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**MINUTES OF THE BFG ORIENTEERING PRE-SEASON AGM HELD AT THE
DIVISIONAL CONFERENCE CENTRE HERFORD ON FRI 4 SEP 09**

Present	Lt Col (Ret'd) T R Farrow Maj D R Parkinson Capt P J Bramwell Capt H G Williams 2Lt G Wallace 2Lt E W Waters SSgt M Turnbull Sgt S J Lewis Mr E Gordon	RMT(C), Est Branch, UKSC CAST (G) ES Branch, HQ 1 Div 2 LSR 200 Sig Sqn 1 YORKS 5 RMP 26 Regt RA 28 Engr Regt	Chair
Apologies	Maj R Hare Maj R J Mawer Capt S L Calland Capt A Grainger Capt T Muyambi WO2 G Bramwell	G1 Branch, HQ 1 Div 1 Regt AAC HQ 1 Sig Bde 7 Sig Regt 24 Regt RLC 3 CS Bn REME	

Subject	Discussion and Decisions	Action
1. Welcome and Opening Remarks	The Chair welcomed all personnel and thanked them for their attendance. Introductions were then made.	
2. Opening Remarks	The Chair outlined the aspiration to get the BFG Orienteering League started and reminded those present of the link of orienteering to Land Navigation and particularly to MATT 5. The Chair is pleased by the interest shown to re-start BFG orienteering.	All
3. Appointments	The following appointments were agreed: President: Brig J Watson (to be approached by Chair) Chairman: Lt Col (Ret'd) T R Farrow Secretary: Capt P J Bramwell League Secretary: Capt H G Williams Equipment Member: Capt H G Williams Technical Advisor: Lt Col (Ret'd) T R Farrow	Chair Chair Capt Bramwell Capt Williams Capt Williams Chair

4. Authority for Army Orienteering	The Authority for Orienteering DIN 2009DIN07-075 was released in Jun 09 and expires on 31 Mar 2010. It is published on the BAOC web-site (www.baoc.org.uk). Dates are not to be included in the next DIN for key events that take place past the DIN expiry date.	All
5. AOA Orienteering Handbook	The Chair informed the meeting of the AOA Handbook and that it can be downloaded from the BAOC website. The Handbook will be reviewed and amended if required in Oct 09.	All
6. League Events 09/10 Season	It was agreed that League events could take place on Wednesdays or Fridays. An Orienteering Calendar of known Army and Corps orienteering events and BFG Cross Country events was issued at the Meeting and the updated version with some planned dates is at Annex A. Units were asked to avoid putting on events on the same day as BFG Cross Country events. It is hoped that up to 10 League events can be achieved during the season with the Rhine Area personnel and German civilian clubs sponsoring at least 2, possibly 3 events.	All
7. League Format	A League format was briefly discussed. It was agreed that there is no point in trying to replicate the very successful 4 Div/MLS League due to the numbers and experience of orienteering personnel in BFG. It is intended to put on an A Course (somewhere between Brown and Blue standard) and a B Course (Red [novice] standard). Where units do not have the expertise to plan a reasonable A Course cross country type event, then a 60 Minute Score event could be used with the optimum course length in the region of 7 – 9 km depending on the terrain. The proposed BFG League format is at Annex B.	All
8. Equipment	The location of the 1 Div orienteering equipment including EMIT controls, printer, etc, was discussed. It is believed that it is now held by Capt Muyambi 98 PC, 24 Regt RLC. The Chair has spoken with Capt Muyambi and intends to check the equipment on Mon 7 Sep 09 before handing it to the new Equipment Member. It is believed that the equipment is in a bad state of repair and needs replacing. The Chair will approach Col Harrison of the BFG Sports Board in order to see if funding is available to purchase new equipment which could be used for other sports including skiing, mountain marathons, etc.	Chair Eqpt Member Chair
9. Mapping	The Chair produced a list of BFG maps that have recently been used and this is at Annex C. The Chair will maintain the list. Personnel are asked to forward information about maps to the Chair. Most of the maps are available on OCAD and a large number are of military training areas and therefore with a few exceptions, access can be obtained. Personnel were informed of the 443 system for obtaining land clearance through SLOs. The attention of personnel was brought to the dates of the OCAD Users Courses held at Longmoor (dates at Annex A).	Chair All All All

