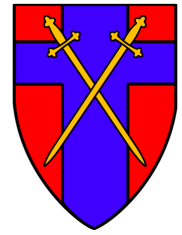




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**MINUTES OF THE BFG ORIENTEERING PRE-SEASON AGM HELD IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF HQ 102 LOG BDE AT PRINCESS ROYAL BARRACKS ON FRI 9 JUL 10**

Present	Brig J F Watson Lt Col (Ret'd) T R Farrow Maj D J Hercus Maj R J Mawer Capt P J Bramwell Capt S P Goose Cap E Johnston Capt H G Williams 2Lt K Davies-Walters WO2 S Porter WO2 J O'Hanlon SSgt J Roberts Sgt T McComiskie Sgt C Parker Cpl T Midwood LCpl C Chambers	Comd Rhine Gar and ESG RMT(Güt), Est Branch, UKSC HQ UKSC 1 Regt AAC ES Branch, HQ 1 Div 3 CS Bn REME QRH 2 LSR 1 ADSR 24 Regt RLC RSU HQ 102 Log Bde and Sig Sqn 1 LSR 6 Regt RLC 1 Med Regt 1 Med Regt	President Chair
Apologies	Maj R Hare Maj F Laws Maj M Nooney Maj D R Parkinson Capt B Moorhouse Capt T Muyambi Lt E W Waters WO2 M Langman	HQ 1 Div 7 Regt RLC 1 PWRR CAST (G) 1 PWRR 24 Regt RLC 1 YORKS 1 Med Regt	

Subject	Discussion and Decisions	Action
1. Welcome and Opening Remarks	The President welcomed all personnel and thanked them for their attendance. He impressed to the Meeting the importance of orienteering as a medium for land navigation and that it is classed as military training and not a sport. It therefore assures that personnel attending are on duty and that normal T&S claims apply. Introductions were then made.	
2. Vote of Thanks	The Chairman proposed a Vote of Thanks to 1 Med Regt and 6 Regt RLC for the assistance given personally to him and to the BFG League during the 09/10 Season.	

3. Appointments	<p>The following appointments were agreed:</p> <p>President: Brig J F Watson</p> <p>Chairman: Lt Col (Ret'd) T R Farrow</p> <p>Secretary: Capt P J Bramwell</p> <p>League Secretary: Capt H G Williams</p> <p>Equipment Member: Capt H G Williams</p> <p>Finance Member: Capt H G Williams</p> <p>Technical Advisor: Lt Col (Ret'd) T R Farrow</p>	
4. Authority for Army Orienteering	<p>The Authority for Orienteering DIN 2010DIN07-065 was released in May 10 and expires on 31 Mar 2011. It is published on the BAOC web-site (<a href="http://www.baoc.org.uk">www.baoc.org.uk</a>) and is enclosed.</p>	All
5. League Events 10/11 Season	<p>It was agreed that League events could take place on Wednesdays or Fridays. The Chairman stated that the intent this Season is to hold a minimum of 12 League Events. He encouraged Units to put on events even if they use the Score Format. Unit Championship events could be used for League events following the Unit competition. The President reminded the Meeting that there is plenty of expertise to assist Units in staging either their Unit event or a League event. The BFG Orienteering Calendar is at Annex A.</p>	All
6. League Format	<p>The League format was discussed at some length. It is intended to put on an A, B and a C Course at each event. The A Course would be for experienced orienteers with distances between 6 and 9 km depending on terrain. The B Course would be increased in length for the less experienced orienteers but with a reasonable technical difficulty to enable the less physically able (age or injury) to have a reasonable run out. The distances would be between 4 and 6 km. The C Course would be the beginners course and between 3 and 4.5 km in length. The scoring for individuals, teams and the points awarded for organising units is shown in the BFG League Format at Annex B. Where units do not have the expertise to plan a reasonable 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 cost of the events would be set at €4 per person with €2 going to the organising unit and €2 going to the BFG Orienteering Fund to assist with the maintenance and where necessary, replacement of equipment.</p>	All
7. Equipment	<p>The Equipment Member informed the Meeting of current equipment holdings that can be used for events:</p> <p>27 old EMIT Controls that can be used for training – the internal batteries are starting to fail.</p> <p>40 new EMIT Controls purchased through the BA(G) Sports Fund. This set is low profile and easier to set up and carry. The set also consists of 2 Starts and 4 Finish Controls.</p> <p>60 new Control Flags.</p> <p>100 new Version 2 EMIT Cards purchased through the BA(G) Sports Fund.</p> <p>The EMIT Timing System and Printer Units.</p> <p>The equipment can be hired to units for €100. If the unit uses the equipment for a unit event and lays on a League event on the same day, there will be no charge to the unit.</p>	All

