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League	Name	attended	NASA (MA)	Margaret Allen
1	Nicholas Clarke	Yes	NASA (BH)	Barbara Harper
2	Darren Mabey	Yes	NASA (DT)	Diane Tomkinson
4	Manfred Kampschulte	Yes	NASA (DH)	Don Hilton
5	Mark Hoppe	Yes	NASA (PT)	Pat Patrick
6	Anthony Griffiths	Yes	NASA (SB)	Simon Bentley
7	Pete Haines	Yes	NASA (JP)	Jeffrey Parish
9	Mal Cooper	Yes		
10	Martyn Tinker	Yes	Visitor	Pat Ashley
11	Lyn Thomas	Yes	Visitor	Lynn Cooper
12	John Lawson	No	Visitor	Dave Smith
13	Joan Bevans.	Yes		
14	Dave Robins	No	Visitor	Julie Fernihough
15	Ernie Ashley	Yes	Visitor	Steve Langley
16	Peter West	Yes		
18	Derek Linch	No	Visitor	Paul Glover
19	Nick Constantine	Yes	Visitor	Neil Lewis
21	Kate Thomas	No	Visitor	Ken Beales
22	Simon Jackson	Yes	Visitor	Rachel Hinton
23	Paul Meaney	No	Visitor	
24	Carole Shaw	Yes	Visitor	
25	Keith Matthews	Yes		

Chairman's Meeting

Saturday 4 October 2014

Venue: Metro Inns Birmingham Road, Walsall

Start time 11am

AGENDA

1. Apologies - Dave Robins & Derek Linch
2. Minutes of the Chairman's meeting June 2014 – Keith Matthews asked if the Quorum of 15 could be reduced, Jeffrey confirmed it could be but surely the idea would be to get more people to attend these meetings. *(Note the minimum quorum is actually 14 – 60% of 22 members, rounded up)*
M Hoppe asked if the list of assets was completed M Allen confirmed almost. M Cooper asked if these could be made available at the AGM, M Allen confirmed yes. M Hoppe wanted it minuted whilst Paramedics were introduced as a must the root cause to accidents needed looking into too. S Bentley confirmed that a Solicitor and Insurers were attending the next Directors meeting to discuss.
3. Adoption of the minutes of the Chairman's meeting June 2014 – C Shaw proposed & L Thomas second

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4. Treasurers Report – M Allen confirmed that 65 race meetings have been cancelled this year out of 273 booked meetings. M Hoppe asked how this compared to previous years 2011 - 25/280 2012- 70/278 2013 - 62/280 as previously discussed clubs have not been charged insurance in the past if they cancel, only if they re arrange. It has come to light that this is causing a deficit in paying the premium. M Allen confirmed it appears some clubs are just booking race dates with no intention of running. It was agreed in 2015 clubs will be charged Insurance for every race date they put on whether they run or not (currently the figure is £55 in uk £395 in Ireland – however this will go up for 2015). M Cooper suggested maybe doing away with the drivers personal accident insurance, this would have to be something taken back to the leagues/clubs for drivers to decide. M Cooper said he had returned 70 rule books today which is clearly a waste of money, M Allen confirmed this is being addressed as previously mentioned (and emails issued) each league needs to tell her how many rule books they need for 2015 (this is for the leagues allocation M Allen does not want emails/requests from individual clubs).
M Allen confirmed the following members were still unable to hold licences due to Insurance claims V Appleton T Appleton P Gillard C Rawnsley D Nutter, also C McCracken who was taking legal action against DA Club.
J Bevan asked how quick insurance can be arranged for a race meeting M Allen said a few days. J Bevan asked if clubs are charged automatically for 3 meetings even if they do not race M Allen confirmed yes.
ACCOUNTS : £76,161.46 – Current Account £6,587.48 Deposit Account.
5. Membership / licence report - B Harper confirmed that on 15.10.2013 we had 4488 members. On 29.9.14 we have 4462 final figures will be taken by end of October.
6. Nationals 2014 – J Bevan said the Mens went well the WWL felt the best ever, they tried new things like the flag bearers and the only criticism they had received was over the watering. J Bevan confirmed that PAC had run the Mens. T Griffiths agreed the event was good but the track was very rough and poor watering. S Bentley said it was being introduced to the Nationals File that experienced water cart drivers are a requirement. T Griffiths said he knows that this was offered to WWL but they refused. M Hoppe said there was a good atmosphere. M Hoppe said the scrutineering was a shambles where is the data on who failed, which clubs were the worst ? S Bentley said Warren had been assured this information would be available from D Hardy/G Jones but it is not. This is something Warren is keen to make sure is in place for 2015. K Matthews asked if the rumour was correct that L Evans had used his directorship to force a re run. *E Ashley as NS Chairman or NASA Chairman said that he dealt with L Evans complaint/query the same as any other driver and did not condone L Evans actions after not being satisfied with the initial outcome.* S Bentley said the decision was made the race stood, he had actually explained the rules himself to L Evans along with S Williams per the NASA file, however A Preece has advised that L Evans knocked him up the following morning demanding a re run (R Hinton was in the room A Preece partner and confirmed this) L Cooper asked is the rule that any amendments to a race should be done in 1 hour. S Bentley said yes and was disappointed that A Preece did not stick to his decision. S Bentley confirmed that L Evans was requested to put a statement in on his version of events but had not. M Cooper asked *Is this issue addressed in todays Directors Report? S Bentley said No M Cooper then asked is it to come up under todays correspondence? S Bentley said No M Cooper then asked why are we discussing it? If its not on the agenda, not in the directors report and there is no correspondence then it shouldn't be being discussed.(M Cooper did reiterate this statement again later for a second time)* S Bentley said nothing was being done as no complaints had been received, the chairman voted L Evans in and the chairman are the only people that can vote him out. N Clark said if a rule was clearly broken by

