

UKAPU Meeting 30/01/10

Held at Manor Farm, Melvin Road, Wiltshire

Attendees

Matthew Furey-King
David Murphy
Hayden Morgan
Liam McCormick
Gareth Perkins
Sam Fellows
Ben Meloy
Jonathan Pimbley
Rhys Vokes
Jamie Penny
James Williams
Marc Wood
Mark Gillard
Mike Prosser

Apologies from
Oli
Ken Elston
Phil Bucknall
James Sanders
Jamie Stevens

Progress Report

Chairman

Matthew Furey-King has conversed with UKARA and UKASGB heads. They are more than happy with the progress and direction of UKAPU. UKARA to debate letting us use the database for player references in the same way as retailer. Home Office now aware of our existence. In reference to the last meeting, Unincorporated associations and non incorporated associations are the same.

Press Officer

Jamie Sanders had sent Matthew Furey-King three potential logos since we he was unable to attend the meeting. Logo three was well liked by the group and the 'U' mag feed was well liked. After discussion between the group the group decided that possibly merging the UK together and requested that the 1st and 3rd logos be combined for viewing at the next meeting.

Treasurer

James Williams had visited a bank and that they are happy to open an account for us. He mentioned that tax returns are unlikely to be an issue. The account would be straight forward to set up.

Registrar

Gareth Llewellyn currently working on our database. Hayden also mentioned that through contacting Sites we would be able to establish our own contact details list

Web Forum Management Executive Role Eligibility

This was deferred until the next meeting due to absence of any affected members.

Launch Timetable

The Chairman put forward that we would need to launch before the general election, so that in the likely event that a new home secretary was installed (from a cabinet reshuffle or a change in ruling party) they would enter into the job with UKAPU as stakeholder, rather than UKAPU coming into the consultation at a later point. It was also considered that whilst seeking votes, MP's from all parties may pledge to help airsoft skirmishing. James Sanders suggested creating a template letter that all the members could send to their local MP.

Timetable for launch was confirmed as (Barring any unforeseen circumstances)

Meeting 3- 27th February 2010

Meeting 4- 27th March 2010

Meeting 5- 10th April

Pre Launch Meeting 24th April

Launch Day 25th April

Player Benefits

Personal Insurance

This idea was rejected

Kit Insurance

Look into possible loss, damage, theft of kit at sites. Some members mentioned this could be covered by contents insurance. Ask Jamie Stevens if he has any expertise in this field.

ID Card

This was rejected due to this not being of worth to the members.

Online Content

This was considered a worthwhile benefit. members were asked to post ideas on the forum.

Legal Verified Advice Articles

Deemed to be of worth to members. Await contact with 'Viscount Charles', contact Sean from UKASGB

Newsletter

Worth pursuing. Good ideas generated, Post ideas on forum.

Feedback from Home Office + Other Associations

Feedback should be the number one priority and a deadline of approximately one week should be set for passing out information. Also it was mentioned that it should be checked as to what can be distributed and what had to be held until official HO minutes are released.

Discounted Retailers

Of value, difficult to arrange pre launch. Possibly contact shops via UKARA general meeting

Annual Game

A well liked suggestion. This will be looked into for next year.

Online Forum

It was suggested that we do not alienate any existing online forum users by duplicating airsoft discussions, but maintain our own public forum for association discussion.

Patches

Patches with the UKAPU logo on to show other players that the player is with UKAPU. Possible to do in different colours for load-outs. Gareth Perkins to look into this.

Skirmish Diary/Logbook/Passport

Very worthwhile, Ben Meloy to research.

Regional Competitions

It was decided to get a membership going and then see what the players wanted.

ID Tags

Gaz Perkins to research for next meeting.

Training Days

These were decided to be a good idea and be worthwhile after launch.

Airsoft Show

Possibility of arranging a UK airsoft show after launch. For now, Jamie Penney to find dates of UK airsoft events and militaria shows to attend in order to raise association profile.

Airsoft Holidays

worthwhile after launch if there was sufficient interest

Airsoft Mentor System

Several suggestions were made that would help new players in more effective ways than a direct mentor. Possible child protection issues.

Member Kudos System

Not well received. Agreed that members should be rewarded on merit not by a points system. Pathfinder scheme met with approval (pathfinder status could be awarded to useful members of the association in order to assist the committee and provide a reward).

Minimise Member Fees

It was agreed to attempt to keep membership under £10 or possibly adopt a Ryan Air approach with members buying the benefits they wanted. It was also suggested that each member gets a unique benefit from joining that can't be obtained any other way. Await costings of benefits.

Stolen Kit

Possibly add a section of 'Lost and Found' kit and place it on the website for members to view lost or stolen kit.

Tagging

Mike prosser to research spray security tagging feasibility

Free Airsoft Publications

Possibly include some of the free online publications with each newsletter.

Representation

Give the players the representation they want to the government and the media. Agreed as the main benefit we can provide.

Constitution

Deferred, members asked to examine and comment on UKAPU forum. No immediate objections to Initial draft.

Power Limit Policy

Agreed that UKAPU should not make a legal recommendation as the law is very unclear at this point and the committee do not have the legal expertise, but that we should be able to suggest what is a safe velocity for skirmishers to use in certain situation. Recommend to members to stick to local site limits. Await home office recommendation.

Any Other Business

Nil

Date of the Next Meeting

27th February

Summary of actions

Aforementioned volunteers to research individual player benefits in time for a report at the next meeting.

Forum Discussion to commence on several articles.