



# NATIONAL AUTOGRASS SPORT ASSOCIATION LTD.

MINUTES OF THE CHAIRMAN'S MEETING HELD SATURDAY 14<sup>th</sup> April 2012

AT THE TRAVELODGE, BIRMINGHAM ROAD, WALSALL AT 11.00 AM

League	Name	attended	NASA (MA)	Margaret Allen
1	Nicholas Clarke	Yes	NASA (BH)	Barbara Harper
2	Malcolm Butler	Yes	NASA (DT)	Diane Tomkinson
3			NASA (TS)	Ted Shillitto
4	Gary Ray	No	NASA (DH)	Don Hilton
5	Mark Hoppe	Yes	NASA (MB)	Maureen Boyd
6	Anthony Griffiths	Yes	NASA (SB)	Simon Bentley
7	Peter Haines	Yes		
9	Malcolm Cooper	Yes		
10	Paul Glover	Yes	Visitor	Pat Ashley
11	Marcia Jackson	No	Visitor	Lynn Cooper
12	John Lawson	No	Visitor	Christopher Smith
13	Joan Bevans.	Yes	Visitor	David Mansfield
14	Jeffrey Parish	Yes	Visitor	Tammy Readin
15	Ernie Ashley	Yes	Visitor	Mark Grice
16	Peter West	Yes	Visitor	Phil Preece
18	Derek Linch	No	Visitor	Steve Langley
19	Mark Johnston	Yes		
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22	Chris Tee	Yes		
23	Donal Obrien	No		
24	Dan Mackenzie	No		
25	Keith Matthews	No		

Meeting Chaired by: Ted Shillitto

Start Time 11.17am

- Ted Shillitto opened the meeting and confirmed the meetings would now follow an Agenda and anyone wanting to discuss anything must get items on the agenda for future meetings.
- **Apologies** :- Keith Matthews, Derek Linch, Dan Mackenzie
- **Minutes of Meeting 19.2.12 :-**

J Parish felt D Tomkinson had produced very good quality and accurate minutes

Clarification was discussed regarding the new day licences for under 18s need to complete separate day licence (available from S Langley) and sign on a separate signing on sheet. Costs are still £35 for a book of 5 MA confirmed refunds were available at the end of the year for unused licences.

A Griffiths asked if 'adult' day licence forms could be used S Bentley confirmed no. S Langley did not have any with him but would send each club secretary that raced a book.

B Harper confirmed full licences run to 31<sup>st</sup> Jan.

- **Adoption of the Minutes of the Meeting 19.2.12** – proposed J Parish seconded M Hoppe

- **Treasurers Report :-**

M Allen Confirmed £36,549.22 Deposit Account £69,055.44 Current Account

To be paid shortly was £25,000 for Insurance.

M Allen asked all clubs to ensure that the cancelled meetings cards are sent to here asap

Concerns over event permit dates not tallying with race dates.

S Langley suggested one form in triplicate that covered event permits/insurance etc and not separate forms

B Harper said it could be looked into.

Cancelled cards had been returned by Pennine, Forest of Dean, Breedon Hill, Scarborough, N Shropshire and Spalding.

Some clubs still not paid the insurance so M Allen was holding back event permits.

- **Directors Report :- (given by Simon Bentley)**

S Bentley said there was general feeling of breakdown of communication between chairman/directors resulting in unrest. The directors had discussed some issues and agreed a time line/log was a good idea.

The directors would now provide their own report at the chairman's meeting and read out themselves i.e. S Bentley if unavailable then another Director will deal.

T Shillitto was still invited to the directors meeting to bring his chairman's report.

The main questions are we running correctly? At present we have the Living with Nasa document to work to (LWN) which at present does need updating.

It has been agreed that if a NASA member (see end of minutes for clarification) cannot attend a chairman's meeting he can send a substitute, confirmation is required either prior or on the day in writing the person in attendance is the substitute then he can take part in the meeting and vote on matters arising. (This does not apply to the AGM or EGMs).

Agenda must be adhered to S Bentley encouraged everyone present to get items put forward for future

Any item raised must have a conclusion, set a date when conclusion is required by.

LWN – M Boyd would issue everyone with the current LWN for everyone to look over and put forward amendments. The aim was to have a draft copy for Nov 2012 then by Nov 2013 have the official copy.

J Parish pointed out that LWN is only a guide to existing rules and is not a legally enforceable document. The new version should be formally adopted as "by-laws" which means that it will need to be approved by the members and must not conflict with the Articles of Association .

Marshalling Cameras- S Bentley confirmed that 2 cameras would be in operation at Bas/Nationals. Bas had purchased the relevant equipment and would loan to Nasa for the nationals. A Griffiths asked who was responsible for running it at the nationals, S Bentley confirmed at present West Country Videos.

