

Minutes of the meeting of the United Kingdom Airsoft Players Union
held via Skype
on Monday May 10th 2010

Present: Matt Furey-King (Chairman), Hayden Morgan (Registrar), James Williams (Treasurer),
Jamie Stevens (Press Officer), Chris Neill, Gareth Neale, Phil Bucknall

Apologies: Dave Murphy (Secretary)

1. Purpose of Meeting

Meeting held as a measure to correct urgent issues, as such it was decided to concentrate on the issues and leave general discussion and reports till a later meeting.

2. Website:

Chris will draw from the forum thread the details of faults needing to be corrected on the website; any further faults should either be posted there or sent direct.

Issues raised;

- Payment button, specifically the ability to choose what style of patch is wanted and the ability to see a picture of what they look like. Chris will look into the button integration and other issues.
- SSL security certificate, host company has this and it simply needs adding to our website.
- Complaint received from Dave Golik regarding the lack of privacy policy on the application form and SSL encryption. He has sent a standard policy for us to adapt and Jamie will look it over. Matt to arrange SSL encryption via James Sanders.
- It has been noted that we really need help with the back-end maintenance of the website, Matt felt that an email to members to see if anyone has the skills to help would be most beneficial.
- Membership fee should be made clearer on the website.
- SASPRA should be added to the links page.
- Code of conduct to be added to the site.
- Applicants wish to pay via Paypal. This is not possible until the Bank account is opened. Further delays by Lloyds Bank have prevented this. Treasurer to remain in contact with Bank.

3. Airsoft Arms Fair:

Gareth has arranged for a 3x6 banner to be commissioned for this event, design is to follow. Gareth will also find out the exact situation regarding tickets and times we are able to arrive. It seems that there is not the Friday night social aspect that was imagined so exact arrangements will be worked out closer to the time.

4. Press Relations:

Take Aim magazine has agreed to a subscription discount in return for an article. Jamie will sort this out.

Airsoft International has emailed asking for a call from Jamie.

5. Discounts:

Matt proposed that Chris is given the co-opted post of discounts manager, the vote was unanimously in favor of this.

Chris can report that a HK retailer has offered members a 10% discount. This is based off being given a list of members email addresses to ensure that only members can take advantage of this. All felt uneasy at freely handing over such information and feel that it would be best for members to be able to opt into any such scheme and give permission for their email address to be sent to RSOV.

It has been noted previously from contact with Frank from Fire Support that many of the larger retailers would not be too interested in offering any fixed discounts for a simple reason. The margins they have for many items are not great and to offer a discount for relatively few members (therefore little exposure) would not be worthwhile, equally if we had a large membership base the discount would eat into the margins too much. He noted however that smaller retailers might be more inclined to support us in this way.

6. Other Business:

The European Airsoft Association has sent an email to the chairman. They have decided to break contact with UKAPU and every other UK Airsoft group in favor of the AOBA. They have asked that all future contact with the EAA be conducted via the AOBA. This is an extremely poor decision, to take an unconstitutional, unrepresentative, unrecognized and formative body as the voice for the entire UK Airsoft scene. A joint response from the other groups namely UKASGB and UKARA will be needed to lever the EAA. Unanimous committee decision made that UKAPU will not participate in the EAA until the national representation arrangement is significantly changed.

Next meeting date TBC, after Arms Fair.