



NATIONAL AUTOGRASS SPORT ASSOCIATION LTD.

MINUTES OF THE CHAIRMAN'S MEETING HELD Saturday 12th October 2013

AT THE METRO INNS, BIRMINGHAM ROAD, WALSALL AT 11.00 AM

League	Name	attended	NASA (MA)	
1	Nicholas Clarke	Yes	NASA (BH)	Margaret Allen
2	Darren Mabey	Yes	NASA (DT)	Barbara Harper
4	Manfred Kampschulte	Yes	NASA (DH)	Diane Tomkinson
5	Mark Hoppe	Yes		Don Hilton
6	Anthony Griffiths	Yes	NASA (SB)	
7	Pete Haines	Yes		Simon Bentley
9	Mal Cooper	Yes		
10	Mark Grice	Yes	Visitor	Pat Ashley
11	Richard Crowther	No	Visitor	Lynn Cooper
12	John Lawson	No	Visitor	Nigel Thompson
13	Joan Bevans.	Yes	Visitor	Andrea Boerngen
14	Jeffrey Parish	Yes	Visitor	Paul Glover
15	Ernie Ashley	Yes	Visitor	
16	Peter West	Yes	Visitor	
18	Derek Linch	No	Visitor	
19	Mark Johnston	No	Visitor	
21	John Haffey	No	Visitor	
22	Simon Jackson	Yes	Visitor	
23	Eamonn Sheehy	No	Visitor	
24	Carole Shaw	Yes	Visitor	
25	Keith Matthews	Yes		

Meeting Chaired by: Don Hilton

Start Time 11.20 am

Don Hilton opened the meeting and apologised for the later start.

- **Apologies** :- D Linch
- **Minutes of Meeting 22 June 2013**:- N Clarke said the minutes did not state a vote was taking in favour of the roll cage measurement be put on the Scrutineers Agenda for discussion.
D Hilton advised that D Hardy refused to do this the matter was closed.

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J Parish confirmed that at a previous meeting when Doodsons' Risk Manager Chris Jones was present he advised it would create a risk of legal liability if we had amended P West suggested it was left now it had been in the rule book for some time advising of the change for 2015.

M Hoppe suggested lessons are learnt from the process of rule changes

N Clarke questioned if the directors were happy with the spec on specials cages.

Adoption of the Minutes of the Chairman's Meeting 22 June 2013:- Proposed M Grice & Seconded C Shaw

Treasurers Report:-

£61,156.89 in Current Account £ 36,576.57 in Deposit Account.

M Allen advised that stationery bills would be coming in shortly, Day Licences were needed back at the AGM for refunds for unused ones. Negotiations were taking place with Insurers for the next 3yrs cover. Sponsorship for the Nationals by Doodsons had been agreed at £1000 per nationals. Margaret updated the meeting on the status of current claims.

P West asked if there was an increase in Insurance, Margaret advised if there was it would only be usual increases i.e. inflation. J Bevan said she did not know there was a £1000 sponsorship Margaret advised this was for the next 3yrs.

Margaret will take back any unused rule books for a refund if she knows the figures no later than Wednesday.

Membership/Licence Report:-

B Harper advised that at the end of 2012 total membership was 4696 so far as of yesterday the membership was 4458 but there was a few more still to be added. Estimate to be 200 members down on previous year.

L Cooper asked if day licence sales were down or up S Langley said from books issued he guessed about 150 down.

B Harper handed out some important dates for 2014 i.e. cut off dates and dates of nationals.

D Hilton asked for clarification on how day licences work – discussion took place and it was agreed a simplified procedure needs to be made public J Parish asked for suggestions. J Parish asked for adverts for the fixture book to be received by end of October.

Directors Report: - J Parish

Cut off date for any nominations for the November AGM needed to be received by Maureen Boyd no later than 14 October 2013. Nominations so far was D Hardy to remain Chief Scrutineer, S Thomas Chief Marshall, A Preece Chief Marshall P Patrick Director S Bentley Director D Hilton Director L Evans Director W Beatty Director D Tomkinson NASA Secretary. J Bevan asked how the voting would work J Parish confirmed the nominees would need more votes in favour than votes against . D Hilton would not be standing as Chairman and D Tomkinson would not be standing as minute's secretary K Mathews would not be standing as Vice Chairman. M Hoppe asked what would happen if they did not have a chairman J Parish said a Director would have to chair the meeting. K Mathews queried as the roles of chairman/vice/secretary were only internal roles did they need voting on at agm.

J Parish said he was now the company Secretary following M Boyd's resignation.

