

Item (a)	Discussion and Decisions (b)	Action (c)
1 – Introduction	The Vice Chairman welcomed all to the AGM. He gave apologies for the absence on duty of the President and Chairman. The AWSA had another excellent season winning 7 out of the 12 Inter Service team Championships. The 17/18 season will go ahead as planned but warned that there are significant cuts in defence spending across all three Services and there is a perspective in Army HQ that a considerable amount of money is spent on WS. However, we are well supported by the Chairman, Comd Field Army, who fully understands the benefits that WS bring to our soldiers. He was confident of another very good season ahead.	
2 – Minutes of the Previous Meeting (Ref A)	The Minutes of the previous Meeting were approved unanimously as a true record of what was discussed by those who were present at the AGM in 2016.	
3 – Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes (Ref A)	Item 3, Para 1 – Increase in AWSA Subscriptions. The Secretary said the matter had been raised at the 02/17 Management Meeting earlier in the afternoon. As the AWSA had made a significant increase of income over expenditure last season, it was agreed that there would be no increase in subs for the 17/18 season. It would be looked at again at the end of the season.	Trustees
4 – Chairman’s Annual Report	The Vice Chairman gave a summary of the annual report to the AGM; a copy of the full report is at Annex A.	
5 – Financial Matters	<p>1. Overview. The Vice Chairman said that the Public Fund (PF) had remained constant and the PF Manager was publically congratulated on her hard work. She would be leaving shortly and will be replaced by Lt Col Rhodes RLC in early Dec 17. Team Army had done the AWSA proud and would be providing some £120K to the AWSA Non-Public Fund (NPF), with Saab, Thales and Nexter as the AWSA individual sponsors.</p> <p>2. NPF 16/17 Season Funding. The Secretary gave an overview of the 16/17 Account. The key tenets were:</p> <p>a. Income. Total income was circa £244K made up from sponsorship, ASCB grants, membership, investment dividends etc.</p> <p>b. Expenditure. Expenditure totalled circa £211K made up of Charitable activities, which were grants including the BBU and other items (Clothing, Website, Magazine costs etc) and Governance costs (Accountancy, Postage, Insurance etc).</p> <p>c. Overall. There was an excess of income over expenditure of some £33K, which was in full accord of the Trustees plans. The final statement of account will be published on the Website.</p> <p>3. NPF 17/18 Season Funding. The Secretary said that financial allocations had been made for the 17/18 season and there was likely to be an excess of expenditure over income of some £7.2K, due to increased costs.</p>	

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6 – AWSA Appointments for 2016/17	The Secretary briefed on the Appointments for 17/18 listed at Annex B.	
7 – Calendar 2016/17	The Secretary briefed on the calendar of events for the 17/18 Season, as detailed at Annex C.	
8 – Communications	<p>1. Snow & Ice Magazine. Mrs Moss, who was based in Milan, was accorded another huge vote of thanks again for her hard work on the 2017 Snow & Ice Magazine, which included details of the 70th Anniversary. The magazine will be sent out by end November. The Secretary emphasised the significance of the magazine as a means of communication and that it was extremely important for sponsors. Articles for the 2018 Magazine should be with the Editor by mid May 18.</p> <p>2. AWSA Website. The Secretary reminded the AGM that Mrs Moss was also the Webmaster and asked all to use the Website as much as possible (www.awsa.org.uk). He gave a plug for the AWSA's Facebook page.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>All</p>
9 – Any Other Business	<p>The Secretary said that the St Moritz Toboggan Club (SMTC) had been asked by Chairman UKAFWSA to look at allowing female riders to take part in the 2019 IS Cresta Championships and beyond. A decision from SMTC is awaited.</p> <p>{PMN: The AWSA was advised on 13 Nov 17 that the SMTC Committee had agreed to the UKAFWSA request to trial the participation of two female riders from each Service during the IS Cresta Championships on 31 Jan 18; this trial would subsequently be reviewed by the SMTC Committee at their meeting in May 18. Chairman UKAFWSA Cresta had already made contact with the Service Captains to ensure that two female riders take part; there will be no requirement for any reserves. The aim is to keep the event low-key and ensure the trial is a success.}</p>	Secretary
10 – Date of the next Meeting (DOTNM)	<p>The date of the 2018 AGM was unconfirmed at this stage but was likely to be in early November in the same venue.</p> <p>{PMN: Date confirmed as Tue 6 Nov 18 at the Cavalry & Guards Club, Piccadilly, London.}</p>	All
11 – AWSA Chairman's Closing Remarks	The Chairman said that the AWSA was in a good place for the new season and despite financial worries hoped that there would be little change. He thanked all of the Committee and Officials for making the AWSA such a success story. Public finances are getting tighter and there will be more scrutiny on not just Winter Sports' costs, but on Sport as a whole. He stressed the importance once again of sponsors. Most are generally altruistic and like what the AWSA provides; sponsorship is also good for business reasons as much business-to-business discussions take place. All were asked to brief sponsors that the AWSA is in a good position, committed and their sponsorship is hugely valued. He thanked all for another most useful and informative Meeting and looked forward to the CTP and the 17/18 Season ahead. Finally he thanked the Secretary for his dedication and hard work over the past 12.5 years and hoped he would enjoy his final season in post.	Trustees

