

# NATIONAL AUTOGRASS SPORT ASSOCIATION LTD



## Chairman's Meeting

20<sup>th</sup> February 2016

Venue: Metro Inns Birmingham Road, Walsall

Start time 11am

## AGENDA

01	Nick Weir	East Midland League	
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	BH
09	Malcolm Cooper	North Western League	MC
10	Kevin Griffiths	North Yorkshire League	KG
11	Lynn Thomas	Essex League	LT
12	John Lawson	Yorkshire League	APOLOGIES
13	Joan Bevans	West Wales League	APOLOGIES – Neil Lewis substitute rep
14	David Robins	East Anglian League	DR
15	Patricia Ashley	Shropshire League	PA
16	Peter West	CGTRO League	PW
18	Derek Linch	Kent League	APOLOGIES
19	Richard Lewthwaite	The Dales League	APOLOGIES
21	Bill Martin	Northern Ireland League	BM
22	Simon Jackson	Wiltshire League	APOLOGIES
23	Paul Meaney	Southern Ireland League	PM
24	Carole Shaw	Fenland League	CS

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25	Scott Pryde	Scottish League	*Shuggy Brown substitute rep
26		Welsh Celtic League	Non attendance
	Diane Tomkinson	Secretary	DLT
	Simon Bentley	Director	SB
	Margaret Allen	Director	MA
	Pat Patrick	Director	PP
	Martyn Tinker	YAC	MT
	Dave Mansfield	LM	DM
	Sue Mansfield	LM	SM

1. Apologies - see above  
Proposal Lynn Thomas to be Vice Chair – Dave Robins Second – Paul Meaney  
Vote in favour - unanimous
2. Minutes of the Chairman’s meeting OCT 2015  
Limit on vehicles in middle of track when racing on – Safety Officers to review  
RW – Review on process of forms etc – SB confirmed all forms and process are to be reviewed  
TG – pointed out 2015 Nationals the farmer ‘promised’ to do work on track and was let down.  
PW – under 12s racing – insurers not interested.  
DR – drink driving bans – to be discussed later
3. Adoption of the minutes of the Chairman’s meeting OCT 2015  
Proposer Ray Wyeth Seconder Pete West
4. Treasurers Report  
Current Account £64,074.25     Deposit Account £ 6,590.37  
MA confirmed that 76,833.32 to pay to Insurers.  
TG- Policy Excess £1000 on PL in Ireland £2500 TG pointed out that if two incidents on one race day could potentially be £2000 and wipe a clubs finances out. MA asked for feedback on how to accommodate SB said one idea could be that all clubs pay X amount to keep in a fund just in case. MA did point out that only had 3 claims in all the years she has dealt. BH if there is a fund it might encourage clubs to claim knowing there is a fund. MA is looking into a policy to cover the excess. TG payable reduce XS for increase premium?  
**\*FEEDBACK from clubs for 2017**

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Fixture Books – made a loss of £343 from sale of adverts per printing – PM lost his box from NEC – think J Parish got them. Discussion on ideas for next year charging for them, chasing for more adverts **\*FEEDBACK from clubs for 2017** – MA has got a supply if anyone needs any today  
All paperwork with the Accountant ready for EGM in June

## 5. Membership / licence report

Brief resume of licence situation at the present time:

20.2.15 = 1918

20.2.16 = 1734

Equates to a 184 deficit at the present time, but this could be just down to the fact that people are late applying for licences etc but will have to see how it goes in the next few weeks.

Please remind your club/and club members to make sure that they always put their tag number on their licence application forms if they have been tagged. Also that the application form is completed and signed correctly, as otherwise the form will be returned to you. Please also make sure that the correct amount of postage is put on return envelopes. Please do not leave it until the last minute to apply for your licence, always do this well in advance of your first race meeting.

