



Secretary Army Boxing Association

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ARMY BOXING ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES HELD IN THE ARMY HOCKEY PAVILLION ON 08 JUNE 2013

Present:	Brigadier Deas MBE Colonel D Casey RE Maj (Retd) Coffey late R Signals Capt JJ Dunn RAPTC Capt L Cugudda RLC Capt N Homer RLC Capt Kirkham-Brown R Signals Capt C Roberts RAPTC WO2 A Hayes PARA SSgt Anthony RLC Sgt Jackson RE Nathan Pearce Lt Col (Retd) R Walker Late RAMC	ARRC Army HQ Army HQ 1 Cold Gds 10 QOGLR 204 Fd Hosp ATR (W) 4 PARA 27 Regt RLC ASCB Arborfield Garrison	Chairman V Chairman Chairman Midlands Chairman South Ladies Manager Asst Team Manager Major Panel Officials Secretary Major Panel Team Coach Major Panel Secretary SMO
Apologies:	Capt D Orwin Maj (Retd) C White SSgt Cass SSgt Bennett SSgt Thomas Maj (Retd) Leaning	R Irish 1 R Welsh 2RTR	Chairman North Secretary BAG Secretary North Secretary Midlands Secretary South Honorary Life Member

Item (a)	Discussion and Decisions (b)	Action (c)
1. Opening remarks	The Chairman welcomed all present to the AGM and congratulated the committee on a successful and very busy year. The Chairman stated in a quick review of the year that the profile and exposure afforded to Army Boxing was continuing to increase.	
2. Previous Minutes	The previous minutes were considered an accurate account of the AGM held in June 2012.	
3. Matters arising from the previous minutes	London TA and Army Boxing Club. The Vice Chairman and Secretary had a meeting with Londist TA and Army Boxing Club to discuss their status and inclusion in the Army Boxing Association. It was agreed that they would register all Regular Soldiers with the Army BA and where	

	possible register TA boxers through Army BA. They would look also to affiliate with the Army BA.	
4.Finances	<p>The Secretary gave a summary of account and explained that an audit of the account would be conducted as a part of the ASCB audit.</p> <p>The Secretary stated that the value of the Army BA account was steadily increasing by approx. 10% year on year.</p>	
5. Appointments	<p>A number of the General Committee appointments have changed due to the retirement of members or due to postings. The new appointments to the General Committee are;</p> <p>Army Officials Sec – Capt MAA C Roberts RAPT Chairman Midlands – WO2 A Hayes PARA Chairman South – Capt MAA C Roberts RAPT Army Team Coach – SSgt Browning RAPT Secretary Midlands – WO2 G Kirk RAPT</p> <p>The Chairman on behalf of the committee wished to thank the outgoing committee members for their hardwork.</p> <p>Maj (Retd) Coffey – Chairman Midlands Capt Kirkham-Brown – Officials Secretary Capt J Dunn- Chairman South SSgt M Anthony – Army Team Coach SSgt C Bennett- Secretary Midlands</p>	
6.Reports	<p>Seasonal Reports were given by the Army Secretary, Army Coach, the Officials Sec and the Divisions (all reports are attached as annexes to these minutes so only discussion points are minuted)</p> <p>Army Sec.</p> <p>Declaration of boxing experience is still an issue with boxers failing to declare junior bouts and/or previous experience. A strong stance will be made by the Army BA with disciplinary action being taken if proven.</p> <p>Coaches are not registering to start training their boxers but are only doing so in time for their competitions.</p> <p>Service only boxers – 1502 Novice A 1474 with 1169 new registrations Novice B 24 Open/ Inter 4 ABAE Registrations –</p> <p>Boxers 131</p> <p>Total Boxer Registrations for 2013 – 1633</p> <p>Army team report</p> <p>Officials Report -</p>	<p>Sec to address these issues at the Convention in Oct.</p> <p>See attached</p> <p>See attached</p>

	<p>Officials are being appointed by the Army Major Panel and are travelling to events but not being fully employed due to preference for local officials.</p> <p>The following officials appointments were worthy of note;</p> <p>Capt A Buff – Best Official at National Junior Finals Capt C Roberts – National Senior Elite Finals WO2 A Hayes – National Senior Elite Finals</p> <p>BAG / Rest of the World</p> <p>Much of 5 Scots boxers (Army Individual Inter Unit Competition winners) were to be posted to 4 Scots in Fallingbostal it is hoped that this would encourage 4 Scots to enter the Army Championships for 2013/4 as there were no BAG entries last year.</p> <p>Boxing in Cyprus is suspended until the status of medical covered required versus available has been resolved.</p> <p>Support Command - South</p> <p>Change of Chairman Capt C Roberts RAPTC</p> <p>Support Command - Midlands</p> <p>Change of Chairman WO2 A Hayes PARA Change of Secretary WO2 G Kirk RAPTC</p> <p>Support Command – North</p> <p>Change of Secretary SSgt S Cass RAPTC</p>	<p>Army BA Sec and Officials Sec to liaise with Regional Associations.</p> <p>See attached</p> <p>See attached</p> <p>See attached</p>
7. Fixtures	A fixture list has been produced by the Army Team Coach to reflect the Army Team commitments (attached)..	
8. Army Boxing Association - Aide Memoire	<p>The status of the Army Boxing Association Aide Memoire requires to be reviewed as it currently has no authority as a publication.</p> <p>The Chairman HQ Support Command South stated that the Aide Memoire needed to be an Approved Code of Practice.</p>	Foreword required from Chairman.
9. Fixtures	<p>Dates for Army Competitions for 2013– 14 season were agreed as follows;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Army Major Unit Finals – 08 May 2014 • Army Individual Finals – 05 June 2014 	