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12 – Meeting Closure	The AGM closed at 1755 hrs – a near record.	

M K Allen

Lt Col M K Allen
Secretary AWSA
For Chairman

Annexes:

- A. Chairman's Report to the 2017 AGM.
- B. AWSA Appointments 2017/18.
- C. AWSA Calendar of Events 2017/18(+).

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VICE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO THE 2017 AWSA AGM
BRIG MP MOORE CBE – 1 NOV 17

A warm welcome to the AGM.

General. The AWSA has had another really good season, which is most pleasing considering we are celebrating our 70th Anniversary. With the continued reduction in operational commitments, the levels of participation were up on previous levels and this trend should continue, public funding permitting. Snow conditions were reasonable, but this did not detract from some excellent competitions. It was another strong set of results. The following provides a flavour of the Disciplines.

Alpine. The Army Championships, held in Serre Chevalier for the 26th consecutive year, was a great success, despite the Army team skiers (male and female) not attending due to a clash in dates with Inter Services Championships in Meribel. LCpl James Oldham 1 LANCS was the new Army Male champion and Capt Rebecca Ritchie was the new Female Champion. There were two new faces in the male Army Alpine Team; in particular Sappers Kick and Kuvall, both ex British Development Squad skiers. Whilst they won all of the four individual races between them in Meribel at the Inter-Services Championships, neither managed to win the individual combined Championship. However, the Men won the team event quite comfortably.

Cresta. Army Cresta continued their current form and fielded another strong team of six riders in the Inter-Services Championship. Capt Seccombe RY was runner-up in the individual title, but the team was victorious for the second time in two years.

Ice Sports. The Ice Camp in Igls went well with over 76 competitors taking up sliding on ice in the three pursuits for the first time. It was pleasing to see a number of these individuals progressing to the Army Championships. That event returned to Igls. The IS Championships were held jointly in Lillehammer, Norway. The Army male Bobsleigh team, mixed Luge team and Female Skeleton team won the team events. Gdmn Thompson IG and Sgt Scott RAMC won the male and female individual Luge titles with Capt Hayley Larcombe QARANC winning the individual female Skeleton title. A very good season for Ice!

Nordic. Exercise RUCKSACK took place once again in Ruhpolding and was most successful. There were 210 skiers from 33 teams participating. Both the Navy and RAF took part in the Inter-Services events, which was great news. 1 Regt RLC returned to the victory podium as the Champion Army Nordic Unit Ski Team and also won the Military Patrol Race. 6 Regt RLC won the Princess Marina Cup.

Snowboard. Snowboard's growth continues and there are two Championships, both held in Austria; the former in Kaunertal and the latter in Stubai. The first, Ex SNOW METHOD, was from 8 to 22 Oct 16, which comprised Freestyle and Boardercross events. The second, Ex SNOW JACK, was the main Championship and took place from 25 Mar to 8 Apr 17. The Army team for the Inter Services Championships in Meribel was selected on past performance and from results at the 2016 Ex SNOW METHOD. The Army Male team was beaten into second place by the RAF but the Female team was convincing winners in the Inter-Services Championships. Lcpl Shona Kinnear QARANC was the runner up once again in the individual female Championship.

