

Committee Meeting Minutes Tauranga Airsoft Club Inc

Date: 3rd April 2019
Venue: Montgomery Rd
Meeting Commenced: 7:00pm
Attendees: Kory, Tony, Glencora, Jason, Jess, Dave
Apologies: Brendin

Financial Report

- As per the attached bank account summary showing activity.
- The money raised at the club fundraiser game day has been set aside
- We are mostly on track with where the club needs to be financially to cover upcoming bills for insurances and TECT lease.

Annual club cost liabilities:

TECT Lease: \$1,380.00 due 1st October
Insurance: \$1,138.50 due 1st July
Domain/Email: \$171.35 due 8th November
Xero Subscription: \$69.00 due monthly

Current Account balances:

Debit Card Account: \$62.50
Main Account: \$1,547.09 (set aside for wood chipper purchase)
Online Saver: \$2,159.23
Cash Float: \$100.00
Total Club Funds: \$3,868.82

Financial Report accepted:

Moved: Kory / Seconded: Tony / Carried

General Business

Third signatory on club bank account

Currently Kory and Glen are the only two signatories on the club bank accounts. We need a third. Volunteers or nominations would be appreciated.

New Rental Facemasks

- The Paintball Shop has supplied NZ Airsoft with 3 samples of rental facemasks. The preferred mask is the Dye Rental mask.
- This has been tested point blank up to 500fps and has performed extremely well in the testing.
- It will continue to be tested up to 700fps - Yardie can supply the Airsoft gear to do this testing.
- Discuss also the possibility of lifting the FPS limit on the field to allow for sniper rifles.

Website updates

- Discussions around updating the content, images and page layouts for the TAC website. Special focus will be on softening the wording.
- Text will be clarified regarding safety goggles, rules and FPS limits.
- Add The Paintball Shop advertising to the website
- Add online ticket sales and product sales such as bb's, barrel socks and club t-shirts

Website updates to be completed:

Tony & Glen as time permits

Game Days and Feedback

Since June 2018 the club has run 12 club game days including the fundraiser game day

Since June 2018 there have been 4 private bookings

Total players: 260

Total hires: 116

- Activity indicates that a high percentage of players using the field are either first time players from general club game days or from private bookings.
- The three most significant club game days have been the club birthday game (32 players), the final Xmas game (24 players) and the fundraiser game day (49 attendees).
- Feedback from the fundraiser game day has been particularly positive. There was a lot of enthusiasm from underage players (13 and up) and their parents. Other attendees were also very happy with how the day went and some have expressed interest in joining the club.
- There will definitely be interest again if the club wants to run another game suitable for underage players. This should be planned well in advance so that people can arrange with parents etc to attend.

FPS, MED and RED review

- See attached chart for discussion point
- With testing the performance on the potential new hire masks it is timely to begin the discussions about the FPS limits on TECT field.
- Currently the top limit is 450fps measured on 0.25g bb's. This is fine for a smaller field but TECT has a lot of open areas that would be suitable for long range game play.
- We propose that the top end FPS limit be increased and all MED's be reviewed and adjusted as required.
- Table for discussion again at next committee meeting.

TECT spray procedure updates

At the TECT user group meeting Darryl presented updated procedures for spraying and storing hazardous chemicals onsite. While the storage doesn't relate to us, the spraying does. Using anything more than a backpack will mean the person spraying will need to be certified to do so. And using backpack sprayers, people will be required to wear appropriate safety gear. It will pay to check with Darryl before any spraying onsite is planned. There are also other elements to be aware of such as when plants are in flower for the bees and things like that.

TECT Security

Another issue brought up at the TECT user group meeting is that there have been a lot of break-ins around the park with thousands of dollars worth of equipment being stolen. The MO is the same so the park managers think that the break-ins are by one person, and Bill has a reasonable idea of who it is.

The club will no longer store any item of value on the field in the container (which is difficult to lock now anyway).

Field building projects

- A working bee for Easter weekend has been posted on the club website.
- The goal is to stand the pre-made barricades that are now onsite
- As the barricades are quite heavy, we need a minimum of 6 people for the working bee to be able to achieve this.
- Tony discussed the possibility of staining the safe zone fencing and tables once completed to help provide some weather protection.
- Jess suggested approaching Resene to see what they could offer with regards to seconds materials

Other building projects include:

- Getting the rest of the stockpiled materials delivered to site
- Uplift materials from BOP Clay Targets (pretty urgent before they get rid of them)
- Completing the safe zone walls at the end
- Staining the framing of the new table
- Lining the back of the new table with pallet wood to match the fence style
- Building additional tables along the opposite side of the safe zone
- Building barricades to for the arena (in keeping with the plan layout approved by TECT)

Game at Zombieland

Brendin has talked to Shane from Zombieland about running a game day on their field. He has given Glen the details and she will post up a game event for this shortly.

