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Apologies:	Lt Gen GR Coward CB CBE Maj Gen CL Elliott CVO CBE Maj Gen JJC Bucknall CBE	Deputy President DASCB Chairman Cresta	

Item (a)	Discussion and Decisions (b)	Action (c)
<b>1. Introduction</b>	The Chairman welcomed all to the AGM and in particular the President and the two new Deputy Presidents. He said that it was a big day in the AWSA Calendar with this AGM followed by the annual Cocktail Party; he saw the latter as the season launch to thank the sponsors, the Chain of Command and a chance to wish the athletes the very best for the season ahead. He asked that all are conscious of the sponsors, new and old, now bound in with 3 year contracts. He said that it was likely to be a bumpy road ahead for the MOD as the financial belts are tightened and hoped that public funding for the AWSA was secure; without them the season would become unviable. He said that the projected cut in TA funding may impact on the Season.	
<b>2. Apologies</b>	Apologies had been received from three Committee Members, which were detailed in the Apologies table above.	
<b>3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting (Ref A)</b>	The Minutes of the previous Meeting, Ref A, were agreed as a true record of what was discussed by those who were present at the AGM in 2008.	
<b>3a. Matter Arising from the Previous Minutes (Ref A)</b>	Item 9 – The Princess Marina. The Secretary said that the Management Committee had decided that enlarging the Princess Marina to cover all Winter Sports was unworkable and he had sent an E Mail to Lt Col Bromley-Gardner, who had raised the issue, to that effect, explaining the decision. <b>No Further Action.</b>	
<b>4. Chairman's Annual Report</b>	The Chairman gave his annual report to the AGM; a copy of which is attached at Annex A. In summary he said that staging high quality winter sports events continues to be expensive, especially with the very poor exchange rate against the Euro and he is striving to get the best possible value for money from the funds. He is now at the end of his first year as Chairman and can look back on the 2008/09 Season with much satisfaction; the Association is in good order. He wishes all a most successful 09/10 Season and hoped to see most at the various events.	
<b>5. AWSA Appointments for 2009/10</b>	The Secretary briefed on the Appointments for 09/10 listed at Annex B. He mentioned specifically the three new Deputy President posts and the background to their creation. The posts were approved by the Meeting by a majority vote.	
<b>6. Financial Matters</b>	1. <u>Overview.</u> The Chairman briefed on the current financial pressure being applied to the MOD and said that without public funding the viability of Winter Sports events would be undermined. However, there is some £461K presently allocated to various events and hoped that this money would remain secure. The good news is that he was delighted to report that he had secured some £450K over the next 3 years in sponsorship, which was surprising considering the current financial climate in UK. The AWSA now has three types of sponsors; Primary (Towergate Wilsons (TW), KBR and Selex), Secondary (Bloc Eyewear, BAE Systems and Thales) and others (primarily Discipline sponsors). Additionally he was in negotiation with Oris Watches and NP Aerospace. The sponsors and potential sponsors have been invited to the CTP. The clear message is that there is greater certainty over non-public funding for the next 3 years.	<b>V/C</b>

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6 – continued	<p>2. <u>The AWSA Account.</u></p> <p>a. The Vice Chairman said that after the past 3 years of dwindling funds, the intention was to increase income over expenditure and he was determined to put funds into the AWSA coffers in case public funding was severely cut. The 2008/09 account showed a nett loss of some £25600, which was solely due again to the unrealised loss on the investments of c£34280. With this amount discounted, there would have been an increase of income over expenditure of some £9K. He said that he would be reviewing the investment portfolio and seeking advice in the near future. He made special mention of the Assistant Secretary and thanked her for the sterling work on the Account.</p> <p>b. Capt Hewat asked that as a Charitable organisation, the AWSA Accounts should be put on the Website. The Secretary agreed to look into this. He said that the overall worth of the AWSA fund had reduced from a high of £221,411 (Mar 06) to the current figure of £156,495 (Mar 09), a drop of £64,916, which he considered unacceptable. He reminded the Meeting that the AWSA membership fee was £5 in 1964 and is only now £15. He said that the 1964 figure equated to £50 at today's value of the £. To that end he proposed that membership subscriptions are raised to £50 per annum.</p> <p>c. The Chairman thanked Capt Hewat for his comments and said that these would be raised at the next Management Meeting for discussion. He would be informed in writing of the decisions.</p> <p><u>{Post Meeting Notes:</u></p> <p>1. The AWSA held 4 investments in Mar 06 valued at £190,983. One was sold in Mar 07 realising £29,071 and the figure for the remaining three, at 31 Mar 09, is £112,850. This low figure reflects the fall in investments over the past 3 years.</p> <p>2. The AWSA is not a charity, it is part of the ASCB, which has charitable status. The AWSA is therefore not duty bound to put the Accounts on the Website. However, accounts can be requested by individual AWSA members,}</p>	<p>V/C</p> <p>Secretary</p> <p>Secretary</p>
7. Calendar 2009/10	The Secretary briefed on the calendar of events for the 09/10 Season, which is attached at Annex B.	
8. Communica- tions	<p>1. <u>Snow &amp; Ice Magazine.</u> The Chairman thanked the Editor for her hard work on the 2009 Magazine. The Editor was pleased that it was £700 below budget and delivered to the AWSA Office by mid Jul 09.</p> <p>2. <u>AWSA Website.</u> The Webmaster (MG) gave a short update on the website and said that it would remain as <a href="http://www.awsa.co.uk">www.awsa.co.uk</a>. It was some 10 years old and will be revamped in the near future. He reiterated his plea for Disciplines to provide updates on a regular basis.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>Disciplines</p>

