

# NATIONAL AUTOGRASS SPORT ASSOCIATION LTD



## Chairman's Meeting

13 October 2018

Venue: Metro Inns Birmingham Road, Walsall

Start time 11 noon

## Minutes

| No | Name            | Nominating League         | Initials                                   |
|----|-----------------|---------------------------|--|
| 00 | Barbara Harper  | Honorary member           | BH   |
| 01 | Nick Weir       | East Midland League       | NW   |
| 02 | Darryl Smart    | Gloucestershire League    | DS   |
| 04 | Emyr Evans      | South Wales League        | EE   |
| 05 | Ray Wyeth       | Southern League           | RW   |
| 06 | Tony Griffiths  | West Midland League       | TG   |
| 07 | Barry Holloway  | MAP League                | BHo  |
| 09 | Dave Mansfield  | North Western League      | Apologies                                  |
| 10 | Kevin Griffiths | North Yorkshire League    | Apologies                                  |
| 11 | Lynn Thomas     | Essex League              | LT   |
| 12 | Steve Payne     | Yorkshire League          | Apologies                                  |
| 14 | David Robins    | East Anglian League       | DR   |
| 15 | Ernie Ashley    | Shropshire League         | Apologies                                  |
| 16 | Peter West      | CGTRO League              | PW   |
| 18 | Derek Linch     | Kent League               | DL   |
| 19 | Phil Sherwood   | The Dales League          | PS   |
| 21 | Jamie MacDonald | Northern Ireland League   | Absent                                     |
| 22 | Simon Jackson   | Wiltshire League          | SJ   |
| 23 | John Fuller     | Southern Ireland League   | JF   |
| 24 | Rob Rolls       | Fenland League            | Absent                                     |
| 25 | John Bale       | Scottish League           | JB   |
|    |                 | D Tomkinson Secretary DLT | M Allen Treasurer MA J Parish JP           |
|    |                 | M Tinker MT               | H Luck HL J Baker JB Simon Bentley J Blore |

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1. **Apologies** Ernie Ashley Dave Mansfield Steve Payne
2. **Minutes of the Chairman's meeting June 2018**

Photographs in Licences – all chairman agreed unanimous next year to stop people from racing if they do not have a photograph in their licence, it must be stuck in correctly, one meeting grace.

LT suggested that all clubs should see proof of identity before accepting licence applications including DOB for juniors – all delegates agreed.

PW highlighted that his league asked for written confirmation with regards breath testing on a 2-day meeting, and this was not followed by a current Director at one of their meetings. Discussion took place and felt if the procedure was not conducted correctly this was the club's problem and has the driver was still over the limit 2 hours later then the outcome was not going to change.

RW asked if the procedure regarding complaints in the licence was being followed per the Chairman's vote, i.e. if your complaint gets changed it does not get erased from your licence. LT confirmed that was the procedure she followed at the Nationals.

3. **Adoption of the minutes of the Chairman's meeting June 2018**  
Proposed: Simon Jackson Second: Barry Holloway

4. **Treasurers/Insurance Report – see attached**

5. **Membership /Licence Report**

Discussion took place with regards the continuing trend of decreasing membership and shared B Harpers concerns, BHo suggested a group of chairman look into this, find out why people are leaving some suggestions were that no 'cheap' class anymore that is affordable for mum/dad/child can race at a club meeting – and due to numbers at club meetings the car wouldn't be cooled down enough for all 3 to race due to low numbers. PT said some people only race at qualifiers/BA/UKAC etc and so do not attend club meetings, therefore not making the sport attractive at club level.

EE said that details will be issued today on Class 4 after the Scrutineers meeting, so this might help? along with 16v Yaris in Class 2. HL said YD membership has increased and they have a lot of stock hatch which is an affordable entry class JB said they didn't take off in South Wales. EE said catchment areas were an issue and too many clubs racing on the same weekend locally DT pointed out that Kent was out on a limb yet was well supported DL said they have well over 100 cars at their club meetings, including those that do BAS/UKAC they still support their club meetings. DR said since losing their field they have lost club racers as there are no local tracks to race at. EE suggested clubs local to each other should not race on the same weekends BHo said his league hold well supported club meetings, was it right to stop them racing for a race meeting to go ahead that may not hold successful/well attending meetings, it was pointed out that some clubs are not well attended for other reasons, i.e. poor tracks, not well organised. NW said that Pennine allow other clubs to become 'members' so they can compete for club points/trophies to try to entice away drivers to attend their race meetings. EE asked for volunteers to come forward to investigate the possible reasons or the downfall in membership, and how to keep members.

