

# NATIONAL AUTOGRASS SPORT ASSOCIATION LTD



## Chairman's Meeting & EGM

18<sup>th</sup> June 2016

Venue: Metro Inns Birmingham Road, Walsall

Start time 11am

## Minutes

01	Nick Weir	East Midland League	NW
02	Darryl Smart	Gloucestershire League	DS
04	Manfred Kampschulte	South Wales League	MF
05	Ray Wyeth	Southern League	RW
06	Tony Griffiths	West Midland League	TG
07	Barry Holloway	MAP League	BHY
09	Malcolm Cooper	North Western League	MC
10	Kevin Griffiths	North Yorkshire League	Apologies
11	Lynn Thomas	Essex League	LT
12	John Lawson	Yorkshire League	
13	Joan Bevans	West Wales League	Apologies
14	David Robins	East Anglian League	Apologies
15	Patricia Ashley	Shropshire League	PA
16	Peter West	CGTRO League	PW
18	Derek Linch	Kent League	Apologies
19	Richard Lewthwaite	The Dales League	
21	Bill Martin	Northern Ireland League	
22	Simon Jackson	Wiltshire League	SJ
23	Paul Meaney	Southern Ireland League	PM
24		Fenland League	

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25	Scott Pryde	Scottish League	
26	Nathan Riddoch	Welsh Celtic League	NR
	Diane Tomkinson	Secretary	DT
	Simon Bentley	Director	SB
	Margaret Allen	Director	MA
	Ernie Ashley	Chairman	EA

1. **Apologies** - Dave Robins Joan Bevan Derek Linch Kevin Griffiths

2. **EGM** – Margaret Allen –

Turnover for 2015 £205,635.00

Other income £3.00

Cost of sales £ 135448.00

Depreciation and other amounts written off assets (£1,117.00)

Other expenditure £52,497.00

Profit £ 16,576

MA said M Tinker had asked questions during the week:-

Queried the cost of the Meeting rooms for 4 meetings – MA advised there are directors meetings too

Queried cost of the NEC MA confirmed £6533 did include stand for 2016 also.

Queried plant & machinery– amongst items purchased 2 noise meters, further tagging machine.

Proposed accurate LT 2<sup>nd</sup> RW vote in favour 16

MA asked for vote in favour of using current Accountant – 16 votes in favour

3. **Minutes of the Chairman's meeting April 2016**

MC asked if Waltham pulled out of NEC on live action – clarified all aspects of NEC

RW asked if drug testing machine bought – SB confirmed yes.

RW asked if anymore tagging sessions – SB read out VM report on Tagging.

*We have been tagging cars now for over 12 months, the numbers are not exact but we have done over 2000 cars, I believe there are between 3 and 5 hundred active cars left to do.*

*All competitors should be aware of what is happening, if not, here it is.*

*No car will be allowed to race anywhere, without a blue roll cage tag, from the start of the first race meeting of 2017, this will include Scunthorpe's annual test day 2017.*

*Once again no car will be allowed to race at the 2016 national championships without a blue tag.*

*All competitors are reminded that, spot checks will be carried out on car/tag numbers, any abuse of this very important part of NASAs Scrutineering will be treated very seriously.*

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*Tagging will continue during the rest of the season at race meetings attended by the three testers, when convenient. The testers have been available in all parts of the country, thousands of miles have been covered, everyone has had an opportunity to get their car tagged.*

*I'm sure that some more tagging sessions will be organised during the closed season, but would advise that members don't leave it too late.*

*A cost has now been introduced for re tagging, as per the newsletter.*

*Red tagging has not started, I am in the process of designing a checklist for this job.*

*This tagging will take much longer and be more involved, I hope that we can use selected scrutineers across the country to carry out this inspection, once a car has both blue and red tags it will be ready for a race log book, this is going to be a long process but cars are without any doubt, safer than they were 12 months ago.*

SB said Ireland is an issue and been discussed at next directors meeting. MC asked about new cars from constructors SB confirmed some constructors are doing that. There is an agreement they have signed to be allowed to that. The onus is on the driver to get his car tagged. MC asked about new car going to Nationals they would need to make prior arrangements with VM.

DS asked if a minimum amount of medical crew required – per rule book 1 ambulance with 'crew' no number of staff stated.

#### **4. Adoption of the minutes of the Chairman's meeting April 2016**

Proposed correct by LT & second by SJ

#### **5. Treasurers Report**

Current Account £83,024.76                                  £6,593.80 Deposit Account

MA said the NASA meetings today cost approx. £3000 so we could do with more in attendance.