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Andy Preece re running the race then the board should have stepped in and over ruled him. S Bentley asked is that right ? you have voted him in and the chief marshalls decision is final ?

J Bevan confirmed the dvds were here today for each league to take back to their drivers. M Hoppe asked who was in charge of Scrutineering , S Bentley confirmed D Hardy M Hoppe felt that clearly clubs do not take the pre season scrutineering seriously L Thomas agreed they had put a lot of effort into this and clearly the forms weren't even used at the Nationals. Simon confirmed again that Warren was really keen to get process in place to sort this out. Discussion took place with regards cars failing and some passing for similar things N Lewis confirmed that in respect of the Class 1s having ally bolts in use and having correct ones in your tool box is a deliberate cheat and if you took the ally bolts out you couldn't race, with regards the 'pear' drops this was not the case. It was discussed that pre scrutineering would not stop this a car can pass pre scrutineering change parts then turn up at the nationals with paperwork stating its legal. M Hoppe suggested D Hardy has a list of failed cars, why and then address with the club scrutineer S Bentley agreed and it has being discussed with D Hardy the job is not organised it needs to be organised at the top and move down.

J Bevan then went onto give a report on the L&J Nationals due to the rain that arrived the week leading up the nationals this meant some fields could not be utilised. The programme/trophies etc were exactly the same as the mens. J Bevan said that Penhow were given a list of jobs to do and they did not do, they had being told to do track work they had plant on site but did not use. J Bevan advised the room that the board had given the WWL a penalty for failings of not being able to host a nationals or series for 5 years and PAC/Penhow must remain as a league. J Bevan said that M Bevan and the Vice along with the Penhow Chair & Vice were invited to the last directors meeting, not all the committee this is when the penalty was advised. J Bevan said they put the same cups on for the L&J which the last time was 2004 this happened. M Cooper asked if there was a presentation from WWL for the L&J Nationals. S Bentley confirmed the version of events WWL put a presentation on for the Mens Penhow the L&J it was felt then that Penhow were not strong enough to host the L&J it was the time PAC/Penhow were forming as a league so it was put to J Bevan & Michaela in the presentation to host the L&J they said they would and it would get treat exactly the same as the Mens, this has been continually promoted in this room by J Bevan S Bentley also referred to J Bevan earlier saying the Mens was hosted by PAC it was the WWL that were the hosts of both nationals per the signed contracts and he was shocked to see only PAC members were on the WWL committee for the Nationals and financially Penhow had not being involved only the offer of a small donation J Ferniough said if it's a league venture then both clubs should benefit from the profits not just one. L Thomas said in all the meetings she had being present at J Bevan had never said the mens was PAC both nationals were always discussed as WWL and therefore the league must be answerable, after all had it been the best nationals ever they would have took the credit. S Bentley then said M Bevan had suggested at the directors meeting that NASA gives the host of the L&J nats 10k to help and then claim it back after the event S Bentley had put it to M Bevan that they had made a lot of money at the mens so why could they not spend it at the L&J , N Lewis asked for it to be minuted that they did not make a lot of money at the mens. T Griffiths asked if the track had been viewed prior S Bentley confirmed that the only mistake that the board had made was not visiting 2 weeks prior however the list of things the board felt the event was lacking a visit would not have prevented this ie no flags, bunting, no signs, place looked tired and need tidying, tent in the pits, unloading area not organised etc, pits control not suitable, no cabin for start line camera, B Harper was put in a tent to do her work along with the cooking of food for scrutineers, no security, no heras fencing round scrutineering tent etc..... There were issues with the fencing but this was made safe. N Lewis said it was a problem the distance between the two clubs S Bentley pointed out that N Lewis lived

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only a few miles from Penhow. J Bevan said they never stopped working from arriving on site and just run out of time in some areas, and the weather prevented the fair from coming and obviously fields planned to be used for trailer park/pits etc were too wet. Discussion then took place if the board were correct to punish the league general feeling in the room was yes but thought preventing them from having a Series was too harsh. E Ashley said he felt the whole meeting was treated as a second class meeting from start to finish. M Hoppe asked what would be classed as a good meeting ? S Bentley reiterated that all along the event was promised to be the same as the Mens it clearly wasn't. Everyone present had copies of letters previously received from club members, M Cooper asked why leagues had not sent more letters if unrest about L&J T Griffiths said his league felt the same as the other letters so didn't see the need to send one just to agree with the comments. A Further letter was read out from a Concord Member which again was on the same lines as the other ones.

