



***UNITED KINGDOM AIRSOFT PLAYERS UNION***

## UKAPU AGM MINUTES

February 24th 2022

Attendees: See separate sheet.

Apologies: None

Minutes of previous AGM: David Weston briefly ran over these and all agreed they were correct.

## **Reports**

Chairman's Report: The chairman reported that 2021 had still been a tough year for airsoft skirmishers, despite sites now beginning to reopen. The chairman thanked the committee for their efforts during the years at events held at the NAF.

Registrar's Report: David Weston, acting on behalf of the registrar, who was not able to attend the meeting, was able to report a significant increase in membership. This was our largest recorded count of members, and it was noted that this sharp increase happened in part, due to us attending NAF as a stall holder.

Summary as of the meeting is as follows:

Bronze: 2605

Silver: 231

Gold: 604

<b>Year</b>	<b>Membership</b>
<b>2021</b>	3440
<b>2020</b>	2865
<b>2019</b>	2258
<b>2018</b>	2265
<b>2017</b>	2682

Treasurer's Report: JW reported that financials have went in the opposite direction, yet was reported as being healthy. This was reported as mostly being attributed to costs that had been incurred for the NAF. It was also reported that JW's report was generated the day before several subscriptions renewed, so a notice was issued to the effect that what has been reported may not necessarily reflect the financial state of the association.

JW also reported that during this period, a bank account was created, and a substantial amount of money was moved from PayPal into this new bank account.

## **Election of Officers**

All of the positions except Midlands were uncontested and voting was unanimous.

Chairman - David Weston  
 Vice-Chair - Tim Haines  
 Press Officer - (vacant)  
 Registrar - (vacant)  
 Secretary - James Hemmings  
 Treasurer - James Williams

## **Regional Representatives:**

Scotland - Robbie Hutchison  
 East England - Jacob Wright \*  
 North England - Steven Morley  
 South West - Daniel Shears  
 South East - (vacant)  
 Midlands - (vacated due to lack of consensus)

Wales	- Tom Pritchard
Northern Ireland	- Micky Logan
Student	- (vacant)

### **Co-opt additional positions and sub committees**

Benefits	- Andy Peet
Events	- Andy Peet
EAA Representative	- Tim Haines
Consultant	- Matt Furey-King

*\* indicates new members to the committee*

It should be noted that the position of Midlands was initially contested by two people, the incumbent Leigh Batson and a second person, Lucy Riley. Taking into account discussions that had happened prior to the AGM with regards to the credentials of both of the contestants, substantial discussions were had within the meeting in order to come to a consensus as regards to who should put themselves forward for the role. Neither wished to concede therefore a vote was issued. The vote was indeterminate, a draw. It was determined by the chairman that the best course of action, taking into consideration previously raised concerns and time constraints would be to defer filling this position for a later time, thus leaving it vacant.

### **Subscription fees**

DW discusses the subscription rates and the current costs. A question was raised by JW with regards to the postage costs. A further observation was raised by JW with regards to the migration of Royal Mail to a new set of stamps that includes a security identifier. Ultimately the outcome was that the purchase of new stamps and increased postage costs wouldn't disproportionately affect the organisation.

DW sets motion to keep the current subscription rates and asks for objections.

- a. Offer Bronze membership at £0.00 per annum.
- b. Offer Silver membership at £5.00 per annum, with welcome patch.
- c. Offer Gold membership at £10.00 per annum, with two welcome patches.

Motion approved.

### **Points to be discussed at next AGM**

No further points raised.

### **Date of next AGM**

End of February 2023.

DW explains that further discussions take place at the next management meeting, asks members to take a break and come back in 10 minutes. Leigh states she cannot attend the management meeting.

DW declares the meeting over. Management meeting to resume at 8:20.