



# NATIONAL AUTOGRASS SPORT ASSOCIATION LTD.

MINUTES OF THE CHAIRMAN'S MEETING HELD ON SUNDAY 19<sup>th</sup> February

AT THE TRAVELODGE, BIRMINGHAM ROAD, WALSALL AT 11.00 AM

League	Name	attended	NASA (MA)	Margaret Allen
1	Nicholas Clarke	Yes NC	NASA (BH)	Barbara Harper
2	Malcolm Butler	Yes MB	NASA (DT)	Diane Tomkinson
3	Paul Brooks	Yes PB	NASA (TS)	Ted Shillitto
4	Gary Ray	Yes GR	NASA (DH)	Don Hilton
5	Mark Hoppe	Yes MH	NASA (LB)	Lance Bowen
6	Anthony Griffiths	Yes TG	NASA (SB)	Simon Bentley
7	Peter Haines	Yes PH	NASA (PP)	Pat Patrick
9	Malcolm Cooper	Yes MC		
10	Paul Glover	Yes PG	Visitor	Pat Ashley
11	Marcia Jackson	Yes MJ	Visitor	Andy Johnson
12	John Lawson		Visitor (CS)	Christopher Smith
13	Joan Bevans.	Yes JB	Visitor	David Mansfield
14	Jeffrey Parish	Yes JP	Visitor	Philip Neville
15	Ernie Ashley	Yes EA	Visitor (SR)	Simon Roose
16	Peter West	Yes PW	Visitor	Rachel Hinton
18	Derek Linch	Yes DL	Visitor (HB)	Hugh Brown
19	Mark Johnston	Yes MJO	Visitor (SL)	Steve Langley
21			Visitor (LC)	Lynn Cooper
22	Chris Tee			
23				
24	Dan Mackenzie			
25	Keith Matthews			

Meeting Chaired by: Ted Shillitto

Start Time 11.30am

\*\*- action required

TS opened the meeting and extended his thanks to Maureen Boyd who had previously taken minutes in the chairman's meetings and welcomed Diane Tomkinson into the role.

Apologies :- Keith Matthews, Donal Obrien, Scott Pryde

**Minutes of Meeting 8/10/2011**:- CS pointed out post nationals review was not in Oct minutes.

TS referred to p5 re Jump Starts – come back to discuss this later

JP asked that by laws needed to be taken care of at a future date

JB felt minutes were not correct record she asked for clarification of who had applied for the Nationals in 2013 but not in the minutes. Minutes then approved by E Ashley

**Directors Report:** - TS advised most of the directors report was contained in items on today's agenda. TS also advised that SB would be liaising between all the meetings today and will provide feedback from other meetings throughout the day-and also at future meetings

**Treasurers Report :-** MA confirmed £71,539.57 deposit account £36535.61 Current account.

To be paid out shortly £45,000 to Insurers

MA confirmed many breathalysers needs to be replaced as so old. MA advised that all leagues have now been invoiced and must pay ASAP or event permits would be held back

**NATIONALS:** - TS asked if there was a better way of choosing which club/league does the nationals

**HB asked if clubs could run the nationals not in the same league i.e. CS & SL –it was assumed so but would clarify \*\*.** DH advised the board would no longer be using the 5 year rule; it would be based on a

presentation. Discussion took place regarding changing to presentation and not putting in a 'hat', ie open to canvassing, monopoly going to certain hosts/venues, would virgin tracks hinder a host been chosen.

Suggestions brought forward that venues to be vetted prior, criteria in place, points system based on venue, facilities etc then put into a hat. It appeared that the change the board wants to make has come about over a discrepancy at the agm over the '5 year rule' and the same host doing the mens nationals and the L&J nationals, it was felt if the criteria/rules were clarified then the current system was okay. SB advised the idea of having the presentation was to leave rules loose so they were more scope for hosts. Whilst it appeared the board had made a decision without discussing with the chairman, it was agreed to put forward that they re look at this with the following proposals

**TS recommended that the suggestions/discussions raised today be taken back to the board and see if the board can provide a number of options that we can vote on next meeting \*\***

1. Hosts provide a presentation ie will the venue/facilities be good enough ? if yes then..
2. Give a league priority over a club....if still got contenders then...
3. Disregard the one that did it the most recent
4. If you still have more than one that then into a hat
5. Also Mens Nationals and L&J Nationals should not be at the same club/league in same year

