

MINUTES OF THE ARMY ORIENTEERING ASSOCIATION (AOA) EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING - WED 1030HRS 29 JUL 2009

Present:

	Appointment	Unit
Lt Col Chris Sanderson	Acting Chairman / Men's Team Captain	HQ LF
Maj Paul McCellan	Men's Development Captain	13 Med Evac Sqn RAMC
Maj (Retd) Alan Farrington	Technical Advisor and Public Budget Manager	CPU RMP
Maj John Steed	AOA Non Public Fund Manager	EinC(A)
SSgt Colin Holcombe	4 Div Secretary	HQ 4 Div
Maj Paul L'Estrange	Infantry Secretary	RMAS
WO1 Lou Conibear MBE	RLC Secretary	HQ LF
WO1 Jim Martin	RA Secretary (acting)	ARTCEN
Maj Mel Rayner	R Sigs Secretary	HQ RSS
WO1 Tom Murphy	AGC Secretary	MAS(A)
Capt Barney Barnett	APTC Secretary (acting)	ATR Winchester
Capt Bernie Fowler	AAC Secretary	3 Regt AAC
Capt Eddie Walsh	AOA Secretary	36 Engr Regt
APOLOGIES:		
Brig D A Hargreaves	Chairman	Comd 2 Sig Bde
Maj Lucy Giles	Ladies Team Captain and RLC Secretary	HQ DRLC
Maj John Owens	Mapping and Advisor	CVHQ R Sigs
Lt Col Colin Metcalfe	4 Div Chairman	HQ ARTD
SSgt Robert Head	5 Div Secretary	25 Engr Regt
Lt Col Charles Bromley Gardner	RAC Secretary	DGS MOD
WO2 Clint Porteus	REME Secretary	4 Regt RA
Maj Adam Spaul	RA Secretary	MOD
Maj Pete Helme	RE Secretary	RSME
Capt Steve Collinson	APTC Secretary	HQ ITG

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1	OPENING REMARKS	<p>a. The acting Chairman welcomed and thanked everyone for attending and sending in the reports in good time.</p> <p>b. The acting Chairman sent a message of apology from the Chairman – Brig D A Hargreaves and explained his absence.</p>	Info All
2	CONFIRMATION OF RECORD OF DECISIONS	<p>a. The acting Chairman then reviewed the previous minutes and confirmed the record of decisions.</p>	Info All

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	FROM LAST MEETING		
3	OUTSTANDING ACTIONS	<p>a. AOA Handbook – There have been no comments received since the publication on the BAOC Homepage late Oct 08. The handbook will be reviewed and amended if required by Dec 09.</p> <p>b. Mapping – The Infantry Secretary gave a verbal brief on mapping for Maj (Retd) Colin Dickson. The Secretary is to liaise with the Mapping Member and update the committee at the next meeting.</p> <p>c. Orienteering DIN – The Authority for Orienteering 2009DIN07-075 was released on Jun 09 and expires on 31 Mar 2010. It is published on the BAOC web-site (bottom of home page). Dates are not to be included in the next DIN for key events that take place past the DIN expiry date.</p> <p>d. Navigator Production and Publication – Sgt Calvin Routledge is now a member of the TA and has been allocated a set number of MTD to produce the Navigator. The publication may become an issue in the future therefore the committee are to monitor at each meeting with a view to obtaining an alternative publication location. Articles are to be actively encouraged utilising the BAOC web page.</p> <p>e. Comms Plan – Maj Lucy Giles has produced the Comms Plan and it will be published with the Training and Events Plan by 30 Sep 09.</p> <p>f. Funding Request – The funding request to purchase an Army Tent has been withdrawn. The AOA / BAOC tents are available for use via the Maj (Retd) Alan Farrington the Equipment Manager.</p> <p>g. Colours (Enamelled Pin Badge) – The Ladies Team Manager - Maj Lucy Giles produced an excellent detailed proposal via the Secretary. AOA coloury already exist and are suitable for male and female recipients. The Army Team are to be consulted to decide whether or not to proceed with the procurement as a 'self purchase' option.</p> <p>h. Inter Corps Standard – The proposal to ensure the Inter Corps standard is suitable was debated. The current rules and direction remains extant – M35/Blue for Men and M21S/Green for Ladies will be provided for the next Inter Corps and similar standard Army events.</p>	<p>Maj John Owen</p> <p>Secretary</p> <p>Info All</p> <p>Info All Navigator Editor</p> <p>Info All</p> <p>Info All</p> <p>Men and Ladies Team Managers</p> <p>Info R Sigs Sec</p>
4	DIVISION / LEAGUE BRIEFS	<p>League Result & Events:</p> <p>a. 2 Div – The 2 Div report is attached.</p> <p>b. 4 Div – The 4 Div report including the excellent ML(S) details is attached.</p> <p>c. 5 Div – The league Chairman remains as Lt Col Vincent – CO 3 Anglian. The 5 Div report is attached.</p>	Info All

