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IAA Executive meeting minutes

Saturday the 15th September, Crown Plaza Hotel Santry

Present

Stephen Fay

Alan Elmes

Graham Read

Fabio Venturini

Tom Keogh

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Retailer Customs issues

Received report from a retailer that imports were being stopped at Dublin port for all devices labeled over 1 Joule. IAA contacted DoJ and Garda Firearms unit for clarity on the situation. All sides expressed that no flexibility on imports could be granted in respect of the 1 joule limit. No information could be provided on what has changed as this has been status quo for the last number of years.

Bonded warehouse discussed, equipment technically not in the country yet. Who owns the warehouse? Each retailer, or group together.

IAA to Investigate the cost and logistics. Graham Read.

Meeting to be held with Retailers to discuss the proposition when we have info.

DoJ

Contact reestablished with DoJ, meeting to be setup with them and FPU, agenda for meeting drawn up.

Retailer licencing

Bonded Warehouse / Imports in general

Personal imports - Status

Site permissions / Standards

Garda education on Airsoft

IAA stance on Retail licencing

Mixed retail not favoured by the Government (gadget shops)

Does IAA exec continue to support retail licencing implementation - Vote - All in favour

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Devices use in public

Largest issue reported to Gardai is public use of devices, many reports and call-outs happening for armed units.

Suggestion that IAA retail standards be updated to include requirement that warning flyers regarding public display of devices become mandatory for outside of boxes - Vote - All in favour

Stickers for guns suggested with warning about public display - topic for meeting with Retailers.

Education information for site safe zones suggested.

Personal insurance for players

What is it required for? Is it required above the insurance for sites?

Research needed on the topic, committee to investigate further.

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PayPal issue

IAA has 3 PayPal accounts

- 1) Original, setup at the foundation of the IAA, now discontinued as it was incorrectly setup - Committee has control of this account
- 2) Setup under sectary@irishairsoft.ie - access is in control of a former committee member from the 2009 - 2010 committee. The current committee is still unable to get access to this account as the person in control maintains that:

"The money in the PayPal account is the property of the members, but I am responsible for it.

When the association complies with all applicable regulations I will be happy to either transfer the contents of the PayPal account to the Ulster Bank, or to transfer the PayPal account itself to the association" (updated correspondence after the meeting)

Committee is unaware of the regulations we are failing to meet, we have met the required regulations for Ulster Bank transfer of accounts, we have requested a list of the regulations that the former committee member wishes us to meet for handover of the access.

Membership renewals are going to sectary@irishairsoft.ie. We have no access to audit this or issue memberships as they arrive.

Contacted "*former committee member*" for login info and received refusal to hand over login info, quote communications below:

Dear Mr. X,

A new committee has been installed in the IAA and we are currently in the process of bringing the accounts and membership system up to date. In the handover from our predecessors login info for one of the Associations PayPal accounts was not available.

We have checked with the previous recent committees and so far no login info was included in the handovers between them. You appear to be the last person to have the login information for this account, and we would be grateful if you could supply us the last info you have on this. Could you please include the email addresses, passwords, registered names and any security information you have for any of the IAA PayPal accounts, this would be a great help getting the association back up to date with its accounts.

Regards

Alan Elms

IAA Vice-Chairman

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Dear Mr Elms,

For information about the PayPal1 account (treasurer@irishairsoft.ie), please contact Richard Smith.

With regard to the PayPal2 account (secretary@irishairsoft.ie), I am precluded by the PayPal User Agreement from sharing any password, security or login information.

Regards,

X.

Dear X

Would you be willing to provide records of payments in to PayPal account 2 so that the new committee can ascertain which memberships are outstanding, and in the case of each transfer any funds currently within the PayPal account 2 to the IAA bank account? This would allow us to get provide memberships to all those who have paid a membership fee but for whom we have no record, and would mean that the IAA can once again proceed to do the work of representing Irish Airsoft.