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## 6. Chairman's Report

### 7. Directors Report – read by J Parish

News letters was emailed some weeks ago but apologised it did not go on the website till recently.

There was a meeting this morning with hosts of the 2018 Nationals and the hosts for 2019, this was successful with feedback and in assisting the hosts for 2019.

Yorkshire Dales have the Men's Nationals in 2020 but a host for the Ladies & Juniors was still needed.

The chairman asked why the Disciplinary Tariffs had not come into place for this year, this process was voted on by the chairman previously. Vote was unanimous that this was enforced in 2019 and if the board disagrees with disciplinary board decisions it will be discussed, and reasons given

Margaret Allen and Vernon Mackenzie were up for re election at the AGM, The Board should be running at, at least 10 Directors but currently only 7.

NEC will be going ahead with the stand looking for 20 cars same cost as last year, live action would be 5 class 7s and 5 class 8s including a lady, the board would be approaching people for this.

East Anglian League are attending the Peterborough Show and organising it with NASAs assistance, it would be open for cars from any club to attend.

VNUK – it appears to be still on going and every member needs to write to their MPs regarding this, if this goes ahead it could be detrimental to Autograss. JP to draft a letter for everyone to download from the NASA Website.

Kings Lynn – a stadium meeting was being organised and so far, meets NASA criteria.

#### **Scrutineers Report – attached**

Discussions followed regarding blue tagging, DT gave examples of when people are not advising of the change of ownership i.e. change of clubs NW asked for the form on line was amended so if an owner sells their car they can inform tagging JB to sort.

## 8. Nationals 2018

JB said the hosts felt it went well, and still learnt new things in case they host again in the future and were assisting the 2019 hosts when required with advice. EE said in hindsight delaying the opening of the gate was a bad move, and they did not expect fog in August! but feels they coped and did their best – everyone in room agreed.

DR asked if they could have coped with more cars, EE said yes DR said we maybe need to look to include Stock Hatch and F600s they are cheap entry into the sport and spectators/members might see them and be encouraged to have one JB suggested increase numbers racing in the most subscribed classes.

## 9. Nationals 2019

BHo confirmed Evesham had secured extra fields including the one behind the start line for the Nationals 2 Grandstands would be used at the event. Radford would be holding the MAP in 2019.

RW said the BAS last month was how they intended to lay their field out for the Ladies & Junior Nationals and work was on going with organisation.

## 10. Disciplinary Tariffs (discussed above)

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## 11. AOB

- **Letter from Wiltshire League re 2019 Fixture – BAS Rounds - Simon Jackson**

SJ said they were down to host a BAS round as Stroud and one as Wiltshire League and NASA had refused this BHo asked why this had come to the chairman, SJ said he wanted to know if the chairman felt it was right. BHo said it appears the Board have not stopped Stroud/Wilts in hosting two 2-day events but have prevented the 'Series' hosting to meetings at the same event, and the Series have no representation other than going via a delegate. EE said that BAS was given SWL as an option but have refused. Simon Bentley was in attendance and said that at the cut off date given they only had 4 venues, hence why we're using Stroud's new venue twice, there was no rules in place to prevent this. EE pointed out that previously S Bentley had said the same venue should not be used twice in one-year S Bentley pointed out that this was if there was other options at the cut-off date there wasn't SWL came in after Stroud were turned down by the Board, and no other clubs were given the option, and prior to the cut off date SWL made it quite clear they did not want to be host, BHo felt the Board had handled the situation wrongly but also a process, rules need to be in place. MA asked why Stroud have said they can only go ahead if they have two rounds, SJ said because they believed it wouldn't be an issue so thinking they had the income they were rushing/dealing with the new venue differently. DS asked what the reasons the board have refused this JP said it was a majority vote DS asked based on what? It was asked why did Bas think it was okay to have two rounds at Stroud Simon Bentley said it was apparent early on in the season that due to logistics of some venues they did not have much options and this was relayed to Phil Rogers, E Evans at Cwmdru BAS and both said they didn't see a problem Simon also approached JP who again did not see any issues with this. BHo asked why the Director in charge of BAS was not liaising with BAS. EE said both Simon & Phil Rogers needed 'their heads banging together'. EE suggested that JP was the liaison till the end of the year JP and Simon Bentley agreed. BAS was given till the AGM to find a 5<sup>th</sup> venue as they felt geographically South Wales was not an option. SJ Proposed DS seconded that the Board are asked to re visit the option of them hosting 2 rounds 7 in favour 8 against.

