

NATIONAL AUTOGRASS SPORT ASSOCIATION LTD



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

Chairman's Meeting

Sunday 16th February 2014

Venue: Metro Inns Birmingham Road, Walsall

Start time 11am

MINUTES

Don Hilton opened the meeting and advised Fixture Books and Bullet Point Sheets were available for all clubs.

1. Apologies

Jason Baker

2. Minutes of the Chairman's meeting 12 October 2013

Joan Bevan asked for clarification on Ladies racing with Men – Don said per members handbook decision of the chairman of the day. Steve Langley asked if men & ladies could race together at an O meeting – according to members hand book no. Suggested meetings are R/O. Avo Tyres – being discussed in Scrutineers meeting. Dave Robins asked about rule changes in 2014 books – Agreed to discuss later. Jeffrey Parish pointed out Rob Farrow's car number is SY71 not 571. Keith Matthews asked about Jump Starts – Don confirmed Jump Start Black Flag.

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3. Adoption of the minutes of the Chairman's meeting 12 October 2013

Proposed Pete West – Seconded Keith Matthews

4. Election of Chairman – Nomination – Ernie Ashley – unanimous decision in favour no objections

5. Election of Minutes Secretary – Nomination – Jason Baker

Disappointment around the room that Jason not present agreed no vote to take place until he is present.

6. Treasurers Report

Margaret reported £50,835.13 Current Account £ 6,576.57 Deposit Account
Insurance paid so far 52k with 2 more instalments due. All clubs have been issued with invoices. Looking at figures affiliation fees will have to be increased next year. Reserve race dates are not on your insurance so not charged as usually reserve dates are to replace a cancelled date, but if the reserve date is used you must tell Margaret. Lynn Cooper asked what the management liability insurance covered, Margaret confirmed covers committees on race dates, and therefore clubs that did not race would not be charged. Insurance Brokers had sent a large document with clarifications of what is required on race days with regards safety of gate money, Warren Beatty is to look at the document and make the document smaller and more understandable. Only Darren Byard was still claiming on Insurance and unable to take out a licence.

7. Membership / licence report

Barbara reported 1335 licences had been issued which was the same as this time last year. Correct postage was still not being put on licence application envelopes. Barbara explained regarding the consent forms the document that needs signing with a witness is to stay with the driver, it must come with the application and it will be returned by the licence secretaries with the licence. Dave Robins asked if an instruction sheet to clubs could be issued.

8. Directors Report – given by Jeffrey Parish

Simon was voted back in as chairman at the directors meetings and was voted unanimously.

Vernon is well on the road to recovery assisting at the NEC and he has taken on some duties with assistance from other directors and has been in attendance at the last directors meeting.

NEC: Feedback the board had received as all positive, only disappointment was that the junior specials only got one race on the Saturday night all those taking part were aware of this but this was down to Haymarket not the board.

The show had cost approx. 2k less than the previous year cut backs had been made on expenses due to more cars in the halls and more cars taking part in the live action. Refreshments were available. The stand was in a different position this year and felt a more prominent position at the entrance to the oval section. L Cooper asked if Officials claimed expenses Jeffrey confirmed mileage.

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Roles & Responsibilities:

Dougal – Scrutineering with assistance from Warren on support with procedures

Marshalling – Vernon & Liam

NEC – Vernon & Simon

Publicity – Vernon & Simon – with assistance on social media sites from Don

BAS – Simon & Pat

UKAC – Warren & Jeffrey

AIAS – Jeffrey

Track Inspection Forms/Event Permits – Pat

2014 Nationals – Vern & Pat with assistance of Liam

Discipline – Pat Dougal Liam Warren Don

Insurance & Rule Books (distribution) Margaret

NASA registration coordinator duties /admin duties at nationals -Barbara

Track Inspections – Directors historically have not covered their own leagues but it was felt that travelling could be cut if they did. The forms are quite clear of the requirements so they must be filled out correctly and no favouritism could be used. Jeffrey confirmed gate fees to be paid by directors attending to do the track inspection

Nationals 2014 – TV Coverage.

The Board had been approached by Joan from WWL for a contribution towards the cost of TV coverage at both the mens & ladies nationals. The figure quoted was £3900 per event. Simon confirmed that BAS had been approached and was advised the cost of £3900 per event was on the basis 5 BAS rounds and the 2 Nationals signed up to the deal. Joan has since received confirmation that this is not the case it will be £3900 per event even if it's just the 2 nationals. The board have discussed at length whilst a figure of contribution has not been requested the board have numerous concerns. All the communication appears to be with a 3rd party and the board would want to see a written contract before they made any decision, there is also a concern over if the weather is bad it would not be good viewing? What if the TV Company did not use the footage the board agreed to bring to the chairman for more views on this. - discuss later

National Pairings – M Hoppe suggestion. The board agreed the idea of making more of the pairing would be good. It was suggested to put marks proposal to the chairman to see their views. Whilst the idea of the pairings been a secret until you

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get your programme for some excitement it was agreed this information does get leaked out so maybe the board would put this information out for eg over a few days on media sites to start the hype for the nationals.

Cameras - The BAS/Nationals are looking at still using West Country Video to do the filming to assist with Marshalling decisions there is going to be a trial at the Scunthorpe Test Day on some static cameras if these work they make look into purchasing more so the whole track can be viewed at any one time.

NASA Forms - Diane & Margaret have struggled to receive the relevant forms back from clubs/leagues these forms were all handed out at the AGM and also emailed. The board are looking into have a separate page on the website where all the NASA forms can be downloaded.

