



NATIONAL AUTOGRASS SPORT ASSOCIATION LTD.

MINUTES OF THE CHAIRMANS MEETING HELD AT THE TRAVELODGE, WALSALL ON SUNDAY 21ST FEBRUARY 2010 AT 12 NOON

Present:	East Midlands	Bob Rouse		
	Gloucester	Craig Smith		
	WASA	Paul Brooks		
	South Wales	Norman Rodgers		
	Southern	Mark Hoppe		
	West Midlands	Tony Griffiths	Geoff Davies Marcus Mills	
	MAP	Pete Haines	Steve Langley J Barrett	
	North Western	Malcolm Cooper	Lynn Cooper	
	North Yorkshire	Paul Glover		
	Essex	Marcia Jackson		
	Yorkshire	Nick Bendall		
	West Wales	Tony Rees		
	East Anglian	Jeffrey Parish	Jay Neville Colin Rogers	
			Phillip Neville Dave Robins	
			Pat Ashley	
		Shropshire	Ernie Ashley	
		CGTRO	Pete West	
		Kent	Derek Linch	
		Dales	Don Hilton	
		N Ireland		
	Wiltshire	Chris Tee		
	S Ireland			
	Fenland	Kenneth Beals		
	Scotland	Hugh Brown		
NASA	Treasurer/Director	Margaret Allen		
	Director	Barbara Harper		
	Secretary	Maureen Boyd		
	Chairman	Ted Shillitto		
	Vice Chairman	Don Hilton		

Ted Shillitto opened the meeting and thanked all for attending.

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1 Apologies

Apologies were received from Keith Matthews and Warren Beattie

2 Minutes of the meeting of the 10th October 2009.

The minutes were verified as a true record by **Ernie Ashley** (Shropshire) and seconded by **Pete West** (CGTRO).

3 Matters arising from the minutes

Ted-first of all thank you for voting myself and Don onto the committee we hope to work together with you all and the Directors and move forward. We hope we can do a good job, Don and I agree on most things and want to push Autograss forward for 2010.

Page 2-**Norman**-applications for the 2011 ladies/juniors nationals – on the agenda

Page 3-nothing

Page 4-nothing

Page 5-nothing

Page 6-**Ted**-will have to have a discussion on the 2009 ladies/juniors nationals.

Page 7-nothing

Page 8-nothing

Page 9-**Ted**-standardization at race meetings, I know the marshals are discussing it today, we are trying to get a procedure you are all familiar with.

Page 10-nothing

Page 11-**Ted**-clarification about track markers.

Tony G-it says staples in the Armco I actually said put wire on top of the stakes and use nails to secure it not staples.

Page 12-**Ted**-feel the steel floor scenario has calmed down.

Page 13-**Don**-can we run adults racing in junior specials at a two day meeting.

Jeffrey-it was agreed last year to be taken out. **Ernie**-have to keep on top of the safety issue. **Pete W**-if an adult turns up with a junior special can you let them race it.

Ernie-it is a class 8 if there is no race for them. **Paul**-we have a 16 year old that has been racing on the juniors for two years, but there are only a few clubs running junior specials in the adult class, I have told him to go to the clubs that do , or race class 8.

Ted-it is up to you on the day, see how many you get and see if you get any problems, I don't think you will. **Dave R**-what would they sign on as. **Ernie**-it would make a difference to the allocations if they signed on a class 8. **Ted**-we probably need to change them to standard specials. **Don**-we sign them on a separate sheet.

Ted-think at the moment sign on as a class 8 they are not going to be as competitive and we will have a think about it. **Barbara**-they have to sign on a separate sheet.

Paul G-why cant they sign on as class 8. **Ted**-what about if F600 and Stock Hatch and junior specials sign on another sheet, so if just one turns up put it in a class 8.

Dave-don't feel we can do anything this year. **Ted**-up to you where you put them.