Nationals Allocations per league and Guaranteed places for national champions was then discussed. K Matthews asked why the directors decided to disband these two items for future. J Parish said some national champions were just turning up at a meeting doing one lap to qualify to keep their place. P Glover asked why they needed to race anyway. M Hoppe said if this was the case the board needed to look into the criteria not disband the rule. J Parish said the rule regarding leagues been guaranteed a place in each class should have been brought to the chairman for discussion and apologised for this. M Hoppe asked if the champ of champs winner at the nationals needed to have raced to take part – J Parish said no. P West suggested the number of cars is increased to race at the nationals. M Hoppe disagreed he said this would just create another 'open' meeting. C Shaw said they had tried to join Trent and E Anglian League so they were no longer a one club league but this has fallen through. J Bevan suggested the current process remains the same but increase to 48 cars per class. M Grice suggested the criteria for national champs been able to defend their title needs discussing next year so rules can be in place for the following year. N Clark proposed the rules on allocations per league and national champs defending their titles remains the same as this year M Hoppe seconded vote took place unanimous 15 votes in favour.

J Parish said the rule of men and ladies racing together in 'special' races could no longer take place as 'special races' were not defined in the handbook. Men & Lady licence holders can race in open races and not class racing.

Discussion took place on views on this. D Hilton said he pushed for this so that if there were only one lady turns up to race at a club meeting she could race with the men rather than on her own. N Clarke asked if it was legal to say ladies can have a men's licence but can't have ladies L Cooper pointed out many sports have this situation i.e. mens 100 metres don't have ladies in it. M Hoppe pointed out that on face book and YD forum discussions were taking place on not having mens & ladies licences but just have A & B licences. J Parish said ideas need to be brought to the board for discussions to take place. J Parish pointed out at SC BAS out of the 420 drivers 91 were ladies. NC felt it was not right that ladies can race with men but men can't race with ladies. M Hoppe proposed and N Clarke seconded that the rule as it states in the book now (that the chairman on the day can allow men & ladies to race together in a 'special' race is kept in the members handbook for 2014 the chairman do not accept this change and the rule should not be changed until the chairman do accept it. Vote took place with unanimous vote of 15 for. D Hilton would advise the board of the chairmans vote and suggest the rule is discussed further next year.

J Parish said there had been an allegation that a driver had signed on at a recent meeting and was not scrutineered an investigation took place and was felt this was not the case. However this highlighted a problem that could happen and it has been suggested all clubs use a club stamp and then sign at the side/over of the stamp which should eliminate people just signing their own books. D Hilton asked if anyone had any other suggestions could they put them forward.

J Parish said that Spalding has joined with other local clubs to create a challenge series that is one example of action that smaller clubs can take to increase gates.

Norton Radstock were contemplating disbanding however due to the fact they still have a track they have been encouraged to join with forest and they are now hosting a round of the UKAC a meeting will take place with all 4 clubs in the league to move forward. M Hoppe said officially NR track is not within their boundary, although he did not have a problem with this J Parish said he would bring the boundary map to the agm and said unless tracks out of boundaries caused a problem then it would not be looked into.

J Parish reported that current disciplinary were Rob Farrow SY571 and Jack Farrow SY118 were banned from holding a racing licence until 22.5.14 after altercations at the men's nationals. Mike Taylor NS45 was banned for 12 months after altercations at Border Counties meeting, discussion was ongoing re the ban start date i.e. date of incident or date received ban. MA155 junior special was not allowed to hold a racing licence until 22.5.14 after post race scrutineering at junior nationals. J Parish said NASA would not get involved with local incidents unless they were asked to, although the board would like to be made aware of any. L Cooper asked how the board had become involved with the allegation of a driver not been scrutineered J Parish said individuals had approached the board, however the official route is via the club/league. M Hoppe asked why Vernon Wallace had received a ban after an incident at post race scrutineering at the L&J Nats. J Parish said he was only suspended from acting as a NASA official until the full investigation took place. M Hoppe read out a letter implying he was banned and felt it was a disgrace and Vernon had still not received a letter to say he had no case to answer to. M Hoppe read out the letter to Vernon and J Parish said he was suspended until full investigations took place this was normal practise M Hoppe asked if he wrote a letter of complaint to the board would they ban someone prior to looking into it?

J Parish advised that Avon Tyres at their own expense had been doing tests on class 1 and 9 at Scunthorpe with potentially becoming a supplier within the sport.

J Parish said the board had been made aware of some recent incidents regarding safety in particular at the L&J nationals regarding helmets. L Cooper advised that some people are going for colour/style and not accepting advice on the fit of a helmet.

Nationals 2015 presentations were put to the board this morning (hence why this meeting was a little late at starting) from Evesham and West Midlands leagues for the men's and Y Dales for the ladies. S Langley asked if S Bentley would be voting J Parish said as his role as chairman of the board he does not vote unless a casting vote is required. Admissions for the 2014 nationals would be same as this year however the cost to the hosts would be £6250 for the men's and £1600 for the L&J nats.

BAS & UKAC Dates & venues have been approved by the directors officials of both series will attend the next directors meeting.

Driver's briefings not all clubs appear to be using the bullet points that were issued to standardise the important issues on race days, chairman were asked to provide another additions to the bullet points they thought relevant.

