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MILITARY LEAGUE (SOUTH) AGM – MINUTES

Attendees

Lt Col Mawer (RM)
Maj Brett (AB)
WO1 Dunville (CiD)
Lt Col Oates (AO)

Lt Col Huthwaite (CH)
WO1 Greening (SG)
Allan Farrington (AF)
Colin Dickson (CD)

Elisabeth Dickson (ED)
Richard Baldwin (RB)

Apologies

WO1 Leddy

Record of Decisions

Ser	Remarks	Action
1	Welcome/ Intro. RM's first AGM as Chairman of the MLS welcomed everyone for coming; particular thanks to AO for his contribution to the league for the last 5 years as Chairman of the MLS. He mentioned that the league was in a good place, with great events and good participation.	
2	Previous actions from the 2017 AGM. Discussion resided over the method of payment for entry to events to make organising more efficient particularly due to the high wastage of maps when estimation of competitors is incorrect. It was decided that although pre-entry was possible, it was difficult for military units to complete prior to coming to the event as the majority of the time people decide at the last minute if they can afford the time to go or not. Online system can be used for pre-enters events such as the team relays – if the organiser wishes to.	Action Closed. Recommendation to planners is to remain with EoD and underestimate the number of maps with the aim to recycle them towards the latter stages of the event.
3	Finance. The financial statement was discussed and showed that there was a surplus, in-year, of approximately £1,300. Attendance. We have seen a decrease in military competitors attend this season. This was assumed to be because of a few factors: firstly, there have been less Corps Championships this year held as part of the MLS; secondly, the weather was particular bad over the winter which may have put people off coming out; and lastly, some units have struggled to obtain transport through their unit's MT to attend the events (flyers on the BAOC website not going up earlier to justify the transport – should be up 6 weeks prior to the event). MLS Balance. Overall, the MLS fund is healthy and should be assessed over the coming years to see if we can influence the costs of holding events. MLS doesn't need to make money, other than to fund the Mapping, prizes and equipment. Money allocation. Suggested to give certain pot of money for mapping – CD said it wasn't required and it could come as and when. Most of maps are paid for through AOA funding. Prizes. Opportunity to save money on prizes as a lot of money	Action. Include the importance of the flyer in the standardised email to event organisers. Can be draft flyers – doesn't need to be finalised. Explore:

	is spent on it. Generally thought that it is best to give vouchers for O kit to soldiers rather than gizzets.	Opportunity to reduce number of prizes. Butal type medal / buff.
4	<p>Format of events. Red Course. AB discussed the previously proposed Red course of 6-8km of TD2 standard. AF and CD mentioned that the principle is correct, but the distance is too long. Beginners tend to look for the shortest course, and so can opt for the Light Green over the Red because of the shorter distance. It was proposed by CH that the easiest course is the shortest course and CD that we should have an course of Orange length, but Yellow technical difficulty:</p> <p>Orange 3 – 3.5km TD2 50 points MLS scoring</p> <p>AF mentioned that if the course is too short, then the participant can go out again on the next course up.</p> <p>Short Green. CD asked if Short Green can still be included. It is technically difficult, but around 3km. CH proposed that the Short Green will become a points scoring course to the MLS.</p> <p>MLS Scoring. It was proposed that the MLS scoring for the courses will be as follows: Brown: 100 points Blue: 70 points Short Green: 50 points Light Green: 50 points Orange: 50 points.</p> <p>Coaching. It was proposed that the Orange map will be handed out at Registration. This does pose the threat that the more competitive members may cheat; if they are caught they will get fined MLS points.</p> <p>Urban. CH mentioned that Urban events should be encouraged, but organisers must get correct permissions to use the urban area.</p>	<p>Action. Include the description of beginners course on the standardised email.</p> <p>Action. Short Green to score as 50 points toward the MLS as the average winning time.</p> <p>Action. Change the MLS Rules to include the updated courses.</p> <p>Action. Include the process of handing out the map. Action. Include process of MLS point penalties in the rules.</p> <p>Action. Ask D Gallagher to write a document for organising an urban event. Include it in the MLS Rules.</p>
5	MLS Rules. MLS Secretary to re-write rules, circulate within key personnel and then release them to the BAOC website.	Action. MLS Sec – write new version of the rules.
6	Sport Team Amalgamations. ASCB responsible for unit amalgamations, which the MLS results base their team results on. It is not accurate, but it is the only thing we have to go by. It was proposed by CiD that the MLS should move away from the ASCB unit amalgamations to make the teams more flexible. However, this was not agreed with by the majority of the attendees as it is almost impossible to police without access to JPA.	No change.