- **Drug testing procedure/policy update – Darryl Smart**
- **Drink and drug culture in our sport. (general) – Darryl Smart**
- **Drug testing for juniors. Concerns have been raised about juniors taking drugs at YD BAS – Tony Griffiths**

In relation to the above 3 points Martyn Tinker entered the meeting and said that Alur had confirmed the current Drugs Policy NASA have is okay just need to add a few points.

Discussion took place PW suggested Police are called into sort the problem, discussion took place that potentially could lead to bad publicity, the Chairman asked that drug testing is more widespread next year and those taking drugs were not welcome in our sport.

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- **Clarification on rules for putting up Harris Fencing - Tony Griffiths**

Martyn Tinker confirmed harras fencing could be tied with 6mm blue rope or chains and they had to be round all 3 posts

- **Race Cars in the campsite at YD BAS. Some of whom hold a position of authority with NASA - Tony Griffiths**

Martyn Tinker said no racing was taking place when this happened, and he was taking his car to his trailer.

It was asked how many cars a lady can race at a club meeting JP can could confirmed it was at the Chairman's discretion but could race more than two cars.

**MEETING CLOSED**

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## Treasurers Report

### TURNOVER 2018

|                               |                          |                             |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Affiliation Fees              | 69,993.00                |                             |
| Insurance Premiums Receivable | 121,122.50               | Less £4800.00 paid to Clubs |
| National Championships Income | 11,290.00                |                             |
| Sale of Stationery            | 4,981.60                 | less £195.00 paid out       |
| Sale of Permits               | 5,420.00                 |                             |
| Fines                         | 451.50                   |                             |
| Fixture Books                 | 3,450.00                 |                             |
| Annual Club Fee               | 2,550.00                 |                             |
| Track Inspection              | 1,040.00                 |                             |
| Sponsorship                   | 3,000.00                 |                             |
| Breathalysers                 | 36.00                    |                             |
| Tagging                       | <u>2,360.00</u>          | less £4995.00 paid to Clubs |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                  | <b><u>225,694.60</u></b> |                             |

### COST OF SALES

|                                |            |
|--------------------------------|------------|
| Printing Rule Books Records    | 9,411.90   |
| Thropies / Presentations etc   |            |
| Insurance                      | 119,881.28 |
| Stationery Purchases           | 54.00      |
| Track Inspection costs         | 1,339.20   |
| Drug and Alcohol Equipment     | 1,096.50   |
| Plant and Machinery            | 711.39     |
| Opening Stock- Finished Goods  |            |
| Closing Stock - Finished Goods |            |

### ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| Honoraia                                      | 1,135.00  |
| Chairmans and Other Officials Travel Expenses | 11,691.45 |
| Directors Travel Expenses                     | 8,684.46  |
| Meeting Rooms and Refreshments                | 1,748.00  |
| Telephone                                     | 700.00    |
| Advertising                                   |           |

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|                                    |                |
|------------------------------------|----------------|
| Charity Donations                  | 400.00         |
| Accountancy Fees                   | 5,580.00       |
| Solicitors                         |                |
| Sponsorship                        |                |
| Tagging Cars (Expenses )           | 936.94         |
| Bank Charges                       | 329.57         |
| National Championships 2018        | 13,246.53      |
| Sundry Expenses                    | 400.00         |
| Promotions Nationals               | 2,000.00       |
| NEC SHOW 2018                      | 5,564.38       |
| NEC SHOW 2019                      | 1,800.00       |
| TOTAL                              | 186,710.60     |
| <br>                               |                |
| MONEY PAID INTO BANK               | £224,934.11    |
| Credits Raised Day Licences 2018   | <u>£195.00</u> |
| Credits raised Race Insurance 2018 | 4800.00        |

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## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT OCTOBER 2018

Enclosed copy of Turnover of all income and expenditure to date for 2018. I have now collected most of the invoices I sent out for 2018.

Now at this time of the year is the time when I will be paying for all the printing and stationery need for 2019. Also as it is February, before any payments will be coming back in the Insurance will need to be paid.

I will soon be working on costs to Clubs and leagues for 2019. The costs will be ready for AGM.

As I have been working with the insurers for a discount, with regards of the problems the weather as caused in 2018. I have all ready credited all race meetings to 29.04.2018 of which most clubs have deducted from invoices due. I will be now be sending out credits for the rest of the meetings cancelled in 2018, as I have managed to secure a discount from insurers.

