



NATIONAL AUTOGRASS SPORT ASSOCIATION LTD.

MINUTES OF THE CHAIRMAN'S MEETING HELD Saturday 22nd June 2013

AT THE TRAVELDGE, 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	No	NASA (DH)	Diane Tomkinson
5	Mark Hoppe	No	NASA (MB)	Don Hilton
6	Anthony Griffiths	Yes	NASA (SB)	Maureen Boyd
7	Pete Haines	Yes	NASA (PP)	Simon Bentley
9	Mal Cooper	Yes		Pat Patrick
10	Mark Grice	Yes	Visitor	Pat Ashley
11	Richard Crowther	No	Visitor	Lynn Cooper
12	John Lawson	No	Visitor	Kenneth Beals
13	Joan Bevans.	No	Visitor	Andrea Boerngen
14	Jeffrey Parish	Yes	Visitor	
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	No	Visitor	
23	Eamonn Sheehy	No	Visitor	
24	Carole Shaw	Yes	Visitor	
25	Keith Matthews	No		

Meeting Chaired by: Don Hilton

Start Time 11.14am

Don Hilton opened the meeting and advised there would not be an EGM due to not enough number of attendees

- **Apologies** :- D Linch K Matthews M Hoppe J Bevans M Johnston
- **Minutes of Meeting 13 April 2013**:- D Hilton said the bullet list for all drivers meetings had been issued if anyone had any further items they felt should go on the list to let him know.

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N Clarke pointed out that under the discussion regarding the roll cage thickness he recalled that S Bentley had said the thickness was changed on insurance recommendations. N Clarke also said he recalled it was also mentioned that D Walker had some involvement with insurers on this, N Clarke said D Walker denies this. J Parish said it was identified as a change and published therefore no going back. D Hilton said that it was proposed to be changed and backed by the directors. Discussion took place and it was agreed that N Clarke should go into the Scrutineers meeting to put his feelings forward.

Adoption of the Minutes of the Chairman's Meeting 13 April 2013:- Proposed E Ashley & Seconded P Haines

Treasurers Report:-

£74,372.15 in Current Account £ 36,562.89 in Deposit Account.

M Allen advised that the last instalment would be paid to Insurers in July (approx 40k). M Allen pointed out she is receiving RT12 Event Permit forms they should be going to P Patrick. There was a meeting to take place shortly with the Insurance Company shortly as the 3 yr contract has nearly expired. M Allen reported the only new drivers to be added to the list that cannot race was L Cooper & H Bishop. There had been a request if a driver cannot race if they can take out a members licence to do duties on race dates after discussion it was decided no.

Membership/Licence Report:-

B Harper said again that forms are still being received with the wrong postage on. It must be stressed to all members again to put the correct postage on. It was also discussed that for an EGM a proxy vote can be sent this can be with another league delegate attending the meeting. L Cooper suggested that all dates/rules on proxy etc should be on the website. B Harper said across the board licences sales were down by 343. The cut off date for the forms to be received by B Harper for the L&J nationals was 17th July. It was suggested that fines should be used for late return of forms ie signing on sheets etc.

Correspondence:-

D Hilton pointed out that any items for the Agenda must come from the League no delegates only personally views, the recent correspondence from K Matthews that had been shared was not from the league but would be discussed. The correspondence referred to incompetence of the video evidence decisions. M Cooper suggested it was discussed with S Thomas when he comes in meeting. M Grice said many drivers had assisted with the video evidence at the last bas and were more than happy. D Tomkinson said there was a perception that S Thomas over ruled track marshalls when this was not the case.

Log Book:-

26 .Pairings :- M Hoppe via D Tomkinson wanted to know if anyone is interested in this before he takes it further to lay out some ideas. Discussion took place once M Hoppe has provided some proposals on how it would work practically then they chairman would take back to members. It was felt the idea was good if it could work practically.

1. By Laws – J Parish on going

9. Rule Books – J Parish ongoing due to be completed in 2014

36. Boundaries – J Parish making arrangements to get the map from D Walker

39. Procedure for Weighing Jnr Specials. M Hoppe had put his draft procedure to the board D Hardy was working through it a copy was passed to all chairman present for their input. It was intended to use this procedure at this year's nationals.

41. Rule Books on line – J Parish was hoping to have this completed by Aug 2013

43. Security in pits – Directors were discussing with Insurers

44. Directors Job Descriptions – M Boyd was waiting for 2 more Directors to complete theirs and then the list will be distributed via email.

Nationals 2013 Mens: - Information sheets were distributed.

Nationals 2013 L & J: - - J Parish all ok

Nationals 2014:- J Bevan via D Tomkinson confirmed all ok

Directors Report: - J Parish

The board felt it would be beneficial to have a chairman of the board, however the board feel this should be an existing Director not a separate role. Currently all directors have a vote and the Chairman has a casting vote, however it has been agreed until the AGM the chairman of the board will only have the casting vote. An EGM will take place before the AGM to put this rule in place. The board elected the chairman until the AGM to be S Bentley. Signing on of under 18s will now revert back to parents/guardians signing them on after taking legal advice. The new signing on sheets will be replaced free of charge with the correct ones.