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<b>9. Any Other Business</b>	There was no AOB.	
<b>10. Date of the next Meeting (DOTNM)</b>	The date of the 2010 AGM was not confirmed at this stage. The Secretary would review the President's and Chairman's diaries and would promulgate a confirmed date in Oct/Nov 10 in due course. The 2010 AWSA Cocktail Party would follow the AGM.	<b>All</b>
<b>11. Chairman's Closing Remarks</b>	The Chairman thanked all for another most useful and informative Meeting and bade farewell to Chairmen Alpine, Bobsleigh and Luge, as it was their last AGM and thanked them for their hard work, which was much appreciated. He looked forward to the CTP and the 09/10 Season ahead.	
<b>12. President's Remarks</b>	<p>1. The President said that it was a huge pleasure to be asked to be the President of the AWSA. Sadly he cannot claim to have been a racer of any repute as his past winter sports experiences have only been as a gatekeeper and range officer. He was cognisant of the full Committee and fully supported the appointment of the three Deputy Presidents as they will assist in nurturing sponsors.</p> <p>2. He said that there were tough times ahead. The country was at war in Afghanistan and finding time to carry out Winter Sports was very important and close to the chain of command's heart. He paid a huge compliment to the Chairman and Secretaries for organising the various events; without them it would materially affect our soldiers. He made it quite clear that Winter Sports contributes directly to military output, are an essential part of decompression from operations and remain an important element of the mortal component. He will defend Winter Sports robustly.</p> <p>3. He thanked the Chairman and Sponsorship Secretary for their hard work and success in securing the various sponsorship deals, which were absolutely vital to the AWSA. He said that he was looking forward to meeting many athletes and some of the Committee during his visit to two events next year and wishes all much success for the 09/10 season ahead.</p>	
<b>13. Meeting Closure</b>	The AGM closed at 1815 hrs.	

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Lt Col M K Allen  
Secretary AWSA  
For Chairman

Annexes:

- A. Chairman's Report to the 2009 AGM.
- B. AWSA Appointments 2009/10.
- C. AWSA Calendar of Events 2009/10.

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**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR THE 2009 AGM**

General. Despite the continuing high levels of operational commitments, the AWSA had another very successful season with healthy levels of participation and some excellent individual performances. Once again we were blessed with excellent conditions in early 2009, bags of snow almost everywhere, although there was too much on occasions. It was a mixed bag of results, the following is a flavour of the Disciplines.

Alpine. The Army Alpine athletes continued on from 2008 and following a most successful Army Championships in Serre Chevalier, there was almost a clean sweep in the Inter Service events at Meribel with both the Mens and Ladies taking the Team titles and Maj Nikki Porter RADC taking the individual title. Capt Matt Shepherd RLC took a Combined Services team to the British Ski Championship in Meribel in late Mar 09 and the team accredited themselves well. The event remains in Serre Chevalier for 2010 and I expect full participation as before.

Cresta. Cresta was in a somewhat parlous state last season; there was a shortage of new talent and the administration was poor. However we now have a new Chairman, the current ACGS (MG James Bucknall) and new Secretary (Maj James Foulerton RSDG) and I expect things to improve this coming season.

Ice Sports. I had a strong team of Chairman in each of the three Disciplines, Bobsleigh, Luge and Skeleton and the sports are well run. The Ice Camp in Igls, Austria went well with over 80+ competitors taking up sliding on ice in the 3 pursuits for the first time. The Army Female Bobsleigh team had another victory in the Inter Service Bobsleigh Championship, with Cpl Walker beating her old partner Cpl Gunn once again into second place. Sadly there were no other successes in either of the other two Disciplines but new talent has been identified. The Ice Camp takes place in Lillehammer in Norway commencing 30 Oct 09 and is well subscribed. The Novice and Junior Championships will be combining with the Intermediate and Senior Championships for EX RACING II and this returns to Igls in Feb 10.