Draft by Laws – Jeffrey has updated these and copies are available today.

IN3 – Clarification on who should sign on this sheet. This form is designed for anyone who is not a club member but IS working under their own insurance AND may need to work in areas other than spectator area ie phoenix security/medical crews/photographers. If you have any other people working for the club that do not have their own insurance ie gate staff may be just a local helping out then you must make them a member of the club and sign on the official's sheet. Clarification required on Caterers.

Also if a driver is signed on to race and chooses to marshall then he MUST sign on the officials list too.

Scrutineering – reminder it was discussed last year clubs must put measures in place to prevent people either signing on that have not been scrutineered or prevent anyone signing the book to say they have been scrutineered. It was agreed last year and the directors want to remind everyone the scrutineers must use a club stamp and the designated signatures must be on view where signing on is taking place so the people in their can check it's a legit signature.

Ear Defenders must be worn at noise testing, this is possibly not been done but it does state so in the handbook and is a requirement for track inspections forms.

TYRES – the board have been approached by another tyre supplier initially to just supply to Ireland but the board have confirmed it cannot be just to Ireland and are waiting more details.

Website –has been updated and Don will be taking an active role in making sure it is kept up to date. The 2014 rule books were now on line.

Micra - Regarding recent posting/clarification regarding the Nissan Micra it had been agreed approx. 2 yrs ago they could skin the door but never put in rule book

Pat Patrick added Caravan & Camping exemption was with the Solicitors for advice.

9. Nationals 2014 – Including TV Coverage

Joan reminded all clubs needed to provide a flag bearer for both Nationals 1 per club and 1 per league. Joan needed names at the Aprils Chairmans Meeting. Field will be open 12 noon Thursday and due to field staying open until 10am following Thursday the open time would be strict. Joan confirmed TV coverage would be £3900 per nationals with 2 x 1

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hour TV show. Sunday racing only. Joan was looking for funding as they feel already got extra expenses to make the nationals special ie celebrities, laurel wreaths for all finals. Also the league would not benefit from tv coverage it would the sport as a whole. Joan confirmed she would be looking to NASA to cover all the cost. General feeling was the board should not use 'nasa' funds but other options were discussed it was voted in principal in favour of all drivers paying £10 signing on fee (each league/club would be invoiced for the £10 up front) this was on the basis all drivers received a DVD which was proposed and contracts etc were in place – to be discussed further. Vote 14 in favour 1 Abstention 0 against. Keith Matthews expressed an interest in sponsoring at the Ladies & Juniors to covert the short fall in TV costs.

10. **Nationals 2015** – nothing to report all plans okay – Tony Griffiths – Don Hilton

11. Correspondence :-

- National Pairing - Mark Hoppes explained his proposal logistics discussed ie could take place at June Chairmans meeting live on line Vote in favour 15 0 against Mark to get more info together ie who will do live ie bas fm.
- Defending national champions place at nationals – Board would like direction on requirements for a defending national champion to defend their title. Discussions took place vote in favour have not having to do any race meetings to defend their title 4 in favour. Votes in favour of 2 meetings 9 in favour Votes in favour of 3 meetings 4. Decision therefore 2 meetings. Mark Hoppe asked if a defending champion should be allowed to move clubs discussion took place this year would have to stay as it is vote 12 in favour. Agreed to discuss at next meeting for 2014 rules when chairman could take back to leagues.
- Draft by laws – Jeffrey passed around draft by laws and asked for feedback for next meeting, some items were raised Dave Robins felt the right of the board to force 2 leagues to join should be re worded, just be recommendation and both leagues should be in agreement. Simon pointed out West Wales were almost forced to take on Penhow and Gloucestershire to take on NR in both cases so far been successful. Joan pointed out 1 club leagues not really a problem they can have bigger memberships than some leagues with 2 clubs. Lynn suggested criteria were needed.
- Semi-finals usage and points procedure – Keith Mathews read out his proposals Steve Langley said proposal 2 was already in place apart from grid positions chosen by the driver 15 in favour 1 Abstention.
- Ernie said the board had been aware of a potential problem with a member of WR and asked the chairman of WR to relay the information. Kevin Griffiths said a concerned parent had made him aware of a member of WR sending in appropriate snap chats Kevin spoke to the police for advice, the police came to see Kevin and suggested their licences are revoked and the police had visited the culprits and computers etc had been confiscated. The men in question were known to the police. *for the purpose of these minutes being published and nature of the discussion names/car numbers have been omitted however all present in the room were made aware.

12 Log Book

Nationals pairings – sorted

By Laws – in hand

Rule books – J Parish dealing and hoped to have 1 book ready for AGM

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Boundaries – map available boundaries to be clarified at next meeting
Chairman’s responsibilities – in by laws

13 A O B

Diane reminded any club/league wishing to host the 2016 nationals needed to get their names in no later than the June meeting.

Keith asked if Stock Hatch were being introduced as NASA class? Simon confirmed the board had not been approached
Pete West asked for suggestions for driver’s information being kept on them, not practical to have the licence – suggestions are credit card style licence –Diane & Barbara are looking into this.

Lyn Cooper said in view of earlier topic it might mean in future everyone is CRB checked.

Mike Bevan entered the room – Ernie asked if anything to report from the Scrutineers meeting he said no.

Question was asked about car numbers on doors Mike confirmed as long as clearly visible, this was the main point.

Discussion on Micras – door skins had been agreed.

Ernie asked Andy Preece as chief marshall if anything to report he said no.

Meeting Closed at 15.15

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