



**Parts Importation  
Meeting Minutes  
31<sup>st</sup> July 2019**

<b>Location</b>	Indooroopilly Library, Level 4, 322 Moggill Road, Indooroopilly	<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	31 Jul 2019 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
<b>Chair</b>	Nathan Kirby (President GBA inc)	<b>Minutes</b>	Elliott Caldwell (Treasurer GBA inc)
<b>Attendees</b>	Nathan (President GBA inc)	Elliott (Treasurer GBA inc)	
	Jason (Vice President GBA inc)	Elhardt (Public Affairs GBA inc)	
	Aaron (Health & Safety GBA inc)	Vas (Xforce)	
	James (Player)	Raymond (AGPAA)	
	Chesh (Player)	Rowan (RPM)	
	Lee (AGPAA)	Nick (M4A1)	
	Brad (Armoured Heaven)	Gilly (Tactical Edge)	
	Ash (Aussie Hobbies)	Kelso (M4A1)	
	Dan (GBA)	Lachlan (GBA)	
	Alex (Player)	Travis (Taidi Toys)	
	Ragnar (Sons of Odin Valhalla)	Don (RPM)	
	Johnny (Player)	Ash (Player)	
	Jason (Toowoomba Skirmish)	Dan (AusGel)	
	Beau (Dark Ops)	Alistair (Viper Tactical)	
	There were about 20 others and our apologies to those we have missed! We didn't have a sign in sheet to record all of your names, but we will make sure we do for next time		

### Discussion

The following the main discussion items discussed on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> July and action items were assigned in the following table.

Item	Decisions / Recommendations / General
G310719.1	<p><b><u>Current Issue.</u></b> <b>Nathan</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Multiple suppliers have had shipments seized</li> <li>- Gov departments are following this rule of thumb: 'If interchangeable with airsoft it will be seized', This includes Gears, Pistons, Piston heads, Gearboxes Receivers, etc</li> <li>- All Gov departments are being very close mouthed - they are providing no definitions</li> <li>- They are not being picky such that everything will be seized, not just specific parts EG: if shipment has 100 blasters (ok), 1 receiver (not ok) - all will be seized</li> <li>- Has been talking to Peter from Tactical Edge Hobbies who is seeking legal advice</li> <li>- ABF have been seizing deliveries at random, putting aside, and combining with later shipments to determine they are airsoft or not</li> </ul>

	<p><b>Lachlan</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- expressed that he had personal experience losing gearboxes, gears and small parts</li> <li>- <b>others agreed</b> – this appears to be more recent</li> </ul> <p><b>Elliott</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- GBAINC is talking to Home Affairs, AFP, ABF and QPS</li> <li>- QPS is following Home Affairs and AFP lead</li> </ul> <p><b>Gilly</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mentioned there was supposed to be a QPS press conference last week of July to say public will need valid reason to own blasters and be member of an association – this is thought to be pushed into legislation by 1st Sept 2019</li> </ul> <p><b>Nathan</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Agreed that there were expected legislation changes expected on the 1st Sept 2019</li> <li>- Mentioned that another issue the government is concerned about is Gel Blaster orders being delivered to states where it's illegal.</li> <li>- It is highly recommended that retailers do not deliver Gel Blasters to states where owning one is illegal</li> </ul>
G310719.2	<p><b><u>Associations</u></b></p> <p><b>Nick</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- M4A1 is discussing Association to customers with each sale</li> <li>- Mentioned that \$20 is too much</li> <li>- Wondered how to get mum and dads, and people who play in backyards to join Assoc</li> </ul> <p><b>Lachlan</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Suggested that GBAINC should start with club / field registrations – where people sign up as they play – not all players are online (see action A310719.1)</li> </ul> <p><b>Ragnar</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Suggested that retailers could assist by sponsoring players to the association with blaster sales, eg, spend \$300 and get free Assoc membership</li> <li>- There were a number of retailers that agreed with this</li> </ul> <p>(post meeting note, Armoured Heaven and GBA have already agreed to do this)</p>
G310719.3	<p><b>Insurance</b></p> <p><b>Nathan</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Noted that GBAINC is currently in negotiations with an insurance company that has agreed to provide Gel Blaster specific insurance to retailers and fields. This would require fields to follow same OHS process and waiver (for fields registered with Assoc)</li> </ul>
G310719.4	<p><b>Airsoft</b></p> <p><b>Brad</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Suggested that retailers should no longer refer to Airsoft in any way</li> <li>- Retailers should remove any references to Airsoft</li> </ul>