It will soon be signing on sheet time; again please ask your secretaries or whoever sends these back to Elaine, to make sure that they are posted as soon as possible after the meeting and the correct amount of postage is put on the envelope (1<sup>st</sup> class), it is also advisable to put a name and address and postcode on the back of the envelope denoting who and where the sheets have come from. It is a great help to yourselves, Elaine and myself if you get a certificate from the post office of proof of posting, just in case anything goes wrong.

It is surprising that on the last week of signing on sheets counting towards allocations, for the last few years, all meetings that have taken place on that last day all signing on sheets have been received by Elaine on the Wednesday. So if you can do it that week, it can done all the time. Please make sure you make all persons who send the signing on sheets off to be aware of this.

Should any of you have any queries at all, please get in touch with myself or Elaine at any time.

We are here to help you but in turn you must help us.

Discussion re numbers – not worrying at the moment. CS – because membership down at their club from last year obviously next years will be cheaper.

DR – what to do re falling numbers SB said its probable going to keep going down - more in director's report. CS what about clubs with not track taking members from clubs that have. Nothing in the rules but some clubs don't take new members. Discussion on how to attract members/racers on race days it's not always about location.

## 6. Directors Report

### COMMUNICATION

Disappointment with the standard of the contact information coming back from clubs and leagues to Diane

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Many forms have been incomplete or illegible

We cannot keep clubs and leagues informed unless we have a reliable database of officials with correct email addresses

Intention to set up online forms to encourage more accurate details

We may ask clubs and leagues to re-submit all 2016 details once the online forms are up and running

## **NEWSLETTERS**

First issue released last weekend

Intention to release a newsletter after every full board meeting

Newsletter will cover some of the same ground as the directors' reports at Walsall but is not supposed to replace them

Objective is to communicate direct with members and encourage them to participate by giving feedback through league reps

## **TAGGING UPDATE**

Report on progress with "blue tag" programme

New owners of a tagged car need to update NASA via email

Reminder that all cars must be tagged before the start of the 2017 season or attending the nationals 2016

Registration of constructors/roll cage builders to tag their cars and cages

Objectives of "red tags" leading to log-booking

Non-compliant cars failing "red tagging" can be avoided if club and league scrutineers step up to the mark and cars are thoroughly checked this year. Severe penalty for anyone swapping tags. Tagging on race days will not be compulsory anymore.

## **2016 RULEBOOK UPDATES**

Rule book clarifications are being discussed in scrutineers' meeting today

Clarifications for all classes will then be published ASAP on NASA website and issued to all club and league scrutineers who have registered their contact details

Failure at Nationals – only 2 leagues asked Vernon for the information.

## **MARSHALLING AND DRIVING STANDARDS**

Vitally necessary to "clean up" the sport and avoid unnecessary accidents

Keith and Warren briefing marshals and safety officers today

Marshals are being told to apply zero tolerance on avoidable conduct and inconsiderate driving

BH should there be penalty's for repeat offenders – **\*FEEDBACK TO CLUBS for ideas**

## **AUTOSPORT SHOW**

Thanks to everyone who help

Facts and figures re number of cars/drivers involved – approx. 4k

Reminder of the procedure for selecting cars and drivers to participate

The whole board is involved in the selection process when times scales allow (i.e. except for last minute replacements) Discussion on scrutineering of cars prior to the stand.

## **BREATH AND DRUG TESTING**

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Suggestion random breath testing during the day – in pit lanes etc. – in preference to pre-meeting tests  
Drivers who are found to be over the limit after being in charge of their race car (e.g. having driven through scrutineering or from the pits to the start line) should be reported to NASA for disciplinary action  
If a driver fails a test before getting in a race car for the day, the only penalty that can be imposed is to miss that day or that weekend's racing  
Procedure for returning breathalysers for calibration – address and contact details are in the newsletter.  
PM asked if a driver fails after scrutineering before racing should be 12mth ban? \*need to clarify – **Suggestion Steph Grasby and clubs breathalyser personnel to attend a meeting to go through process.**  
Drug testing policy being written, Drug testing equipment is being evaluated and we hope to arrange a demonstration at the April chairmen's meeting

## **NATIONAL ALLOCATIONS**

Re-open debate over guaranteed one place per class per league – **feedback needed from leagues**  
Invitations have gone out to class champions to defend their titles, subject to the normal conditions (same class, same number, minimum number of meetings before cut-off dates)

## **EXPERIMENTAL CARS**

Class 2 – one Polo and two Yaris authorised  
Class 1 – assessing proposals for Peugeot 107/Citroen C1 – no detailed guidelines for these cars have been written Scrutineering discussing today.