2014 Rule Books – only change would be to include the Yaris in class 1

Fixture List 2014 – J Parish said he had issued letters to all clubs/leagues re race dates and adverts if not received please let J Parish know. S Langley advised that his league had not had the AGM yet so could not provide a list of officials for the fixture book.

NEC 2014 – potentially still looking for class 3 or 4 cars.

Meeting dates for 2014 – Chairman & Scrutineer 16.2.14 12.4.14 28.6.14 4.10.14 – Marshalls 16.2.14 28.6.14 4.10.14 - AGM 30.11.14

Vernon McKenzie – T Griffiths asked if there was an update on Vernon J Parish said he was still very poorly and the board had sent best wishes from the sport T Griffiths asked if the chairman's best wishes could be passed onto the family all chairman agreed Vernon was well respected within the room. D Tomkinson would pass this on.

Correspondence:-

M Hoppe asked why the BAS dates were the week after the nationals it appears BAS are setting the dates and UKAC after to fit in – there was no consultation. S Bentley said he spoke to UKAC. M Hoppe said 2 directors told him they did not even look at the dates when they agreed them. M Hoppe said ukac arranged their dates around the normal bas dates originally. S Bentley said they have not always been on set dates. M Hoppe asked what the process was re the dates, S Bentley said originally when set up they would be in the minutes (1996). S Langley said a process needs to be made clear and who at UKAC is actually dealing. J Parish said the process has been developed over time and an expected practise should be formal process for the future.

Director's roles and responsibilities – list was passed around the room. J Bevan asked what responsibilities other NASA officials had i.e. scrutineer J Parish said Club Scrutineer is in control on race days. M Hoppe suggested the list is read and come back to the next meeting with feedback and also the chairman should provide what they feel their role and responsibilities are. J Bevan asked what the board see the role of the chairman to be – J Parish to reply.

Jump Starts – discussion took place about if it was working, it appears it's not standard all over the country, and if someone jumps why is the race stopped R Wyeth (marshall) said they were stopped so the offender did not interfere with the racing, or wrong person pull off when black flag shown. S Bentley reported the from the marshalls meeting they are proposing straight black flag for jump and not at discretion if the driver stops to let others go it was felt if someone jumps it does effect the start of others.

Log Book:-

Pairings – M Hoppe to provide a draft proposal of how it could work by Feb

Boundary Map – J Parish to bring to agm

Rule Books – J Parish advised they will be on website very shortly – suggested wait till 2014 books are out – J Parish to complete by 1.1.14

Junior Specials – M Hoppe had provided a draft procedure for weighing at the nationals to the board but not had a response J Parish said the board had adopted it with a few changes from D Hardy/G Jones. J Parish could not confirm if it was followed to the letter at the nationals but the East Anglian officials took charge and adopted a very similar procedure D Hilton suggested asks D Hardy when present.

Nationals 2013 – no feedback

Nationals 2014 – J Bevan reported gates would open 12 noon Thursday. The Event would start at 9am with a parade around the track of all the clubs & leagues with a rep from each holding a flag and the commentators would talk about each club as they parade. J Bevan asked that all clubs take part and provide a bearer and flag and would like names by April 2014. Prices were been sought for TV Coverage. Security for the pits would include Thursday night. Camping would be till the following Thursday, with a Wednesday night race meeting starting at 5pm. Website was almost ready to go live.

AOB:-

P West asked if it was likely that the noise level for race cars would be reduced, discussion took place with regards how many clubs actually police the level we have at the moment. Nigel Thompson suggested that the level be brought down to 95 decibels he said that he had spoken to an exhaust manufacturer (Simpson exhausts) who advised the noise could be lowered to 70 and it would have no effect on the speed. N Thompson said the noise should be no more than 10 decibels above the ambient. J Parish commented that in many cases noise at night carries further and can trigger complaints in places where normal raceday noise hasn't been an issue. It was stressed all clubs should be policing the noise levels and tests should be done at all meetings. D Hardy said if the noise level was reduced only class 1s would be racing but confirmed in the scrutineers meeting it was agreed more testing and sticking to the limit was required.

M Grice asked if a driver rolls his car does he have to go in the ambulance, it was agreed no matter what the incident was if the medical team say the driver must then he must.

D Hilton asked D Hardy if the procedure on weighing the junior specials at the Nationals had been adhered to D Hardy said yes it was passed to the SN scrutineers.

Meeting Closed at approx 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

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2014

Signing on sheets re men's allocations Sunday 18th May 2014

To be eligible to race at the Nationals licence cut of date Wednesday 21st May 2014

R101 – Thursday 19th June 2014

Ladies & Juniors applications for nationals must be received by B Harper by Wednesday 16th July 2014

Mens Nationals 2nd & 3rd August 2014 Ladies & Juniors Nationals 30th & 31st August 2014