Nordic. Exercise RUCKSACK took place in Obertilliach (Austria) for the full 2 weeks. The Navy was still not participating in the event, despite some valiant efforts by Brig John McIntosh, Chairman Nordic. I have spoken with ??? and hope that there may be news for next season. New talent has emerged but it may still be the same faces that will represent GB in the 2010 Winter Olympic Games in Vancouver (12 to 28 Feb 10). John handed over as Chairman at the end of the Exercise to Lt Col Angus Cameron RA and there is a new Secretary, Maj Richard Crawford RA. The 2010 event moves back to Ruhpolding in Germany.

Snowboard. Snowboard continues to thrive and is proving ever popular with Army personnel and there were some 180 athletes taking part in the Army Championships in Dec 08. The weather for that event was poor and I tasked Chairman Snowboard to look at moving the event, possibly in Les Contamines (France) to follow EX PIPEDOWN; discussions have taken place but the 2009 event will remain in Stubai following revised contract negotiations. The strength of both the Male and Female Snowboard Teams was aptly demonstrated once again as they took the honours in the Inter Service Championship at Meribel in France, with Capt Dani Stone RE from 28 Engr Regt winning the individual female and LCpl Clarke REME from 2 RTR winning the individual male titles. A number of Army boarders attended the British Snowboard Championships in Laax, Switzerland during the period 27 Mar to 3 Apr 09. Capt Dani Stone RE came third in the Open Snowboardcross event and Capt del Elesmore REME and SSgt Craig APTC achieved silver and bronze in the Masters (Over 35s) Snowboardcross event.

Telemark. I was delighted that Telemark continued to thrive and 80 athletes took part in the Army Championship in Rauris (Austria) in early Jan 09 and there was demonstration event at the Inter Service Ski and Snowboard Championships in Meribel in early Feb 09. A paper was provided to Combined Service Sport Board through Director Army Sport Control Board to try to gain "Recognised Status" for the sport, which would enable the public funding of CILOR, travel etc, thereby reducing the costs to the individuals. Regrettably due to the short time since being given

“Approved” status (Sep 07), “Recognised” status was not awarded. However the CSSB has promised extra funding for the 09/10 season through Paradigm Gainshare.

Exercises SPARTAN HIKE and PIPEDOWN. Both Exercises SPARTAN HIKE and PIPEDOWN went well in 2009, with plenty of snow again, and both were virtually full to capacity. Numbers may be down for the 2010 events as the MOD financial reigns are pulled tight on travel and on the TA & UOTCs.

CS Disabled Ski Team. The CSDST goes from strength to strength. It was set up in the summer of 2008 and ended the 08/09 season with 3 athletes being invited to join the British DST; 2 of these only learnt to ski in Mar 08. These three, (Capt Hewitt, Sgt Brennan and Tpr Shine) continue with the BDST for the 09/10 Season and are likely to be joined with approx 6 new athletes from across the three Services.

Finances and Sponsorship. You will be getting an update on AWSA finances shortly in the next Agenda Item, but you will be aware from the Press and around the Ministry that finance is extremely tight in Defence; this is likely to have implications on T&S and thus on team participation in the various WS events, especially the TA and UOTC at EX SH. Apart from that sponsorship is going extremely well with 6 new prime sponsors on board and I hope that the season will proceed relatively unaffected.

Summary. Staging high quality winter sports events continues to be expensive, especially with the very poor exchange rate against the Euro, and I am striving to get the best possible value for money from our funds. I am now at the end of my first year as Chairman and I can look back on the 2008/09 Season with much satisfaction; your Association is in good order. I wish all a most successful 09/10 Season and hope to see most at the various events.