	<p>Army Major Panel Convention – 8 Oct Army Coaches/Managers Convention – 9 Oct Inter Service Novice Final – 10 Oct</p> <p>Army V London – (Team Army event) London Troxy 12 Sept 2013</p> <p>No fixed dates for the ABAE Novices have been released.</p>	
10.Army Boxing Competition Formats	<p>Army Individual Boxing Championships. The Secretary stated that the 2013 competition was not as well attended as previous years and felt that this was due to the Corps sending representative teams and not selecting from attending unit teams this meant that the quality of boxers was improving but the numbers were reducing.</p> <p>Army Inter Unit Team Champs The Secretary Army BA outlined issues with the current format of the Army inter Unit Team Boxing Champs which were;</p> <p>Travel budgets for spectators A lack of desire of some units to enter due to the strength of some of the traditional entrants.</p> <p>A number of options were discussed by the committee the most popular were ;</p> <p>4 x Regional Championships progressing to Semi Finals A plate competition and Main Championships</p> <p>The Committee resolved to discuss the following options prior to the Convention in Oct and to detail the competition format before the draw is made;</p> <p>A. Do Nothing B. Do Nothing for this season but review for 2014/15 C. All team enter the Champs 1st Round Winners progress, 1st Round losers move to Plate Competition. D. Teams enter a Regional Championships the winner of each of the 4 x regional championships gains a Semi Final place in the Army Inter Unit Championship. The four Regions being</p> <p>SOUTH / MIDLANDS / NORTH / Rest of the World</p>	<p>The Sec is to review the number of boxers reqd to make a Corps Team, an increase to 8 or 10 boxers would increase participation.</p>
11.ABAE Update	<p>The Secretary gave an update on the ABAE and stated that the information available from the CSBA rep was very limited and communication from HQ ABAE was also very limited.</p> <p>The Secretary with input from Maj (Retd) Coffey and Capt KB tried to outline the issues facing the Army BA if the ABAE maintained its stance in not accepting in their entirety the Rules & Regulations of AIBA (the International Governing Body).</p> <p>AIBA have 4 sets of rules for its 4 strands of competitive</p>	<p>Regional Secretaries and Chairman are to monitor and advise units and boxers as necessary.</p>

	<p>boxing;</p> <p>AIBA – General Rules AIBA Open Boxing AIBA Pro Boxing World Series of Boxing</p> <p>ABAE have stated they wish to retain the current ABAE Rules and Regulations of Amateur Boxing for domestic competition and employ the AIBA General Rules when boxing abroad or in Internationals in England.</p> <p>The major issue for Army BA is that it is the British Army and although all soldier affiliate to the ABAE through the CSBA and Army BA, its soldiers are based in Ireland, Scotland and Wales and many consider these to mother nations too.</p> <p>Units based in Home Nations and involving themselves in boxing local clubs will have to abide by different rules as will officials.</p> <p>The Rule Changes and there inclusion or omission were debated but will be promulgated to the Regional Committees and through the Major Panel as and when decisions are made.</p>	
12. Sponsorship	The Lonsdale equipment sponsorship contract was discussed with the Secretary stating that notice not to extend the contract beyond the summer of 2014 had to be given by Oct 2013.	A decision to terminate the contract was taken by the committee.
13. Army Boxing Charter	Secretary Army Boxing is to produce a Charter for the Army BA.	Sec to provide to Chairman.
14. Medical Cover	<p>JSP 950 is still required to be ratified.</p> <p>Army Primary Health Care is to join with other single services to become Defence PHC. There maybe a risk to the budget for Ringside Medical Cover.</p> <p>The Ringside Medical Cover Budget is being scrutinised beyond the inclusion in the DPHC amalgamation as pre bout medicals are not catered for.</p>	<p>SMO to monitor</p> <p>SMO to monitor</p>
15. AOB	<p>The Vice Chairman suggested the following;</p> <p>Display Boards to commemorate Coaches and International Boxers. Sports Tour for the Boxing Team in 2014 Recruiting Team to attend ABAE Novice Finals in Dec</p> <p>Capt KB identified that competition protest rules are clearly defined in the Army Boxing Aide Memoire.</p> <p>Tickets for Troops would like to be involved in another event at the Royal Albert Hall.</p>	<p>Sec to investigate</p> <p>Head Coach to investigate</p> <p>Sec to action</p> <p>Sec to investigate</p>
16. Date of next meeting	The next meeting of the General Committee would be in June 2014 a suitable date would be fixed closer to the time.	

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For Chairman

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All Committee Members