7. Nationals 2015 – T Griffiths confirmed all in order for the Mens & D Hilton confirmed all in order for the L&J P West asked if changing the date of the L&J nationals would improve attendance – discussion took place on ideal dates nothing proposed.

8. Directors Report

Living With NASA - By Laws

By-laws now with solicitors for review

Only amendments received from leagues were from Keith Matthews

Discuss layout of back page diagram K Matthews still felt it was wrong and asked if he could be voted in as a director with a role of being the chairman he wanted to test the documents J Parish said it had never being done before the only time someone was elected on for a particular role was D Walker. Articles do say it's the Directors role to vote in the Chairman of the Board.

BAS-UK - dates and venues have been arranged and available if anyone wanted them

Fixture list

Letters and forms were being distributed at meeting, Will also be distributed by email Deadline 31 October Feedback on format of book – Felt old style better, J Parish asked for everyone to try and advertise to cover costs, and suggested clubs consult each other re dates

Note that NASA is receiving letters of complaint from a council about (un-named) club not sticking to agreed dates – warning to clubs to work with locals

Disciplinary

YD Junior specials :-

YD24 Abi Shields car failed post bas scrutineering - contravention of rule 17.9 on page 47

YD70 Liam Nicholls car failed post L&J Nationals - Engine camshaft connection to drive sprocket found to be via slotted roll pin/spring pin mechanical fastener

Both above can not hold a nasa racing licence until after 21st May 15. (Penalty is identical to those given in the past)

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Accident update

Darren Nutter is making a speedy recovery – an email was issued to all clubs/leagues which you should have seen which stated All engines must be fitted with an “Accelerator” or “Throttle” return spring of sufficient size, strength and movement such that the fuel delivery system closes once the “Accelerator” or “Throttle” pedal is released. Note. The accelerator/throttle cable/connection system must be sufficiently routed, shielded from any heat source, and lubricated to minimise the risk of seizure

V Appleton/T Appleton/P Gillard all doing well and insurers/solicitors visited sites and happy with things.

Accidents and liability claims

Note new trend for the insurers to instruct solicitors to investigate major incidents whether or not a claim has been received this makes it vital that all risk assessments, track inspections, incident reports, signing on sheets MUST be properly documented

Note that a claim might be received months or years after an incident so records must be clear and complete.

The board have discussed the idea of giving safety officers their own committee and appointing NASA Chief Safety Officer and Deputy

NASA forms

IN3 - - J Parish dealing

Safety issues on a couple of occasions drivers have been seen sat on their cars whilst on lifts?

Publicity Facebook/Twitter - NASA more presence per Dan Moffat

NEC – list still being devised for drivers for live action and stand.

Proposals re scrutineers/marshalls – The board have discussed at ways to get people more involved ie each club/league chief scrutineers should attend all meetings and also take a role at the nationals.

Bore & Stroke tester had being purchased for the Nationals and proved a success.

Hinged window nets no longer allowed due to evidence of them becoming detached in rollovers – no longer effective, plus hazard caused by flying parts

Directors’ proposal to allow cars to be removed from pits overnight only to unloading area or trailers/trucks adjoining pits, No race cars in spectator or camping areas. Ongoing discussion with insurers over risk to cars in pits. Feedback from chairmen? Required when taken back to drivers. General feeling in the room it would be step in the right direction.

NON-NASA events

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Coventry is authorised

Northampton authorisation in progress

Scunthorpe not made contact - Reminder that it's organisers' responsibility to contact NASA, not other way round

Election of officials (AGM 2014) – Deadline 20 October 2014 Company positions to Jeffrey, Association positions to Diane – but we will share information! M Hoppe asked if the voting should be in secret rather than show of hands chairman discussed and voted 4 for secret and 6 for show of hands. (But note that articles specify that secret ballot must be used if demanded by one tenth of the members present)

10. Correspondence:- LETTER FROM NW League Member (dealt with above)

- Role of Chairman at Nationals – M Hoppe

M Hoppe said he had being told that at the L&J Nationals it was discussed that he was not there and should have being, asked what his role at the nationals is. D Tomkinson said personally as a member she feels it's good for the chairman to be there to support their drivers and pointed out that T Griffiths P Haines and D Robins & M Cooper in particular had being visible on hand to assist their drivers with complaints problems. There was not particular official role at present.

11 Log Book – K Matthews did not present

12 A O B

M Cooper asked if a paraplegic could race – could check with insurers if more information was provided.

M Hoppe asked if the chairman agreed with the pairing draw – T Griffiths was the only chairman to say no.

B Harper asked to remind everyone to put correct postage on all items going to NASA.

P Patrick reminded everyone she should receive the Breathalyser forms

Meeting closed at 16.15

Please remember any items for any meeting needs to be received by Diane Tomkinson at least 14 days prior

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IF the rep cannot attend and wishes to send a substitute please make sure confirmation is received from the Rep who is replacing them to Diane Tomkinson ASAP.

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