Telemark. The Army championship moved to PLV (Prolognan La Vanoise) in France from 3 to 19 Jan 17 as Muerren was not quite fit for purpose. 76 skiers took part and the resort proved to be a resounding success from all aspects. The Inter-Services competition in Meribel went well, with all three Services taking part. The Navy won the team event, but Capt Julian Everard LD came second in the individual event.

Sponsorship. Sponsorship remains healthy with Team Army as the current generous mainstay, with Saab, Thales and Nexter generously providing other funding.

Appointments and Succession Planning. The five Deputy Presidents help to look after the major Disciplines, with one looking after Ice Sports; this continues to work well. There were no major changes to the hierarchy, with Gen Sir John remaining as President and Gen Patrick as Chairman.

2017/18 Season. The key future events in date order are as follows:

- EX SNOW METHOD Army Freestyle Snowboard Championship 14 – 28 Oct 17 in Kaunertal, Austria.
- EX TELEMAR TITAN The Army Telemark Championship 13 – 25 Jan 18 in PLV, France.
- EX LIONS CHALLENGE Army Alpine Championship 24 Jan – 2 Feb 18 in Serre Chevalier.
- EX RUCKSACK Nordic (Cross Country & Biathlon) Championships 24 Jan to 9 Feb 18 in Ruhpolding, Germany.
- The Inter Service Cresta Championship 31 Jan 18 in St Moritz.
- The Inter Service Snow Sports Championships 3 to 10 Feb 18 in Meribel, France, comprising Alpine, Snowboard and Telemark.
- The Army Ice Sports Championships 25 Jan – 3 Feb 18 in Winterberg, Germany.
- The IS Ice Sports Championships 25 Feb – 3 Mar 18 in Igls, Austria.
- EX SNOW JACK The Army Snowboard Championship 10 – 24 Mar 18 in Stubai, Austria.

Summary. I am hugely grateful for your personal support for Winter Sports. This has proved invaluable once again for the 16/17 Season and we have managed to celebrate our 70th Anniversary with much success. Our forebears can look down on us with immense pride. I hope to see many of you on the slopes in the 17/18 season. Your Association is in excellent order.

AWSA APPOINTMENTS 2017/18 (Wef 23 Nov 17)

Ser	Appointment	17/18	Remarks
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
1	President	Lt Gen Sir John Lorimer KCB DSO MBE	
1a	Hon Life President	Gen Sir Peter Wall GCB CBE	
2	Chairman	Lt Gen PNYM Sanders CBE DSO	Trustee
3	Vice Chairman	Brig MP Moore CBE	Trustee. TBC May 18
3a	Trustee	Brig (Retd) Haldenby	Trustee
4a	Deputy President 1 – Alpine	Maj Gen MJ Gaunt CB	
4b	Deputy President 2 – Snowboard	Maj Gen NJ Cavanagh	
4c	Deputy President 3 – Ice	Maj Gen RB Nitsch CBE	
4d	Deputy President 4 – Nordic	Maj Gen CL Tickell CBE	
4e	Deputy President 5 – Telemark	Maj Gen Sir Edward Smyth-Osbourne KCVO CBE	
5	Gen Sec BF(G) Sports Board	Col (Retd) Harrison OBE	ASCB Permanent Post (+)
6	Public Funding Manager	Lt Col JER Rhodes RLC	Wef 1 Dec 17
7	Director Sponsorship	Lt Col JA Scott MBE	Trustee. TBC Feb 18
8	Director Media	TBC	
9	Secretary	Lt Col (Retd) MK Allen	ASCB Permanent Post (*)
9a	Assistant Secretary	Ms DM Walters	ASCB Permanent Post
9b	Bookkeeper	Mrs W Porter	ASCB Permanent Post
10	Editor Snow & Ice Magazine	Mrs C Moss	Website Manager
11	Chairman Alpine	Maj Gen KL Ford CBE	
11a	Vice Chairman Alpine	Lt Col TP Spenlove-Brown SDG	
11b	Secretary Alpine	Lt Col BH Smith R Signals	
12	Chairman Nordic	Col AD Thurgood	Col LJN Daley wef Feb 18
12a	Vice Chairman Nordic	Col M Pullan MBE	
12b	Secretary Nordic	Capt T Furlong RLC	
12c	Secretary EX RUCKSACK	Maj AJ Lloyd RLC	
13	Chairman Snowboard	Brig RNH Bennett MVO	
13b	Secretary Snowboard	Lt Col EAH Whishaw RE	
14	Chairman Telemark	Brig S Anderson	
14a	Vice Chairman Telemark	Lt Col MJ Birch RHA	Chairman wef Feb 18
14b	Secretary Telemark	Maj JC Painting AGC (ETS)	
15	Director Ice Sports	Col SB Crossfield	
16	Chairman Bobsleigh	Lt Col HS Smyth RAMC	Maj G Cooke RLC Feb 18
16a	Secretary Bobsleigh	TBC	
17	Chairman Luge	Capt LN Wyatt RE	
17a	Secretary Luge	WO2 G Holmes RE	
18	Chairman Skeleton	Maj TDE Haskell RA	
18a	Secretary Skeleton	SSgt N Moxon R Signals	
19	Chairman Cresta	Gen Sir James Everard KCB CBE	
19a	Deputy Chairman Cresta	Brig IJ Gibb	
19b	Captain & Secretary Cresta	Maj PJR Chiswick LG	
20	Ex Con Ex SPARTAN HIKE	Maj RA Young RAPTC	
21	Ex Con Ex PIPEDOWN	Lt Col RRT Eve RA	