Nationals 2015 – Mens – West Midlands League and Evesham have applied. A Griffiths had received confirmation today that all fields will be available, P Haines also confirmed all fields required are available to them. No one has applied for the Ladies the cut off date for applicants would be extended to the October chairman's meeting. The board have decided to disband the rule that the national champion automatically gets the chance to defend his title without going through the qualifying procedure. It was felt drivers were only doing the minimum amount of races and this was not good for the sport. It was also decided by the board to no longer automatically give all leagues 1 place in each class. M Cooper asked why the board was telling the chairman this was taking place rather than discussing it and allowing chairman to get the views of the members, the decision by the board was not a fair representation of the membership. Discussion also took place regarding the consequences of these decisions i.e. drivers leaving smaller leagues, ideas were passed around how to overcome i.e. leagues joining for qualifying only, extended the rule of how many race meetings a defending champion needs to do. NC proposed that the chairman do not back the director's decision on this subject M Cooper seconded vote was unanimous in favour

It was suggested chairman take back to the leagues/clubs and find out their view and then let the chairman put these views to the board.

BAS-Mini Spares was all now resolved.

Wheel Safety – it had been brought to the directors attention that wheels had been lightened by drilling them, an on LM F600 therefore on a safety note it would be included in the 2014 rule book that this is not permitted. M Cooper said his league committee had not been made aware of this incident and per previous notes should it not come via the league to be discussed by the board. J Parish said the LM scrutineer brought it to D Hardy's attention who then brought to the board.

Drivers Meetings – J Parish highlighted what had been previously mentioned that any other items that are felt should be on the standard drivers briefing should be passed to D Hilton/Board.

Jump Starts – this is covered in the drivers briefing.

Allocations – cut off dates for receipt of sheets will be on the website & fixture book

An 'App' for the NASA website was hopefully going to be introduced still in discussion stages

It had recently become apparent that a League Official did not actually hold a licence – all club officials must be a NASA member.

Proposals for new experimental cars for class 2 & 5 were been sought.

Finish Line – whilst it's recommended they are in the centre of the track if a track inspection takes place and the structure on the outside is deemed safe they can be used.

Disciplinary Procedures are under review, however if an incident occurs at your club you deal, it can be taken to NASA if its felt an national ban is warranted but this must be within 28days of the incident.

NR club is going to be wound up by the members.

AOB:-

C Shaw asked if their club could sublet its field to another motor sport, i.e. autograss race 9am till 2pm then Karts 2pm till 5pm? This idea was being proposed to increase their gate numbers discussion took place that this idea sounded good and once their meeting was finished it should be okay. The Board would need more information on how it would work just to clarify with insurers and implications of the start/finish times of the event permit.

L Cooper asked how the board felt about injured drivers working on race days in other areas, it was discussed and felt it was not acceptable.

D Hilton asked for clarification on the changing of wheels/tyres in the re run lane, S Bentley confirmed it is not allowed at the nationals it is in the file, however there is nothing to stop you doing at any other race meeting unless local club rules don't allow it. M Grice said you cannot do it at York. Discussion took place whether the rule should be taken out of the nationals file, or if it should be introduced at all race meetings? Chairman to discuss with members.

S Thomas was in the room and was asked to discuss the video evidence and how it worked. S Thomas said after S Wales BAS and some of the problems highlighted it ran much smoother at the 2nd BAS, drivers were brought in to the unit to assist and this was found to be beneficial to the drivers and the marshalls alot was learnt. With regards the O Burley incident at the first bas he was shown the video and also the video of the black flag in which he admitted after seeing the evidence the decision was correct, and spent over 5 hours in the unit at the weekend and was an asset. It was agreed to get more drivers involved in the video unit, S Bentley asked chairman to let D Tomkinson know of anyone who wants to take part so a rota can be set up. S Thomas confirmed the process of how the cameras are used The marshall on the track makes the decision, the video marshalls also watch and if they feel the marshall on track has made a wrong call they will double check and relay their version of events, if the on track marshall stands by the decision then its left. If a complaint comes in then again the video is re looked at to check the drivers interpretation of events matches those on camera and again discussed with the track marshall and the track marshall is shown the video and a decision is agreed. It was also discussed the start line camera, S Bentley said that N Grasby was sorting this, P Haines agreed to chase him.

Clarification was sought with regards the knocking of cones/markers over S Thomas said if two markers were disturbed on the same corner on the same lap it would be a green flag.

S Bentley said the new cones that cannot be knocked over (they just bend and pop up again) were proving successful.

Meeting Closed at approx 1.36pm

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