



# UKAPU 2016 AGM

Meeting Minutes

19<sup>th</sup> November 2016



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## UKAPU AGM Meeting Minutes – November 2016

19<sup>th</sup> November 2016, Strikeforce Safe Zone, Gloucester

### Attendance

#### 2016 Officers

Matt Furey-King (Chair)  
David Weston (Vice Chair)  
James Williams (Treasurer)  
Andrew Cade (Secretary)  
Tim Haines (South East Rep)

#### Members

Hayden Morgan  
Adam Best  
Paul Bibby  
Carl Hornyak  
Hamilton Montgomery  
Alex Leach  
Thomas Leach  
Andrew Gifford  
Graham Hoffman (Airsoft Nation)  
Mark Rasmussen (Airsoft Denmark)

#### Apologies

Paul Cook  
Steven Morley  
Lee Dempsey  
Chris Stoel  
Kelly Hardwick  
Frank Bothamley  
Adrian Whiting

#### Previous AGM Minutes

Matt Furey-King put forward that the previous AGM minutes are correct – [Committee passed this motion.](#)

#### Chairman's Report

Matt Furey-King put forward the Chairman's Report. The report has been included below-

#### AGM Attendance

AGM Attendance is part of the job description for officers, most if not all need to be present at the AGM otherwise it hampers discussion.



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### EU Proposal 2015/0269

The EU Commission / Council / Parliament are in trilogue discussions. Parliament and Council don't want replicas to be classed as firearms. The commission seem intent on severe firearm restrictions in general. The vote on the new proposal have been postponed indefinitely due to disagreements between commission and parliament. Unless something drastic occurs the parliament amendments should be implemented and airsoft should not be affected by the new directive. We will continue to monitor this situation.

### Police and Crime Bill 2015/16

We are still working alongside UKARA to address the issues raised earlier in the year. The airsoft amendment still needs to be tweaked. The Lords report stage is coming up soon.

Matt put forward his thanks to the committee on the excellent work done during the year. Often at no notice, especially during the Lord Shrewsbury situation.

Matt also put forward his thanks to the airsoft community for enthusiastically getting behind the successful campaign during the Lord Shrewsbury situation, in particular Airsoft Action Magazine, Popular Airsoft, Bodgeups, Novritsch and airsoft players on the Facebook UK airsoft lobbying group.

Matt would like to publicly condemn the Airsoft International magazine for not only deliberately failing to support the aforementioned campaign but then criticising UKAPU for initiating the successful action. Matt would also like to express his disgust at Zero One for denying UKAPU access to the 'National Airsoft Event' during the Lord Shrewsbury incident. Astonishingly, they claimed that Lord Shrewsbury's amendment did not exist, that we were lying about it. UKAPU intended to alert thousands of players at the event to the problem and get them fighting against it, at the most critical time.

Both organisations went out of their way to obstruct us and thereby damage UK airsoft, which would have harmed their own businesses in the end. It was totally unacceptable behaviour and Matt feels the need to draw attention to it. We can't expect airsoft to survive if some of us are more interested in putting down other airsoft groups than protecting airsoft.

### Other Associations

Firearms UK relationship is still going strong. Matt has not received any news or response from Airsoft Trade Body for many months. UKARA is in regular contact and shares with us any information they find, and vice versa. They are still working very hard to sort the problems with the PCB, have been nothing but open and helpful over the last year.



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2017

Matt put forward that he will be stepping down in 2017 once the PCB has been wrapped up. As such, he can't commit to any projects for 2017 but has put forward ideas.

- Education – Get airsoft players up to speed on new law once Bill has passed through parliament
- Look at getting airsoft exception from 1J lethality in Northern Ireland
- Look into getting airsoft recognized as a sport by sport England.
- Promote airsoft with the public and encourage new players.

### Registrar's Report

Lee Dempsey put forward that we currently have 2,886 members.

### Treasurer's Report

James Williams put forward the accounts for 2016. Matt Furey-King put forward these were correct – [Committee passed this motion](#).

## UKAPU Accounts Balance 1<sup>st</sup> March 2016 to 19<sup>th</sup> November 2016

<u>In</u>		<u>Out</u>	
Cash Member ships	£40.00	Paragon Group Web hosting	£69.60
Paypal Memberships	£2,870.00	WPDude Web maintenance	£130.63
		Matt Furey-King Expenses	£646.56
		Will Knowle Expenses	£50.18
		David Weston Expenses	£40.00
		Polo Shirts	£109.20
		Patches	£982.80
		Stamps and Envelopes	£218.99
		WooCommerce	£321.12
		James Williams Expenses	£39.95
		Paypal fees	£160.90
Totals	£ 2,910.00		£ 2,769.93
Difference	£ 140.07		
Bank Account	£ 1,495.78		
Petty Cash	£ 310.00		
Paypal Balance	£ 818.30		
Actual Balance	£ 2,624.08		



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### Election of Officers – 2017

Matt Furey-King put forward the officers for UKAPU 2017, as listed below.

- 1) Chairman – Matt Furey-King
- 2) Vice Chairman – David Weston
- 3) Press Officer – Will Nowell
- 4) Registrar – No volunteers
- 5) Secretary – Andrew Cade
- 6) Treasurer – James Williams
- 7) Representatives
  - a) Scotland – see co-opts
  - b) East England – Paul Davis
  - c) South West – Tim Haines
  - d) South East – No volunteers
  - e) North England - No volunteers
  - f) Midlands - No volunteers
  - g) Wales - No volunteers
  - h) Northern Ireland – see co-opts
  - i) Student - No volunteers

### Co-Opt Positions 2017

Matt Furey-King put forward to co-opt Chris Stoel as benefits manager for 2017. **Committee voted in.**

Matt Furey-King put forward to co-opt Paul Cook as Scotland Representative (non officer due to vested interests in airsoft industry) for 2017. **Committee voted in.**

Matt Furey-King put forward to co-opt Steven Morley as North England Representative (non officer due to vested interests in airsoft industry) for 2017. **Committee voted in.**

### Subscription Rate

It was put forward by Matt Furey-King to keep the UKAPU subscription rate free with voluntary donations as started this year. **Committee passed this motion.**

### 2017 AGM

Date and location of the 2017 AGM to be decided and to be held before end of 2017.