

**United Kingdom Airsoft Players Union
Annual General Meeting
20th November 2010**

**At the Brunswick Arms
Worcester**

In Attendance: James Williams, Matt Furey-King, Hayden Morgan, Gareth Neale, Mike Prosser, Tim Wyborn (UKASGB), Chris Neill, Mark Gillard, Stephanie Fellows

1. Apologies

Boris Borkowski, Frank Bothamly (UKARA), Dave Murphy, Ashley Chandler, Phil Bucknall, Martin Riley, Jon Bousie

2. Minutes of the last AGM

Nil

3. Annual reports

a. The meeting began with a welcome from the Chairman and a reading of his report;

“Firstly I would like to thank the members of the committee and management who have taken our concept for a player’s body and gotten behind it unreservedly. Without constant effort, for no personal gain, from these few people, the association would have floundered. I am massively appreciative for the superb work that has been put in and for the ongoing commitment that each of you has made.

UKAPU has now been operating as a body for a year, which is a milestone that no players association had previously been able to achieve. In just a year we have made great leaps in establishing our position and championing the rights of the individual skirmisher. Yet this is no time to rest on our laurels. The current form of UKAPU is just a gestation period. As hard as our team has worked to get where we are the, body of work to turn the association into what it needs to become will be carried out in the next few years.

The two main issues for the next year will be firstly ensuring players interests are represented in any discussions on lethality and secondly recruiting, to strengthen our position. The key to big advances this year will be our members getting directly involved. We are in great need of localised representatives and recruiters as well as people assist in the running of UKAPU. If you are a dedicated skirmisher and have some spare time to dedicate to a worthy cause, or know of someone suitable, then please get in touch.

Primarily though, we need everyone who agrees with what we are trying to do to join up. It takes a measly £5 of their money and a few minutes filling out the online form on our site. Whether they lend us moral support or not is almost irrelevant - for the people we interface with on players behalf, what matters is how many members we have.”

b. The Registrar presented his report of which the following were the key points.

- Current membership stands at 169
- The upcoming database migration may lead to some teething problems
- Some sites have been very slow to respond in verification of members.
- A push to get access to directly verify UKARA status would be beneficial.

c. Other Reports

Press Officer- Since taking over the role advances have been made over the last 6 months in establish airsoft media contacts. New website is required, web admin currently working on this task.

4. Accounts (Treasurer’s and Auditor’s reports)

The Treasurer presented the accounts and confirmed that sets had been sent to the auditor. The auditor had not yet returned a report but this was taken as an indication that no discrepancies were found. Auditors report to be sought in the coming weeks and accounts to be presented on association website.

Tim Wyborn made the point that insurance was not a listed expense and would be a prudent item to look at. This was agreed; Phil Bucknall had already looked into this and will be asked to provide costings.

5. Election of Officers

After the voting papers were counted by Gareth Neale (stand in scrutineer) the following positions were appointed:

a. Chairman – Matt Furey-King

b. Press Officer – Chris Neill

c. Registrar – Hayden Morgan

d. Secretary – Unable to appoint as the nominee, Ashley Chandler was unable to attend. Secretary to be appointed by committee decision at a later meeting. Alteration to constitution suggested by Tim to enable non present nominees to be appointed.

e. Treasurer – James Williams

19 votes were received in total, and all were unanimous in voting for the above position holders.

The following management positions were then co-opted by the voting members present;

Events Manager – Gareth Neale

Web Manager – Linas Masteika

Forum Admin – Mike Prosser

Discounts Manager – To be appointed as the current manager, Jon Clegg, is unable to stand in this role again.

Newsletter Editor- Phil Bucknall feels unable to dedicate enough time to the position, replacement editor to be sought. Newsletter to be postponed until replacement is found.

Renewals Manager – This new role was suggested for assisting the Registrar as it is suspected that renewals will place too great a workload on Hayden. Renewals manager to be sought before April.

The outgoing secretary, editor and discounts manager were thanked for their time in role.

6. Subscription Rate

James put forward that the account balance was healthy under the current subscription rate. Chris suggested that funds could be raised in other ways should they be needed.

£5 seems a suitable figure for the same reasons it was initially brought in, proposed Matt FK, seconded Hayden. Members present voted unanimously in favour.

7. Other Business

It was decided to close the AGM as soon as possible and discuss the general association matters in an immediately subsequent meeting.

Expenses

The treasurer proposed to pay back all the float money that had been stumped up at the start to fund the basics, notably:

Boris Borkowski £50

Phil Bucknall £25

James Williams £25

Hayden Morgan £25

This was proposed by James and seconded by Matt, motion passed unanimously

There was an outstanding balance on the badges invoice of £48.45 that had been paid for in full by Matt FK, James proposed to pay this back, seconded Hayden, motion passed unanimously

8. Date of next AGM

The 19th of November 2011 would place it on the same Saturday, the venue was found satisfactory.

The timing was discussed and whilst later would benefit more local attendees who work till 5pm meant long distance travellers were heading home at a reasonable hour.