



# NATIONAL AUTOGRASS SPORT ASSOCIATION LTD.

## Minutes of Marshals and Safety Officers combined meeting held on 22nd June 2013, Travelodge, Birmingham Road, Walsall

### PRESENT:

Simon Bentley	NASA Director
Stuart Thomas	NASA Chief Marshal
Sandy Williams	Secretary, Marshals / Safety Officers

Chris Jones	Risk Services Manager, Doodson Broking Group
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### League Chief Marshal

<b>Andy Preece</b>	
<b>Phill Preece</b>	
Adam Jones	n/a
<b>Ray Wyeth</b>	
James Lewis	n/a
<b>Jayne Barrett</b>	
Andrew Blomfield	n/a
Martyn Tinker	n/a
Andy Page	n/a
Mally Wing	n/a
<b>Stuart Thomas</b>	
Bob French	n/a
Gary Merton	n/a
Paul Mason	n/a
Paul Finn	n/a
David Shields	n/a
John Haffey	n/a
Seamus O'Riordan	n/a
Kevin Pearsall	n/a
Hugh Brown	n/a

### League Safety Officer

Andrew Whitmore	n/a
Malcolm Butler	n/a
Duncan Rea	n/a
Mike Collins	n/a
<b>Eric Gittoes</b>	
Alan Bluck	n/a
Rhys Jones	n/a
John Howland	n/a
<b>Ian Nipress</b>	
Tim Simpson	n/a
<b>Stuart Thomas</b>	
<b>Paul Hassell</b>	
Martin Gould	n/a
Simon Boddy	n/a
John Berry	n/a
Malcolm Dawson	n/a
Norman Jess	n/a
<b>Michelle Tee</b>	
Shane Houlihan	n/a
Melvyn Clayton	n/a
Greg Cooper	n/a

### No.

### League

01	East Midlands
02	Gloucestershire
04	South Wales
05	Southern
06	West Midlands
07	MAP
09	North Western
10	North Yorkshire
11	Essex
12	Yorkshire
13	West Wales
14	East Anglian
15	Shropshire
16	CGTRO
18	Kent
19	Dales
21	Northern Ireland
22	Wiltshire
23	Southern Ireland
24	Fenland
25	Scotland

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

n/a not attended the meeting

### Marshals:-

Steve Belcher	CGTRO
Paul Strong	MAP
John Speke	West Midlands
Rachel Hinton	East Midlands
Arran Warburton	East Anglian
Spencer Warburton	East Anglian

### Safety Officers:-

Marcus Mills	West Midlands
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### Apologies:

Simon Boddy (CGTRO), Malcolm Butler (Gloucs), James Lewis (WML), Martyn Tinker (NY), Jason Baker (CGTRO)

**The meeting commenced at 11.15 am.**

S. Bentley – introduced Chris Jones from Doodson Broking Group.

S. Thomas - thanked all for attending today.

Minutes of 17th February 2013 were accepted as a true record, proposed by R.Wyeth (Southern), seconded by A. Preece (East Midlands), the following items were discussed from these minutes:

- *Page 35, new rule 2: "The finish line marshal **should** be situated in the inner area of the track and stood behind a Marshal's Post". Eric Gittoes (WML): queried this rule. Vernon said – visibility issue, hence no finisher on the outside, must be on the inside. Jayne Barrett (MAP/Radford) – they will have a safety issue with the finisher being on the inside. Vernon: Better for start and finish line to be on the same side, can Radford revert back to how they used to have it? Jayne – too wet for race control to be over on the same side as the start line. **Vernon to get this rule clarified – SHOULD or MUST***

**S. Bentley confirmed 'SHOULD' – unless clubs write into NASA, with valid points as to why finish line needs to be on the outside? (to date, a few clubs have been granted permission). Wording of this rule to be changed in 2014 member's handbook.**

- **Crossover Board:** Discussion, this is no longer a rule, a few present still wanted the use of a Crossover Board, but the majority don't want this back as a rule, this had been taken out of the rule book at the request of the majority of marshals who were voting on behalf of their leagues. Even though no board, a driver can be black / green flagged for dangerous driving coming off from the start line. The question was asked "who decides who has crossed over"; this is usually the marshal on the first post. Start line marshals maybe in a better position to determine? **Note: Vernon will discuss with the Directors, but feedback also required from clubs / leagues / drivers to see if the Crossover Board needs to be re-introduced and bring back to the next meeting.**

**Discussion took place: Please note: The Crossover Board NO LONGER EXISTS, it will not be re-introduced.**

- **Window Nets:** Discussion, it was felt that there must be a standardised way of releasing window nets. Chris Tee suggested the use of a luminous yellow marker pointing to where a net can be released? Vernon said this is an experimental year, he asked the marshals / safety officers to walk over to the scrutineering lanes and the pits and observe and talk to drivers, make notes of anything they think could make their job easier, feedback is required. **Experimental year, (see above statement), feedback required.**

**Discussion took place: Feedback required. If a marshal notices a window net on a car that he/she feels needs checking – report this to a scrutineer on the day.**

## **CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Email from Essex League: "The wearing of gloves by drivers whilst racing" and "The wearing of gloves by marshals when attending an incident" – to be included in the list of safety clothing and equipment, page 15, items 1 & 2.