***Vote took place 13 in favour of proposing the above to the board 0 – against 0- abstained***

**Nationals Post Scrutineering:** - TS asked for ideas on post national scrutineering to prevent abuse seen last year, closed areas? Do on the Mondays confirmed there is criteria there but it's not been met i.e. not big enough areas/tents/security etc. General discussion took place that larger tents to accommodate more cars to reduce time waiting for cars to be stripped, have the area fenced off and policed by outside security. JB suggested league reps could assist more to police the area. PW if there is abuse there are guidelines in place to deal .DH advised this year the hoped to use a local farm to take cars to do the post race scrutineering so away from the field and more private. JB said abuse was not just at post scrutineering it was at scrutineering, the start line etc. **TS asked that all chairman stressed to their members abuse was not going to be tolerated now \*\*.** PB asked if the savings of not having sky could provide better conditions i.e. tents/lighting/equipment etc.MA confirmed sponsors paid for sky.NC said another problem was drivers saying they did not have the right tools. PG thought the paperwork confirmed they should have **\*\* to be checked. TS asked that all chairman stressed to their members the onus is on them to have the right tools.** MH brought up a local issue regarding discipline and felt there had been lack of communication between the directors and the leagues involved and clarification on procedures were required \*\*

**NATIONALS INFORMATION PACKS:-** TS asked for thoughts on the packs being available on line? Was there need to post? Discussion took place thought most people would use the internet and would have access to the information, DH confirmed anyone wanting paper copies to let him know and he would arrange, and confirmed the domain would be kept available for following years.

**NATIONALS COMMEMORATIVES:-** TS asked if we should move away from the badges as no one seems to use them and move to hats. DH confirmed this year at the mens there would be hats and no badges .

***Vote took place in favour of keeping the badges: 1 in favour of badges – everyone else voted in favour of allowing the host league to decide what to have***

JB asked that we go back to having a laurel wreath per class DH & TG confirmed they would not be doing that this year. JB said the quality and size of trophies seems to be slipping could this be looked at. JB asked if quarter finalist juniors could receive something it is a big achievement, in the past some hosts have provided something, DH pointed out it was all extra costs. JB felt she knew the profits to be made and did not think it was much to ask to provide the above. JB also asked if it could be recommended that hosts have an area that cannot be taped off for late comers. SL confirmed Radford did that and it worked. **MH suggested that scrutineering times are adhered to**

**DAY LICENCES:** - TS said it had been previously suggested a community licence-it appears too complex to implement, however the board have opened up day licences to juniors. Discussion took place regarding the safety implications but agreed no different to a junior going out on a full licence never raced before. TS reported that day licences do seem to be abused with people taking out numerous day licences but never joining a club. BH confirmed she did not have numbers but it was a problem and the rules regarding the issuing of day licences i.e. using a registered car were not been adhered to. **TS requested chairman highlight this to their clubs and seek clarification of the rules if not sure \*\***. TS also pointed out juniors must produce their previous year's licences when signing on for the first time this year to prove they have done a test, otherwise they will have to re do. BH confirmed the new test sheet is in triplicate so the driver can retain one for future as proof. **Clubs need to use the new form ASAP \*\***. SL asked if proof of age is required for a day licence MA confirmed insurance happy with way we deal at moment i.e. consent signed by parent. CS asked when does a licence officially run from and to? MA confirmed insurance was renewed 7 Jan? **TS will seek clarification \*\***.

**INSURANCE:** - NC asked for clarification regarding the new charges, MA confirmed it had been reduced to £50 per meeting. JB asked for confirmation in writing of the new charges, and suggested leagues should have been forewarned prior to the AGM, the way it was done meant it could not be discussed at league level prior to vote \*\*

**Rule Capping :-** TS confirmed it was suggested that no rule changes could take place until 2014 unless safety issues, PB asked how would this effect experimental cars been introduced earlier if they didn't fit into current rules \*\*. MH asked why again had rules not been discussed appeared in the rule book i.e. tyre rule in class 4/5/6 book – appears to be printing/human error. SB/LB confirmed numerous people proof read them, MH asked who? And was there a date set/deadline for the new rules books to be written? MJ suggested do one rule book per year, SB agreed but who would do them. DT suggested they advertise see if anyone willing? TS said sadly there was a person there to do them but received so much grief he withdrew. \*\*