37 Race Meetings have been cancelled so far this year some have been re arranged.

R Jefferson is getting better and has been advised not to race this year, A Dunn is getting better but advised not to race this year. MA pointed out the importance of all paperwork to go to the relevant officials after a race meeting in case there are any incidents. The information is there for Insurers and Solicitors if needed. MA advised there was an incident at Nottingham with a gazebo causing damage the amount was less than the policy xs. MK advised they had two incidents that fell below the policy xs in total £1400

#### **6. Membership / Licence report**

BH confirmed Licence sales were down on last years figures by 60 so far.

All signing on sheets were received from race meetings on the Sunday prior to the allocations close off on the Wednesday BH stressed if everyone can do it for this week in the year then no reason why not done for every meeting. Two clubs have been fined so far this year for sending in signing on sheets late. BH said a scanned copy of the signing on sheets is acceptable BUT they must also be posted. BH gave a list of clubs that needed to return their R101 for the National Allocations (most were clubs racing or due to race the following day).

So far 95 drivers applied for the Ladies & Junior Nationals which is 1 less than this time last year so all chairman were urged to remind their drivers to send in their applications

BH reminded again to make sure all documents to NASA had the correct postage on.

SB provided Information from Pat Patrick regarding forms she has received (or not) after race meetings

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The following Clubs sent forms with not enough postage which meant pat doing 16 miles trip to the post office to collect and paying an extra £1.50 for each-

South Wales, North Wales, Pennine, PAC and South Wales (for the second time)

LATE FORMS RECEIVED:-

South Wales Bas 11 days Late

Pennine 21 days late

St Neots 6 days late

PAC 8 days late

Down 10 days late

SAA 3 days late

South Wales 5 days late

Southern Days 6 days late

Cork raced on 22nd may still waiting for Track Inspection form, have received the Race Report for that day.

Scunthorpe race on 22nd may still waiting for all forms

## 7. Directors Report

Racing members are not filling medical details in their licence

Scrutineering update will go on the nasa website

3 cases of broken back/necks a director is doing a report on all 3 incidents to see if any similarities.

Harness fitting, seat fitting and head height needs to be strongly looked at.

Towing eyes another issue that's come back from marshalls cars not having them.

Introduction of a £20 fee for re tagging of cars ie. after powder coating

Random breath test failure at MAP stress if anyone is unsure then go get a random test.

RW asked if in future clubs be informed sooner in case the driver tried to race somewhere else.

Drug Testing – basic policy in place with solicitors at moment by buying a NASA licence you automatically agreeing to be drug tested.

NEC update – Haymarket have a new team in place this week should have more to report next meeting.

## 8. Vote :-

Change date of L&J Nationals – 10 in favour 3 against as a recommendation to the board.

Change running order of Finals at the Nationals 2016 – 2 in favour 9 against

## 9. Nationals 2016

All in place SJ showed an eg of drivers pairing booklet

EA asked about the privileged parking – Wilts are charging 'sponsorship' £50 to park next to the pits. Discussion around the room didn't feel it was right or fair. SB confirmed the board did not like the idea. Room felt the £50 fees they collect should go to charity. LT asked if daughter could do a collection for charity at the event – SJ said yes.

## 10. Nationals 2017 – S Holmes said all going well and was in correspondence with the board.

## 11. Correspondence:- none

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12. Log Book – nothing to report

13. AOB

## **Chairmans Meetings/scrutineers/marshalls/safety officers meeting changed to 15<sup>th</sup> October 2016**

NR from Penhow confirmed the club is getting back on its feet EA offered everyone's help if needed.

PM asked about wearing of arm restraints – per manufacturer's instructions.

DS asked about hans devices – fitting per manufacturer's instructions

EA remember to email DT with any items for agenda

SB read out the remaining Scrutineer report from Vernon

*With the Nationals approaching fast clubs and leagues are reminded that the honeymoon period is now over, last year was a learning year.*

*Any car attending the Nationals and failing scrutineering on a safety issue may be given a chance to repair, depending on the fault, leagues that send cars that have problems will be dealt with after the event, as discussed last year.*

*Any car attending the Nationals and failing scrutineering for eligibility issues, obvious performance gains, incorrect parts fitted etc, will not be allowed to race, no questions.*

*My advice would be that clubs/leagues check every car before it arrives at the event in August.*

SB said that last year's nationals was new for Vernon and this year would be much more strict .DS & MK said they had asked V Mckenzie for a list of cars that failed at Nationals and the faults but not received a reply.

EA asked about complaints at the Nationals everyone agreed it was not complaints but EA was needed as a point of contact to relay information on incidents to drivers.

Discussion how many marshals on a post – idea that 2 minimum but after discussion it could be a problem for small clubs who struggle to get marshals anyway – agreed it could be a recommendation

Spotting towers – Discussed pros-cons and SJ confirmed they would not be in use at Nationals 2016

Increase ladies racing more than 2 cars – it was suggested to the board to allow ladies to race more than 2 cars at an event to help increase cars in races – feedback from clubs for next meeting.

**MEETING CLOSED AT 13.10**

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