



NATIONAL AUTOGRASS SPORT ASSOCIATION LTD.

MINUTES OF THE CHAIRMAN'S MEETING HELD SATURDAY 16th JUNE 2012

AT THE TRAVELODGE, BIRMINGHAM ROAD, WALSALL AT 11.30 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	Yes	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	Mark Grice
14	Jeffrey Parish	Yes	Visitor	Steve Langley
15	Ernie Ashley	Yes	Visitor	Andrea Boergen
16	Peter West	No	Visitor	Mr Fletcher
18	Derek Linch	No	Visitor	Dave Mansfield
19	Mark Johnston	Yes		
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22	Chris Tee	No		
23	Donal Obrien	No		
24	Dan Mackenzie	No		
25	Keith Matthews	No		

Meeting Chaired by: Ted Shillitto

Start Time 11.33am

- Ted Shillitto opened the meeting
- **Apologies** :- D Lynch M Jackson C Tee K Matthews.
- **Minutes of Meeting 14.4.12** :-

P Glover asked for confirmation that part day licence books would receive a refund M Allen confirmed yes.

T Griffiths asked for confirmation of when rule books/day licences needed to be back to nasa to obtain refund, M Allen confirmed rule books October chairmans meeting, day licences AGM.

- **Adoption of the Minutes of the Meeting 14.4.12** – proposed P Glover seconded M Butler
- **Treasurers Report :-**
M Allen Confirmed £78,185.02 Current Account £36,553.77 Deposit Account
M Allen confirmed the new junior day licence books had been issued. M Allen was in discussion with Insurance Brokers regarding all the cancelled meetings and possible refund/reduction. The next instalment of insurance was due to be paid approx £40k. M Allen was on holiday 15/7 for 1 week.
- **Directors Report :- (given by Simon Bentley)**

Licence sales as at 23rd May were 4390 down 22 from previous year.

Cut of date for allocations had been extended a week due to bad weather and cancelled meetings

All 2011 mens champions would be defending their tittles except L Grice due to ill health.

WASA League will be disbanding at the end of 2012, Terms have been issued to move forward, i.e. try and find another league to join. They will receive national allocations this year. J Parish asked if the terms for a new league would apply if they set up as a 2 new leagues, S Bentley advised having 2 new leagues is not what they want it really would be a last resort. M Johnston suggested the whole structure of leagues should maybe re looked at S Bentley confirmed this was in hand. M Hoppe quoted LWN on set up of new leagues. M Butler & M Hoppe confirmed they had unofficial been approached with regards joining the relevant leagues, M Butler was concerned over boundaries. Discussion took place with regards 1 club leagues, S Bentley advised again this would be a very last resort and discussion will take place with chairman prior to decision. J Bevan said that her league is a 1 club league and has more members than other leagues with a few clubs, and this should be taken into account. M Cooper said size of leagues should reflect in allocations, J Bevan felt 1 car per league would stop league hopping.

Camera had been used at SV 2 dayer and worked well, tried again at map but not as effective with the positioning of the cameras.

Durometers are not to be issued to each league now, D Hardy/V Mackenzie/T Allen have run many tests and confirmed a controlled environment was needed – on hold.

LWN would be on going and a draft should be available by 2013 – all league delegates have a copy and need to provide input – emails to Maureen Boyd.

76F has now come to a conclusion the car now built has been passed by D Hardy to race.

M Empson S Bentley confirmed he had been removed from his position due to internet comments, and also they felt he was under alot of stress since been abused at the nationals. J Parish asked if the board had received M Empsons email requesting help, S Bentley said no. J Parish confirmed the league/club was unanimous in him keeping his position there, and D Digby would be the rep at NASA. J Parish said M Empson had again been abused at MAP by I Phipps, S Bentley said he had received a tele call to say that M Empson had been abusive to I Phipps but had not received anything in writing for the board to deal. J Bevan said the general feeling amongst the scrutineers is that he would be deeply missed he was very knowledgeable.

M Griffiths had complained to the board regarding his fabrication been criticized in the scrutineers meetings, S Bentley confirmed minutes could not be censored.

Roll Cages found less than 2.3mm are wrong, at the scrutineer's discretion the car can race as long as it's not considered a major bar. V Mackenzie is taking up the responsibility of finding a way to update everyone on such findings to alert other clubs. Scrutineer's area also within the next 2 yrs proposing to upgrade the size of box section cages to 30x30x3 no firm proposals as yet. Stickers/Certificates are to be issued to legal cages and a log kept.

Directors feel the communication and feedback from last chairman's meeting were improved and constructive.

CRB Checks directors feel it would be impossible to crb check every official, however if anyone expresses concerns over an individual each club/league must act accordingly. The consent form for under 18s is under review and more comprehensive form will be completed at application stage putting more responsibility on the parent/guardian for the welfare of the minor. M Hoppe asked why this was happening S Bentley said there had been allegations of a sex offender officiating, under 18s turning up to race and anyone signing them on, or just been left at the field with no over 18 responsible.

National Applications criteria is underway including chairman's proposals D Hilton and T Shilito will be involved in the selection process. Applications received so far are WML for the Mens 2014 Penhow for the Ladies & Juniors 2014 closing date is end of June 2012.