	<p><b>Nick</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mentioned that retailers should not bring in airsoft parts, parts that are labelled / sold as airsoft</li> <li>- We need to be careful of the words we use and the discussion of airsoft in Facebook</li> </ul> <p><b>Rowan</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Did an online review and found many retailer Fb / webpage had products with 'airsoft' and indicated these should be removed</li> </ul> <p><b>Nick</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- QPS and ABF have been talking as friends, asking questions, listening and watching and using our own questions against us, for example 'are metal receivers allowed?', 'can we have the P1?'. We all know these are pushing the limits</li> <li>- They are playing a game to let us trap ourselves and we are helping them</li> </ul> <p><b>General</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- As a community distance clarify that we are here for Gel Ball and not try and blur the lines. (see action A310719.2)</li> </ul>
G310719.5	<p><b>Legal</b></p> <p><b>General Discussion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- How are home affairs / ABF defining airsoft? Seems there is no answer</li> <li>- There is something called duplicity legislation 'If parts can be used for illegal items then those parts become illegal'.</li> </ul> <p><b>Nathan</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- QPS stated that if we are caught with airsoft parts, for example a piston, there is potential to get firearms charges (this came from QPS Weapons Branch)</li> </ul> <p><b>General</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- It was agreed that as a community we needed legal counsel</li> </ul> <p><b>Nick</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Challenged retailers to throw \$ into legal approach</li> </ul> <p>All attending retailers pledged \$ for legal options these included,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- M4A1</li> <li>- Taidi Toys</li> <li>- Tactical Edge</li> <li>- Armoured Heaven</li> <li>- AusGel</li> <li>- Skirmish Toowoomba</li> <li>- Aussie Hobbies</li> <li>- Dark Ops Tactical</li> <li>- X Force</li> <li>- RPM</li> <li>- Gel Blasters Australia</li> <li>- Viper Tactical</li> </ul>

	<p><b>General</b> (See action A310719.3)</p> <p>(post meeting note – After the meeting some retailers that could not attend also pledged money, these included Plastic Armoury, CQ Blasters and Susan River Gel Ball)</p>
G310719.5	<p>The meeting then concluded as some people had to leave, however additional discussions occurred in groups. Some of the points of discussion in these groups included,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- All retailers to provide information about associations to anyone who purchases a blaster</li> <li>- All retailers to provide ‘stop and think’, safety, legal information to all people making purchases, especially complete blaster - (See action A310719.4)</li> <li>- All fields to provide association information, and to push standard safety requirements</li> <li>- GBAinc to develop a suggested regulation process for the government and QPS, as it is better to work and to help control the process than wait for it and fight against it (see action A310719.5)</li> <li>- All Assoc and community members to be more vocal against those who do and say silly things publicly and online</li> </ul>

Open Action Items					
Item	Action	Assigned	Raised	Due	Status
A310719.1	GBAinc to speak at playing events	Nathan	31/07/19	31/08/19	New
A310719.2	GBAinc to promote the removal of Airsoft from the Gel Blaster forums	Nathan	31/07/19	31/08/19	New
A310719.3	GBAinc to open a trust fund for donations to the legal fund	Elliott	31/07/19	16/08/19	New
A310719.4	GBAinc to provide a one-page document for the Stop & Think campaign to retailers	Nathan	31/07/19	31/08/19	New
A310719.5	GBAinc to consult with the community and develop a regulation process to assist QPS	Nathan	31/07/19	31/08/19	New