**Meeting Feedback :-** SB reported back from the scrutineers meeting that they would like to see all leagues to have a Durometer, LB advised probable buying in bulk would be approx £40 can be used by anyone not technical. SL proposed NASA supply them for MH seconded unanimous vote in favour. \*\*

**Breathalysers:** - TS confirmed that some were too old to be calibrated; those bought last year would be fine they last up to 3000 tests. To buy new approx £75 +vat, however TS was testing one promoted on TV for £37.50 +vat would provide feedback once tried \*\* Discussion took place regarding the new rules on testing, i.e. if been re tested must stay with the tester if done prior to racing, if done in holding lanes then no re test. Asked for clarification if in holding lanes they can insist on re test? How would that work? Can a re test be done straightaway but with different machine? **SB to seek clarification \*\***

**Mens Nationals 2012:-** DH reported everything was in hand, every competitor would receive a hat this year not a badge, website constantly updated. Noise issues at YD have improved but must insist on all exhausts be pointing correctly and the council will be on site all weekend **\*\*asked that all chairman pass this information on.** Intend to take cars for scrutineering to local farm they will take them and bring them back – approx 1 mile away.

**Ladies & Junior Nationals 2012:-** TG confirmed everything is in hand, TS is to sort the start gate.

**Discipline:** - TS reported that directors had extended the authority to take a licence from someone to NASA Chief Scrutineer, NASA Chief Marshall and TS & DH. SL confirmed that Radford is LTD and knows of other clubs so they can remove someone's licence. Discussion took place on instances where clubs took licence off someone, but directors returned it. PP confirmed if clubs wanted a licence removing from someone they had to write to them. **Question was asked if you have to be a member of a club to hold a NASA licence and that club bans you how is your licence valid. \*\***

**Forms :-** TS requested that all clubs/leagues ensure that all the correct paperwork is returned to NASA asap, including after a race meeting i.e. safety officer forms, signing on sheets – if unsure who and where they need to go check.

#### **A.O.B:-**

TS said previously they had asked chairman to provide feedback on track markers i.e. cones/tyres – it appears most using cones and happy with that. TS said that Terry Williams still needed to know which clubs were using silage bales for Marshall Barriers – aware of approx 3 in the country. TS confirmed that track inspections were going to be strict on Marshall Barriers. Stuart (chief Marshall) confirmed they were proposing moving to 6" posts, silage bales and not straw. Stuart also requested more help in providing Marshalls from clubs/leagues. TS agreed and suggested for nationals every club/league should send at least 1 Marshall.

TS asked for feedback on the NEC – thanks were made to Terry & Sandy Williams for all their hard work prior and on the weekend, and also to those helping. Discussion took place on where the stand was and the cars in the hall attracted a lot of attention but not many details. JP highlighted that the cars dotted in the hall were only there to fill gaps for the promoters rather than for our benefit. TS confirmed that SB & GR would be assisting with the publicity side of things with Terry & Sandy and hoped to improve on the look of the stand, leaflets, and overall publicity with Haymarket etc. MJO confirmed he knew of 3 members to Solway that had come out of NEC.

EA asked for clarification on breathalysers for juniors – TS confirmed 0 tolerance.

Nationals allocations – MH commented that the data offered was flawed as junior saloons were included in class 1 Numbers – better data would be needed and should be cars racing – not licence holders JB asked if allocations for nationals could be looked at i.e. there was more class1s in the country but only the same amount went to nationals compared to for eg class10 where there was considerable less \*\*

DH said they had some stickers advertising mens nationals available for all drivers and there would be spot prizes throughout the year for those displaying them.

MH said he felt the room was unacceptable for the meeting, it was agreed it was and needed to be looked into \*\*

MH said the meetings needed to be reorganised so there is some fulfilment, tasks set, timescales, more communication etc TS agreed there has been some improvement and hopes that would continue. TS would like to see more input from those attending.

SL & JP discussed the implications on allowing all attendees voting rights \*\* to be clarified

SB provided a further update from Scrutineers and they agreed bigger tent/security etc

SB provided update from Marshalls meeting they wanted the false start/dock two places to carry forward to re runs (rule book one page says it does, another says it doesn't) the board had agreed it would not carry forward. Discussion took place on the pros/cons of this. Stuart said they were requesting that the board re think the decision.

Meeting Closed 2.30pm

Minutes Prepared by Diane Tomkinson.

**Please note: if a league requires any items for discussion – these 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 :-**

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