

MINUTES OF THE ARMY ORIENTEERING ASSOCIATION (AOA) EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
1000HRS WED 28 SEP 11- LONGMOOR

Present:

	Appointment	Unit
Col PRL Lane	Chairman	Comd RSA & AD Trg DRA
Lt Col CAJ Bromley Gardner	RAC Chairman	DTrg (A) HQ LF
Lt Col Colin Metcalfe	4 Div / ML(S) Chairman / REME Chairman	HQ SEME
Maj (Retd) Alan Farrington	Technical Advisor and Public Budget Manager	CPU RMP
Maj Paul L'Estrange	Inf Secretary	JHC
Maj John Steed	AOA Non Public Fund Manager	101 Log Bde
Capt Bernie Fowler	AOA Secretary / AAC Secretary	2 (Trg) Regt AAC, AACen
WO1 Stu Greening	AGC Secretary	HQ 1 Mech Bde
SSgt Mark Jackson	AMS Secretary	C (220) Sqn 4 Med Regt

APOLOGIES:

Lt Col (Retd) Tony Farrow	BFG Chairman	Estates Branch UKSC(G)
Lt Col Chris Huthwaite	RA Chairman	105 Regt RA (V)
Lt Col Sally McClellan	Army Ladies Team Manager / RLC Ladies Captain	DA
Lt Col Andy Reynolds	ML(N) Chairman	BOWTAG (N)
Lt Col Chris Sanderson	Army Men's Team Manager	DGM IPT
Maj Boris Spence	ML(N) 2 Div and TA Secretary	Northumbria ACF
Maj (Retd) Colin Dickson	AOA Courses Offr	HQ RMAS
Maj Richard Crawford	RA Secretary	3 RHA
Maj Pete Helme	RE Secretary	170 Engr Gp
Maj Mel Rayner	R Sigs Secretary	HQ DCCIS
Maj Simon Ing	ML(C) / 5 Div Chairman	11 Sig Bde
Maj Steve Collinson	RAPTC Chairman	HQ LF
Maj Mark Hudson	ML NI Secretary	2 R Irish
Capt Claire Godfrey	Ladies Development Team Manager	HQ 3(UK) Div
WO1 Lou Connibear	RLC Sec	HQ LF
SSgt Mark Beverley	ML (C) Secretary / RAPTC Secretary	JMC Lichfield
SSgt Colin Holcombe	4 Div / MLS Secretary	HQ 4 Div

Item	Subject	Summary	Action / Info
1	OPENING REMARKS	The chairman welcomed those in attendance and noted the long list of apologies. All members are requested to make best effort to attend meetings where possible.	All <i>Afternote – VTC will be used at the next meeting</i>
2	CONFIRMATION OF RECORD OF	The minutes of the previous minutes were summarised. All agreed that the minutes were an accurate record.	

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	DECISIONS FROM LAST MEETING	Outstanding actions remain and are shown below.	
3	OUTSTANDING ACTIONS	<p>AOA Handbook. The AOA handbook is still to be amended to include event registration for BOF Insurance requirements.</p> <p>The Navigator Magazine. Despite best efforts it has not been possible to produce a newsletter/ magazine. See further explanation in item 10.</p>	AOA Secretary by 15 Oct
4	LEAGUE BRIEFS	<p>League Updates. League updates were read / briefed /discussed:</p> <p>Military League (South). Report briefed: The league chairman briefed on the forthcoming season and highlighted a very successful summer series of 17 events, with 10 hosted by RMAS. The Chairman passed a vote of thanks to RMAS for providing so many excellent events through the summer.</p> <p>Military League (North). Report briefed: The league looks set for another good season with plenty of fixtures.</p> <p>Military League (Central). No report received due to the AGM having only taken place the week before. Update to follow.</p> <p>ML (NI). Report briefed: New league secretary is Maj Mark Hudson. He holds a fixtures list for the forthcoming season. Runners should contact him for details in the normal manner. A copy is held by the AOA Secretary</p> <p>Cyprus. No report received.</p> <p>BFG. Report briefed: 10 – 12 events are planned for the forthcoming season but attendance and the ability of units to host will be affected by the deployments on ops on 20 Armd Bde and elements of 102 Log Bde. Team Championships are forecast for Apr 12 and a Sprint Championships in Jun 12. Lt Col (Retd) Farrow continues to drive the league, mapping and courses in Germany.</p>	<p>Info</p> <p>ML(S) participating units / Info</p> <p>Info</p> <p>ML(C) Chairman</p> <p>ML (NI) Secretary</p> <p>Info</p> <p>Info</p>
5	ARMS & CORPS BRIEFS	<p>Arms/Corps secretaries in attendance briefed on their plans for the coming season. Written summaries received from those unable to attend were briefed by the AOA Secretary. Headline events for Arms / Corps will be put on to the BAOC webpage in due course.</p> <p>TA. Maj Spence provided a brief TA report.</p>	<p>Info</p> <p>Info</p>
6	MAJOR EVENTS	<p>Army & Inter Corps:</p> <p>Combined / Inter Services. Details to follow from Lt Col Sanderson. The Chairman asked that provisional details are published by 7 Oct 11.</p>	<p>Men's team manager.</p> <p><i>Afternote: IS match probably to be combined with the Army/TA/Police match</i></p>