8. Mapping	The Chairman briefly discussed the maps held on OCAD that can be used for events. He requested that where possible, training areas are not used this Season except where no alternative is available (short notice event). A list of current maps that can be used for BFG orienteering is at Annex C. Personnel were informed of the 443 system for obtaining land clearance through SLOs.	All
9. Finance	The Finance Member explained the funding situation. At the start of the 09/10 Season, approximately €435 was transferred to the BFG Fund. The Fund now stands at just over €15, however, over £1200 has been spent on the 8 new Shields for the BFG Team Championships and the BFG League Team trophies. The fund will build up over the Season. Maj Hercus stated that when the RAOL folds on the move of the GSG to Gutersloh Garrison the funding and equipment will be transferred to the BFG League.	
10. Orienteering Development	The Chairman mentioned that there are various courses available for the development of orienteering skills, mapping and course design using OCAD, coaching and planning. The Chairman has requested funding from the BA(G) Sports Board to be able to run a Basic Skills Course in Germany in tandem with a Planners Course. This will culminate on the Friday of the Courses with a League event planned by the Planners Course. It is also hoped to run an OCAD Users Course on the Saturday and Sunday following the Basic Skills/Planners Courses. Details will be issued once funding is confirmed. The Chairman stated that he may be in a position to give a 90 minute introduction to orienteering at some League events. He will provide this at the first event to be held on Wed 22 Sep 10. The Chairman has bid for further funding for Basic Skills Courses to be held in Germany in Sep 11 and Sep 12.	Chairman  Chairman
11. Websites	The BFG website will continue to be maintained by Capt Bramwell. The RAOL League uses some fixtures from the Belgium Military League and these are normally excellent events – see website below. The following websites may be useful:  BFG: <a href="http://www.baocbfg.de">www.baocbfg.de</a> BAOC: <a href="http://www.baoc.org.uk">www.baoc.org.uk</a> British Orienteering: <a href="http://www.britishorienteering.org.uk">www.britishorienteering.org.uk</a> German Orienteering: <a href="http://www.orientierungslauf.de">www.orientierungslauf.de</a> Belgium Orienteering: <a href="http://www.orientatie.org">www.orientatie.org</a> Ultrasport (clothing and eqpt): <a href="http://www.ultrapsort.co.uk">www.ultrapsort.co.uk</a> O.L. Conrad (GE clothing and eqpt: <a href="http://www.ol-shop-conrad.de">www.ol-shop-conrad.de</a>	Capt Bramwell  All
12. BFG Ind and Team Championships 2011	It was agreed that the BFG Individual and Team Championships would be held over a two day period in early Apr 11 (proposed Wed 6 and Thu 7 Apr 11). Accommodation and messing will be provided. The format will be an Individual Championships on Day One and a Team Harris Event on Day Two. The combined scores of both events will decide the overall Team Champions.	Chair All
13. BFG Fälttävlan Championships	It is proposed to hold a BFG Fälttävlan Championships Relay Event (Orienteering and Shooting with SA 80 and SUSAT) in late Oct or Nov 10. An extension to the Inkerman Map is being prepared by Herr Peter Gehrman and the Chairman is negotiating for range availability with Range Control Sennelager. More details to follow.	Chair All
14. Unit Championships	The Chairman encouraged units to hold Unit Orienteering Championships which could be linked to MATT 5. The events could double up as a League event as mentioned at Item 6.	All



## BFG LEAGUE FORMAT

### GENERAL

1. The aim of the BFG Orienteering League is to offer regular orienteering training and competitions to all BFG personnel. Events can be used to further Land Navigation training and be used to conduct MATT 5.
2. The League will operate from Sep 10 - Mar 11. The Season will culminate in the BFG Individual Orienteering Championships and the BFG Team Championships in early Apr 11. These competitions are to be held ahead of the Army Team Orienteering Championships.
3. The format and rules of the League will remain unchanged throughout the Season as set out below. Units or individuals seeking clarification should in the first instance contact the BFG Secretary. In the event of a dispute, the decision of the Chairman will be final.

