

Minutes of the meeting of the United Kingdom Airsoft Players Union
Held via Skype
on Tuesday 28th September 2010

Present: Matt Furey-King (Chairman), James Williams (Treasurer), Chris Neill (Press Officer), Gareth Neale (Events Manager)

Apologies: Hayden Morgan

Previous Minutes

Minutes from 24th July summarised and proposed as correct by Matt, seconded by James

Progress Reports

- Chair: Attended UKASGB AGM as UKAPU representative and had a productive meeting. Issues discussed included the lethality testing and the need for it to be done sooner rather than later.
Point raised that, should there be a legislative specification of the lethality limit, you may not be allowed to downgrade a gun which is over the limit as this may be seen as re-activating a de-activated firearm. In the case of a +1J AEG in a 1J lethality limit scenario the only legal option would be to hand in the section 5 firearm for destruction or have its firing ability permanently disabled.
- Press: Website server move has been completed, emails are back in full operation.
The new website needs completing asap so Linas (web manager) will be contacted.
- Treasurer: Paypal has not responded and will need chasing to set up this payment method.
- Events: Arms fair stall is booked along with a private sellers pitch.

Lethality

UKASGB has the same opinion as us on this matter (that lethality testing is urgently required). 1Joule has the possibility of becoming a de-facto limit unless challenged rather than the guideline it is now.
UKARA need to be contacted on the issue as nothing has been heard recently.

Testing has been looked into and would cost in the region of £5-10K so fund raising may be needed.

Shared interests with other shooting/air rifle groups to be examined.

Community led 'save airsoft' style campaign may prove counterproductive if 1J lethality legislation becomes an issue. Alternative methods to be considered.

Definition of airsoft

This has also been discussed at the previous meeting and this is the basic criteria that we have agreed upon

Non lethal muzzle energy

Not pyrotechnic based (non combustive power source)

Projectile is above 5.5mm, non frangible, non metallic and not glass

Chairman to draft a document on the subject, post on committee section of forum then send to UKARA/UKASGB.

AGM prep

Dave has booked the venue.

Members have been informed of the date.

Emails are to be sent to the secretary for nominations by the 9th October, upon which voting forms are to be posted to all members.

Co-opted members are selected at the meeting by the current committee.

Jon Bousie is to make a short presentation about airsoft becoming a sport.

Airsoft Arms Fair:

UKAPU stall is booked along with a private sellers pitch.

Looking to see if members have a couple of items to sell they can use our stall to sell them.

Otherwise the same stand as last time

More association T shirts to be ordered, sizes/quantities to Gareth ASAP

Site Presence

The majority of recruiting has been done in person at sites, and this needs to be kept up.

Matt is redoing the flyer to be laminated and sent out to all sites.

AI 500

Matt is intending to go along to at least one day of this event.

EAA

Matt has been made a forum admin for the European airsoft association with no further explanation.

Appears that very little activity is taking place in EAA. Committee happy for Matt to push things forward in EAA, nominate himself for EAA committee position if needs be (to be made clear as UKAPU rep not as UK rep).

Next meeting

Date of next physical meeting to be the AGM on November 20th, possibly Skype meeting in October.