

Management Meeting of United Kingdom Airsoft Players Union
19th November 2011
(conducted immediately subsequent to AGM 2011)

1. ATTENDANCE:

James Williams	Y	Matthew Furey-King	Y	Hayden Morgan	Y	Mike Prosser	Y
Rhys Vokes	Y	Gareth Neale	Y	Chris Neill,	Y		

2. APOLOGIES: Andrew Fox, Frank Bothamley, Phil Bucknall, Chris Salter, Josh Golding, Neil Guthrie

3. Minutes of last meeting were agreed to be correct

a. Matters arising

Ai 15/2	CS	Identify email prefix for unsubscribe method	ASAP	CLOSED
Ai 15/3	HM	Membership list to AF		CLOSED
Ai 15/4	MFK	Voting form AF		CLOSED
Ai15/5	AF	Post Voting Forms		CLOSED
Ai15/6	MFK	Agenda		CLOSED
Ai 15/7	MFK	Invite UKARA/ UKASGB , Airsoft Action?		CLOSED
Ai 15/8	CN	Applicants are still unable to purchase grey patches with paypal find a suitable web designer to repair site	MFK	OPEN
Ai 15/9	MFK	Send Revised document to CTTEE for review	ASAP	CLOSED
Ai15/10	ALL	Review document and return to MFK	ASAP	CLOSED
Ai 15/13	ALL	A new data entry method for the membership database required	ASAP	OPEN

4. Progress reports

Not required in light of AGM progress reports prior to this meeting

5. Arms Fair report:

1st day saw 15 members signed up. 2nd day was not as successful, with only one member signed up. Worth maintaining a presence at future events.

5. Op Berget:

Member Rob Campbell is planning to take a land rover convoy to this game, providing all equipment and game ticket that was needed in return for fund raising for charity.

We will send this info out to all members via email/newsletter for them to get in contact themselves if interested.

UKAPU will be running an organised trip as well, transport to be laid on for those members interested, JW to put together costings and small guide for the newsletter to aid any people wanting to travel and game with the main UKAPU group (likely travel by minibus).

Ai 16/1	JW	Berget costings and plan for members	ASAP	OPEN
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6. Verification Problems:

Dissatisfaction with the time span of the application process is a very common item of feedback received by the committee. Adopted suggestions to improve this were;

Our own UKARA database login,

Ai 16/2	MFK	Chase Our own UKARA database login with UKARA committee or members	ASAP	OPEN
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An automatic email to inform people what the process will be and how long it will take would alleviate some concerns.

Ai 16/3	MFK	find a suitable web designer to implement auto email	ASAP	OPEN
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HM suggested we could change our current verification policy somewhat and use existing members to vouch that new ones had been to a skirmish.

Member verification proposed by MFK, seconded MP. All voted in favour, motion passed

Ai 16/4	HM	draft notes on implementation of member-member verification	ASAP	OPEN
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MFK sent out a document about linking site membership with UKAPU, very little interest from the sites emailed, Stormforce and F&O were interested in having a delegated UKAPU rep on site to do memberships, possibly one of their own staff. Site delegates could possibly function in a similar manner to regional representatives.

7. Forum Access:

There is some concern that many members are not aware of or do not have access to the members only forum. In the new automatic email, sent when players apply for membership, we should include a note mentioning that members should contact the forum manager in order to get access to the members section.

8. Insurance:

MFK has found a government list of companies that offer association insurance and will forward the list on to Phil Bucknall to look at.

Ai 16/5	PB	get more insurance quotes	ASAP	OPEN
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9. Airsoft as a Sport:

Jon Bousie had put together a document about the route to make airsoft a sport due to have been present at the last AGM and in the course of writing had been in touch with Sport England. MFK received correspondence about trying to set up an RAF airsoft group, and Sport England had pointed the serviceman to UKAPU indicating that sport England already have a favorable attitude towards UKAPU. RAF require that a sport is recognized before they will offer funding, a reminder of why the recognition of airsoft as a sport should be high on our list of priorities.

HPM suggested to look at Sport England and see which are the most recent and obscure sports in case we could copy the path these sports took to becoming recognized.

Ai 16/6	CN	contact sport England and determine the requirements	ASAP	OPEN
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10. Lethality:

After some discussion, and in the absence of any other study, it was decided that the association will recommend that all UK airsoft replica owners recognise the maximum limits described in the ACPO report, namely 370fps for auto's and 520fps for single shot. Members should also respect the limits of the site they play at regardless.

MFK Proposed that UKAPU will adopt these limits. Seconded MP, all voted in favor, motion passed

Ai 16/7	MFK	integrate these limits into code of conduct	ASAP	OPEN
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It was also decided that the ACPO document did not clearly indicate the status of some common airsoft equipment.

Ai 16/8	MFK	clarify with relevant agencies about their stance on the "readily convertible" status of AEG's, GBB rifles and ask about the possibility of importing overpowered replicas with the view to downgrade.	ASAP	OPEN
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11. UK Airsoft Council:

MFK has been in touch with both UKARA and UKASGB about trying to get together to represent airsoft but has had no response. Committee still wishes to pursue the formal unification of the 3 UK airsoft associations.

12. UKAPU member games:

GP wishes to provide a members game since we have never held one. Ideas bounced around about how to provide a game for members. Anything would likely be small scale at least initially and would really only be of interest to members local to the site it is held at. Some ideas on how to make it different to a normal game are to subsidise some of the greenfee or perhaps provide BBQ and socializing after the game. This is dependent on gathering enough interest from members in any one area.

Ai 16/9	GP	enquire about weekend member's game at bunker woods/outpost	ASAP	OPEN
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Ai16/9 Gareth Perkins to enquire about weekend member's game at bunker woods/outpost

13. Merchandise:

MFK reports that after discussion, skirmish clothing have expressed interest in offering UKAPU members a shirt logo design competition and could directly provide our branded clothing. This would save the committee time and make it easy for members to buy UKAPU merchandise. Committee in need of fresh clothing for recruiting events.

Ai 16/10	MFK	contact Skirmish Clothing	ASAP	OPEN
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14. Date of next meeting

None scheduled. JW to send minutes to MFK for review, MFK to send to AF for formatting. To be distributed in next newsletter and via website.