Norman-why cant we make it a standard class today. **Ted**-cant see a problem, they are not eligible for allocations, sign them all on a separate sheet and see how you go on, no one in their right minds would turn up with a 1400 engine. **Mark**-need all the leagues to agree that no junior special will be signed on class 8. **Jeffrey**-need a letter to go out to all club secretaries telling them this is how it is going to be for this year. They are not allowed to race as class 8 for allocations and they must be signed on a separate sheet.

4 Treasurers Report.

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Margaret-insurance claims-there are still two ongoing from the end of last year, one from the ladies/juniors nationals and a late one from Radford. The two claims the solicitor is dealing with are still ongoing.

All the invoices have gone out, you are now covered for plant and machinery on race days only. You are covered for money on big two day meetings for £50K and for small ones £2.5K.

They are giving each nationals £1K. You are also covered for shows and events but you need to let me know.

The insurance is roughly the same as last year.

When you are doing event permits do not include reserve dates just let me know if you will be using one.

Steve L-is it all plant and machinery. **Margaret**-all.

Malcolm-events and shows-does that include stadium racing. **Margaret**-no just to do with NASA. **Mark**-we do promotional events at speedway, does it cover that.

Margaret-NEC, Stoneleigh and small shows. **Mark**-static promotions.

In the current account we have 88077.00

In the deposit account we have 36503.56

£61K is money that has come in this year up to now.

The NEC cost 6173.03

The fixtures list is self financing

The first payment has gone to the insurance company.

Sky 2010-do you want them, it is the same as last year £5K each meeting, you have to tell me if you want it or not. **Jeffrey**-feel need more discussion as they have had problems with the production company. **Margaret**-will have to talk to Terry Williams.

Tony G-if NASA are going to pay, **Paul G**-do we know if it brings in more members to the sport. **Bob R**-they say 10% of marketing works. **Norman**-it is too much money to spend on what we get for it. **Jeffrey**-get Terry to discuss it with Dave Richardson, if we are going to go ahead and see if they can promote Autograss more. **Ted**-what is the general consensus. **Margaret**-I will have a word with Terry. **Ted**-Don says shall we take it back to the membership.

Bob R-two options 1 whether we want the nationals to be on Sky
2 or whether we want a promotional company to put something together on Autograss.

Ted-take it back to your members £10K is a lot of money.

5 Directors Report

Bob-at our first meeting of the year a proposal was put to the Directors that we have a chairman and I was put forward and accepted. I told the Directors their duties. They must act as a Board not as individuals both from the Directors and you. If you collared me in a corner and plied me with whisky and you got a decision out of me it wouldn't count. The chairman acts as a conductor not an MD, he has to get the team to work together, I have put together a list to show what each Directors does so you know who to contact.

Class 1 and 3 rule books-there were big discussions and the history of how we got to where we are today, postings have been put on the NASA website and the YD forum reference class 1 and 3. The drafting of the rule books has happened as in previous years but the proof reading was not as good as it had been, not all the rule changes are put to the Directors and seen by just a few. A new set of rule books will be

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available to a number of parties by August for all to see and hopefully agree, so we have a set of rules we all work to.

There have been a couple of appeals;

Daniel Walker was given a five year nationwide ban and has served three years. He asked for the remainder to be suspended (no such thing) he has been given his licence back.

There was another from a nationals only ban which is for four years and only one has been served – rejected.

Event permits-some are coming through with race times only, you need to cover any time you are likely to be at the track, it wont cost you any more, it needs to be while you are at the track.

Track inspection forms are being posted.