THIS IS A ONE OFF AND WILL NOT BE HAPPENING EVERY YEAR. If we had another really bad year with the weather in 2019 then I would try for a discount again but there is no guarantee it will be given.

Money in Bank to 12<sup>th</sup> October. 2018

Current Account £141439.85

Deposit Account £6598.59

## INSURANCE

Only one claim for Personal Accident on going at the moment. I have another one but waiting for all paperwork, to come to me but that is a broken wrist so should not take long to sort.

Still no news on very old claims which are being dealt with by solicitors.

The cost of the insurance to NASA as not increased and is the same as 2018, as I have confirmed the discount as above I will be crediting the rest of the cancelled meetings for 2018.

All costs for insurance will be ready for AGM, as just need the race dates which you have given Jeffrey.

Cancelled Meetings for 2018 to 07<sup>th</sup> October 70.

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## Scrutineers Report

The new rule books will be finished before the NASA AGM on the 25th of November, we hope that they will be on the website and ready to print 2 weeks after that.

Myself, Dave George, Ady Taylor, Rob Simmonds and Gareth Jones have to date attended six meetings, each three hours long, we have two more on the 30th of October and the 6th of November then a final one day meeting on Saturday the 17th of November, that will amount to a total of 30 hours each excluding traveling time and without the hours Gareth has spent re writing things, I'd like to thank them for their efforts in what is after all their hobby. hopefully this will help members understand the rules and eliminate any grey areas.

There will be a detailed general rule book for saloons and another for specials, in addition to that each class will have its own set of rules, class 1 will have a set of rules for each car used, Mini, Micra, and Yaris, new models introduced will have their own set of rules before they are used.

The old class 1 rule book had 88 pages, the new class 1 mini rule book will be 16 pages, when printed off the website only 8 sheets of paper.

Old rules have been removed, any updates have been added, rules that repeat or contradict themselves have been changed, hopefully there will be a noticeable difference when looking for a particular rule, and we must all remember that if the rules don't say that you can do something then you must assume that you can't.

I will be standing for another term as a NASA director, I was elected in November 2011 and took on the job of director responsible for Scrutineering in 2015, since then I believe that we have made cars safer, reduced the need for long Scrutineering queues at both nationals, and reduced the amount of post race Scrutineering failures but the job is not finished, it will take a few more years yet.

The next step is red tagging of cars, this will not be easy but we are ready to start, in fact we have been ready for 12 months.

The reason this has not happened is that when we checked the cars that had qualified for the men's nationals for blue tag numbers, over 25% had incorrect details, 100 cars out of 400 with the wrong class, wrong club prefix, wrong owner, all due to records not being updated by members, this must be addressed by clubs and leagues prior to the new season, we all need to educate members about the importance of keeping records up to date, please contact me with any suggestions you may have.

The red tag and related paperwork will allow the car to race anywhere with very basic Scrutineering checks, after all on race day that's all that happens anyway.

The driver will take responsibility for keeping his/her car in the condition it was when the red tag was fitted.

It's easy but will take time, there will be a huge amount of work in creating the cars Autograss passport/log book or whatever we call it, there have been a couple of offers of help with that so far.

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One suggestion is that pre season Scrutineering becomes compulsory, for any car that doesn't have a red tag fitted, prior to the 2018 season we attended various pre season Scrutineering events, they work, the best one I attended was the southern league, I'm sure that if anyone wants to know how it works they will tell you.

My view is that all clubs/leagues should do it, it avoids having to send cars home from race meetings at the beginning of the season, also it's a good way to educate members about updating the tag info.

We are here to help and will attend your pre season event to help get your cars up to standard.

Class 4 has been under scrutiny for some months now, the new rules for 2019 will hopefully be finalised today and have immediate effect, hopefully this will boost the numbers in the class.

Tyres have been an ongoing headache for us, after receiving complaints about tyre prices combined with the then tyre agreement coming to an end in December 2018,

A letter was sent to Maxsport tyres, our main supplier in August 2017, the letter gave suggestions from us to reduce their tyre prices, up to now all of the suggestions have been dismissed.

The tyre regulations have been reworded but there are no major changes, we will be updating the option A and B supplier lists before the 2019 season and tyre shore hardness will be checked for the first time.

Maxsport will take no responsibility for any tyres measured at trackside so this will continue to be the drivers responsibility, if a car is found with a tyre fitted that doesn't pass the shore hardness test they will have to stop racing and will face disciplinary action, there is much more to the tyre problem and we need to think ahead, I would like to get some feedback from chairmen who are interested, we will have a brief meeting today after the other meetings have finished.

Vernon.

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