



***UNITED KINGDOM AIRSOFT PLAYERS UNION***

## UKAPU AGM MINUTES

March 18th 2021

Attendees: See separate sheet.

Apologies: None

Minutes of previous AGM: David Weston briefly ran over these and all agreed they were correct.

## **Reports**

Chairman's Report: Nothing out of the ordinary happened in 2020, apart from Coronavirus coming through and placing a halt on proceedings. Whilst we were unable to proceed with skirmishing, the association carried on with campaigning and supporting its members.

Registrar's Report: Our registrar, Anthony Harrod-Jackson reported that membership levels have jumped compared to last year. An increase of 27% of membership from 2258 to 2865 was reported, compared to a 0.3% decrease last year. Anthony states he thinks the reason for the increase is due to their being no overall guidance and airsofters are coming to UKAPU for guidance on their sites.

Year	Membership
2020	2865
2019	2258
2018	2265
2017	2682

Treasurer's Report: JW explains the accounts, 27% increase in PayPal membership with an increase of 23% in payments. No monies owed, with an increase in internet costs.

The vice chair states it is going in the the right way with agreement from DW.

Andy asks a question about the money left in a previous PayPal account. DW states due the Covid pandemic there has been issues around verification. JW further clarifies this point, with the banks relaxing rules. JW mentions there is currently a dormant account. DW sets an action point of creating a new bank account.

The accounts were agreed to be correct.

## **Election of Officers**

All of the positions were uncontested and voting was unanimous.

Chairman	- David Weston
Vice-Chair	- Tim Haines
Press Officer	- (vacant)
Registrar	- Anthony Harrod-Jackson
Secretary	- James Hemmings *
Treasurer	- James Williams

## **Regional Representatives:**

Scotland	- Robbie Hutchison
East England	- (vacant)
North England	- Steven Morley
South West	- Daniel Shears
South East	- (vacant)
Midlands	- Leigh Batson
Wales	- Tom Pritchard *
Northern Ireland	- Micky Logan

Student - James Clarke

### **Co-opt additional positions and sub committees**

Benefits	- Andy Peet
Events	- Andy Peet
EAA Representative	- Tim Haines
Consultant	- Matt Furey-King

*\* indicates new members to the committee*

### **Subscription fees**

DW discusses the subscription rates and the current costs. The treasurer Anthony mentions that due to the current climate we should freeze any changes, however this may be unsustainable and could be changed in the future. DW states that these charges have been the same for many years.

DW sets motion to keep the current subscription rates and asks for objections.

- a. Offer Bronze membership at £0.00 per annum.
- b. Offer Silver membership at £5.00 per annum, with welcome patch.
- c. Offer Gold membership at £10.00 per annum, with two welcome patches.

Motion approved.

### **Changes to constitution**

DW sets out the proposed changes to the constitution, replacing hobby to sport and provides the draft constitution for consumption. DW sets out motion to approve the draft constitution.

JW asks the chairman if the constitution has ever been ratified. DW confirms it has never been ratified.

Various participants discuss a letter provided by the department for digital, culture, media and sport in relation to a letter which appears to state airsoft is a sport. The consensus is this particular letter does not state airsoft is a sport.

Motion approved.

### **European Airsoft Federation**

DW discusses the European Airsoft Association and the recent appointment of a new chairman and hopes this post will not be abandoned like what has previously happened. Further discussions between the chairman and participants in relation to Airsoft Canada and should UKAPU support this and/or encourage its members to support it. The chairman explains that he was reluctant to do so as the change.org petition did not state if its for Canadian use or international use.

The chair states we should have a lead in to other international organisations.

### **Points to be discussed at next AGM**

DW states the only action point due for the next AGM is in relation to setting up new bank account.

### **Date of next AGM**

End of February 2022.

DW explains that further discussions take place at the next management meeting, asks members to take a break and come back in 10 minutes. Leigh states she cannot attend the management meeting.

DW declares the meeting over. Management meeting to resume at 8:15.