

IAA/ASI/Predator Meeting minutes 20090228

Present:

Dave O'Connor (IAA), Keith Douglas (IAA)
Kyle Coey (Bull ASI), Neil Guthrie (Casper ASI),
Miceal (Predator), Paul (Snakedoctor ASI), Sam (Drake ASI/FRV),
Colin (W15A ASI/Predator), Graham (The Face ASI/Predator)
Noel (Ski ASI), Gavin (George Predator)

Proceedings:

Kyle describes the situation with UKARA

- UKARA run by retailers
- Access costs 200 sterling per year
- Verification isn't properly done. There are lots of people on the UKARA list that shouldn't be.
- Under 18s can just have a parent get on the register and then have a gun 'gifted' to them.
- Has basically killed second hand trade (ASI had to close forums).

Kyle/Neil describe an alternate system, provisionally called 'VENUM' (Latin verb 'to sell'). This would be compatible with the skirmisher defense under the VCRA (UKARA is not enshrined in law, they just happen to provide a database and verification for people claiming the skirmisher defense).

This would be specific to ASI for now. Most important is that all sites in NI need to sign up to it.

ASI need legal advice (and have someone in mind) to progress. they also asked about IAA progress on membership verification database.

- Keith gives some info on IAA database, it's along similar lines, but progress has been hampered by signup system and other stuff coming up.

- Dave gives some info on data protection, also suggests making it non-specific to ASI. Some discussion here. ASI for the moment.

- Advice also exchange on freedom of information/experience in collecting member data/pitfalls/etc.

Neil proposes an IAA news thread on ASI. Dave will follow up with Neil on ASI.

Nothern Site Affiliation

- Miceal is very interested in furthering marshal training in first aid. There are a lot of very experienced marshals in NI.

- Dave describes our current plans for marshal training in first aid, child protection and conflict resolution.

- Progress is slow, hampered by other considerations. Money is an issue.

- Miceal is also interested in Insurance issues. He gets an insurance discount for UKASGB membership (UKASGB is basically the IAA for the UK).

- Dave mentions that FIS membership will open up IAA-affiliated clubs to sports capitalisation grants, and that FIS does have a preferred insurance company (ODON).

- Most airsoft sites in the republic are insured via UK underwriters, at present we know of only one site insured by an Irish insurer directly.

- Dave brings up the issue of the requirement for an invite letter for players in the republic to visit NI sites.

- Suggestion is made that affiliated NI sites might issue a general invite letter for IAA members to smooth the process somewhat.

Media

- Kyle : There is nobody in NI whose job it is to answer media queries. IAA help would be appreciated.
- Some discussion as to who might be a good candidate as northern IAA rep.
- Issue left open.

Cross-border Events

- Kyle mentions that very few NI players visit the republic.
- The same goes for the other direction.
- Kyle/Keith agree to pilot a scheme where the IAA arranges transport to affiliated north/south sites.

Walkers Crisps

- It is agreed that Builders Breakfast crisps are actually okay. Like smokey bacon with a hint of egg.