and to check, confirm and update contact</p>	<p>Info All</p> <p>Info All Action Inter Services Team Manager</p> <p>Action Corps Secretaries</p>

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8	COURSES	<p>a. Orienteering Courses – All course dates are publicised via the CoC and on the BAOC web-page. Coaching course dates are to be confirmed.</p> <p>b. AOA Training Camp – There is a proposal to conduct a training camp in Aviemore on 25-27 Apr 09. The outline details are attached. Confirmed details will be distributed via the CoC and published on the BAOC web-page.</p>	<p>Info All</p> <p>Info All</p>
9	AOA FUNDING	<p>a. Non Public Funds – Maj John Steed has taken over the fund. The current value is £3000.00.</p>	Info All
10	DISCUSSION ITEMS	<p>a. Orienteering DIN2009 – The secretary with assistance from Maj Alan Farrington will ensure the new Authority for Army Orienteering DIN is published in by the end of Jan 09. The DIN has been produced and will be submitted for publication by 19 Dec 08.</p> <p>b. Navigator Production and Publication – Mr Calvin Routledge requested a volunteer as assistant editor. Maj John Steed offered to assist. Mr Routledge is considering service within the TA. There is an opportunity to use MTDs to produce the Navigator (9 days per year) upon approval of the A&SD.</p> <p>c. Provisional Comms Plan – The Ladies Team manager will produce the Comms Plan for Apr 09 to Mar 10 by mid Mar 09.</p>	<p>Info All</p> <p>Action Secretary</p> <p>Info All</p> <p>Non Public Funds Manager</p> <p>Ladies Team Manager</p>
11	ANY OTHER BUSINESS	<p>a. Funding Requests – A request for funds (approx £300.00) to purchase a replacement Army Team Tent was proposed by the Ladies Team Manager. The proposal was agreed in principle but a more detailed written scoping proposal is to be produced for consideration.</p> <p>b. Colours (Enamelled Pin Badge) – An enamelled pin badge to be presented as colours was discussed. A more detailed written scoping proposal is to be produced for consideration.</p> <p>c. Inter Corps Mens Standard – A suggestion was raised by the RE secretary to ensure the Inter Corps men's long course is of a 'brown' standard. The R Sigs are to consider this proposal for the next event in Feb 2010.</p>	<p>Ladies Team Manager</p> <p>Ladies Team Manager</p> <p>Info All</p> <p>R Sigs Secretary</p>
12	DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS	Wed 01 Apr 09 at Bordon (ML(S)) Event) 4 Div Relays	Secretary

(Signed on original)

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AOA Secretary

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