Non Nasa Race Meetings/Test Days – if there are more than 2 cars on the track at the same time it's classed for insurance/event permit purposes as a race meeting. Discussion took place on different scenarios i.e. parades at shows, 1 car on the track could be at race speed and so issues could arise. There is information in the member's handbook for non-nasa meetings. M Cooper asked why Nasa need to know about Non Nasa meetings, S Bentley said they have a duty to the members to inform them about insurance issues. It was agreed that the wording would be looked into again, to cover some of the scenarios put forward.

Membership as at 13.4.12 was £3973 same date in 2011 was £3893

Nasa Chief Marshall and Scrutineer (Stuart & Dougal) would now also be in attendance at the directors meetings. Stuart has asked that the cross over board be disbanded, Stuart to take back to the marshals the directors will approve what decision the marshals come to.

Silage bales will be approved for 2013 and be in the rule book.

Stuart and Dougal asked if their assistants can be included in the 'free entry passes' to the nationals, all other officials will be refunded as usual.

Stuart will be going round race meetings to encourage marshals from other clubs to work at nationals etc this will include going to Ireland with a director when doing the track inspection.

Stuart also proposed the Chief Marshall term should be 3yrs – Chairman to go back to clubs and return with feedback.

Abuse – people have been banned but Stuart/Dougal have been advised this works both ways officials must not be abusive either.

Post Race Scrutineering- the compound will be for the driver and 2 mechanics, they must re sign on, if not members must sign in3 form when that car leaves the driver and mechanics must leave the area.

Roll Cages – L Bowen and V Mackenzie both have thickness testers and will be using at meetings, S Bentley advised a car had been found with undersized roll cage TA200 that car was not allowed to race. Discussion took place with regards the car turning up at another meeting, it was agreed in the future communication like that needs to be somehow spread around the clubs i.e. internet/emails. It should be in the drivers licence but it does not stop him re numbering or selling the car. Photos to be put on the NASA website.

Micra – appears popular in class 1 scrutineers are to keep a tight control on them and the rules will appear in the rule book next year, spec sheet can be downloaded.

Nationals File – is nearly re written, some feedback was laurel wreaths minimum 2 for Mens 3 for L&J. Scrutineering times must be adhered to fixture book and file must state same times. NASA scrutineering team will be responsible for all areas of scrutineering now including noise testing, brakes testing. AG asked for a stipulation on the size of the marquee for scrutinnering.

Finals- replacing cars in finals if one doesn't come up – S Bentley to clarify

Trophies – not compulsory to provide for semi finals, sizes are in the file (and do not include the bases) J Bevan concerned this it not being adhered to.

Durometers – sorted – 1 to be sent to each leauge

National Host Selection – Directors will decide who has the events, a points system will be in place, and the suggestions of criteria from the last chairman’s meeting will be included. Any club/league wishing to apply does so in writing, and then a presentation will be required. The criteria will be put out after next directors meeting – application cut off for 2014 is June 2012. M Johnston asked if it would go against a club like his where directors are not familiar with the venue, S Bentley confirmed not. Visits would be made if necessary.

76f – The driver of the car was advised by D Hardy at the mens nationals 2011 that it could only race until end of the season S Bentley was present. This was due to safety issues and not cosmetic. It was then agreed that the driver should have been given details of what he needed to do to comply with the rules. L Bowen visited twice (due to been closer to visit) the car still did not meet the requirements. D Hardy was due to visit today. N Clarke asked who had the final say D Hardy or Directors – S Bentley confirmed D Hardy.

Banned from holding a licence – Craig Smith, threatening behaviour banned until 1.8.12, I Phipps threatening behaviour 6mths extended to 1 yr on appeal. Simon Gilmour defamatory internet posting banned until 10.6.12 Brian Goodchild defamatory internet posting banned until 31.8.12. E Ashley asked for clarification regarding freedom of speech. S Bentley said when individuals have been named and incorrect statements then it is classed as defamatory. M Hoppe pointed out in the handbook it states the driver is responsible those with him. S Bentley agreed.

Camping Rules- had been relaxed after speaking to a solicitor but clubs must adhere to the rules in the handbook that are set out.

NEC – S Bentley confirmed discussions would soon be taking place for 2013 L Cooper advised the layout had remained unchanged.

Licences – if a club wants to ‘ban’ a driver it must go through the directors, the club can remove ‘membership’. P West pointed out that a driver could have done something wrong but yet still have that clubs number on the car, S Bentley said if it was severe enough to deserve a ban then the directors would remove the licence.

Defending Mens National Champions – it has been agreed that L Grice due to health reasons does not have to race before the cut off date, but could defend his title as long as he races at least once before the nationals. B Harper has had confirmation from all defending title holders except Tom Bell, cut off date is 30.4.12.