Who does what:

No	League/Club	Track Ins	E Permit
	East Midlands		MG
1/1	Leicester	MG	MG
1/2	Melton	MG	MG
1/3	Nottingham	MG	MG
1/4	Pennine	DW	MG
	Gloucester		PP
2/1	Bredon Hill	LB	PP
2/2	Forest of Dean	LB	PP
2/3	Gloucester	LB	PP
	WASA		PP
3/2	Norton Radstock	LB	PP
3/3	Penhow	LB	PP
	South Wales		PP
4/1	Carmarthen	JS	PP
4/2	Swansea	JS	PP
4/3	Teifi	JS	PP
4/4	Pembroke Haven	JS	PP
	Southern		MG
5/1	Wessex	DW	MG
5/2	South Somerset	DW	MG
	West Midlands		MG
6/1	Border Counties	JS	MG
6/2	Cwmdu	JS	MG
6/3	Hereford	JS	MG
6/4	Ludlow	JS	MG

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6/5	Severn Valley	JS	MG
	MAP		TW
7/1	Evesham	JS	TW
7/2	Radford	JS	TW
	North Western		TW
9/1	Abram	JS	TW
9/2	Leewood	JS	TW
9/3	North Wales	JS	TW
	North Yorkshire		PP
10/2	York	PP	PP
	Essex		MG
11/1	Concord	TW	MG
	Yorkshire		MG
12/1	Scarborough	MG	MG
	West Wales		MG
13/1	Pembroke	JS	MG
	East Anglian		MG
14/1	Cambridge	TW	MG
14/2	St Neots	TW	MG
	Shropshire		TW
15/1	North Shropshire	TW	TW
15/2	STAR	TW	TW
	CGTRO		PP
16/1	Scunthorpe	PP	PP
16/2	Sturton & stow	PP	PP
16/3	Trent	PP	PP
	Kent		MG
18/1	Invikta Kent	TW	MG
	Dales		TW
19/1	Yorkshire Dales	MG	TW

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19/2	Solway	MG	TW
	Northern Ireland		PP
21/1	Down	BR	PP
21/3	Foyle	BR	PP
21/4	Causeway	BR	PP
	Wiltshire		MG
22/2	Stroud & District	JS	MG
	Southern Ireland		PP
23/1	West Waterford	BR	PP
23/2	Cork	BR	PP
23/3	Carlow	BR	PP
23/4	Mallow	BR	PP
	Fenland		PP
24/1	Spalding	DW	PP
	Scotland		TW
25/1	Central Scotland	MG	TW

Ted-congratulations on your new appointment. **Bob**-it is for a six month trial.

6 Nationals 2010.

Men's – Tony G-all going well, we wanted hats instead of badges, what do the room feel. **Margaret**-people come up and ask me at the nationals as they collect them (badges). Lance said you may do the hats yourself. **Tony**-in the NASA file it says we have to send an O/S map to all clubs-can we delete it. **Bob**-or make it just one electronically.

Ladies/Juniors – Pete W – all OK and in control.

7 Nationals 2011.

Ted-read out a letter from the Southern League reference leagues only applying for the nationals and one from South Somerset supporting them – they want clubs to be able to apply.

Ted-when we had a vote previous it was 14 for and 4 against. Where leagues have priority, is it not possible to apply as a league. **Mark**-we are not applying as a league, it would be dishonest to do so, believe in being straight. **Pete W**-we discussed it as a league and we decided we would prefer it to be a club. **Jeffrey**-can we not alter it and say a club would be acceptable with the support of the league. **Ted**-you had a democratic vote. **Paul G**-if you go back to saying club/league, are you saying if the club does not put it on the league could apply under the five year rule. **Mark**-we could take the Directors guidance and 'cheat' but it does not feel right. **Paul B**-it is not cheating by going back to applying as a league, we are all racing from the same venue, we are all working together to take the sport forward. **Dave** – with such as the

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WML where there are five clubs they all have to work together. **Jeffrey**-that was my initial concern, so they would all work together. **Ted**-you have to be careful you don't modify a decision, obviously the more clubs there are in a league the more potential for more unrest. I don't feel it is a major problem, feel you are making more of it. **Mark**-maybe I have higher morals than most and then I had an email to 'cheat' the system. **Tony G**-Severn Valley applied with the backing of the league, we took it back to the league and they each wanted 20% of the cut, not trying to cheat the system. If you let South Somerset do it then I will have to go back to my club and tell them. **Norman**-don't see how you can change it for this year, perhaps for next. **Ted**-feel had a democratic vote and it must stay. **Paul G**-to be put on the agenda for future years. **Norman**-feel too late for 2011.

