



NATIONAL AUTOGRASS SPORT ASSOCIATION LTD.

Minutes of Marshals and Safety Officers combined meeting held on 4th October 2014, Metro Inns, Birmingham Road, Walsall

PRESENT:

Vernon Mackenzie	NASA Director
Andy Preece	NASA Chief Marshal
Sandy Williams	NASA Marshals / Safety Officers Secretary

<u>League Chief Marshal</u>	<u>League Safety Officer</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>League</u>
Andy Preece	<i>Marc Grasby</i>	<i>n/a</i>	01 East Midlands
Phill Preece	<i>Malcolm Butler</i>	<i>n/a</i>	02 Gloucestershire
<i>Adam Jones</i>	<i>Duncan Rae</i>	<i>n/a</i>	04 South Wales
Ray Wyeth	Kevin Holl		05 Southern
<i>John Speke</i>	Eric Gittoes		06 West Midlands
Jayne Barrett	Alan Bluck		07 MAP
<i>Jason Stoton</i>	<i>Andrew Wilding</i>	<i>n/a</i>	09 North Western
<i>Martyn Tinker</i>	John Howland		10 North Yorkshire
<i>Andy Page</i>	<i>Dean Rochard</i>	<i>n/a</i>	11 Essex
<i>Mally Wing</i>	<i>Tim Simpson</i>	<i>n/a</i>	12 Yorkshire
<i>Stuart Thomas</i>	<i>Stuart Thomas</i>	<i>n/a</i>	13 West Wales
<i>Spencer Warburton</i>	<i>Paul Hassell</i>	<i>n/a</i>	14 East Anglian
<i>Connor Pipe</i>	<i>Martin Gould</i>	<i>n/a</i>	15 Shropshire
Paul Mason	<i>Simon Boddy</i>	<i>n/a</i>	16 CGTRO
<i>Paul Finn</i>	<i>John Berry</i>	<i>n/a</i>	18 Kent
<i>David Shields</i>	Terry Alderson		19 Dales
<i>Evan Wylie</i>	<i>Roy Gamble</i>	<i>n/a</i>	21 Northern Ireland
<i>Carl Smith</i>	<i>Michelle Tee</i>	<i>n/a</i>	22 Wiltshire
<i>Seamus O'Riordan</i>	<i>Patrick Sheehy</i>	<i>n/a</i>	23 Southern Ireland
<i>Kevin Pearsall</i>	<i>Melvyn Clayton</i>	<i>n/a</i>	24 Fenland
<i>Blair Robertson</i>	<i>Bert Keenan</i>	<i>n/a</i>	25 Scotland

Names in bold:

n/a:

Marshals and Safety Officers who attended the meeting

not attended the meeting

Marshals:-

Arran Warburton (East Anglian)
Steve Belcher (CGTRO)

Safety Officers:-

Marcus Mills (West Midlands)

Apologies:

Malcolm Butler (Gloucs), Martyn Tinker (North Yorkshire), Simon Boddy (CGTRO), Spencer Warburton (East Anglian), Paul Hassell (East Anglian), David Shields (Dales).

The meeting commenced at 11.25 am.

Andy, Chief Marshal welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Minutes of 28th June 2014 meeting were accepted as a true record, proposed by Phil Preece (Gloucs), seconded by Ray Wyeth (Southern). Matters Arising as follows:-

Window Nets / Arm Restraints :

Further discussion on the above; Window Mesh: Metal framed hinged type not to be used. Scrutineers discussing this matter today.

Startline officials to make sure cars are fitted with window nets and arm restraints (see members handbook page 16, rule 10.10) are in use.

Each club has been issued with a "Drivers briefing bullet points" sheet which must be read out before each race meeting at the drivers talk, these two items are part of that briefing and read as follows: *"Seat Belts, Arm Restraints, Helmets and any other safety device; (although you have all been through scrutineering) if any official sees anyone not complying you will not be allowed to race or may be black flagged on the track;"*

Feedback still required. This to be taken back to the Directors for 2015.

If a marshal notices a window net on a car that he / she feels needs checking – report this to a scrutineer on the day".

Racing Incident / rollover: Further discussion took place (see 2014 member's handbook, page 35, rule 18.5).

Nationals:

Passes: It was appreciated by the marshals to receive passes from the West Wales league for both nationals.

Pits Control Communication: A marshal must be stationed here at all times, so that information is recorded from the Chief Track Marshal and his team.