WASA league is currently suspended for not conforming to the current rules. P Brooks has resigned as the NASA member (representing the WASA league) but is still the NR Chairman. Directors are working to rectify the problems but currently this means WASA will not receive any allocations for the Nationals. It was pointed out that any member of WASA cannot join another club/league. M Hoppe asked B Harper if checks were in place to prevent this.

**2012 Nationals** D Hilton & A Griffiths confirmed everything was in place for both events. C Smith advised he will bring the Junior Shield which has been enlarged to the event. Also suggested the national trophies that are returned each year are insured. M Allen to look into. T Shillitto is upgrading the bungees for the L&J nationals.

**2013 Nationals** - C Tee confirmed all okay at present nothing to report.

**Correspondence** – T Shillitto read out the apology letter from K Matthews for non attendance, items of which were covered under other correspondence received.

Venue- M Hoppe said in his letter the venue was not acceptable, unanimous vote agreed. S Bentley/M Boyd to see if any other rooms available.

Clarification of Roles of the Chairman- T Shillitto said the chairman/directors need to work together and feels very positive about this, and pointed out this should be ironed out when LWN updated. N Clarke felt nothing had changed since last meeting i.e. regarding the hosting of the nationals directors are choosing. TS felt the chairman had been listened to has the criteria suggested was been included. M Hoppe felt things were moving in the right direction with LWN been updated. P Glover felt the director's report was more informative. J Parish said the chairman can put forward amendments to the LWN which gives this committee control over the way NASA is run. General discussion took place that chairman still felt they are told what is happening and not playing a part, T Shillitto pointed out chairman had been listened to i.e. the nationals hosting chairman's suggestions had been included, the action book/time line will also assist. T Shillitto advised if chairman feel strongly about anything it must go on the agenda, it can be discussed/voted on and then passed to directors. T Shillitto asked for it to be noted at the last meeting he had not in any way wanted to offend or undermine anyone.

M Hoppe asked when the log book would be produced D Tomkinson would produce in next 2 weeks.

**AOB** – B Harper pointed out that postage was going up so signing on sheets/licences etc all needed to have the correct postage on, as they would not be collected from the post office. Signing on sheets must be received no later than 7days after the meeting. Cut off for allocations is 20/5/2012 that week they need signing on sheets earlier. Licence forms are not been completed properly can they be checked. Also when drivers sign on can everyone make sure it's on the right sheet and do not use the Column marked for nasa use. Handwriting on signing on sheets needs to be improved. The mens classes need to be on a separate sheet, Stock Hatch and F600 need to be marked clearly. It would also assist when sending the signing on sheets back to nasa if they were in order i.e. mens 1-10, ladies juniors, officials.

Breathalyser sheets need to go to P Patrick and not B Harper.

S Bentley re entered the room to provide update from scrutineers meeting. D Tomkinson suggested N Clarke reiterate his previous comments for S Bentley to confirm the position regarding the Hosting of the Nationals. S Bentley confirmed the criteria suggested from the chairman would be used, the criteria would be available shortly for all to see, also once a host has been decided all the scoring and decision will be available, S Bentley confirmed everything will be transparent.

Scrutineers feedback – scrutineers are against having post race scrutineering away from the venue (Dales nationals proposed to do this at the local farm) Scrutineers feel whilst the area will be sealed off at least if it's visible to others at least they know scrutineering is taking place. Scrutineers hope at some stage in the future to be in a position to stamp all roll cages to confirm they comply. D Hardy had spoken with Shane the driver of 76f who confirmed the car had been re-pannelled using fiesta panels so is therefore illegal, D Hardy will not be visiting. The driver accepted this decision.

**AOB continued** – D Mansfield suggested all cars are scrutineered pre season. C Smith pointed out the nasa website had a front page error, stating you can turn up and race at any meeting, this was not the case with BAS having closed events, and some clubs do M Boyd would rectify. M Hoppe wanted to put forward a suggestion regarding the nationals pairing process be done in public at a big event, i.e. map or a big open and make a big thing of it, being something everyone is keen to find out who they are paired with, most

prestigious event of the calendar more should be made of it S Bentley would take back to directors for discussion.

Meeting Closed 2.30pm

\*\* Page 2 A NASA Member is the representative from each League who is the member of the Association ie those names listed on Page1 numbers 1 to 25, plus honorary members, of which Barbara Harper is currently the only one

Minutes prepared by Diane Tomkinson

**Please note if a league wishes to put forward any items for discussion at the next Chairman's meeting it must be put in writing to the Chairman at least 2 weeks before the meeting takes place. The letter must be signed by the League Chairman and forwarded to Secretary: Diane Tomkinson 4 Hallfield Avenue, Micklefield, Leeds LS25 4AU. Email: [diane.tonky@btopenworld.com](mailto:diane.tonky@btopenworld.com) Tele: 0113 2873101/07709471385**