Bold name signifies new incumbent for 2017/18 season.

(+) Post to go once BF(G) Sports Board closes.

(*) Secretary AWSA retires on 11 Oct 18

AWSA CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2017/18 (+) SEASON

Event	Name	Location	Dates
General			
2018 AWSA Screening Meetings		Army HQ	Wed 25 Apr 18
01/18 AWSA Management Meeting		Army HQ	Thu 3 May 18
2018 Discipline Secretaries Meeting		ASCB	Tue 4 Sep 18
02/18 AWSA Management Meeting		Cav & Gds Club, London	Tue 6 Nov 18
2018 AGM & CTP		Cav & Gds Club, London	Tue 6 Nov 18
Alpine			
Divisional Championships 1	Ex SPARTAN HIKE	Monetiers, FRA	14 – 24 Jan 18
Divisional Championships 2	Ex PIPEDOWN	Les Contamines, FRA	13 – 23 Jan 18
<i>RN Alpine Championships</i>		<i>Tignes, FRA</i>	<i>13 – 27 Jan 18</i>
<i>RAF Alpine Championships</i>		<i>Saalbach/Hint-gm, AUT</i>	<i>13 – 27 Jan 18</i>
Army Ski Championship	Ex LIONS CHALLENGE	Serre Chevalier, FRA	24 Jan – 2 Feb 18
<i>Inter Services Championships</i>	<i>ISSSC</i>	<i>Meribel, FRA</i>	<i>3 – 10 Feb 18</i>
British Ski Championships		TBC, FRA	16 – 31 Mar 18
Nordic			
Divisional Championships 1	Ex SPARTAN HIKE	Monetiers, FRA	14 – 23 Jan 18
Divisional Championships 2	Ex PIPEDOWN	Les Contamines, FRA	13 – 23 Jan 18
Army/Nat/IS Championships	Ex RUCKSACK	Ruhpolding, GER	24 Jan – 9 Feb 18
Snowboard			
Army Freestyle Championships	Ex SNOW METHOD	Kaunertal, AUT	14 – 28 Oct 17
<i>Inter Services Championships</i>	<i>ISSSC</i>	<i>Meribel, FRA</i>	<i>3 – 10 Feb 18</i>
Army Championships	EX SNOW JACK	Stubai, AUT	10 – 24 Mar 18
British Snowboard Championships		LAAX, CH	25 Mar – 9 Apr 18
Telemark			
Army & British Championships	Ex TELEMAR TITAN	Pralognan La Vanoise (PLV), FRA	13 – 25 Jan 18
<i>Inter Services Championships</i>	<i>ISSSC</i>	<i>Meribel, FRA</i>	<i>3 – 10 Feb 18</i>
Alpine & Snowboard			
51 Brigade Championships	Ex SNOW LION	Aviemore, UK	2 – 11 Mar 18
Ice Sports			
Bobsleigh			
Army Ice Camp Weeks 1 & 2	Ex RACING ICE I	Igls, AUT	27 Nov – 9 Dec 17
Army Championships (Novice, Junior, Intermediate & Senior – NJIS)	Ex RACING ICE II	Winterberg, GER	25 Jan – 3 Feb 18
Army Pre-IS Week	Ex RACING ICE III	Igls, AUT	19 – 23 Feb 18
