

**Minutes of Marshals and Safety Officers combined meeting held on  
13th October 2012, Travelodge, Birmingham Road, Walsall**

**PRESENT:**

Terry Williams (TW)	NASA Director
Stuart Thomas (ST)	NASA Chief Marshal
Sandy Williams	Secretary, Marshals / Safety Officers

<b><u>League Chief Marshal</u></b>	<b><u>League Safety Officer</u></b>	<b><u>No.</u></b>	<b><u>League</u></b>
<b>Nick Weir</b>	<i>Andrew Whitmore</i>	<i>n/a</i>	01 East Midlands
<b>Andy Preece</b>	<i>Malcolm Butler</i>	<i>n/a</i>	02 Gloucestershire
<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	03 WASA
<i>Gary Jones</i>	<i>Duncan Rea</i>	<i>n/a</i>	04 South Wales
<b>Ray Wyeth</b>	<i>Martin Parsley</i>	<i>n/a</i>	05 Southern
<b>James Lewis</b>	<b>Eric Gittoes</b>		06 West Midlands
<b>Paul Strong</b>	<b>Alan Bluck</b>		07 MAP
<b>Andrew Blomfield</b>	<i>Rhys Jones</i>	<i>n/a</i>	09 North Western
<i>David Glover</i>	<i>Keith Tillet</i>	<i>n/a</i>	10 North Yorkshire
<i>Andy Page</i>	<i>Craig Rapley</i>	<i>n/a</i>	11 Essex
<i>Mally Wing</i>	<i>Tim Simpson</i>	<i>n/a</i>	12 Yorkshire
<b>Stuart Thomas</b>	<b>Stuart Thomas</b>		13 West Wales
<i>Spencer Warburton</i>	<i>Tony McKenna</i>	<i>n/a</i>	14 East Anglian
<i>Dave Law</i>	<i>Martin Gould</i>	<i>n/a</i>	15 Shropshire
<i>Paul Mason</i>	<i>Simon Boddy</i>	<i>n/a</i>	16 CGTRO
<i>Paul Finn</i>	<i>John Berry</i>	<i>n/a</i>	18 Kent
<b>David Shields</b>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	19 Dales
<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	21 Northern Ireland
<i>Carl Smith</i>	<i>Chris Tee</i>	<i>n/a</i>	22 Wiltshire
<i>Alan O Keefe</i>	<i>Richard Creedon</i>	<i>n/a</i>	23 Southern Ireland
<i>John Leeke</i>	<i>Ken Tomes</i>	<i>n/a</i>	24 Fenland
<i>Hugh Brown</i>	<i>Gary Reid</i>	<i>n/a</i>	25 Scotland

**Names in bold Marshals and Safety Officers who attended the meeting**

*n/a* *not attended the meeting*

**Marshals:-**

Andrew Smith	East Midlands
Heather Thomas	Bredon Hill
Stephen Belcher	CGTRO
Jason Baker	CGTRO
Paul Green	Ludlow

**Safety Officers:-**

Phill Preece	Gloucs.
Marcus Mills	West Midlands

**Apologies:**

MARSHALS: Aaron Warburton (East Anglian)

The meeting commenced at 11.05 am.

(ST) thanked all for attending today.

Minutes of the 16<sup>th</sup> June 2012 were accepted as a true record, proposed by Andy Preece, seconded by Paul Strong.

Matters arising from these minutes: None.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

### **MENS NATIONALS 2012:**

A general discussion was held with various comments made:-

- **Cameras:** At the Men's Nationals they were not being used in the way they were intended, they were taking over; they were voted in to be used when needed. Stuart accepted he was to blame. (L & J Nationals they were used correctly); they weren't positioned correctly, cameras seeing it different to the marshals; we must get the balance right; could the person operating the camera go to the marshals as well as the other way round? Paul did a very good job; Paul Strong – we need to talk constructively about the cameras. Terry – not against the cameras but we should have kept the spotters towers.
- Andrew Smith felt the meeting should have been cancelled when the bad weather came.
- The marshals on the first and middle post had no input. Mark Watson on the finish line made a decision, which the CTM didn't accept.
- ST: we can only work with what we have got, may not get it right all the time.
- ST: The Dales did a good job under extreme conditions.
- Digger on track at men's nationals when racing in progress – this shouldn't have happened, the situation was addressed immediately and the driver of the machine was upset, he was doing what he had been asked to do by a NASA Director.
- General feeling was that the spotter's towers should have been used.
- We are the only motorsport that has marshals on the inside of the track.
- Do all races have to be cleared by the Chief Track Marshal with race control? – Yes, to make sure if anything needs to be recorded.
- Class 9 Men's Nationals final: a decision had been made, and then got overruled 20 minutes later, why? The Chief Track Marshal had seen the incident on the cameras and deemed that the wrong decision had been made.
- A DVD of the Men's class 5,7 & 9 finals was shown to all present.

### **CONES / GREEN FLAGS:**

Discussion held on running over one cone to gain a place, the following recommendation to be put forward to the NASA Directors, this to be in addition to what is already in the members handbook – “ Knock any cone and deemed to gain an advantage “ – Black flag to be issued.

### **NEW FLAG: the following to be taken back to Leagues for discussion, please send reply back to Sandy by email (sandy09@btinternet.com) or bring to next meeting in February 2013:**

Do we need a flag to show drivers they are a back marker and to get them to “move over”? – Aaron Warburton has issued a sample. Blue with a yellow cross.

### **BAS 2013:**

Dave Shields asked who is going to be Chief Track Marshal at the 2013 BAS rounds? Will it be the host club/league CTM or NASA CTM? To be confirmed.

### **YELLOW FLAG RULING:**

Discussion on the yellow flag rule, see Members Handbook, page 39, rule 30 “*Disregarding Marshal's instructions when a yellow flag is being shown will be deemed dangerous driving and will result in a Black Flag being shown*”, also page 40, rule 20. The Flags: “*Obstruction on the track – take care and be prepared to observe marshal's instructions*”.

**NATIONALS – PASSES FOR THE MARSHALS:**

Request from the marshals, would the host club/league issue free passes to all Marshals who will be officiating at both nationals, if not a pass then a list of names can be given to the gate officials to allow them free entry? To be taken back to the Directors.

**RACING UNDER RED FLAGS:**

Some drivers continue racing when red flags are being shown- marshals to use their own discretion – if blatantly disobeying then issue a black flag.

**NASA CHIEF MARSHAL 2013:**

Stuart Thomas confirmed he will be restanding.

Terry Williams confirmed he will be standing.

Please contact Stuart (07813 667220) or Sandy (01522 684493) if you are interested in Marshalling.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 1.10 pm.

**AGM – Sunday 25 November 2012 (12 noon)**

**DATES OF MEETINGS FOR 2013 – To be confirmed**

**Please note: if a league requires any items for discussion – these must be put in writing to The Chief Track Marshal, 2 weeks before the meeting takes place. The letter must be signed by the League Chairman and Chief Marshal / or Safety Officer.**

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