

## Minutes of Marshals and Safety Officers combined meeting held on 19th February 2012, Travelodge, Birmingham Road, Walsall

## **PRESENT:**

Terry Williams (TW) NASA Director

Stuart Thomas (ST) NASA Chief Marshal

Sandy Williams Secretary, Marshals / Safety Officers

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

Names in bold n/a Marshals and Safety Officers who attended the meeting not attended the meeting

\*\*\*\*\* Representing S/O for MAP League: Jayne Barrett (letter received to confirm)

Marshals:- Safety Officers:-

Andrew Smith East Midlands Heather Thomas Bredon Hill Michael Haigh Y. Dales Marcus Mills West Midlands Sue Moseley MAP Ian Rogers Cambridge Jason Baker **CGTRO** Jayne Neville Cambridge

**Apologies:** 

SAFETY OFFICERS: Alan Bluck (MAP)

MARSHALS: Phil Preece (Bredon Hill), Aaron Warburton (East Anglian)

The meeting commenced at 11.17am.

(ST) thanked all for attending today, he also thanked Smigs for the last couple of years in his position of NASA Chief Marshal, there was a round of applause from the room. 2011 was quite stressful and we will not go through that again.

(ST) read through the minutes of the 8 October 2011 meeting, with matters arising / comments made as follows:

Cross over boards: Further discussion. 10 leagues voted in favour of doing away with Cross over boards, 8

leagues wanted to keep them. Take back to the Directors.

Silage Bales: Discussion. Note: All clubs / leagues must notify NASA, each year, that they are using these -

send letter or email to: Terry Williams, Director,153 Rookery Lane, Lincoln. LN6 7PW

sandy09@btinternet.com

Question was asked why do they have to keep notifying NASA? Terry requires a record as per

the current rule on page 54 - Members Handbook 2012. This to be discussed with the

Directors

Definition of Silage Bales = "wet grass". Okay to put cargo nets over the silage bales.

Recommendation for 2013:

Change 4 inch posts to 6 inch, 5 in number

Minimum of 2no. - 2 inch wide separate straps

Posts to be the height of the bale plus 3 feet in the ground

Photographers: Only 1 photographer per post if possible (must sign on IN3). Chief Track Marshal to monitor

where they stand.

No complaints: Nationals – there are no complaints.

Cameras: Discussion. To be confirmed the possibility of using 2 cameras at the Nationals?

False Start: The current Member's Handbook has 2 conflicting rules:-

Page 2 – Re-Run: "a repeat of the previous race minus offenders and non-runners, if

any, with original grid positions being maintained. Any false start penalty will also be

retained" //

Page 37 - Rule 20 - final sentence: "A jump start is NOT a Green Flag penalty and will

therefore not be carried over in the event of a re-run".

Discussion – It was felt that the rule on page 2 should apply – This to go back to the

Directors.

Breathalyser Test: New ruling - see Members Handbook 2012 - section 15, pages 22 to 25 inc.

Meters - still okay to use these. NASA are looking into new meters. Terry thanked

Simon Boddy for his input regarding the quality of the meters being used.

National File: This is being updated by Dave Walker. A copy has been given to officials for their input.

Stuart, as CTM has received a copy to read and give input, especially to the Marshalling

section.

Abuse to Officials: See section 16 DISCIPLINE, page 26 – 2012 Member's Handbook- (ST) has the authority to

withdraw the licence of an offender if an act of violence is witnessed at a race meeting.

Nationals: Question asked: Are the marshals getting free passes? This to be confirmed.

Marshals: There is a shortage of marshals, we must do all we can to get people interested and also to

attend these meetings:-

Feature on NASA Website?

- A league rep should attend at least one Walsall meeting?
- Have a feature in Autograss Review / Supergrass?
- Over PA at Nationals- see if anyone interested?
- Could we have a Skype link to these meetings for people who cannot attend, especially the clubs/leagues who are a long distance from Walsall?

Venue for meetings: Can something be done about the accommodation for this meeting – room not suitable?

## Marshals Team for Nationals:

Forms available today, the following have put their names forward:

Andy Preece Bredon Hill (both) Phil Preece Bredon Hill (both) Malcolm Butler Bredon Hill (both) Andrew Smith Nottingham (both) Pennine Nick Weir (both) Wessex Ray Wyeth (both) Jason Baker Trent (both) Duncan Rea Swansea (both) Charlie Turner Trent (both) Gary Jones S.W. League (mens) Michael Haigh Y. Dales (mens) Mally Wing Scarborough (L & J) James Lewis Severn Valley (L & J)

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

## DATES OF MEETINGS FOR 2012 – 16 June, 6 October (11 am) AGM – Sunday 25 November (12 noon)

There being no further business the meeting closed at 1.50 pm.

Please note: if a league requires any items for discussion – these must be put in writing to The Chief Track Marshal, at least 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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