The meeting of the UKAPU 11th March 2010

Location: Skype
Attendance:
Matthew Furey-King
David Murphy
Hayden Morgan
Phil Bucknall
James Williams
Jamie Stevens

Agenda

1.Progress Reports

a. Chairman

UKARA and UKASGB still happy with progress, AI consulted and are keen to feature UKAPU. Chair has been talking to the European Airsoft Association who are keen for us to join. Was recommended that we speak to the Irish Airsoft Association as well as they are already set up and may have a few British players on their books. Chair to touch base with them.

b. Press Officer

Hybrid logo presented by the press officer. This is available to view at http://www.flickr.com/photos/13106106@N03/4425581942/

Proposed for use as the official logo by Matthew Furey King and seconded by Phil Bucknall. All in attendance voted in favour.

c. Treasurer

Opening a bank account has recently become more difficult. need to examine recent suggestion of community interest company.

d. Registrar

It was brought to the attention of the committee that utilising the database will require people with skills in MySQL and PHP but shouldn't be an issue. It was suggested that the registrar would manually create the database records and that users won't be able to alter their data. So far the code has been written so that the users create their records but not alter them. James Stevens has mentioned that MySQL is a database and PHP can link into it but a front-end will be required. It was discussed about complying with the Data Protection Act and registering with the information commissioners office (ICO). It was discussed about registering with the ICO as a gesture to skirmishers. Jamie Stevens suggests that it would not be required or of benefit and James Williams agreed. Phil Bucknall proposed we don't do it at this point and seconded by James Williams. All voted in favour of not initially Registering with the ICO.

e. Secretary

The meeting room is booked for the 27th of March between 6-8pm, 10th April 6-8pm and 24th April 6-8pm. Jamie Stevens is unable to make the March date

f. Any Other Reports

Nil

2. Player Benefits

Insurance - Jamie will try to get insurance info from his work place.

Advice articles— Viscount Charles is not responding to messages at the moment. Possible speak to another lawyer to write an article on sale of goods act and other items such as VCRA compliance advice. Dave Murphy to chase another lawyer up. All pathfinders asked to consider drafting articles for the website.

Newsletter – Suggested that a dedicated autonomic co-opted position be created under the control of press officer, with the sole responsibility of creating and publishing the newsletter. Proposal that the Newsletter editor is Phil Bucknall, by Matthew Furey King, Seconded by Yams and all voted in favour of.

Home Office – All players should be able to view the minutes on the public part of the website not just members

Website- to be a standard website that is static. Jamie Stevens to implement ASAP Forums to move to /forum.

Forums – Make efforts not to duplicate the activities of other airsoft forums.. Post about the launch on other forums but then direct them to our forums. Ask that UKAPU business should be on the UKAPU forum and we should not try and chase UKAPU posts on other forums.

Patches – Not going to be individual numbered but about £1.20 per patch.

Polo Shirts – http://www.swift-uk.com for possible polo shirts for us and other players. UKAPU merchandise in shop to help bolster income.

Skirmish Dairy – Not mandatory, costing to be researched by Ben Meloy

ID Tags – About £4 for tags but Boris is going to see if it's possible to get them cheaper. Probably of limited interest. Suggested that the first 100 player numbers are put on an e-bay auction with limited edition tags.

Membership Discount for bring in other members – Put a box on the membership form so it shows who has refereed them and then maybe lower the cost of membership for the following year.

Kit Tagging – Gareth Neil is looking into.

Free Airsoft Publications. - Add links to the newsletter.

Discounted Retailers – Need some way of identifying members, non photo ID card or rotating discount code discussed. Retailers to be asked what they would be happy to accept.

3.Web Forum Management Executive Role Eligibility Deferred due to absence of affected individuals

4. Constitution

No alterations suggested. Ratification deferred. Boomer currently examining constitution from a legal perspective.

5. Two Tones

Despite rumours to the contrary, the home office do not seem greatly worried by the use of two tones in skirmishes. All agreed that the use of two tones was not beneficial or necessary for the vast majority of players. Gareth Perkins made the point in the last meeting that we represent Skirmishers and as such, skirmishers don't have an need to purchase need Two-Tones anyway. Clause 3.5 in the Code of Conduct has been written to strongly discourage using Two-Tones in skirmishes. Matt proposes that we do not need to impose any further measures to restrict the use of two tones by members, beyond paragraph 3.5 in the code of conduct. Seconded by Jamie Williams and all voted for in favour.

6. Website

Layout ideas forwarded by matt, Jamie to implement website.

- 7. Any other business
 Junior members- would likely be entitled to most benefits. Junior members will simply be full members that are under 18
- 8. Confirm date of next meeting 27th March
- 9. Summary of Actions to be Taken before Next Meeting Bios to be sent into Phil ASAP for the newsletter. James Williams to read into Community Interest Companies.