## **LADIES & JUNIORS DATE**

Invite discussion of options  
Request discussion at league level before reporting back at the next meeting  
Unlikely that any change could be made before 2018 as the 2017 hosts applied expecting the traditional date  
DR asked for data on shared cars could make a difference.

## **DIRECTORS' ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

Full list published in newsletter  
All directors may be approached directly on specific issues – if appropriate they will then refer queries or suggestions to the full board for consideration

## **DOUGAL**

Thanked by letter and has accepted invitation to the Nationals when we will publicly show our appreciation

## **FIXTURE LISTS**

Remaining stock available for collection  
Fixture updates will be on NASA website

## **WEBSITE**

New website design went live in the New Year  
Latest news and important bulletins will be published on the NASA site as well as being emailed to those officials we have correct email addresses for  
Updates will include rulebook clarifications and members' newsletters

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When important updates are posted, links will also be published on NASA's Facebook page and everyone is encouraged to share these to club and league pages.

## MOBILE APP

The mobile app that some people have been using is not an official NASA app and the "owner" is no longer updating it. Do not rely on this app – go to the official NASA website for information.

## DRIVERS' BRIEFING SHEETS

The "bullet point" sheets are being updated and will be redistributed before the start of the season. \*\*  
**Feedback needed ASAP if any clubs want to add anything**

## TRACK INSPECTIONS

Reminder that when a director carries out a track inspection, the club safety officer MUST still complete the regular inspection form and risk assessment.

An official is been looked at recommended by the solicitor to come and look at tracks.

## ISSUES FROM LAST MEETING/CORRESPONDENCE

UKAC – signing on will stop on the Tuesday prior to the meeting 12 noon on Friday will got to the host.  
**\*FEEDBACK this has highlighted should 'every' club if a meetings cancelled give gate fees back.**

Follow-up to "apprentice director" proposals – Josie Tomkinson assisted at the NEC – Matt Stratton has been invited to put forward a proposal for a project he could carry out for the board suggesting come to chairman's meetings.

National file be issued to all leagues, after the 2016 update is complete, which should be in April after meetings between the directors and this year's hosts

Welsh Celtic league – only going to be Penhow. Abadare disbanded. The one club league will be looked at strictly. Allocation for Penhow is on % basis.

TG asked what a driver at NEC was stopped from taking part – because he turned up late and missed a show so was told to miss that day's show. He then worked on the stand.

October NASA meetings be moved to avoid a clash with the Southern League 2-day meeting board – Discussion to change **\*FEEDBACK for next meeting**

7. Nationals 2016 – no rep

8. Nationals 2017 – TG per S Holmes all ok so far.

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11. Correspondence:- none
12. Log Book – nothing to report
13. AOB

CS – one date all the local clubs are on – EA need to work together

CS – suspension of bas/uk for one year – general feedback wouldn't effect club meetings. Leewood members felt loose ukac SB said that was an issue originally at introducing ukac as it left no clubs to run against bas as no one could go against a bas & ukac. Suggestion for smaller clubs to get together to put a bas/ukac round?

LT – suggestion that ID should be provided when you apply for a licence.

PM- photographs should be sent in with application forms.

BH – didn't get an acknowledgement of a letter re track conditions at 2015 nationals – S Williams said was discussed in safety officers meeting.

BH – Live draw at nationals discussed good idea,

LT – asked for any club is approached by Fred Carpenter or Natasha Hardwick for a licence they should pay the money back they owe for 2015 licences and L&J nationals application.

**Meeting Closed 14.20**