<i>Inter Services Championships</i>		<i>Igls, AUT</i>	<i>25 Feb – 3 Mar 18</i>
British Championships		TBC	TBC
Luge			
Army Ice Camp Weeks 1 & 2	Ex RACING ICE I	Igls, AUT	27 Nov – 9 Dec 17
Army Championships (NJIS)	Ex RACING ICE II	Winterberg, GER	25 Jan – 3 Feb 18
Army Pre-IS Week	Ex RACING ICE III	Igls, AUT	19 – 23 Feb 18
<i>Inter Services Championships</i>		<i>Igls, AUT</i>	<i>25 Feb – 3 Mar 18</i>
British Championships		TBC	TBC
Skeleton			
Army Ice Camp Weeks 1 & 2	Ex RACING ICE I	Igls, AUT	27 Nov – 9 Dec 17
Army Championships (NJIS)	Ex RACING ICE II	Winterberg, GER	25 Jan – 3 Feb 18
Army Pre-IS Week	Ex RACING ICE III	Igls, AUT	19 – 23 Feb 18
<i>Inter Services Championships</i>		<i>Igls, AUT</i>	<i>25 Feb – 3 Mar 18</i>
British Championships		Igls, AUT	19 – 25 Nov 17
Cresta			
Army Junction Championship	17/21 Lancers Cup	St Moritz, CH	27 Jan 18
Army Top Championship	Scots Guards Cup	St Moritz, CH	29 Jan 18
<i>Inter Services Championship</i>	<i>Prince Phillip Trophy</i>	<i>St Moritz, CH</i>	<i>31 Jan 18</i>

Event	Name	Location	Dates
Winter Games			
2018 Olympic Winter Games	OWG	Pyeongchang, S Korea	9 – 25 Feb 18
2018 Paralympic Winter Games	PWG	Pyeongchang, S Korea	9 – 18 Mar 18

FORECAST OF FUTURE AWSA (+) EVENTS 2019 – 2024

Ser	Dates	EXs SH & PDN	EX LC	EX RUCKSACK	ISSSC	Remarks
1	2019	12 – 23 Jan 19	22 Jan – 1 Feb 19	23 Jan – 8 Feb 19	2 – 9 Feb 19	
2	2020	11 – 22 Jan 20	21 Jan – 31 Jan 20	22 Jan – 7 Feb 20	1 – 8 Feb 20	
3	2021	9 -20 Jan 21	19 Jan – 29 Jan 21	20 Jan – 5 Feb 21	30 Jan – 6 Feb 21	
4	2022	8 – 19 Jan 22	18 Jan – 28 Jan 22	19 Jan – 4 Feb 22	29 Jan – 5 Feb 22	
5	2023	15 – 24 Jan 23	25 Jan – 3 Feb 23	25 Jan – 9 Feb 23	28 Jan – 4 Feb 23	Note
6	2024	14 – 24 Jan 24	24 Jan – 2 Feb 24	25 Jan – 8 Feb 24	3 – 10 Feb 24	

Note. There will be a potential clash with the 2023 EX LC as the 2023 ISSSC cannot take place the following week as it would coincide with the French Paris Half-Term holiday. As it affects only the Army Alpine teams, then the same arrangements for the 2017 ISSSC with the teams moving directly from EXs SH & PDN to the ISSSC will be necessary.