Directors due for re election at the AGM are T Williams L Bowen M Allen.

Revised BAS dates due to weather SV & SC are closed to BAS members and league Sept - Star Oct -Evesham.

Next of Kin to be put in licences for minors and possible every driver.

J Parish asked how the board would deal with issues with people 'slagging' clubs or individuals off, S Bentley said if the board was made aware it would look into. J Parish pointed out recently the MSA couldn't prove an individual had done it as other people can access accounts and so could not deal.

Mens Nationals 2012 – D Hilton said all was in hand nothing to report – field opened Thurs noon till Monday

Ladies & Juniors 2012 – T Griffiths said all was in hand nothing to report – field opened Thurs noon till Monday

Nationals 2013 – C Tee was not in attendance to provide a report.

Log Book – (see log book for more info)

1. Draft for AGM 2012 J Parish prepared to assist
2. Answer was yes
3. Agreed in principle however some costings do not come through in time
4. Directors using
5. On going
6. All information is in handbook

7. Completed
8. M Allen issued
9. Volunteer(s) needed to be advertised on NASA website
10. See minutes
11. Can be retested after 30 mins but race not held up. If driver not happy with first test a 2nd machine can be used straight away – to prevent issues with machine not working or sabotage. S Langley said P Patrick told them they had to do breathalysers on the Friday of their 2 day meeting?
12. Completed
13. Directors looking into
14. Venue to remain the same however new rooms will be used at next meeting
15. Jump start does not carry forward to a re run
16. M Allen does not want forms amalgamated but needs clubs to ensure completed correctly and sent to correct people
17. Completed
18. If a car goes at 'race' speed as opposed to walking pace it is classed as a race meeting
19. Cross over disbanded will appear in members handbook 2013
20. Chairman voted against term be 3 yrs instead one year at a time proposed J Parish 2nd T Griffiths 6 for and 5 against.
21. Ideas required on how to deal – V Mackenzie also looking into logistics of doing this
22. On going
23. At the nationals if a car drops out of the final it will not be substituted
24. Completed
25. Completed
26. Ideas and proposals required regarding making an 'event' of the nationals pairings.

Correspondence

S Roose asked where we stood with insurance if a driver was for eg. Taken out of a car on a spinal board and then went onto race later that day. Discussion took place but agreed officials/drivers must take advice from medics.

S Roose also suggested juniors have a few laps at 'race' speed and then be asked to do emergency stop discussion took place regarding new juniors having different abilities and the driver's test should cover this. However T Shilito proposed 2nd by M Cooper that new juniors cars should be identified (i.e. L Plate) so other drivers/marshalls are aware they are new. 7 in favour 2 against.

S Roose pointed out they had only just be made aware who should sign the IN3. It was clarified any non nasa member in a restricted area should sign this (and provide proof of their own insurance) ie photographers medics.

M Hoppe suggested that drivers turning up to race alone should provide contact details in an emergency discussions took place on how to deal, ie details in licence but agreed the driver should make officials aware when signing on.

M Hoppe requested the reason for M Empsons resignation – see directors report

T Shilito asked for ideas/suggestions on how to get members to work at race meetings M Cooper said they recently ran a qualifier at NW and took all members licences from them and returned at the end of the day and it was successful. Discussions took place that it was a problem and members appeared to move to clubs where they did not have a track or weren't expected to help. D Tomkinson pointed out that P Glover was from a club with no track and always helps if asked at other clubs? No real answers or suggestions were put forward for a solution. T Shilito asked chairman to think about it.

K Hurdman had written to say that he was doing a publicity event and T Williams was unable to provide any advertising material S Bentley said he would look into this J Parrish said that everything had been used earlier in the year at events, but he had seen other sports provide some really good packs including DVDs. L Cooper said they were at an event this weekend and although NASA were unable to provide any leaflets T Williams had been very helpful. M Cooper said the NW league had provided leaflets.

AOB:

L Cooper suggested a central database with key officials having access, this would assist with the issue of sex offenders, cars with illegal roll cages etc, and also contact numbers in emergencies, discussion took place although putting it into place would need some thought.

M Hoppe felt there had been a lack of communication recently he suggested the cut of date for the allocations be extended M Boyd acknowledged receipt of the email but he did not hear anymore.

M Johnston asked if at race meetings when ladies numbers were down could the ladies race with the men, it was discussed that at two recent meetings this had happened directors were to look into this as this should not be happening.

T Shilito brought up that recently a marshal was asked not to work at a meeting, S Langley asked whos decides who should officiate at a meeting NASA or the club – agreed the club.

M Hoppe asked about cancellation insurance, ie if a race meeting is cancelled could there be a claim for lost revenue – M Allen would look into.

Storage of Cars at a race meeting discussion took place regarding other motor sports allowing drivers to camp with their race cars directors to look into.

D Hilton asked for feedback on the way allocations are done.

B Harper pointed out the cut off date for R101 was Tuesday. July 18th was the cut of date for the L&J nationals application forms.

Meeting Closed at 3pm



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 Tele: 0113 2873101/07709471385