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		<p>d. NI – There was no NI report. The Secretary will liaise with Capt Jon Kay to ensure a report is obtained prior to the next meeting.</p> <p>e. Cyprus –Various areas in Cyprus have recently been mapped. The AOA secretary will liaise with the Capt Steve Collinson APTC who to ensure a report is obtained for the next meeting.</p> <p>f. BFG Report – The Secretary gave a verbal brief on the excellent work Lt Col (Retd) Tony Farrow is doing to set up the BFG League in Sep 09. The AOA members are to give as much assistance as possible to assist in ensuring the BFG is established. The BFG League AGM is attached.</p>	<p>Secretary</p> <p>Secretary</p> <p>Info All</p>
5	ARMS & CORPS BRIEFS	<p>a. Infantry – The Infantry secretary gave a verbal report. The Chairman is the CO 1 R Anglian. A new Secretary will be required around Oct/Dec 09. Interest in Infantry orienteering remains strong.</p> <p>b. RAC – The RAC report is attached.</p> <p>c. REME – The REME report is attached.</p> <p>d. RLC – The RLC report is attached.</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 – The TA report is attached (see page 2 to the 2 Div report).</p>	Info All
6	EVENTS	<p>Army & Corps Championship Results & Planning</p> <p>a. Events Committee – An Events Committee has been established to produce a written proposal to the Chairman by the end of Sep 09 to allow publication by mid Oct 09. The Committee will sit on 18 Sep 09 and all Secretaries are encouraged to send in comments or suggestions on Army key event scheduling by 16 Sep 09. The Events Committee will consist of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Men’s Team Manager – Lt Col Chris Sanderson. • Ladies Team Manager Maj Lucy Giles. • Development Team Manager – Maj Paul McClellan. • R Sigs Secretary (Inter Corps OIC 2009) – Maj Mel Rayner. • AOA Secretary – Capt Eddie Walsh. <p>b. Inter Services 09 – The event will take place</p>	<p>Info All</p> <p>Info All</p>