Changes after Christchurch

Arms Act updates

- The revisions to the Arms Act have passed their second reading. The impacts to Airsoft are minimal. There have been some updates to definitions and that is about it.
- You will still need a permit license to import an Airsoft gun. You will not need a permit to import Airsoft parts.
- Will discuss again once the final review has been passed.
- Submissions have been made from Glen on behalf of TAC and Tony on behalf of NZ Airsoft

Operating Procedures

As the club parking area is on a public road the club and game day organisers need to be aware of correct game day procedures:

- Attendees to park in the club parking lot.
- Attendees to refrain from wearing the bulk of their kit (vests, battle belts, drop leg holsters, camo shirts etc) until at the club field
- All Airsoft guns must be transported in enclosed bags, boxes or cases.
- Airsoft guns are not to be taken out of their cases until players are on the field.
- Registration, payment of fees and reading/signing of Liability Waiver to be completed prior to players entering the field.
- Chrono and tagging of all Airsoft guns to be completed on field.
- Safety briefing to be completed on field

Operating procedures will be included on the club website as part of the website updates to remind every player of their obligations and responsibilities. Any person who is new to running a game day must be overseen by an experienced club member before being allowed to run a game day on their own.

Barrel Socks

- Another good operating procedure is to start enforcing the use of barrel socks on all Airsoft guns. This has previously been discussed but never enforced.
- NZ Airsoft has a large quantity of barrel socks available to purchase.
- These can be added to the website when the online membership and purchase updates are completed.

ASNZ update

Jackayl has nominated Glen as AWI secondary rep for ASNZ and she has been added to the ASNZ messenger chat group.

For the week of submissions being open for the revisions to the Arms Act, ASNZ have been scrambling to post up a set of recommendations on how to make a submission (taken verbatim from Colfo website and slightly edited to reference Airsoft). Once that was done they then wrote a submission from ASNZ as a "governing body". This was submitted a couple of hours before the cutoff for submissions.

One of the ASNZ reps also presented verbally on the submissions day. This has generated a fair bit of negative criticism especially from people involved in real steel as they felt Airsoft was utilising valuable and limited time on submissions day. ASNZ however have been patting themselves on the back for putting the sport in the "spotlight". Kind of the last thing we want at the moment as our sport is often misinterpreted or has negative implications when Airsoft does hit the news.

ASNZ has been talking about themselves as a “National Governing Body” representing Airsoft in NZ. We do not agree with this statement both from a club point of view (TAC has not been involved for years) nor from an NZ Airsoft point of view.

Up until March they had been struck off the Incorporated Societies list for two years for failing to submit financial records. When this was queried in an open letter by one of the ASNZ clubs there was a mad scramble to get re-incorporated.

We have reviewed the financials submitted and have some serious questions regarding the financials as well as the lack of supporting documentation relating to expenditure and “outstanding invoices”.

They have also been discussing a national membership database. This has been discussed since 2016. ASNZ AGM minutes from 2017 indicated that this new system was complete and pretty much ready to take live. It has not been taken live as of yet, and is currently still in the beta testing stage.

When queried as to the scope of works of this project along with a detailed quote for the cost of this work and what the quote included, Glen was met with fairly hostile reactions on the group chat.

As of yet the paperwork requested has not been supplied. It was mentioned that paperwork would be supplied at the AGM which is scheduled to be held in Wellington later this year. ASNZ are not planning on having a skype or conference call setup for people who are unable to physically attend the AGM. So the implication is that request for paperwork will be ignored, and likely not supplied on the day either.

Glen will continue to read the group chat and poke them to try and hold them accountable.

Armageddon Tauranga

Planning for Armageddon Tauranga is well underway. The main changes this year is to what we can wear. No camo clothing whatsoever will be allowed, and no carrying of Airsoft guns. No loan guns from players will be required for the table displays.

Attendees are recommended to wear tidy black pants and club t-shirts if they have them. If website updates are completed early enough, club members will be able to purchase club t-shirts through the new site.

So far we have 11 people helping out for both days of the event. Ideal numbers would be 12-15.

Glen will post reminders for volunteers to attend on the club Facebook page.

The club will need to print out some more promotional material for the event as they are pretty much out of their rack cards. The promotional material will be updated to reflect the changes in look and terminology planned for the website refresh.

Pricing and draft layouts will be presented at the next committee meeting by Glen and Tony.

Close of meeting at 9pm