### LEAGUE COMPOSITION

4. **Quantity of events.** It is hoped the League will consist of at least 12 League events. Individual and Team points will be based on the best 50% of events held if an even number, or 50% minus one event if an odd number is held. Therefore, the following events will score:

8 events out of 16 (if we can achieve 16!)  
7 events out of 15  
7 events out of 14  
6 events out of 13  
6 events out of 12 (minimum we hope to achieve)

5. **Type and standard of events.** It is essential to ensure that all League events conform to the following parameters:

a. **A Courses.** Normally between 6 – 9 km in length depending on terrain and climb. Physical Difficulty 4 - 5 and Technical Difficulty 4 - 5. Expected completion time for most competitors to be between 60 and 90 minutes.

b. **B Course.** Normally between 4 – 6 km in length depending on terrain and climb. Physical Difficulty 3 – 4 and Technical Difficulty 4 and occasionally 5. Expected completion time for most competitors between 50 and 80 minutes

c. **C Course.** Normally between 3 and 4.5 km in length. This Course should be suitable for all Service personnel who have gained basic navigation skills from recruit training. Some route choice, but plenty of handrails with greater number of controls on line features initially and a few contour features close to line features and occasionally larger point features close to line features (no pits, boulder, etc).

c. **Score event.** Normally planned so that the optimum route is no greater than between 7 – 9 km depending on terrain. This should be that only the very best orienteers on the day may be close to completing the course. Ten points will be deducted per minute or part thereof over the target time of 60 mins. Controls can be 10 points per control or a scale for more difficult controls or those further away from the start/finish.

6. **Individuals and Minor Detachments.** Where individuals or minor detachments cannot enter as a Major or Minor Unit team, they should seek clarification from the Secretary and be attached for BFG Orienteering League and BFG Competition purposes to their local admin unit.

7. **Major and Minor Units.** It was agreed that Major Units entering the League and other competitions would be units with an established strength of 300 or more. Minor Units would be units with an established strength of 299 or less personnel. Units deployed on Operations throughout the Season, can enter the League as a Minor Unit.

8. **Maximum individual points scored.** The maximum points scored will be 100 points for the winner on the A Course, 75 for the B Course and 50 points on the C Course. If a 60 minute Score event is used, the winner will receive 100 points. The format for awarding points is shown at paragraph 11.

9. **Team points.** Team points for a Major or Minor Unit will be awarded for the top 3 orienteers who have scored at each event. Teams may enter as many personnel as they wish on each course.

10. **Officials points scoring.** Organisers, Planners and Controllers will each be awarded 100 points for putting on their first event and these points will go forward to the League Individual Points totals. The organising unit will receive a total of 300 points towards the League Team Points totals. For organising a second event, it was agreed that the Organiser, Planner and Controller would each receive 75 points and the unit will receive points as follows:

a. **Major Unit.** The equal amount of the top scoring major unit on the day up to a maximum of 225 points (75% of the maximum received for the first event).

b. **Minor Unit.** The equal amount of the top scoring minor unit on the day up to a maximum of 225 points (75% of the maximum received for the first event).

11. **Scoring methods.**

a. **Cross Country events scoring method.**

(1) **A Course.**

The winner's time divided by your own time x 100

Example:	Winner's time	62 mins 06 secs (62.1)	= 100 pts
	Your time	70 mins 18 secs (70.3) x 100	= 88 pts
		(score rounded down)	

(2) **B Course.**

The winner's time divided by your own time x 75

Example:	Winner's time	59 mins 30 secs (59.5)	= 75 pts
	Your time	65 mins 00 secs (65.0) x 75	= 69 pts

(3) **C Course.**

The winner's time divided by your own time x 50

Example:	Winner's time	58 mins 45 secs (58.75)	= 50 pts
	Your time	60 mins 03 secs (60.05) x 50	= 48 pts

(4) **Score events (where no Cross Country Courses are run).**

The scores of the first 3 BFG personnel will be averaged. The League points are then calculated as follows:

$$\frac{\text{Runner's Score}}{\text{Average Score}} \times 100$$

This may result in one or two of the top three receiving more than 100 points.