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		<p>on 01 Nov 09 combined with the November Classic and will take place in the New Forest. The squad names will be published by the end of summer based primarily on results during civilian events and ML(S) races.</p> <p>c. Army Nights & Shorts 09/10 – The AGC secretary gave a detailed verbal brief on the the Army Inter-Unit Nights and Army Short Course Championships that took place on 17/18 Mar 09. Full details are contained in the AGC report. The AGC Secretary and his ‘team’ of planners and controllers are formally congratulated for providing two excellent Army Championships. The AAC (after-note) will run the events in 2010.</p> <p>d. Army Team – The Army Team Championships will be run by BFG or 5 Div in 2010 (details to follow).</p> <p>e. Inter Corps – The R Sigs will organise the event on 28/29 Nov 2009. This is a change to the date published on the previous minutes. 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</p> <p>Info All</p> <p>Action R Sigs Secretary</p>
7	AOA TEAMS	<p>Training & Events planned in 2009</p> <p>a. Combined Services – Teams to be confirmed. The event will be run by the Army utilising the Bucks Champs.</p> <p>b. Inter Services 09 – The event will take place on 01 Nov 09 in the New Forest. Details to follow. The team selection process has been published on the BAOC web page.</p> <p>c. Development Squad – The date and details of the next Development Training Camp are to be confirmed.</p>	<p>Info All</p> <p>Info All</p> <p>Development Manager</p>
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 – The details of the next AOA Training Camp are to be confirmed.</p>	<p>Info All</p> <p>Info All</p>
9	AOA FUNDING	<p>a. Non Public Funds – The Non Public Fund Manager gave a detailed liquidity statement as at 24 Jun 09 detailing a working capital of £4,920.77.</p>	<p>Info All</p>
10	DISCUSSION ITEMS	<p>a. Public Funds – The Public Fund Manager and the secretary are to brief the Chairman on the current Public Funding issues to facilitate future funding.</p> <p>b. Butterfly Loops / Start Times – The utility of butterfly loops when planning long / A courses was discussed. The allocation of start times for the Inter Corps / Night Champs was discussed. Full details can be obtained from the AOA secretary.</p> <p>c. Services to AOA Orienteering Certificate – The proposed certificate was shown to the committee.</p>	<p>Public Fund Manager / Secretary</p> <p>R Sigs Secretary AAC Secretary</p> <p>Secretary</p>

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		A minor alteration will be made. The certificate will be awarded by the Chairman to individuals approved by the committee and their names will be published on future AOA minutes.	
11	ANY OTHER BUSINESS	<p>a. Army Colours – The Committee voted and carried the proposal to award Army Colours to all Army team members and not just the scoring runners (10 and not 7).</p> <p>b. Navigator – Articles containing historical orienteering details are to be considered for inclusion in future Navigator publications to include the collection and e-storage of past results. This will require additional MTD for the editor. The editor is to discuss the details with the Secretary.</p> <p>c. Booking of Training Areas – The Secretary gave a verbal brief on the method in which civilians should obtain the use of Military Training Areas. A written request should be sent by the civilian club direct to the OIC who controls/books/authorises the Training Area estate.</p> <p>d. Ski Orienteering - Maj Paul McClellan is running a 10 day ski orienteering exercise in Norway during the next ski season. There are no firm dates yet however it will be for up to 12 pax and there will be a personal contribution to the cost. Nordic skiing experience is preferred however the intention is to also run a basic Nordic skiing proficiency course so that participants can gain a formal joint service ski scheme qualification. Mr Keith Jenns is assisting with the organisation and delivery of the exercise; he is an ex-GB nordic skier and ski orienteer. This will be an excellent opportunity to enhance your navigation skills in a very different and demanding environment, and also learn how to ski cross-country through the fantastic terrain in Norway.</p> <p>e. Bavarian Lodge – There is a new lodge in Bavaria that can be booked for orienteering. Details will be published on the BAOC webpage.</p> <p>f. Lyme Regis to Poole Race – Runners were encouraged to participate in the Dorset race (Coastal Path Relay – 65 miles) due to take place in Jun 2010.</p> <p>g. 4 Div Minor Unit Trophy – The AAC Secretary has discovered an ‘old’ 4 Div Minor Unit Orienteering Trophy. He is to forward all details to the 4 Div secretary who will investigate the origins, ownership and provide direction.</p> <p>h. Corps identification on BAOC Results – The ability to identify runners ‘cap badge’ on the BAOC results page was discussed. The secretary will conduct further work to give an accurate proposal and cost.</p>	<p>Info All</p> <p>Navigator Editor</p> <p>Secretary</p> <p>Info All</p> <p>Info All</p> <p>Info All</p> <p>Info All</p> <p>AAC Secretary</p> <p>Secretary</p>
12	DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS	There being no further business the meeting closed at 13:25hrs. The proposed date of the next meeting is	Secretary

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(Signed on original)

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AOA Secretary

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