
UK Adventure Industry Group Meeting (UKAIG)

Meeting notes & action points

Meeting date: 5th October 2017, Ashorne Conference Centre, nr Leamington Spa

Present: John Hamilton, Mike Rosser(Chair), Martin Smith, Paul Donovan, Julian Penny
From 14.30 – Frances Kelly (HSE)

Apologies: Adrian Clarke, Craig McCullough, Dave Horrocks, Jon Cousins, Catherine Williams, Steve Morgan, Elaine Skates, Louise Edwards, Matt Healy, Andy Robinson, Asa Gurden, Ian Lewis

Next meeting: October 24th – Carrs Lane Centre, Birmingham

I. Meeting summary

This meeting was held to receive an initial update from Paul Donovan on the Accreditation Scoping Exercise and the Adventure Accreditation Scheme Proposal Summary.

II. Meeting notes

Minutes from previous meetings.

- Previous Minutes to be agreed on the 24th October, 2017 at the full UKAIG Meeting

Matters Arising

- Links to Westminster and HSE - Feedback from Ian Lewis:
 - We seem to be on the right track with our group, with at least one supportive comment at Minister level and from two senior MPs.
 - We need to ensure that our approach reassures both the general public and parents.
 - We need we have good governance around the group and openness in terms of accounts, for example
- UKAIG website established.

Progress

- Paul Donovan confirmed as Project Consultant.
- Funding for 10 days of consultant support agreed with 5 organisations.
- HSE have offered officer time for the second stage of development.
- HSE would be asked about the level of support that might be forthcoming to cover the transition towards a new scheme. FK confirmed that there would be 'support' for the transition period.
- Any new scheme would have to be financially sustainable.
- Would HSE continue to host a website presence for a new scheme? FK suggested that the HSE website would signpost people to the 'Sector Proposal' and, as such, show HSE support/endorsement.

Deadlines:

- 11th October - Outline proposal to go to Regulatory Committee meeting, where the Minister will decide if a formal report is required and the proposal taken forward.
- 26th October – Deadline for more detailed papers to be prepared for a meeting on the 2nd November, which will then go to the HSE Board meeting.
- 7th December – HSE Board meeting to agree the development of the proposal to go out to consultation. It will be important to ensure that any proposed scheme meets the 8 criteria outlined by HSE.

Development:

- 3 future proposals to be presented to the HSE Board in December:
 1. The 'status quo' plus a fee increase
 2. AALA+ will look to extend the scope of the current scheme by bringing in the current exemptions for consideration under a more generic definition of 'high risk' activities
 3. A sector led non-statutory scheme
- Key points to make in the development of a non-statutory scheme:
 - It meets the 8 criteria set out by HSE
 - Underpinned by a robust and well respected inspection regime. Inspectors could be registered in the same way that the Fairgrounds and Amusements sector has successfully done.
 - Adherence to an industry led scheme would show compliance with the existing law, where there is a duty for employers to demonstrate their compliance under section 40 of the HASW Act, while also providing assurances to users, especially those with a non-delegable duty of care, such as schools.
 - A sector scheme would be more responsive to a changing and developing adventurous activities.
 - A sector led scheme can have more flexibility in terms of fee structure to better reflect the needs of the sector.
 - Could we develop a more appropriate name for our scheme?
 - Governance would be more open.

- Inspections would cover non-activity provision.
- Quality could be included within an overall scheme.
- It could include stand-alone facilities as well as led activities

Scoping Paper

- Paul Donovan took the meeting through the Accreditation Scoping Exercise.
- There is still information to gather, however, Paul has been in contact with all the main players.
- The work to date was well received and feedback was given to Paul, who will update the paper.
- The issue of who the managing body was raised – UKAIG/AAIAC/IOL for example?

Consultation

- It would be useful to have sight of the full response to the last HSE consultation in addition to the summary
- The design and nature of the next consultation exercise will be of real importance to the whole process.

Actions

Next Steps

- Updated version of the Proposal statement for the Regulatory Committee meeting on the 11th October to be circulated by PD on the 9th October for comment.
- Scoping exercise to be completed by PD by 24th October date of next UKAIG meeting - also the deadline is for the submission of a proposal for HSE to consider.

Next Mtg

October 24th at Carr's Lane Conference Centre – Birmingham

Mtg Closed at 1530hrs