All agreed to leave it as it is.

Mark drew West Midlands League as the hosts for the 2011 ladies/juniors nationals.

8 Members migrating

Paul G-have we got a problem with this, we are not getting new members because we have no track, but we are losing members as we have no track, we will not take people to get their licence money. **Ted**-put it on the agenda after a conversation with a club, concerned people are getting a free ride going to a club with no track.

9 Non NASA sanctioned meetings

Ted-was discussed at the Directors meeting, it used to be out of season but there is more coming in during racing season, potentially more interest from promoters. **Bob**-stadium racing and where do you want the Directors to take us. We were asked to promote and run an Autograss meeting at a stadium, they offered us £10K as they thought they would get more cars there. Have taken verbal legal advice and at the moment if someone runs a stadium meeting on the weekend of the nationals with £10K prize money we cannot stop them. We cannot impose anything on stadium racing, the only way is through the members handbook. The stadiums have problems at the moment with internal disputes with BRISCA, the stadium owners see Autograss cars as free. Have issues with insurance, where would an Autograss driver at a stadium meeting stand if there was a bad accident with a member of the public. Stadium scrutineering is very lax, our construction rules are not for stadium racing. Stadium insurance is for what is run on a stadium. My initial advice is it is doubtful it would be covered by the stadiums insurance. **Norman**-what's the difference in or out of the season with the insurance. **Bob**-non. **Norman**-what about the NEC show. **Bob**-that and the NASA/SEGTO challenge are covered by our insurance. **Jeffrey**-our cars race at Belle Vue who has no rule book. **Malc**-Belle Vue had been running without insurance they thought the NASA insurance covered them, the main problem is they run with no insurance. **Ted**-say there is a meeting at Birmingham Wheels Saturday night, will people travel to Autograss on the Sunday? **Steve L**-we want to invite 20 class 7 only to race.

Bob-do you want the Board to implement something where they only have to race at certain venues or lose their licence (or at risk to) at non approved meetings. **Paul G**-got to look after our own clubs. **Bob**-if it is out of season and they approach us no problems. **Ken**-at BRISCA you buy the number and if you race anywhere else you lose your licence and the number.

Bob-couple of options, drivers cannot control the stadiums. **Steve L**-does there become a problem where NASA are sanctioning meetings i.e. Blyton and there is a major accident, what would happen. **Bob**-won't come in until January 2011, would

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look at an approval so our members can race there, not necessarily safe to race there but we would ask questions i.e. insurance. **Ken**-F2 stock cars are not very particular on scrutineering. **Mark**-promotional activity-South Somerset cars round a speedway track, where do we stand. **Paul B**-walking pace. **Mark**-we should ask why do they go somewhere else. **Ted**-they have a bar, night time lighting and a good atmosphere. Sometimes ours looks bleak on a bad wet day. Perhaps someone would like to go round Silverstone, there is an attraction. **Derek**-notice quite a few Autograss cars do ¼ mile drag slip in race season. **Ted**-the consensus is there is a need to do something about it possibly use the F2 ruling. **Pete W**-don't think should be doing it and they should not use NASA's name to sanction out of season ones. **Lynn**-could it not be a no go area from the first race meeting date to the last. **Bob**-what happens when someone has a race meeting 1st January. **Jeffrey**-guide promoters in the right directions.

10 Draft rules-class 3

Ted-class 1 balancing and class 3 rule problems. An announcement has been made from the Directors and it has been put to rest. There are a few paragraphs that should not have been in there, they were not authorised by the Directors, they have found out where they came from. If anyone has class 3 problems talk to me or Dave Walker or John Shorter. The messenger between ruling and printing has been the problem.