12. **Prizes.** Prizes will be awarded to the highest placed 3 individuals (both male and female). Prizes will also be awarded to the highest placed, M19/W19, M21/W21, M35/W35, M40/W40, M45/W45 and M50/W50. Individuals winning one of the highest placed individual prizes can also be awarded one of the age category prizes. Team prizes (one single trophy to each team) will be awarded to the Winning and Runner Up Major Unit and Minor Unit.

PROPOSED BFG ORIENTEERING CALENDAR – 2010/11 SEASON

Date	Event	Loc	Org	Remarks
Mon 19 – Fri 23 Jul 10	Basic Skills Course	UK - Longmoor	ASPT Courses Clerk	E.mail: aspt-trg-clerk-3@aspt.mod.uk
Mon 20 – Fri 24 Sep 10	Basic Skills Course	UK - Longmoor	ASPT Courses Clerk	E.mail: aspt-trg-clerk-3@aspt.mod.uk
Mon 20 – Fri 24 Sep 10	Planners Course	UK - Longmoor	ASPT Courses Clerk	E.mail: aspt-trg-clerk-3@aspt.mod.uk
Mon 20 – Fri 24 Sep 10	Intermediate Skills Course	UK - Longmoor	Maj (Ret'd) C Dickson	Tel: 94261 2421
Wed 22 Sep 10	BFG Orienteering League Event No 1	Schletruper Egge (North Osnabrück area)	Lt Col (Ret'd) T R Farrow	A, B and C Courses plus beginners intro
Sat 25 – Sun 26 Sep 10	OCAD Users Course	UK - Longmoor	Maj (Ret'd) C Dickson	Tel: 94261 2421
Wed 29 Sep 10				
Wed 6 Oct 10	BFG Orienteering League Event No 2	Achmer 'Haler Feld'	1 Med Regt	A, B and C Courses plus beginners intro
Wed 13 Oct 10				
Mon 18 – Fri 22 Oct 10	Basic Skills Course	UK - Longmoor	ASPT Courses Clerk	E.mail: aspt-trg-clerk-3@aspt.mod.uk
Wed 20 Oct 10	BFG Orienteering League Event No 3 and RAOL Event	JHQ / Elmpt area	Maj D Hercus	A, B and C Courses
Mon 25 – Fri 29 Oct 10	Basic Skills Course	GE - Sennelager	Lt Col (Ret'd) T R Farrow	
Wed 27 Oct 10 (date tbc – prob Nov)	BFG Team Fälttävlan Championships (Orienteering and Shooting Relay)	Inkerman Trg Area and Alma Ranges	Lt Col (Ret'd) T R Farrow	Three person teams with SA 80 wpn and SUSAT Sights
Wed 3 Nov 10				
Wed 10 Nov 10				
Wed 17 Nov 10	BFG Orienteering League Event No 4	Spannbrink (Osnabrück) (tbc)	Capt Williams 2 LSR	A, B and C Courses plus beginners intro
Wed 24 Nov 10				
Wed 1 Dec 10	BFG Orienteering League Event No 5	Tbc	Sgt Parker 6 Regt RLC	
Wed 8 Dec 10				
Wed 15 Dec 10				
<b>CHRISTMAS BREAK</b>				
Wed 12 Jan 11				
Wed 19 Jan 11				
Mon 24 – Fri 28 Jan 11	Basic Skills Course	UK - Longmoor	ASPT Courses Clerk	E.mail: aspt-trg-clerk-3@aspt.mod.uk
Mon 24 – Fri 28 Jan 11	Intermediate and Advanced Skills Course	UK - Longmoor	Maj (Ret'd) C Dickson	Tel: 94261 2421

Wed 26 Jan 11				
Wed 2 Feb 11	BFG Orienteering League Event No	Venner Egge (tbc) (Osnabrück area)	Sgt McComiskie 1 LSR	
Wed 9 Feb 11				
Wed 16 Feb 11				
Wed 23 Feb 11				
Wed 2 Mar 11				
Wed 9 Mar 11				
Wed 16 Mar 11				
Wed 23 Mar 11				
Wed 30 Mar 11				
Wed 6 Apr 11	BFG Individual Championships	Tbc	Lt Col (Ret'd) T R Farrow	
Thu 7 Apr 11	BFG Team Championships (Harris)	Tbc	Lt Col (Ret'd) T R Farrow	