**AWSA APPOINTMENTS 2009/10 SEASON**

<b>Ser</b>	<b>Appointment</b>	<b>09/10</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
<b>(a)</b>	<b>(b)</b>	<b>(d)</b>	<b>(e)</b>
1	President	Gen Sir David Richards	
2a	Deputy President 1	Lt Gen Coward	
2b	Deputy President 2	Maj Gen Dale	
2c	Deputy President 3	Maj Gen Deverell	
3	Chairman	Maj Gen Kirkland	
4	Vice Chairman	Col Grossmith	
4a	Public Fund Manager	Maj Davis	Tied post as SO2 G7 PD HQ 4 Div
5	Gen Sec BA(G) Sport Board	Col (Retd) Harrison	ASCB permanent Post
6	Secretary	Lt Col (Retd) Allen	ASCB Permanent Post
7	Assistant Secretary	Ms Walters	ASCB Permanent Post
8	Sponsorship Secretary	Lt Col Wakefield	
9	Chairman Alpine	Brig Dodson	
9a	Vice Chairman Alpine	Lt Col James	
9b	Secretary Alpine	Maj Christie	
9c	Chief Of Race Alpine	Lt Col (Retd) Hunt	
10	Chairman Snowboard	Col Bennett	
10a	Secretary Snowboard	Maj Ledger	
11	Chairman Telemark	Brig Haldenby	
11a	Secretary Telemark	Maj Clarke	
12	Chairman Nordic	Lt Col Cameron	
12a	Secretary Nordic	Maj Crawford	
13	Chairman Cresta	Maj Gen Bucknall	
13a	Secretary Cresta	Maj Foulerton	
14	Director Ice Sports	Brig Armstrong	
15	Chairman Bobsleigh	Maj Carter	
15a	Secretary Bobsleigh		Nomination TBC
16	Chairman Luge	Capt Gullan	
16a	Secretary Luge	SSgt Holmes	
17	Chairman Skeleton	Maj (Retd) McClellan	
17a	Secretary Skeleton	Capt Robson	
18	Secretary Ex S HIKE	Lt Col (Retd) Watkins	
19	Secretary Ex PIPEDOWN	Maj Phillips	Tied post as SO2 HQ RA 1 Div
20	Secretary Snow and Ice	Mrs Fielder	

(Wef 9 Nov 09)

**AWSA MAIN EVENTS CALENDAR 2009/2010 SEASON**

Event (a)	Name (b)	Location (c)	Dates (d)
<b><u>General</u></b>			
CSWSA Exec Committee Mtg 2009		MOD, London	26 Nov 09
<b>2010 Olympic Winter Games</b>		<b>Vancouver, CAN</b>	<b>12 – 28 Feb 10</b>
AWSA Management Mtg 2010/01		HQ 4 Div, Aldershot	20 Apr 09
AWSA Discipline Secs Mtg 2010/01		ASCB, Aldershot	15 Jun 10
CSWSA Meeting and CTP 2010		MOD & RHC Chelsea	22 Jun 10
AWSA Management Mtg 2010/02		TBC	Oct 10
AWSA AGM and CTP 2010		TBC	Oct 10
<b><u>Alpine</u></b>			
Land Ski Championships	Ex SPARTAN HIKE	Monetiers, FRA	9–19 Jan 10
1 Armd Div Ski Championships	Ex PIPEDOWN	Les Contamines, FRA	9–19 Jan 10
Army Ski Championships	Ex LIONS CHALLENGE	Serre Chevalier, FRA	20 – 29 Jan 10
Inter Services Championships	ISSSC	Meribel, FRA	30 Jan –6 Feb 10
<b>British Ski Championships</b>		<b>Meribel, FRA</b>	<b>27 Mar – 3 Apr 10</b>
<b><u>Snowboard</u></b>			
Army Championships	Ex SNOW JACK	Stubai, AUT	28 Nov – 18 Dec 09
Inter Services Championships	ISSSC	Meribel, FRA	30 Jan – 6 Feb 10
<b>British Snowboard Championships</b>		<b>Laax, CH</b>	<b>26 Mar to 2 Apr 10</b>
<b><u>Telemark</u></b>			
Army Championships	Ex TELEMAR TITAN	Rauris, AUT	4 – 18 Jan 10
Inter Services Championships	ISSSC	Meribel, FRA	30 Jan – 6 Feb 10
<b><u>Nordic</u></b>			
LAND Ski Championships	Ex SPARTAN HIKE	Monetiers, FRA	9–19 Jan 10
1 Armd Div Ski Championships	Ex PIPEDOWN	Les Contamines, FRA	9–19 Jan 10
<b>Army/Nat/Inter Svcs Chps</b>	<b>Ex RUCKSACK</b>	<b>Ruhpolding, GER</b>	<b>20 Jan – 4 Feb 10</b>
<b><u>Bobsleigh</u></b>			
Army Ice Camp Weeks 1 & 2	Ex RACING ICE I	Lillehammer, NOR	01 to 14 Nov 09
Army Championships (Novice, Junior, Intermediate & Senior – NJIS)	Ex RACING ICE II	Igls, AUT	14 to 21 Feb 10
Inter Services Championships		Lillehammer, NOR	03 – 14 Mar 10
<b>British Championships</b>		<b>TBC</b>	<b>TBC</b>
<b><u>Luge</u></b>			
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<b>British Championships</b>		<b>TBC</b>	<b>TBC</b>
<b><u>Skeleton</u></b>			
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<b>British Championships</b>		<b>TBC</b>	<b>TBC</b>
<b><u>Cresta</u></b>			
Army Junction (Novice) Chps	17/21L Cup	St Moritz, CH	22 Jan 10
Army Top Championships	Scots Guards Cup	St Moritz, CH	26 Jan 10
Inter Services Championships	Prince Phillip Trophy	St Moritz, CH	28 Jan 10