Look to the future whereby needs to be looked at early enough for people building cars. First time been asked to have input into the rules, spending too much time discussing things that should not have happened, you need to supply the feedback. **Bob**-we have identified where the problem is and the person involved will not have access to the printers. The proof of next years rules will be available in august for you all to look at. Dave Walker was told to change the rule book, he prepared it but has been let down. **Mark**-does that person know they have been doing it wrong. **Bob**-do they know-yes, do they accept it-probably not. **Steve L**-the posting on the forum by a NASA Director reference class 3 with the solution-states following discussions-so where did these discussions take place, who did John have discussions with-that is what has upset our members, it came across that it had by passed clubs/leagues. **Ted**-looked at it as an opening for discussion, had a word with the Directors and don't feel that was what he expected. I think it has to come to the meetings. **Norman**-there's a way forward, we have had the feeling over the years that no matter what we say is wiped away, you have to convince all of us it will be listened to and discussed. I have put things forward and nothing has happened. **Bob**-issues raised in here with things that don't appear in the minutes will be on the NASA website. **Dave R**-get the feeling there is a slight shift in the way the rules are produced, find expecting the scrutineers to police the rules but where do they come from first. **Mark**-support Dave Walker and led to believe he is not here, feel two weeks turmoil and will be opening a can of wheels on what has been said. Have had an answer from Dave but will the answer be the same without him. **Ted**-Dougal-Chief Scrutineer-he should be the man for knowing all the rules and should be able to guide you, scrutineers don't make the rules, suggest you talk to Dougal and if there is a conflict I would like to be involved to see where the problems are. **Derek**-our scrutineer tried to bring up about opening doors but they wouldn't discuss it as it had been done before. **Ted**-got this human rights but don't want to get into it. There are a lot who think they are rule makers. **Dave R**-who are the rule makers.

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Ted-spoke to Dave Walker and Keith Matthews a lot and told them we need a rules committee, if you want to bring something in it should be discussed by all committees as all are involved, so the membership at Walsall are the rules committee. Should be looking forward so we have plenty of time to proof read and eliminate the problems. I wouldn't be against at the end of the meetings have key people from the other meetings here all trying to run nice race meetings. You are very powerful and get things sorted out and the direction you need to go.

Paul B—building experimental cars for class 1, could we not incorporate opening doors in experimental cars. **Ted**-would have to look into it. **Dave R**-can I propose a rules committee be set up. **Ted**-at a meeting with Dave and Keith we even got names down for a rules committee, we wanted constructors etc. it was an effort to try and do that prior to print, wants opening up to the rooms, then we have the right decision and don't have as many cock ups. **Mark**-we are the chairmen we are top of the tree, why don't Dougal and his committee come here and make a presentation proposing what should happen. **Ted**-they could still be in a meeting at 6pm. Emails between us is no problems, we all agree on the same issues in a round about way.

Bob-I second Mark's proposal to ask the other tow committees to come in here when they have had their meetings.

11 Standardization of race procedure

Ted-marshals want to push forward-not saying you should all use a bungee. Wind up procedure, there is no need for anyone to go on a start line lining cars up. Cross over board-possibly first marshals post. Trying to get uniformity.

Norman-BAS rounds are all trying to be the same. **Paul G**-feel will filter through to other clubs.

12 NASA at the Autosport Show

Ted-huge thanks to Terry and Sandy who did a huge amount of work, terrific show, heard a few say smaller cars on the stand was excellent. One or two milling around, don't know how many it brings in, I missed the juniors Saturday night and apparently they were excellent. **Derek**-fantastic. **Ted**-felt excellent show, do we continue.

Derek-it is a motorsport show and we are motorsport so we should be there. **Steve L**-couldn't make the show but got the same feedback, but some felt the cars on the stand were not totally representative of our sport, got the impression that people felt that was what you had to have. **Ted**-valid point, what would happen if we put a car on there that had done a season and not been done up.

Comment-no visible sign saying NASA.

