



**European Airsoft Association
2016 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Skype p2p audio conference
Friday 16th December 2016 20:00(CET)**

MINUTES

1. Attendee / Apologies

Belgium – Not attending with apologies
Croatia – Not attending with apologies
Czech Republic – Not attending
France - Attending
Ireland – Not attending
Netherlands - Attending
Portugal – Not attending
Serbia – Not attending
UK - Attending

2. Previous Annual General Meeting Minutes

France asked about the volunteer 20 euro's membership fee. President answered that because of the fact there is not an official bank account yet, membership fees shall be postponed until further notice. Minutes of 18 december 2015 agreed to be correct.

3. Progress Reports

a. Presidents Report

1. In 2016 we had 2 new associations join the EAA (French and Czech colleagues) and 1 renewal (Dutch)
2. We were contacted by the Spanish Association but so far they have not yet decided to join.
3. We were contacted by the German League but they are currently not able to become a member, due to the fact that their board consist of Retailers.
4. Outside Europe we were contacted by several teams within the country of Brazil for help, as the legislators in that country are in the progress of creating stricter gun laws. President has offered help by getting them in touch with each other and by providing them with advice on how to set up a Brazilian Airsoft Association.



5. The first 8 months of the year were very busy with the firearm proposal. President made numerous trips to Brussels to lobby for the sport. Matt Furey King (UK) visited Brussels and also President had several meetings in the Netherlands with his contacts, concerning the proposal.

Some retailers & distributors in Europe came together and formed an alliance. They hired a professional lobby agency to do their part. Members of the EAA contacted their national politicians. Individual players and others in the Airsoftsport community did their part to help out. Until now we are still in the clear but we need to keep our eyes and ears open.

6. President has been working on the job description list for the various officers and support staff

7. President has been working on EAA draft constitution and to see if it can be in line with colleague sports associations in Europe.

b. Public Relations Managers Report

Throughout 2016 the EAA was proven to be a source of information for concerned players who had been informed of the actions being taken in Brussels. Our messaging throughout the year consisted of calls to action whereby we rallied players to contact local MEPs and follow on updates of our progress. We hit an all-time high with the number of people seeing our post after Matt visited Brussels and posted a positive update on the situation and our progress to date. This post alone was seen 111,537 times and brought over 1000 additional likes to our facebook page within a few days. All of which was organic. This post attracted 6,476 visits to the website too on the 31st of March.

In general we see a very small but steady stream of traffic to our website however the average duration on the site is just over 1 minute with most visitors looking to see which countries are members of the EAA.

As of this month, the EAA website is being hosted on a new server provided free of charge by Ronald Meeuwissen. Together I and Ronald will continue to enhance the site and its content and establish a plan for regular updates which can be shared via social media platforms.

Further emails will be sent out to representatives in due course to discuss future communication plans.

4. Accounts

No questions on the account. All agreed to be correct.



5. Election of President / Officers for 2017 Term

1 nominee; Joachim Dekkers is re-elected unanimously for President term 2017

1 nominee; Richard Lewis is re-elected unanimously for PR & Communication term 2017

6. Any Further Items

UK gives a small summary on the UK situation concerning airsoft devices.

France gives a small summary on the situation in France concerning airsoft devices.

President reports on goals of 2017 which will focus on creating a signed notary constitution for the EAA, attracting board members and support staff, possible subsidies and keeping the Airsoftsport safe from possible harm concerning the EU Firearm Directive.

7. Date and Format of Next Meeting

President proposes to hold Skype meetings maximum 4 times in 2017. All agreed. Dates and times to be announced as soon as possible.