



NATIONAL AUTOGRASS SPORT ASSOCIATION LTD.

Minutes of Marshals and Safety Officers combined meeting held on 28th June 2014, Metro Inns, Birmingham Road, Walsall

PRESENT:

Don Hilton	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>n/a</i>	<i>Duncan Rae</i>	<i>n/a</i>	04 South Wales
<i>Ray Wyeth</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>Kevin Holl</i>	<i>n/a</i>	05 Southern
<i>John Speke</i>	<i>n/a</i>	Eric Gittoes		06 West Midlands
Jayne Barrett		<i>Alan Bluck</i>	<i>n/a</i>	07 MAP
<i>Jason Stoton</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>Andrew Wilding</i>	<i>n/a</i>	09 North Western
<i>Martyn Tinker</i>	<i>n/a</i>	John Howland		10 North Yorkshire
<i>Andy Page</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>Dean Rochard</i>	<i>n/a</i>	11 Essex
<i>Mally Wing</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>Tim Simpson</i>	<i>n/a</i>	12 Yorkshire
Stuart Thomas		Stuart Thomas		13 West Wales
Spencer Warburton		Paul Hassell		14 East Anglian
<i>Connor Pipe</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>Martin Gould</i>	<i>n/a</i>	15 Shropshire
<i>Paul Mason</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>Simon Boddy</i>	<i>n/a</i>	16 CGTRO
<i>Paul Finn</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>John Berry</i>	<i>n/a</i>	18 Kent
David Shields		Terry Alderson		19 Dales
<i>Evan Wylie</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>Roy Gamble</i>	<i>n/a</i>	21 Northern Ireland
<i>Carl Smith</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>Michelle Tee</i>	<i>n/a</i>	22 Wiltshire
<i>Seamus O'Riordan</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>Patrick Sheehy</i>	<i>n/a</i>	23 Southern Ireland
<i>Kevin Pearsall</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>Melvyn Clayton</i>	<i>n/a</i>	24 Fenland
<i>Blair Robertson</i>	<i>n/a</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)

Safety Officers:-

Marcus Mills (West Midlands)

Apologies:

Vernon Mackenzie (NASA Director), Ray Wyeth (Southern), Malcolm Butler (Gloucs), Martyn Tinker (North Yorkshire), Alan Bluck (MAP), Jason Baker (CGTRO), Simon Boddy (CGTRO), Paul Mason (CGTRO)

The meeting commenced at 11.12 am.

Andy, Chief Marshal welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Stuart Thomas for his efforts over the last couple of years as NASA Chief Track Marshal.

Minutes of 16th February 2014 meeting were accepted as a true record, proposed by Phil Preece (Gloucs), seconded by David Shields (Dales), further discussions were held on the following items:

Page 2 of minutes:

Black Flag: Page 38, Rule 18.28: *“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”*. Marshals to use their discretion.

Window Nets / Arm Restraints:

Each club have 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:

See 2014 Members Handbook, page 35, Rule 18.5 – *“If a competitor is involved in an incident which is attended by first aid personnel, that competitor must observe medical advice – e.g. to enter the ambulance and to remain in the care of the medical personnel until the medical personnel give the competitor clearance to leave. Failure to observe this procedure will result in the competitor being deemed unfit to take any further part in the event”*.

Jump Starts: Anyone starting to race before the bungee has moved will be black flagged.

Note: rule on page 36, 18.19: *“Any vehicle, which stalls on the starting line, and is unable to restart under its own power, is automatically disqualified from that race. In the event of a race-start being delayed, competitors will be notified and up to 2 minutes will be given to restart engines”*.

Nationals:

Andy confirmed his marshalling team. A list of names with addresses have been forwarded to Vernon Mackenzie, who then forwarded to Joan Bevans.

Andy will be on the infield with his marshals at both Nationals; Stuart Thomas is the designated marshal overseeing the cameras.

Cameras: If the marshals require assistance, the cameras will be used. Andy (or if he is off the track then his assistants, either Phil Preece or Ray Wyeth) will be the only person asking Stuart for assistance.

Communications: Andy to liaise with host league to discuss his requirements.

Start line marshal: Amended from Arran Warburton to Connor Pipe and Debbie Rhys Jones.

Pits Control: It was felt there should be a marshal stationed here at all times, to assist the Chief Track Marshal, name to be confirmed.

Black Flag Marshals: Discussion took place, and a vote was taken on the following: “at both Nationals we only have one Black Flag marshal, with a blackboard, positioned on the finish line”. Voting took place with **5 for** and 3 against. David (Percy) Shields(The Dales) was appointed for this position.

ABOVE HAS BEEN AMENDED: there will now be 2 Marshals with black flags.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

N.A.S.A. Initial Incident Report Sheet: In the case of a serious incident at a race meeting- Don explained 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

Don left the meeting at 12.10pm.

ASSESSING A SITUATION ON THE TRACK as seen by Arran Warburton:

- Was it CARELESS? (Is anyone responsible? Can anyone be blamed for what has happened? Just a racing incident? **NO FLAG**)
- Was it RECKLESS? (Pushing? Tapping? 2 Cones?) **GREEN FLAG**
- Excessive force used? (Taken someone out? No respect for other driver(s)? **BLACK FLAG**)

All present thought the above to be a good idea and should be pointed out to the drivers.

AGE LIMIT FOR MARSHALS: Discussion took place. All present would like to see a **minimum age of 16 be introduced to allow a person to Marshal.** (see page 18 of members handbook, rule 12.7 for current ruling).
Feedback required from clubs/leagues.

MARSHALS BARRIERS: Eric Gittoes (WML) – discussion on Silage Bales Barriers – see page 52, rule 20.12.1 and 20.12.2

20.12.1: *“Marshal’s Barriers may be constructed using sleeved silage bales”.*

20.12.2: *“The same triangular plan area and height as the Tyre Type barrier must be constructed. The rear row of silage bales must be supported by four off, equally spaced 6” stakes, each a minimum two feet into the ground and level with the top of the marshals post, i.e. 3 feet high. The entire barrier – silage bales and stakes – must then be banded together using two, equally spaced, 2” wide ratchet straps”.*

TRACK MARKERS: Discussion on the Cones and Tyres.

MEN'S NATIONALS: Thank you to everyone who has offered to be part of the Marshalling Team: Look forward to seeing you all on the Saturday at 9am – outside Race Control.

If you are interested in Marshalling please contact:-

CHIEF MARSHAL: Andy – **Tel:** 07999 522363 / **Email:** andrew.preece7@btinternet.com

SECRETARY: Sandy – **Tel:** 01522 684493 / 07939 074289 / **Email:** sandy09@btinternet.com
153 Rookery Lane, Lincoln. LN6 7PW

DATE FOR THE NEXT MARSHALS / SAFETY OFFICERS MEETING – 4 October

There being no further business the meeting closed at 1.15pm.

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.