

UKAPU Committee Meeting

Thursday 5th of September 2024 from 19:00-20:30

Agenda

1. Attendees/apologies
2. Minutes of the last meeting and action points

Attendees

- Andy Peet
- Ian Lawrence
- Liam Underwood
- Robbie Hutchison
- Tim Haines
- David Weston
- James Williams

Apologies

- N/A

Recap of previous meeting

The previous meeting was mostly going over plans for the stall for the National Airsoft Festival, along with ideas for any promotional activities.

The minutes of the previous meeting were deemed to be correct.

Recap of National Airsoft Festival

Preamble

Both **AP** and **TH** passed on their thanks to everyone who was present at NAF, either in setting up the stall, running the range or talking to those visiting the stall.

Initial set up of range

AP arrived early on the Thursday and was greeted by the NAF support crew, he found them accommodating and welcoming.

He had noted that we had been moved from pitch 71 to pitch 83 – our original pitch was next to the shooting range, which had now been converted into the HPA chrono queue. We were not informed of this change prior to our arrival at the venue.

Our position was next to one of the car boot areas, thankfully we had brought our fully enclosed range to NAF.

Set up of the range, including test firing of the replicas was completed by evening of Thursday.

Use of range

The new location of the range was in an awkward position; it was not immediately visible to anyone who was present in the food court or walking back from the safe area, for example.

Additionally the weather during the weekend was awful at points, torrential downpours were present on the Saturday which hampered game play and footfall in the safe area. This had left the food court area especially muddy underfoot.

Regardless, we had multiple repeat visitors to the range (and some rivalries!) which was promising.

It was down to the last minutes – the winning shot was taken at the tail end of Sunday!

Technology

The Attacksense range, in our latest attempt at using it, worked pretty well. Information was logged centrally on the Attacksense device and whilst there were small issues with the flow, this wasn't something that largely got in the way.

We did not have access to the Attacksense TV applet on the Friday due to **DW** bringing the wrong micro-computer and the Attacksense wireless network password not being known. A reset of all the targets was completed and for Saturday and Sunday, the TV applet was in full use and generated significant interest in the range.

The power bank in combination with the Raspberry Pi and **DW's** TV didn't last the full day. We may need to look at either a bigger power bank or the use of a more power efficient TV.

There were audio connection issues with the Attacksense range over aux, and if bluetooth was in use, periodically the network would fall out of sync. When **JW** got back home, he attempted to replicate the aux connection issue yet was unable to replicate it; he was able to play audio from the Attacksense app on the external speakers.

Sign ups

We had **91** waivers signed, and **90** fresh sign ups.

Action: DW to look at whether or not it's possible to send an e-mail across to members who had joined for free to ask them if they wish to upgrade to UKAPU's yearly donation.

Potential improvements

It was noticed by **DW** that we didn't necessarily have any assets that specifically pointed out the role of UKAPU, and that we need to get around to getting a poster or banner created that details what it is that UKAPU does for its members. **IL** suggested that this banner could be created with Foamex or other similar materials.

It was noticed by **RH** and **LU** that there was no press about the specific location of the UKAPU stand on social media, but, given that we were moved without notice, any locations on social media would have been wrong.

Communal tent

The UKAPU communal tent has seen better days, and with the rain storm that occurred on the Saturday, it was noted that the tent required better weatherproofing. **AP** and **IL** had suggested Fabsil for weatherproofing the tent and **AP** has already ordered some Fabsil to seal the tent.

Promotional activities

RH had been in contact with some other vendors at NAF.

He has secured a discount with a maker of customised reticules, to be commenced when the vendor has got his website running.

He has also spoken to a vendor local to his home site who has volunteered his services for any assistance required for graphic design.

Patches

A question was raised with regards to our current patch provisions, and whether or not we could find a better supplier.

We had approached a well-known airsoft patch vendor who was unable to give us an exact quote however the vendor indicated that all costs are without setup fees.

Additionally we should look at whether or not we should look at different patch colours.

Action: DW or **JW** to look at current patch costs.

Thoughts on legislation

DW and **JW** whilst at the National Airsoft Festival were discussing about legislation and realised that there were some differences in opinion; it was decided that some time should be allocated to discuss thoughts and put together a document that detailed the position of UKAPU with regards to specifics of law for internal use within the organisation, as opposed to a public facing guide that already exists.

A meeting was arranged for the 19th of September.

All other business

- **TH** to message Dan Shears to ask if he's still willing to be actively a part of UKAPU as he met someone at NAF who wants to be part of the committee (South West)
- **RH** suggested that we need to create a new Discord for public use
- **LU** (or new student rep) has been finding new airsoft uni societies and is maintaining a Discord of them

Date for next meeting will be 10th of October.