

18 Sep 09

All Units Military Orienteering League SOUTH

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Chairman Army Orienteering  
Secretary Army Orienteering

**RECORD OF DECISIONS MADE AT THE MILITARY ORIENTEERING LEAGUE SOUTH  
(MLS) MEETING HELD ON 16 SEPT 09 AT UPAVON**

Present:

Lt Col Metcalfe	Upavon Stn	Chairman
Maj Mike Derbyshire	HMS Sultan	
Maj (Retd) Colin Dickson	RMAS	
Maj Kate Heppinstall	27 Regt RLC	
Maj Chris Holmes	BFPO (RAF Northolt)	
Maj Simon Ing	10 Sig Regt	
Maj Jon Steed	Minley Stn	
Capt Emmit Andrews	23 Pnr Regt RLC	
Capt Barney Barnett	ATR (W)	
Capt Zoe Carmichael	MDHU Frimley Park	
Capt Voirrey Corkish	Upavon Stn	
Capt Simon Crowther	21 Sig Regt	
WO1 Darren Clarke	HQ LF	
WO2 Karen Byng	SEAE (11 Trg Bn)	
WO2 Nick Lean	Southampton UOTC	
WO2 Al Mathers	Arty Centre	
SSgt Kev Harvey	3 DSR / HQ 3 Div	
Sgt Richard Atholl	MSSG/Minley Stn	
Lofty Ballard	DRLC / 25 Trg Regt	
Russ Poole	42 Engr	
Neil Gordon	SAAvn	
Richard Baldwin	SN	
Chris Branford	Wimbourne Orienteers	
Lynn Branford	Wimbourne Orienteers	
Andy Macgregor	BADO	
Jerry Newcombe	Emit/BAOC	
Charlotte Thornton	Sarum Orienteering Club	
Liz Yeadon	BKO / Sarum	
Alan Yeadon	BKO / Sarum	
SSgt CRA Holcombe	HQ 4 Div	Secretary

Apologies:

Lt Col Eric Heritage      PJHQ

Maj (Retd) Allan Farrington  
 Maj Lucy Giles  
 Maj Paul McClellan  
 Capt Tim Jones

CPU RMP  
 25 Trg Regt  
 22 Fd Hosp (13 Med Evac Sqn)  
 1 Royal Anglian  
 26 Engr  
 RAFO  
 Bristol OK  
 North Glos OC  
 Quantock Orienteers  
 South Wales OC  
 Southdown Orienteers

ITEM	ACTION
ITEM 1 – CHAIRMAN’S OPENING REMARKS	
<p>1. The chairman thanked everyone for attending and hoped they would all get the chance to have a run after the meeting at the Summer Trg event within the camp. He also informed the meeting that this was the one and only chance to make any changes to the League Rules for this season.</p>	
ITEM 2 – CONFIRMATION OF RECORD OF DECISIONS – 12 Dec 07	
<p>2. The record of the meeting held on 3 Sept 08 was accepted as accurate and outstanding actions agreed.</p> <p>a. Colin Dickson informed the meeting that he has a stock of waterproof paper available for Units to purchase.</p>	
ITEM 3 – FINANCIAL STATEMENT	
<p>3. The 4 Div orienteering account balance currently stands at £402.91 with no outstanding bills to be paid. Charges to the fund include £460 to offset the purchase of new Emit posts. G7 PD 4 Div is financing the remaining £800 with a Sports Equipment Grant (SEG).</p> <p>4. It was decided that Units should still pay £10 per Unit to enter the league; this is also to include civilian clubs (who voiced their approval). Units/Clubs have until the end of November to pay; failure to pay will mean results will no longer count towards the league.</p> <p>5. Due to an increase in British Orienteering (BO) insurance levy it was decided to increase event entry fees by 50p per runner. The 50p’s will be collect by Jerry Newcombe from the entry money taken at League events. BO have announced that as MLS events are classed as local events, the MLS will be charged the full BO insurance rate (£1.50) for every Civilian runner over a total 75 per event. The excess from the Civilians’ 50p’s (up to £37.50/event) will be used to replace Div Orienteering equipment, as a SEG this season unlikely and the 50p’s collected from the military will be used to offset the cost of Divisional Competitions as</p>	Div Sec

