

IRISH AIRSOFT ASSOCIATION

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Minutes from the Irish Airsoft Association Annual General Meeting 2012

Date: 28/01/2012

Venue: Red Cow Hotel Dublin

15 members and 5 Retailers Present. Names are included in Appendix 1

Meeting Called to Order.

Committee Members Present:

1. Tadhg Scanlan - (Vice Chairman/Acting Chairman)
2. Tom Keogh - (Treasurer)

Apologies: Alan Ciapas - (Secretary)

Introductions and Agenda presented by Tadhg.

Agenda

- a. Introductions
- b. Addresses from the Committee Members
- c. Financial Report
- d. Nominations and voting for positions in the Executive Committee
- e. Motions for Voting
- f. AOB

Actions of current committee for 2011:

Jan to March

1. Issues surrounding the 2011 AGM. Attempts made by previous committee to postpone. AGM went ahead and 2011 committee subsequently voted in:

Tadhg Scanlan - Vice-Chair

Tom Keogh - Treasurer

Alan Ciapas - Secretary

Richard Smith - PRO

2. A request for IAA information and property from the previous committee was made at the end of January.

3. Irish Airsoft Expo in Rathbeggan in March. All committee members attended

April to June

1. IAA in attendance at the Daniel Maher Charity Day in Red Barn

2. Federation Of Irish Sport membership paid. €150.

3. South East Cup attended.

4. Phone interview done for the Irish Examiner piece on Fringe sports. Did not go to press.

5. DoJ made an announcement to restrict the Airsoft and the sale of Airsoft devices

6. Business and Finance published a 2 page article on Airsoft.

7. Highland radio requested and interview regarding the DoJ announcement. Tadhg spoke to the producer but they did not go ahead with the on-air interview.

8. Carlow Nationalist contacted the IAA to run a piece on Airsoft. Did not run.

9. Barrack Obama and the The Queens visit resulted in two Airsoft related incidents close to the visitors residence.

10. New Affiliates: SG Airsoft, Team Kosa and Tigerland Airsoft Site

11. IAA banners, battery chargers, hoarding, magazines, printer, laptop and completed application forms handed over from previous committee. No account information handed over at this time.

July to September

1. Richard Smith stepped down as PRO in early August. Not made public as the committee did not want to cause any further acrimony within the community.

2. More contact made soon after with the 2010 committee regarding handover of the accounts.
3. Bank account details and other account related documents handed over in August.
4. Salute Show. Good interest in Airsoft and the legalities.

October to Current

1. AGM announcement made. No nominations for committee positions in by the deadline. No motions for voting. EGM was called for March 10 2012.

As the quorum of 4 Committee members was not met for part of the year, a vote was held to ratify the actions of the committee. An explanation of the quorum was given to new members to clarify what they would be voting on.

The vote was unanimous in favor of the ratification of actions.

Membership Issues for 2010.

Membership Report was discussed.

Explanations of membership categories regarding Payments

Recommendations:

1. No membership can be processed without an associated, verified payment
2. Division of membership responsibilities i.e Two committee members required to sign off on any membership paperwork.
3. Re-establishing online payments. A new all-in-one payment and membership system to be set-up. The current was developed in-house as no other package was available when the Association was set up.

Financial Report.

Tom Keogh presented the financial statement of accounts. This was an interim report only, due to the ongoing issues with the bank set-up. This should be resolved when a new committee is voted in.

Nominations for Voting to Executive Committee Positions.

No nominations for committee positions in by the deadline. No Executive Positions

can be filled until the EGM on March 10th 2012.

Motions for Voting.

One motion for voting was put forward. As this motion had not been seconded by the deadline it could not be voted on at this AGM.

A request by the members present was made to ask the current Committee members to stay on as a caretaker Committee until the EGM. No executive actions could be carried out.

Proposed by Keith Naylor.

Seconded by Richard Smith.

Voted on by the membership. Passed unanimously.

Break

AOB

Explanation was requested regarding the difficulties with the transfer of signatories for the Bank Account. Tom Keogh explained that the bank will not process the form unless the details that you put on the form exactly match the supporting ID and proof of address. Any change must be done by submitting a new form and starting the process again.

Affiliations. A question was asked as to whether the current Affiliations were still effective. Existing Affiliations will have to be checked by the incoming committee.

Conor Scolard asked the committee what they felt prevented them from being successful.

The answers given were :

1. too few people for the workload,
2. not asking or accepting help from previous committee members

Memberships.

A few of questions on Membership numbers were asked.

There are approximately 700 people on record as being members

Approximately 400 members was the most fully paid up at any given time.
101 is the current total.

Changes to membership system were proposed:

1. Make the 11-16 year olds membership cheaper
2. Make it easier to register as a member
3. Can this be done through the retailers and sites?
4. Using the political votes attached to each youth membership.

Fraud Allegation.

A member brought up the alleged Fraud allegation made against him on the IAA forum.

A search was made to find a direct and overt link to the members name. No connection was identified. As a way to end the matter, the thread was deleted from the forum. This was closed to the satisfaction of the member.

Meeting called to an end.

Appendix 1

Members Present (15):

Stephen Fay
Tom Keogh - Committee
Bernard Lyons
Jamie Malone
Tony McCann
Owen Murphy
Paul Murphy
Keith Naylor
James O'Brien
Tadhg Scanlan - Committee
Conor Scolard

Richard Smith
Stuart Smith
Ken Strong
Mohammadreza Govahikashani

Affiliates present (5):

Richard Seery - Hobby Airsoft
Steve Hickey - AirsoftEire
Derek Talbot - Main Irish Airsoft
Lee Yeng - SG Airsoft
Alan Behan - Strikearms