

UKAPU Management Meeting Minutes, 6th Feb 2025

Apologies

- Brendan Stewart
- Ian Lawrence

Attendees

- Andy Peet
- David Weston
- James Williams
- Robbie Hutchison
- Tim H

Last meeting

- Attendees list approved
- AP1 - Amendment to October 2024 minutes approved
- AP2 - Completed and closed
- AP3 - Completed
- AP4 - Completed

Meeting notes were deemed to be accurate

Amendment to the constitution relating to fighting fund

It was proposed that there should be an amendment to the constitution to support the concept of a fighting fund.

The amendment was agreed in principle to be:

1. The association acknowledges the risks of using PayPal with regards to businesses related to imitations and firearms and so will endeavour to limit this balance to under £1000 where practicable.

2. The association needs to maintain the bulk of its available capital for any future issues that threaten airsoft and the expenditure they incur (VCRA 2006 and PCA 2017 as examples). 80% of the bank account should be reserved for this purpose and so not more than 20% of the year start balance should be spent in one one accounting period. Deviation from this should refer to the same procedure as expenses 7.6.2. and require a management meeting to discuss.

A question was asked about what period the 80% would be

Answer from JW suggested accounting period.

General expenditure would be outside of the fighting fund

AP says that 80% is about right

JW expects annual spending to be approximately £2000-£2500, which is approximately 10%

DW suggested 75-25% but withdrew that suggestion after discussions with JW

Discussions were had that to exceed cap, or possibly to use fighting fund, requires an emergency management meeting. TH pointed out constitution already includes a cap over a certain amount.

JW believes that large purchases should come out of the 20% general fund.

AP: JW to reword second paragraph

Committee agrees with PayPal paragraph

All other business

Defer RH's document from 16th Jan 2025 meeting until AGM

TH has document written up on paper for ideas for UKAPU - DW has asked for a picture for the written notes, and TH will upload them to the committee FB.

RH is thinking about speaking to influencers such as the Chairsofter (Andy Self) and asking for a podcast session. A pre-Q&A would be requested.

Speak to Bill at Airsoft Action and Vic at Popular Airsoft

OfCom letter is still ongoing

Ai500 - email was received quickly to say that no external exhibitors were invited, there was an offer for flyers. AP asked about leaflets and no response was received, AP to chase up.

Annual General Meeting

Numbers for the AGM - we expect there to be approximately 15

We need to get committee members to sign up for the event

Possibly send out reminder email to AGM - send around Valentines Day

AP and DW to discuss presence at Comicon at the AGM

DW and TH to speak about Agenda for AGM

Next meeting, 1st of March Post AGM