

## **Meeting of IAA Committee 20090105**

Present : All Committee (Conor, Dave, Steve, Keith)

Meeting begins at 18:30

Topics:

Handover documentation, and sorting out cheque books, change of signatories etc.

The FIS application, which is currently pending approval.

Vacant committee positions. Until such time as we find suitable candidates, Conor will be fulfilling the duties of Secretary and treasurer, and Dave will be fulfilling the position of PRO.

Affiliation with Clubs -There are an increasing number of Clubs forming, and the IAA wishes to encourage and foster large groups of people coming together to enjoy the sport responsibly.

The membership fee was discussed, as requested at the AGM, in light of our pursuance of funding from other sources such as sports capitalisation grants and donations.

It was agreed that we will continue to not charge an affiliation fee for retailers and sites. It is also agreed that membership should be a year from join date per member, and not from a fixed point in the year for everyone.

There is a need to make it easier and less error-prone to join the IAA. We are investigating alternatives to requiring a physical signature and copy of ID. We have several ideas in this regard that will hopefully be put into effect soon.

For the membership the committee discussed providing notes from each committee meeting on the website, agreed unanimously.

IASRA. We have been in initial contact twice, and are waiting for them to get back to us with a date when they can meet this year.

We discussed the forthcoming meeting with Olivia Mitchell TD, which we are finalising the date for currently.

We are currently investigating offering free First Aid and Child Protection training to Marshals on affiliated sites, as part of an "IAA Certified Marshal" program. More on this soon.

Player reps per site were discussed, and the committee will be investigating having regular players as IAA reps on each site, volunteers will be needed.

Promotional materials such as stickers, pens, etc. are currently being investigated. We will also be looking into certificates of affiliation for retailers.

Foreign associations, such as Malta and Switzerland are looking for official recognition. It was decided that we would only endorse organisations with a similar ethos to our own (i.e. not-for-profit, and without commercial backing, with a full constitution and players code of conduct). We will investigate the setups of these associations further.

Committee identified people we may want to ask to be local or community representatives, based on current community work. Will contact these folks to gauge interest.

We are going to be making representations to Customs on behalf of our affiliates, due to the recent difficulties in importing kit.

The IAA will contact unaffiliated clubs, sites and retailers, outlining our position and advantages, and offering affiliation.

Meeting drew to a close at 21:00