



**UK Airsoft Players Union
MANAGEMENT MEETING
Conducted via Skype p2p audio conference
Tuesday 29th February 2016 2100
MINUTES**

1. Attendees

Richard Lewis **RL**
Matt Furey-King **MFK**
David Weston **DW**
William Kei Ho **WKH**
Lee Dempsey **LD**
James Williams **JW**
Harvey Meads **HM**
Lisa Cooper **LC**
Roy McIntire **RM**
Phil Bucknall **PB**

Apologies

Nil

2. Previous Meeting Minutes

Not relevant as last meeting was July 2014

a. Matters Arising

Nil relevant outstanding.

3. Police and Crime Bill (PCB)

On March 11th MFK and JW will attend the Home Office airsoft meeting. MFK considers bill is generally pro airsoft, seems well intentioned and non political. Discussed concerns over the fine points of current draft of PCB. Main areas members wish to raise with HO are;

- i) 8mm airsoft replicas should be classed as airsoft
- ii) '6mm' BBs are, technically, sub 6mm
- iii) Airsoft replicas are not 'only' capable of firing plastic based BBs
- iv) With a specified lethality threshold set so low for automatic models (1.3J) most automatic airsoft replicas could become, under test conditions, section 5 firearms, even if maintained and used at sub 1.3J by the owner. This has not been an issue in the past due to the grey area surrounding lethality making prosecutions more trouble than they are worth for the Police/CPS. After the PCA is brought into law members may be vulnerable to prosecution due to the following variables;
 - Joule creep (all types)
 - Temperature effects (particularly GBB)
 - Unpredictable outcome of modifications (all types)



- Mislabeled personal imports (particularly budget AEG)
- Gas type used (GBB)
- Regulator/controller adjustments (HPA)
- Deselection of semi locking (AEG DMR)
- Hop settings (all types)
- Quick change springs (AEG)

Also it was considered that the general ease of upgrading airsoft replicas of all types (especially AEG) would likely make them all classified as 'readily convertible'.

Committee approved reimbursement of travel expenses for MFK and JW. JW to process after HO meeting.

| Ref | Responsible | Action | Timescale | Status |
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| FEB16/1 | MFK | Touch base with other parties prior to meeting. | Before 11/03/16 | Open |
| FEB16/2 | MFK/JW | Raise highlighted points at meeting | N/A | Open |

4. Scotland Airgun Bill

MFK seeks to clarify relationship between airsoft exception and Scotland Airgun Bill. Suggested concept of a 'UKAPU airgun club' to prevent members in Scotland needing to apply for an airgun license for tuned up sniper rifles. Scotland rep required to tackle these issues.

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| FEB16/3 | WKH | Advertise Scotland Rep vacancy. | End of March | Open |

5. European Parliament Visit

MFK outlined objectives for the meeting of the European Parliament where he has been invited to attend as a representative of the EAA. Will defend airsoft interests by arguing that replicas should not be reclassified as firearms and also that blank fire grenades should not be reclassified either. EAA President passed on thanks to UKAPU for sending a representative at short notice and at expense.

6. Any Further Items

None. Suggest any additional discussion is held on Facebook group.

7. Date and Format of Next Meeting

MFK will convene committee to report in after the HO meeting, likely on Skype again