Dave R-never got anyone there with any technical ability, why have we not asked the chief scrutineer to go. **Ted**-will ask the question, people have offered help and not had a reply. **Lynn**-would it not be a viable proposition to have a timetable of when the class team leaders would be there.

After further discussion all agreed to go for 2011.

13 Any other business

Ted-is there someone in the room who is prepared to sponsor something for the marshals, had a phone call to say one or two companies are interested to get a nationals attire. **Lynn**-was told the chief track marshals on the track wanted to stand out from other marshals. **Ted**-put it in writing to the Directors feel it is a good thing to discuss, if anyone else wants to get involved let us know.

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Ted-Environmental Impact Statement-has anyone been involved in filling an application in. Terry Williams thought someone had filled on in for Caenby Corner. It has come from a gent at Carlow-Kevin Caron-they have lost their track, got planning all happy, then one person got involved in EIS. He has filled lots of forms in but cannot do this one and is asking for help. (to Hugh Brown can I ask them to email you and Herman (CGTRO)). **Jeffrey**-feel sooner or later will effect everyone. My opinion is would be for NASA to get involved in this, there must be consultants out there, and gather data and maybe do surveys of sites, needs to be centrally collated. **Ted**-immediate position is to get someone to talk to Kevin. **Mark**-get someone to get the ball started. **Bob**-will contact Steven Paris and will take it on board.

Letter from WASA reference clarification of the bans and people who have been banned. **Paul B**-as the chairmen voted a 3 month ban where did that come from. **Jeffrey**-there was no minimum. **Bob**-there is no minimum, it is in the members handbook. 2009 or 2010 tariff, you will recall we asked the room to adopt the 2010 at that time the Directors decide the tariff but with input from others.

Ted-got a couple of letters yesterday but they need to go to the Directors meeting, one is from Tom Bell and one from Phil Nevill. I am just acknowledging receipt today.

Pete W-gate fees-have we got a standard gate fee or do we charge what we want. After a discussion it was found most charge £6 a few £7 and £8. **Mark**-how much do you charge to sign on. **Ted**-in the East Midlands League we charge £6 gate fee and £3 to sign on. **Pete W**-was NASA going to standardize it. **Ted**-licences are different prices throughout the country.

Jeffrey-last year Dave Walker sent a memo to clubs of his vision for the future, I know Mark put in some feedback and I sent one from the East Anglian League I would like it to go to clubs/leagues. Feel we should all be involved to give more feedback. **Norman**-all feedback should be through the scrutineers. **Jeffrey**-not necessarily technical matters but how the sport is going to develop. **Ted**-idea there, feel he will get some response.

Pete W-ladies racing cars for the first time at the nationals-do we allow them to do that. **Andrew Smith**-we would like to see ladies do three meetings before they go to the nationals, cant do it for this year but hope for next year. **Ted**-at St Neots there were one or two who had not driven the car before. **Mark**-Helen (I presume that is who you are talking about)had driven that car before and complied with the rules the marshals want to put in place. Nothing stops a man taking a car to the nationals he has not raced before so are you going to extend it to them. People have debuts at the nationals. **Andrew**-Helen's name has never been mentioned before, generally a lot of ladies race cars they have not raced before, don't know how it would be policed (the three meetings). **Paul G**-are you saying three times in that car or that class. **Andrew**-that car. **Paul G**-sometimes that have to borrow a car so they would be removed.

A discussion was held.

Craig-Gloucester league would like a copy of their boundary. **Margaret**-Terry Williams has it.

Ted-we did discuss earlier on having the scrutineers and marshals in here after their meetings to discuss what has happened in their meeting and we felt it was a good idea to get us all together and work together. **Andrew**-we are having another meeting on the 17th April to do a set of marshalling rules. The majority of marshals would like to see a specific set of rules, we are trying to get everyone to do the same. We had a good meeting today. **Ted**-next meeting they hope to get some fire training. **Andrew**-there will be some fire training at Pennine on the 21st March.

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There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 3.40pm.

Next meeting Saturday 17th April (all meetings).