

Minutes of the fourth UKAPU Meeting

Date: 27/03/2010

Attendees:

Matthew Furey-King

David Murphy

Hayden Morgan

Gareth Neale

James Williams

Minutes of the last meeting held on the 11/03/10 were agreed as correct. This was proposed by James Williams and seconded by Gareth Neale.

Progress Reports

Chairman's Report.

Mps have been contacted with some support indicated by Matts local Conservative candidates, with his local Labour candidate showing support and writing to the HO on our behalf. No response as yet from shadow home sec and home sec. Airsoft International, Take Aim and Airsoft Soldier have been contacted and they are all happy to run an article to help promote UKAPU.

Press Officer's Report.

Requires website login details from james sanders. Matt to arrange.

Treasurer's Report.

The Bank account could take up to a month to be set up. Though a potential fall back plan was thought of and that was to open a joint account under James Williams and Matthew Furey-King's name and run with that until the main account is open. Opening as a Community Interest Company has been ruled out due to rules around being a C.I.C. Prevents fighting against legislation.

Motion was carried to progress with the account and opening the joint account as a fall back plan.

Registrar's Report.

Have an e-mail address set-up as Registrar@UKAPU.co.uk. Holds questions over how members will pay. Google Merchant is a little confusing. Backup membership system in progress incase of failure of web based one. Trial web based when access is granted to website.

Any Other Reports

Newsletter Editor is currently writing an article for Airsoft International, Airsoft Soldier and Take Aim magazines.

Player Benefits

Patches

It was suggested that this would be handed out as gifts to the players upon joining. Though James Williams feels this isn't a good idea based upon cost. It was decided to get 100 patches for launch at

site based upon the average player count at site of choice being about 70 players. Sell for £1 but not include one with members fee. Matt to research.

Skirmish Diary

This was decided against for the launch due to cost and time constraint issues.

Microdots

£30 for 1000 dots from one company. Only problem with this is they are UV reactant. The company keeps the number and the address of the owner on record. Another possibility is 200 dots and sell for about £5. James Williams suggests maybe we set it as our address being the owner and we can have it placed on record the owner and their address. We could also place on the records where the dots are placed on the RIF. It was decided to defer this for the time being.

Member Fees.

Set at £5 to increase likelihood of high numbers of members. No physical benefits for the launch other than representation and web based benefits. Proposed by Matthew Furey-King and Seconded by Hayden Morgan. All voted in favour.

Membership Cards

Only full members get cards. To be printed on registrars printer to save cost, then laminated

Constitution

No word from Boomer. No alterations. Deferred.

Web Forum Management Rule Eligibility

Deferred until the next meeting due to absence of affected individuals

Events Manager

Position was made available by Matthew Furey-King and it was proposed that Gareth Neale is made the Events Manager. This was seconded by James Williams and all voted in favour. The opening event would ideally be held at First and Only's 'The Mall' site. The current idea is to wear polo shirts or Iron-on transfer on a black t-shirt to make us stand out and recognisable to others. Gareth Neale is to get an iron-on kit to experiment with this. James Williams is to get a table we can use and see if he can find some DPM cloth to go over it. Possibility of a banner with a high resolution logo on it depending on the size needed and the price. Also the possibility of a flyer being handed out. This could be the newsletter. The IT equipment needed would be a small screen to play the videos. The videos have been passed to Matthew Furey-King already. A paper application form is being done by Hayden Morgan.

Registrar's Equipment

A Laminator, Laser Printer, Book of stamps and card are required. Amongst the group it was discovered that a laminator was already accessible and it was decided that a laser printer could be purchased when we have the funds. It was decided that we should get watermarked paper to stop forgery. Hayden is to get the paper and perform a test print and Gareth to get the paper printed on.

Hayden is also to look into rubber stamps for us to stamp cards and possibly stamp skirmish diaries. It was also discussed that a skirmisher is can be anyone who is playing at a site and we could be covered by saying we signed them up at a place that the activity of skirmishing takes place. Though we should protect ourselves by placing on the form that we signed them up at a skirmish site.

Bank Account Float

It was discussed that we need approx £300. The float will be there for quite some time before anyone can claim any of it back, if at all. James Williams is to e-mail every path finder and ask if they can place £25 into the account.

Launch Weekend

A three pronged attack on the forums, magazines and news portals. Each with a post about UKAPU opening up and a link to the UKAPU site for players to read more about it. Possibility of limited edition dog-tags for first 100 members as a special gift.

Community Interests Companies

As discussed earlier it was decided that this is a no go due to the rules around being a Community Interest Company. It was proposed that we remain as a Unincorporated Company by Matthew Furey-King. This was seconded by James Williams and all voted in favour.

Any other Business

Official Forum Manager for the UKAPU forums.
This was deferred for now

Solicitor contactable for additional legal advice
James Hindle is a possibility though he can't guarantee help straight away but is willing. Does lack knowledge of the sport and possibly the VCRA but can read up on it.

Next Meeting

Dates changed to suit circumstances

Time: 18:00 – 20:00

Date: April 17th

Location: Manor Farm Inn.

Also Meeting on Skype to be held on April 24th

Actions to be taken

Chair- contact Jammers, carry on contacting MP's, research patch costs, Lloyds id form

Treasurer- find table, open joint and business accounts, send float mailout

Secretary- distribute minutes, Lloyds id form

Registrar- Lloyds id form, prep full registration system, price up stamps, ask Gareth L about google merchant

Press- work on website, revise logo for gaz n

Editor- articles for 3 magazines, newsletter/flyer for launch

All- reminded to sign up to association before launch, asked to volunteer money for the float