

# IAA Committee Meeting

## Tuesday 2009-05-09, 19:00

### **Present**

Aidan Quinlivan, Stephen Fay, Keith Douglas, Gareth Neville, Dave O'Connor, Bernard Lyons.

### **Absent**

Conor Scolard

Apologies on behalf of CS and confirmation of standing down from position as Chairperson. DOC assumes the Chair.

### **F.I.S. (Federation of Irish Sports)**

- We appear to have missed the boat on this. FIS asked for additional info we didn't get in time.
- Sports Capitalisation Funding will not be available to us or anyone in airsoft until FIS membership is achieved.
- SF to set up a meeting with FIS director to discuss way forward and Affiliate membership for the IAA.

### **AFFILIATES**

- CS currently in possession of all Certs and Frames.
- KD suggested he may be able to obtain these from CS.
- DOC will obtain handoff materials from CS
- New Affiliate voted on and agreed, DOC to inform. Announcement next week.

### **M.P.B. (Misc Provisions Bill)**

- Discussion regarding perception that Airsoft is gone once MPB is published.
- Bill gives Minister of Justice power to do as they like – ie. Retailer restrictions, supply, who/where can be bought, change colour/appearance, etc. (even BAN)
- Up to the entire community to stand together and try do what we can.
- Currently under parliamentary privilege – not available for viewing yet.
- All we have to say that the M of J is not going to do all above possibilities is word of DOJ.
- We need to be prepared. SF stated DOJ are awaiting Retailer Regulation proposals from us.

- DOC – come up with our own proposals, send to IASRA.

## **SITE REGS**

- We need to edit them.
- Remove Pyro line.
- Bullet point them and make them read more easily.
- No fundamental change but make less verbose and more suggestive.
- Simplify and remove grey areas.
  
- BL – there's no point in simply providing "template" documentation for IAA affiliated sites
- It would be unfair to simply "copy" existing site regs for others to use.
- Every site needs to develop their own set of docs (Safety Statement, Child Protection Policy etc.) and understand the process and implications.
  
- DOC - We need to put the least amount of barriers to IAA affiliation, but retain its meaning.
- DOC - Revision of Site Regs to be sent to all affiliates and to interested parties for input.

## **FUNDS**

- SF – we need to register, get a tax number etc.  
Best option is get an accountant. Cost implication.
- CS currently has the accounts (est €1K)
- CS as signatory on account needs to be changed.
- 120 renewals due from May.
- Number of money raising options discussed inc. Café Press, 1800 nametapes, sponsorships, raffles for renewals. We need to get IAA banners made. We need window stickers and branding for retailers...
- Card Printer and laptops – DAR (need to be obtained) for sign-up days.

## **CHRONO**

- KD - evaluating chronos which can be used as a standard and can be calibrated.
- Cost likely to be GBP200-250+ shipping fully traceable to ISO standard.
- KD attempting over last number of weeks to contact #### in Ballistics without reply, regarding Brand of chrono and procedures used by Gardai.
- KD to pursue.

## **IAA IMAGE**

- DOC - Making IAA membership mean something.
- We need to focus on ourselves and what we are going to do for our members /sport.
- AQ - Suggested we could "survey" our renewing members as to will they renew, if not – why, what can we do to improve the association for the players, why did they join in the first place etc...
- Discussion regarding offering Insurance with membership (FIS Insurers) – need 300 members before this could be considered
- Draft mail for renewal – outline achievements, appreciate support, ask how we could improve.

## **N IRELAND**

- Discussion re VCRA.
- A.S.I. setting up alternative UKARA database.
- DOC to ring Kyle "ASI Bull".
- DOC – we can offer them Media Representation; do work with relation to the North-South "Community".

## **EVENTS**

- Discussion regarding running major event in Ireland.

## **SITE VISITS**

- DOC visiting new site in Limerick on Saturday 9/05 and on same day also visiting potential site in Tipperary who contacted us for advice.
- M.A.C. site visit on 17/5 (MilSim)

## **AOB**

- Pictures (gaming) and bio and weekly gaming venues to be updated.
- BL gave very in-depth & glowing report regarding SAS-C.
- BL suggested ALL new sites could be given a "fund raising" skirmish during their first year – like Gathering - to help them get off the ground. IAA could help with the publicity.
- GN to talk to DanOC (from Eirsoft) regarding NUI/DCU event possibly at HRTA.

## **Meeting Concluded.**

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