Black Board (part black / part green): Was used some of the time. It was felt this would be an asset and to be trialled for 2015 at club level, size 2 feet x 2 feet (for car that has received a black flag put car number on the black section, green flag on the green section).

Brought forward from 28 June 2014 meeting as a reminder of the procedure:-

N.A.S.A. Initial Incident Report Sheet: In the case of a serious incident at a race meeting- this report sheet must be completed on the day of the incident and must be reported to our Insurance Brokers, Doodson Motorsport on the same day or by Monday a.m. following the meeting. DOODSON'S are available 24/7 on the following emails /numbers:

1. Chris Jones	cjones@doodsonbg.com	07768 887689	Risk Services Manager
2. Ian Hesselden	ihesselden@doodsonbg.com	07940 541581	Account Director
3. Neil Clayton	nclayton@doodsonbg.com	07810 883330	Managing Director

It is a Serious Incident if:

- Fatalities or potential fatality
- Loss of sight or hearing
- Loss of limb/s inc. fingers/toes
- Paralysis
- Any incident where a driver, official or spectator is airlifted from the event
- Any spinal injury
- A spectator or official being hit by a participate vehicles
- Head injuries / unconscious
- Burns

AGE LIMIT FOR MARSHALS: All present agreed that rule 12.7 on page 18 of the 2014 member's handbook requires amending. **No person under 16** will be allowed to marshal on the race circuit / start line. A person from the age of 12, holding a NASA licence, can officiate in non-dangerous areas, this includes the holding lanes.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Received from Southern League; **JUMP START RULE** – believe the current rule is unworkable and needs re-writing / calibrating to a rule which is consistent and enforceable. Lengthy discussion with all agreeing on the following:

- Revert back to the rule as implemented during 2013, this will improve the flow of racing, in turn minimise race stoppages.
- There will be NO green flags for start line infringements.
- The cars should be lined up as close as possible to the bungee.
- If a car makes any movement before the bungee is released, then stops, acknowledges that he / she has jumped the start, they will not be excluded from the race.
- A car that clearly jumps the start will be black flagged.
- The race will only be stopped if the black flagged car impedes other competitors.
- Releasing the bungee is a very important procedure, the person operating it should call the jump starts etc.

This procedure, if accepted should be included on the drivers meeting bullet point sheet.

CONES / TYRES: Discussion, with the following comments:

- Water the cone area to keep cars away
- Use 3 tyres banded together (larger car tyre first, plus two smaller ones) x 4 sets
- 'First corner incidents' – BLACK FLAG THE OFFENDER (S)
- If all cones have been taken out on a corner – the race **MAY BE stopped**, at the marshals discretion. This to be added to the bullet point sheet which is read out at the drivers talk before racing commences.

AGENDA:

Nationals – Mens / Ladies & Juniors:

Eric Gittoes (WML) read extract from club minutes regarding two, Severn Valley Juniors (1 saloon, 1 special) and black flag incidents at L & J Nationals. Discussion took place and the two marshals concerned gave their account of what had happened and the decisions they had made were correct.

Ray Wyeth (Southern): Moving of cones and watering at the Nationals: it was confirmed that this is not the responsibility of the marshals; it is down to the host club / league.

Champion of Champions Races:

- Why was the staggered start at the L & J Nationals different to the men's?
- Staggering of cars: class 1 is usually started on the finish line in front of race control, at both nationals this year they were started on the far side, why?

Discussion held on 2014 race season:

Comments made: Officials not wearing overalls, see rules 10.1 and 10.2 on page 15 – Members Handbook.

Pits: is an area for drivers and officials only.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Men & Ladies racing together:

- Straight line start class races – men and ladies **cannot** race together – (ladies can only race in this type of race if they hold a man's licence).

Vernon to look into this subject for clarification

Marshals & Safety Officers meetings:

- We need to get more people to attend these meetings. Comments made: The meeting in February is always well attended, due to being on a Sunday, and no racing in progress. Meetings thereafter are held on Saturdays, people are perhaps working and the race season is underway!
- Should we have Skype facilities?
- The structure of the marshals / safety officers meetings: to be reviewed.

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DATE FOR THE NEXT MARSHALS / SAFETY OFFICERS MEETINGS – to be confirmed

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2.45pm.

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.

NASA – AGM – Sunday 30 November – 12 noon