**Discussion took place. S. Bentley confirmed the Directors are currently discussing and addressing the rule on safety clothing and equipment.**

## **ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

**The following rules are shown in the 2013 member's handbook:-**

- **Page 37 – item 19, "A driver making a "jumped start", i.e. starting to race before the signal is given to do so will receive a black flag. However if in the judgement of the Startline Marshal the driver in realising he/she has jumped the start, then immediately holds back and acknowledges their mistake the Startline Marshal may let the car proceed to race without penalty".**

- **Page 38 – item 26**, “Any driver knocking down 2 or more track marker cones in a race will receive a Green Flag”.

**The above rule has been clarified as follows: “Two markers disturbed on the same corner, on the same lap – will be deemed a green flag” – anymore and it will be a black flag.**

- **Page 38 – item 27**, “Any driver deemed to have gained an advantage by racing on the infield or by knocking down one track marker cone in an attempt to gain an advantage, will be Black Flagged”.
- **Page 39 – item 31**, “A competitor will be Black Flagged for deliberate pushing without taking evasive action. If it causes the other competitor to lose position, the race may be stopped and re-run. If a Black Flag is shown on the last lap, the race will be run to the end. The Chief Marshal is authorised to re-instate a car that has been deliberately pushed by another into its previous running position for the purpose of points calculations or trophy awards”.
- **Page 39 – item 32**, “The Chief Marshal is also empowered to disqualify a vehicle for a serious infringement on the last lap, after the race has been completed. If a vehicle is to be disqualified in this way, the competitor, pits control and race control will be notified immediately the race is over by the Chief Marshal”.
- **Page 39 – item 34**, “The Chief Marshal has a period of 60 minutes from the end of the race to make a decision about the race result, standings, flags etc. – this includes whenever official NASA video evidence is being considered.

**The Chief Marshal’s Decision is absolute and final.**

**ASSISTANT CHIEF MARSHALS FOR 2013:** Stuart confirmed these are: Andy Preece and Ray Wyeth.

Anyone interested in assisting at the Nationals – forms available for completing with name, address etc. Names put forward today:

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| • Ray Wyeth       | Mens & L/J |
| • Andy Preece     | Mens & L/J |
| • David Shields   | L/J only   |
| • Phill Preece    | Mens & L/J |
| • Malcolm Butler  | Mens & L/J |
| • Arran Warburton | Mens & L/J |
| • Charlie Turner  | Mens & L/J |
| • Jason Baker     | Mens & L/J |

Further names added:

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| • Gareth Jones      | Mens & L/J  |
| • Spencer Warburton | L/J (Mens?) |
| • Paul Meaney       | Mens only   |
| • Jason Neville     | L/J only    |
| • Ian Nippres       | Mens only   |

MENS NATIONALS: will all marshals please meet at race control / commentary point at 9am on the Saturday.

S.Thomas spoke with his marshals and it was agreed that “spotters towers” will be used at both nationals.

**COMPLAINTS / DISCIPLINE PROCEDURE:**  
(see 2013 member’s handbook, pages 26 to 30 inc.-16. Discipline)

Discussion took place on the current rules, S. Bentley confirmed the Directors are reviewing the whole procedure.

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

There being no further business the meeting closed at 12.50 pm.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 12 October**

**AGM – Sunday 24 November 2013 (12 noon)**

**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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The two items below have been brought forward from 17.2.13 meeting, not discussed at 22.6.13 meeting

**New Marshals barrier:** VM: The board had been approached by Scunthorpe club wanting to try a new “Recticel Safeguard Marshals Barrier” – Vernon explained the barrier type – The board have given permission for Scunthorpe to trial these for one year, after which it will be reviewed.

**Note: feedback required from clubs/leagues regarding these barriers.**

**Breathalysers:** Any news on the supply of new ones? Clubs/Leagues can purchase from another source, other than NASA – so long as they have a certificate.

**Vernon to discuss with the Directors at their next meeting.**