

Irish Airsoft Association

AGM 2008

Meeting Minutes

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Opening

The annual general meeting of the Irish Airsoft Association was called to order at 12:30 on 14 December 2008 in The Central Hotel, Dublin by Sean O'Callaghan.

Attendees

Sean O'Callaghan
Ronan Lowe
Conor Scolard
Keith Douglas
David Doyle
Darragh O' Toole
Stephen Fay
James Griffen
Paul Kane
Tony Geraghty, Eirsoft
Ray Murphy
Richard Mangan
Carl Calderon
James Murphy
Tom Keogh
Paul Horgan
Bernard Lyons
David O' Connor
Daniel O' Connor
Simon Jameson
Neil Guthrie (NI Guest)
Kyle Coey (NI Guest)
Paul Carey, HRTA

Change to Agenda

The agenda was changed to include a proposed amendment to the constitution to allow for tax exempt status. The attendees were informed that this was not a mandatory item for voting and that they could object to it being held at this time and postpone it. There were no objections for the change in the agenda.

Opening address

Sean O'Callaghan made the opening address for 2008 and presented the Agenda.

Vice Chairman address

Ronan Lowe gave his opening address, and provided details of the approach the IAA is taking to secure the safety of Airsoft in Ireland. He laid out the events that happened at the meeting with Charlie Flanagan and after it, he gave an overview of the amount of contact we now have with the authorities and that the government and DoJ are taking on board our recommendations on how Airsoft should be approached. He also highlighted that the DoJ see the IAA as a positive for Airsoft and key to its survival.

PRO

Sean O'Callaghan delivered the report from the PRO for 2008, outlined the media contact that was made over the year.

Sean announced that the IAA has been accepted by the Irish Sports council as the national governing body for Airsoft, application papers and fees to be submitted.

Statement of accounts

Dara O' Toole delivered the statement of the accounts.

Voting

Constitutional Amendments

- **Tax Clearance**
 - Passed unanimously
- **Restriction of Chair position**
 - Proposed by Ronan Lowe
 - Seconded Tony Geraghty
 - Defeated 11/8
- **Expansion to Include NI players**
 - Proposed by Paul Kane
 - Seconded James Griffen
 - Passed unanimously
- **Creation of regional reps from commercial interests**
 - Proposed by Michael O'Connor
 - Seconded Blay
 - Defeated unanimously

Committee positions

- **Technical officer**
 - Keith Douglas
 - Elected unanimously
- **Legal officer**
 - Stephen Fay
 - Elected unanimously
- **Vice-Chairman**
 - Dave O'Connor
 - Elected unanimously
- **Chairman**
 - Conor Scolard
 - Elected unanimously

AOB

Paul Kayne put forward that the Committee is not aggressive enough in making public the achievements of efforts of the Association. A more assertive altitude is required. Mr Kayne also submitted that he committee should make more of the day to day duties more visible and transparent so that the dally operations are understood. This was accepted by the committee.

The guests form Northern Ireland suggested that the date of the AGM was not ideal due to its proximity to Christmas. This will be put to the members to decide.

James Griffen queried what the association was doing with respect to marshal and First aid training.

The association will be perusing this on the back of applications for sports capitalisation grants and training from the Department of Health and Children with respect to Child welfare, this will be provided to affiliates.

Paul Kayne volunteered to assist with this application.

Bernard Lyons asked what the association was doing in relation to insurance for individuals.

Thus is something the association is perusing, but much higher numbers are required before it will become economical.

Tony Geraghty offered his thanks to the committee for their work over the year.

Paul Horgan asked about age inclusive activities outside the normal Airsofting social events. He pointed out we have a large community under the age of 18 and we should explore non alcohol related activities. It was noted that the regular "Airsoft beers" held in Dublin and arranged by Keith Douglas were not an IAA event. But community social activities that are all inclusive is a good idea and the committee is open to suggestions and volunteers for such.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 15:40 by Sean O'Callaghan.

Minutes submitted by: Stephen Fay, legal Officer

Approved by: Dave O'Connor, Vice-Chairperson