If this course of action should prove in any way difficult to effect I would welcome the opportunity to discuss the matter with you by phone or in person.

Regards

Fabio Venturini

Further to my previous email Mr X, Stephen Fay informs me that the PayPal account remains the property of the IAA and is not your personal account. I have read through the PayPal user agreement and as such there is no clause which would prevent you from sharing those details with the organisation which is the rightful owner of the account. Please supply the required details as soon as possible as the committee is working hard to remedy the problems facing the IAA and the issue of memberships for which people have paid in good faith is still outstanding and of grave importance.

Regards

Fabio

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Addendum - communications conducted since IAA committee meeting:

Dear Mr Venturini.

Mr Fay is wrong.

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Regards,

X.

Dear X

Would you mind explaining to me what you believe these applicable regulations might be. The current members of the association are signatories on the Ulster Bank account so clearly we have fulfilled the criteria required by the bank. What else do you believe is required?

Regards

Fabio

Dear X,

Further to your last email and in light of your continued refusal to engage in a meaningful way with the executive members of the Irish Airsoft Association committee, I now demand your immediate response to the following issues:

1) You state that you are willing to hand over control of the PayPal account linked to secretary@irishairsoft.ie upon fulfilment of the applicable regulations by the Association. Please state in full and with immediate effect, exactly what it is you believe these applicable regulations to be.

2) The PayPal account in question was set up in the name of the Irish Airsoft Association by you in your capacity as Secretary of the IAA. Since the end of your tenure with the IAA committee in January 2011 you have refused to hand over control of this account. You state that you have responsibility for

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the money belonging to the IAA which now is held within this account. Please state the basis of this responsibility as might be laid out in the constitution of the Association and explain why you feel that responsibility might not currently lie with the current Secretary of the IAA.

We believe the position you are maintaining is mistaken. You were acting as an agent of the IAA when creating this account for the Association, in its capacity as a separate legal entity to that of you as a natural person, responsibility for the management of that SLP its assets and chattels transfers between committees. At no time were you empowered to hold the membership funds in trust on behalf of the members as you appear to be maintaining. All committee members do of course have a duty to manage these funds appropriately, one of these duties is to pass on control of these funds to their successors. As you are no longer holding office as an executive member of the Association we request the immediate resolution of this issue.

Regards

The Irish Airsoft Association Executive Committee

Stephen Fay

Alan Elmes

Thomas Keogh

Graham Read

Fabio Venturini

Addendum ends

Account was setup under the entity of the Irish Airsoft Association, agreement is between IAA and PayPal not the former committee member. Committee members are acting as agents of the separate legal entity of the Association when conducting business on its behalf.

Fabio calls former committee member twice - left voice mails.

Alan Elmes calls former committee member once - left voice mail.

Attempts at communication to continue

Committee discusses if simple transfer of funds is enough, agreed that we need to have full access to the account to audit all transactions and control membership renewals.

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3) paypal@irishairsoft.ie - Correctly setup account committee has access to.

Association Solicitor

Steve to investigate

Association insurance

Steve to setup

Accounts change over

Tommy in control of accounts

Outstanding bills €2700 to pay stretching over last 2 years

Accounts access changed, Ulster back process is very inconsistent across branches.

Memberships process

Agreed that membership system will be updated to commercial package, new product being investigated by Web team. Web team to hold meeting in two weeks to kick off changeover process.

Memberships general

Printer and laptop handed over and functionality being tested.

Cards to go out this week if printer is working.

Membership forms to be supplied to sites and retailers for signup of new members.

Affiliations

Committee currently has no bandwidth for conducting affiliation process. IAA is assembling a list of Sites and Retailers that comply with our standards, information being supplied includes CJA 2009 venue permissions, copies of insurance certs etc.

Use of Retailers and sites

Committee agrees that where possible that the IAA should leverage the assets of Retailers and Sites to augment our own manpower.

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Meeting closed 15:35