	<p>Competitiveness of Team leagues. Army HQ tend to always win the major unit league trophy, and it is unlikely that it will change. It was suggested by Richard Barrett to the MLS Sec prior to the meeting that then number of runners to count for Major Unit tam dropped to 5 (from 6) which would make it easier for smaller, less competitive units to compete. This idea was rejected by the attendees as the general consensus thought 4 and 6 was fair.</p> <p>Additional Point for Orange Course. It was proposed by CD that each Unit who has runners on the Orange course will be awarded 10 extra points towards the team score (up to 6 runners) for completing the score. This was accepted by the attendees.</p>	<p>Action. AOA Secretary and Results member to address Army HQ situation.</p> <p>Action. Add into the MLS Rules that a team score can include an additional 60 points for runners that complete the Orange course, on top of the normal team score.</p>
7	<p>Event Costs and Fee. The AOA fee is increasing each year and the cost of EMIT to conduct the timing for each runner is also increasing. Therefore it is proposed that the fee will increase as follows:</p> <p>Military: £3.50 Civilian: £6.00 Junior Civilian: £5.00</p> <p>Event organisation. It was proposed that units can't win 1st, 2nd or 3rd prize during the MLS calendar if they don't organise an event. This was accepted by the attendees.</p> <p>Child. CD asked to reduce the cost for child fees to £1.00 to encourage child participation during summer series. It was rejected by the CH due to the insurance implications of using military training areas. They have to be on the results, and therefore we need to charge for participation.</p>	<p>Action. To advertise on the BAOC website that the new charges will be in place from now on.</p> <p>Action. Add into the Rules and onto the BAOC website.</p>
8	<p>Equipment. It was proposed by CiD that we need to buy new MLS orienteering equipment to replace the EMIT stock that has broken/stopped working over the last few years. About 25 EMIT cards, start and finish flags and a few other bits small bits would cost approximately £2,500. Alternatively, we don't buy any stock and instead we pay a service contract with EMIT or SportsIdent to provide us with the kit that we would need. It was agreed by the attendees that we should buy new equipment; the stock is really useful to service the southern units with orienteering kit. A rental fee for the kit should be included.</p>	<p>Action. Treasurer to buy new equipment required up to £2,600.</p> <p>Recommendation. Units should use the MLS emit system rather than paying EMIT UK, particularly during the Summer series, to generate income for fees etc. Organisers should be made aware of this equipment in the standardised email from the Sec.</p>
9	<p>Mapping. Most mapping currently organised through AOA</p>	

	funds.	
10	<p>Committee appointments.</p> <p>Chairman: Just changed to Lt Col Mawer, from Oates. Secretary: Will need to change in Summer of 2019 as AB goes to SUC. Need to advertise sooner rather than later. Treasurer: Mr Leddy, no change. Results: Mr Dunville, no change.</p>	
11	<p>AoB.</p> <p>First Aid. AOA Chairman stated that first aid point not required as its military training and therefore all first aid trained. The form 507 to be added to the website so organisers</p> <p>BAOC website. If a event is held that isn't on the BAOC website, then the event to be conducted under their own rules and governance and insurance. The event is not covered by the AOA insurance.</p> <p>Social Media. AF highlighted that the Social Media presence should increase. AB mentioned that there is a Twitter account. CD mentioned that there is a FaceBook site.</p> <p>Routegadget. RM asked if we can re-invigorate the use of routegadget. AB mentioned that it is written in to the rules.</p>	<p>Action. Add form 507 to the BAOC website. Include details in the MLS Sec standard email out to organisers.</p> <p>Action. AF to look at the Social Media messaging.</p> <p>Action. Details must be included in the standardised email out to organisers.</p>
12	RM - Thank you for coming.	

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