<p>funding for prizes is no longer available from HQ 4 Div sports fund .</p> <p>6. Maj Jon Steed asked the meeting whether ‘Routegadget’ could be installed on the BAOC Website as it is a very good training tool. He said the cost is £22 per year. The Chairman asked Maj Steed to provide a written statement covering the protocol on ‘Routegadget’.</p>	<p>Maj Steed</p>
<p>ITEM 4 – LEAGUE</p>	
<p>7. The Chairman asked if everyone was happy with the way the League results were now produced. Maj Steed asked if runners Corps could be added to the results list to aid Corps Secretaries to track their Corps runners. Jerry Newcombe replied that it was waiting a decision from the AOA on funding since it involved alteration of software by an external developer.</p> <p>8. Jerry outlined the only change to the rules asked for. The change is in Para 13, covering the Emit Operative by adding the Operatives names to ensure that events have Emit cover. Event Organisers must confirm Emit cover with their chosen operator. It was agreed that Jerry would be the preferred supplier.</p> <p>9. The Chairman asked if everyone was still happy with the format of 50% rounded up +1 to count for League events to count.</p> <p>10. The Chairman spoke about the need to keep the D (Red ) course, for novice runners and emphasised it was down to team captains to make sure they put their runners on courses that are suitable for their experience. The D Course should be of a Long Red standard TD 3.</p> <p>11. The Chairman again asked Unit Planners to look at different areas for League events and not to over use areas. Jerry warned the meeting to be aware of extra costs for Traders (Tom’s Catering Van /Ultrasport) if using non Military Areas.</p> <p>12. The Secretary informed all that it should not be over expensive for events to be held on Civilian land. Regional Bde’s are able to assist with Training on Private Land. There is also an agreement with the Forestry Commission (FC) for training in the New Forest. Bookings are via HQ Solent Station Marchwood. Colin Dickson stated that when using FC land Organisers would be recommend to approach the FC directly. The Move Valley Orienteering Club offered the League use of the Pippingford Park map and assistance with Planning /Controlling. Units should contact the League Secretary for more information.</p> <p>13. Colin Dickson warned Units to ensure that when using Mil Trg Areas (especially Longmoor/Hankley) that Organisers SHOULD have a copy of the JSP 375, Military Training Risk Assessment Form on them or they risk being asked to stop training and leave the area. Colin said he would give Jerry the link to put on the BAOC Website</p>	<p>AOA/Jerry</p> <p>Div Sec/Jerry</p> <p>Colin Dickson</p>
<p>ITEM 5 – DIV CHAMPIONSHIPS</p>	
<p>14 The chairman stated we would continue the practice of approaching civilian clubs to help with the running of the Div competitions. Units are reluctant to volunteer to run these events as they wish to compete. The Secretary stated that due to Insurance purposes ALL events where Civilian Clubs have offered to host must have a Military Unit to assist.</p>	<p>Div Sec</p>

<p>15. The Chairman sought the opinion of those present on the format of the prize giving event. All were happy that we presented the prizes at one event instead of waiting around at the end of various Championships.</p> <p>16. The Secretary sought the opinion of those present on prizes generally. Capt Voirrey Corkish offered to become the Prizes Member. She will look at various options for the coming Season.</p> <p>17. The date for the Div Individual Championships is 17<sup>th</sup> Feb 10. The Champs will be hosted by Sarum location TBC. The Div Harris and Team Relay are on the calendar for 3<sup>rd</sup> &amp; 10<sup>th</sup> Mar TBC The cost for entry into the Div Champs is to be kept as low as possible. Colin Dickson informed all that the Army Championships were likely to be on 28 Apr in Germany.</p>	
<p><b>ITEM 6 - GENERAL</b></p>	
<p>18. Units were reminded to abide by the Unit affiliations as issued by G7 and the Army Sports Control Board.</p> <p>19. The Chairman asked if Units would prefer the Summer events to remain low key as they are now or to change into a Sprint Series. The decision was to remain low key but for Planners to be plan courses with competitors in mind. (i.e. Units would not attend events where courses are very short).</p> <p>20. Last season Lt Col Farrow provided coaching at most MLS Events. Col Farrow has now been posted to Germany but Mr Roger Maher (SO) has kindly offered his assistance as a coach.</p>	<p>All</p>
<p><b>ITEM 7 – AOB</b></p>	
<p>21. Colin Dickson asked that Planners / Controllers place controls fairly and not to hide them. He also advertised the various AOA Courses held at Longmoor. He would like Unit Team Captains to trawl for students to fill the courses as he spends time (that he does not have) chasing units for students. If the Courses remain undersubscribed there is a danger they may be reduced.</p> <p>22. The Secretary reminded Planners/Organisers to name their courses as per the BO guidelines (ie Brown/Blue/Light Green/Red). Also that Organisers must provide adequate helpers to run the Registration / Download.</p> <p>23. Units were reminded to provide Jerry with lists of names especially if they are not on the database. This will help to reduce the amount of time queuing at Registration.</p> <p>24. Unit planners requiring advice on their courses should speak to Maj (Retd) Allan Farrington, the Army Orienteering Association (AOA) technical Adviser. His contact No 94291 3206 (email address on BAOC website).</p>	
<p><b>ITEM 8 - DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b></p>	
<p>15. The date and location of next meeting TBC</p>	<p>All</p>

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