

Marshals:-

Andrew Smith East Midlands
 Michael Haigh Y. Dales
 Sue Moseley MAP
 Jason Baker CGTRO

Safety Officers:-

Heather Thomas Bredon Hill
 Marcus Mills West Midlands
 Ian Rogers Cambridge
 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)
Nick Weir	Pennine	(both)
Ray Wyeth	Wessex	(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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