10. Finance	The location and amount of the previous 1 Div Orienteering funds were discussed. They were located in the 1 (UK) ADSR Central Bank Account as a Special Purpose Fund. Mr Gordon believed that as the account had no movement during the past 2 years, the fund valued at approx €449 was transferred into the 1 (UK) ADSR PRI Fund. The Chair agreed to write to the 2IC 1 (UK) ADSR and request to obtain the funds and transfer it to another Central Bank Account where one the main Committee members could control it (perhaps 2 LSR).	Chair Capt Williams?
11. Orienteering Development	The Chair mentioned that there are various courses available for the development of orienteering skills, mapping and course design using OCAD, coaching and planning. There are also excellent opportunities to attend such activities as the AOA Training Camps. The list of current courses available are listed on the Orienteering Calendar at Annex A. If there is enough interest from units, the Chair will put on a pre-season Basic Skills Course at Haltern in Sep 10. He will seek assistance from the AOA and known orienteers such as Lt Col Alan Hoff who is due to be posted to BFG in 2010. The Chair may also be in a position to give a brief one hour introduction to orienteering at some League events.	All AOA Lt Col Hoff
12. Websites	The BFG website is still in existence and will continue to be maintained by Capt Bramwell. The minutes of this meeting will be published on the website along with other interesting information and links to the BAOC website. The following websites may be useful: BFG: www.baocbfg.de BAOC: www.baoc.org.uk British Orienteering: www.britishorienteering.org.uk German Orienteering: www.orientierungslauf.de Belgium Orienteering: www.orientatie.org Ultrasport (clothing and eqpt): http://www.ultrasport.co.uk/ O.L. Conrad (GE clothing and eqpt: www.ol-shop-conrad.de	Capt Bramwell All
13. BFG Championships 2010	It was agreed that one of the last planned events of the Season (late Mar or early Apr 10) would be declared as the BFG Individual Championships. It is also proposed to put on a Harris type event as the BFG Team Championships in order that BFG units can practice the Harris format prior to the Army Team Championships.	Chair All All
14. Army Team Championships	It has been proposed that BFG hosts the 2010 Army Team Orienteering Championships (last held in Germany in May 05). The Chair has indicated to the AOA that he believes this will be possible. The two day event commences with a Harris Event late p.m. on Day 1 and a traditional Relay Event on Day 2. He will investigate possible locations to host the two day event and report back to the AOA before their Event Planning Meeting.	Chair AOA
15. Unit Championships	The Chair encouraged units to hold Unit Orienteering Championships which could be linked to MATT 5. The events could double up as a League event.	All
16. BAOC	The Chair explained the role of the BAOC and encouraged personnel to join at least the Club Membership category. Membership Forms were distributed and available on the BAOC website. He also explained that the BAOC Magazine 'The Navigator' is an excellent publication and relies on individuals to provide articles, pictures, etc.	All

17. AOB	Mr Gordon raised the subject of the 1 Div/BFG Orienteering trophies for the Team and Individual Championships and the League Championships. The Chair agreed that he would investigate their whereabouts with Mr Gordon's assistance.	
18. Aftersnotes (not discussed during AGM)	<p>a. 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 personnel 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 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>b. 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>c. Orienteering Generic Risk Assessment. An Orienteering Generic Risk Assessment will be placed on the website. Organisers should note the need to make out their own Risk Assessment for the individual event based on hazards pertaining to that particular area, weather, etc.</p>	
19. Date of Next Pre-Season AGM	The proposed date of the next meeting is mid Jul 10 prior to the Summer Leave period in order that the Orienteering Calendar for 10/11 can be published.	Chair

Original Signed

T R FARROW
 Lt Col (Ret'd)
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Annexes:

- A. Orienteering Calendar – 2009/2010 Season.
- B. Proposed BFG League Format.
- C. BFG Orienteering Maps in Current Use.

Distribution:

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 All Orienteers Present and Known BFG Orienteers incl German Civilians
 All BFG Units

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