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		<p>Army Senior Teams. No report received or update passed. The Chairman requested on an update on colours as discussed at the previous meeting.</p> <p>Army Development Team. The ladies development team manager requested details of the inter services match. See the first item in this section. Capt Emmet Andrews is unable to take on the role of men's team development manager due to commitments. Lt Col Chris Huthwaite has agreed to take the role.</p> <p>Army Inter Unit Team Championships. Maj (Retd) Farrington summarised the 2011 event and it was generally agreed that the format was good. The format for the 2012 event was discussed but it was generally agreed that the afternoon event followed by the next day as used this year was the best solution. See below for further detail on the future major events.</p> <p>Inter Corps 2011. The date is set for 22/23 Nov 11 for this year's event. The area will be Ash for the night and Mytchett for the day event. The DIN has now been published and circulated around the AOA committee by e-mail. The RA chairman's concern that Mytchett may be too well known for some competitors was noted by the AOA chairman but the event will still go ahead there.</p> <p>The RLC secretary requested details on funs for prizes. The AOA has no non-public income stream and the major events are the only means of fundraising. Therefore prizes are to be funded from the entry fees for the Inter Corps on 18/19 Oct and will be a mid week event.</p> <p>Future Event Organisers.</p>	<p><i>at Cannock Chase on 27 Nov 11</i></p> <p>Lt Col Sanderson</p> <p>Info</p> <p>All Arm/Corps Secretaries and/or Chairmen.</p> <p>Info TA secretary</p> <p>Info Arm/Corps Chairmen/Secretaries,</p> <p>RA Chairman</p> <p>RLC Secretary</p>
7	AOA TEAMS	Training & Events for Army Teams for 2011/12. Details to follow from team managers	Info
8	AOA COURSES	<p>Orienteering Skills / Planners Courses. Courses continue to run well at Longmoor. A course was running during the meeting.</p> <p>Coaching / Event Safety / First Aid. Maj (Retd) Dickson continues to arrange courses and these are advertised widely.</p>	<p>Info</p> <p>Info</p>
9	AOA FUNDING	<p>As noted at item 6, the only source of non-public income is from the Inter Corps and Army Inter Unit events. Organisers are reminded of this when planning and organising in the future.</p> <p>Lt Col Bromley Gardner reminded the meeting that organisers of the major events that they should continue to bid for public funds for orienteering through D (Trg) as briefed at previous meetings.</p>	<p>AOA Public and Non-Public fund managers</p> <p>Info</p>

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10	DISCUSSION ITEMS (if not covered earlier during the meeting)	<p>AOA Appointments. The Chairman informed the meeting that he would be leaving the Army and he had sought volunteer to be the new Chairman. Col James Woodham, COS 1(UK)Div has agreed to do so from 1 Nov 11. Maj John Steed is also leaving and seeks a volunteer to manage the non-public fund. He has agreed to continue in the short term however any volunteer should approach the AOA Secretary</p> <p>Future Major Events. The forecast of responsibility for forthcoming major event was discussed. The Infantry Sec agreed to take on the 2012 Inter Corps due to the availability of key RA personnel. The table below gives responsibility for the Inter Corps and Army Inter Unit events to 2015:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="475 734 1043 898"> <thead> <tr> <th>Year</th> <th>Inter Corps</th> <th>Army Inter Unit</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2012</td> <td>Infantry</td> <td>RA</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2013</td> <td>R Sigs</td> <td>AGC</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2014</td> <td>RE</td> <td>REME</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2015</td> <td>RLC</td> <td>AAC/RAPTC</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>The Navigator. The need for a Navigator magazine was discussed again, given the time taken to produce it, quality and quantity of articles and the target audience balanced against those that read it. The current editor has limited time and there have been no volunteers to assist. It was agreed that the BAO website provided ample information of forthcoming events and most had access to it. The key issue is to promote Army orienteering to the younger elements who may only occasionally get to events or take part in other 'O' activities. SSgt Jackson mentioned that he had a Facebook feed (that he had picked up through Sgt Jamie Ranson) that informed him of forthcoming events and it was agreed that this medium was one most likely to appeal to younger personnel and that perhaps this is the appropriate vehicle to use. Maj (Retd) Farrington and the AOA Secretary agreed to investigate further and contact Sgt Ranson. The Navigator will therefore be in abeyance for the time being</p>	Year	Inter Corps	Army Inter Unit	2012	Infantry	RA	2013	R Sigs	AGC	2014	RE	REME	2015	RLC	AAC/RAPTC	
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11	ANY OTHER BUSINESS	<p>Nil.</p> <p>After action: The Executive Committee passed a vote of thanks to Col Paul Lane for his support to Army orienteering over his years of service and in particular as Chairman and wish him well for the future. It is hoped to see him in the forest on Sundays.</p>																
12	DATE OF NEXT MEETING	The next meeting will take place at 1000hrs on Wed 1 Feb 11 at HQ 1 Mech Bde. WO1 Greening has agreed to host this meeting, which will include a VTC.	Info															

(Signed on original)

B S Fowler
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 AOA Secretary

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