

NATIONAL AUTOGRASS SPORT ASSOCIATION LTD



Chairman's Meeting

14 April 2018

Venue: Metro Inns Birmingham Road, Walsall

Start time 11am

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	<i>** Paddy Bubb</i>	<i>MAP League</i>	<i>PB</i>
09	<i>** Dave Mansfield</i>	<i>North Western League</i>	<i>DM</i>
10	Kevin Griffiths	North Yorkshire League	Apologies
11	Lynn Thomas	Essex League	LT
12	Steve Payne	Yorkshire League	SP
14	David Robins	East Anglian League	Apologies
15	Ernie Ashley	Shropshire League	EA
16	Peter West	CGTRO League	PW
18	Derek Linch	Kent League	Apologies
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 Pat Ashley S Mansfield

1. Apologies K Griffiths, D Linch D Robins
2. Minutes of the Chairman's meeting February 2018
3. Adoption of the minutes of the Chairman's meeting February 2018 – proposed LT second SJ

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4. Treasurers/Insurance Report – M Allen

Copy of turnover of all income and money spent to date distributed

Insurance now paid in full and all payments coming in ok. Insurance and Event permits almost all out to clubs. We have lost 38 meetings, I have 4 rearranged so far.

As promised at the last meeting copies of 2018 NEC. I have also enclosed copy of 2017 so you can compare costs. The difference in 2017 and 2018 is in the main stand and electrics. At the last meeting there was a lot of questions on different things that happen at the show, but no one asked how we as directors thought it went, I can only say that I think we did the sport proud, the stand was very very busy all weekend and a lot of enquires about where different venues were.

Money in Bank Current Account £95322.77 Deposit Account. £6596.93

INSURANCE

There are no on-going personal Accident claims now.

Still 3 Public Liability claims, no updates on those at present

With regards to the Group Weekly Payment Personal Accident Insurance, this insurance is a weekly payment only insurance and is the only group insurance that NASA can provide. Members if they wish to take up the other kinds of insurance which is being talked about on Facebook could not be done by NASA as it would depend on what each individual wanted cover. So if members want to top up their insurance with this it is fine. I hope the members do not say they would prefer not to have the Group Personal Accident insurance we have now which pays £150.00 per week as I worry that some members will end up with no insurance cover at all. All League Chairman know this insurance exists so please make sure you Club Chairman pass it on to your members. If anyone needs to make a claim they just have to contact me.

I have spoken to insurers about the problem we are having this year with already losing so many meetings, Chris Jones will speak to the insurers as I have said to him we could lose more this year than ever before. I will keep you informed but if anything could be done I would think it would depend on how many more meetings we lose this year

- Discussion with regards doing NEC in future or look to do other meetings, suggestion was to see what figures Autosport come back with then decide. JP said there was some other options on the table but full details not available now.
- MA reported the Board have agreed that clubs/leagues were to receive a credit note of £95 insurance payment for cancelled meetings this year due to weather from start of season up to 30th April 2018.

5. Membership / Licence report – B Harper (see attached figures)

- BH said the Board had decided that due to recent weather and 40 cancelled meetings, and prospect of future ones being cancelled, that Men's National Allocations would be based on last year's figures. BH asked if

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anyone had any questions after short discussion on how allocations are worked out it was agreed that not many other options and stood by the Boards decision.

- BH said the date for leagues to confirm their drivers taking the allocated places had been extended by 2 weeks to 1st July. This would assist clubs in running qualifiers into better weather. BH highlighted that the allocations would be slightly different to last year as only 7 National Champions defended their titles in 2017 but all 10 were in 2018.
- Due to Bredon Hill moving leagues then Wiltshire/Gloucester allocations would be amended accordingly.
- BH will post out the allocations to the leagues like last year and will need all leagues to provide a name/address for who they need to go to, it will then be up to each league how they inform their members.

6. Chairman's Report – EE said there was nothing to report due to unforeseen circumstances himself or LT did not attend last board meeting.

7. Directors Report

- JP apologised there was not a directors report at last meeting – JP said LT had reported back from her notes from the Board meeting and that appeared to cover everything
- JP said Directors report was based on the newsletter this time and wanted the meetings to be more about club/chairman ideas rather than just about info back and forwards between board/chairman.
- The newsletter was delayed due to waiting on confirmation 2019 Men's Nationals at Evesham.
- No one has put forward for the 2020 onwards to host Men's or Ladies.
- BAS/UKAC dates have been agreed for next 3 years to assist planning for club's race dates.
- DM suggested the Board should always have reserve clubs/leagues for nationals just in case someone who has put forward to host lost their track etc.
- PW asked if the 5-year rule was still in place for clubs hosting the Nationals JP said no.
- Scrutineers/Board were looking for feedback from members re class 4, whilst in Ireland or at Club level there are still many racing, its more on a national/big meeting level that numbers have dwindled but we need to know reasons for people moving from the class. No one needs to worry that the class may be disbanded now. RW suggested some trials in allowing rear wheel drive, there was no longer a cheap entry class HL said Stock Hatch is getting bigger than class 4, cheap entry. DM agreed a higher cc car at entry level is much better and attracts people its got to be considered and think SH and F600 not being included in Nationals are limiting attracting people. HL said SH don't want to go to Nationals but want to be a recognised class. DM said they might get more members if they were at nationals, HL said its bigger than some classes that go to the Nationals. NW feels its either a NASA recognised class and would go to nationals or not at all.
****NEED FEEDBACK FROM ALL CLUB MEMBERS FOR NEXT MEETING** for ideas re class 4 /class changes. TG pointed out the only 1-member difference in 10 so not just 4. 'club racers' don't always want to go the Nationals which is why SH does well, affordable and get to race.
- TG suggested proportional representation i.e. if less 4s in the country reduce from 40 to 32 and increase to 48 in larger subscribed class.
- JP referred to the newsletter re Cars being tidy and confirmed that no one was expected to re panel cars between meetings and look new each time, but some pride is the aim DM feels marshalling needs to be tidied

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up to prevent 'banger' racing. NW their league was worried cars being turned away and different perception on what is tidy and not. EA said we are losing enough members need to be careful. DS it doesn't have to be expensive to keep a car tidy

- P Bubb doing a new marshal hand book will be downloadable and hoping to get all safety officer forms on line too. DT said forms she receives need to be on line so readable. JP to investigate
- All permits for championships have been issued
- Scrutineers Report

When the 2018 season gets underway red tagging will start, a small team will carry out the checking of cars, to start with this will be taking place at race meetings, hopefully some Scrutineers will show interest and will want to be part of the team, any ex Scrutineers or other officials with Scrutineering knowledge that would like to help should contact Vernon by email.

When a car is red tagged it will have a NASA identity/log book, the owner will agree to keep the car in that passed Scrutineering state, at all times, the goal is that a car fitted with blue and red tags that has the correct details registered to it will only need some basic safety checks before racing anywhere, including the nationals, I will keep everyone updated on progress.

Since the 2017 AGM I have tried to remind clubs and leagues of the importance of blue tags and their registration, I have asked that Scrutineers have an up to date spreadsheet with them at Scrutineering, that all tag numbers are checked, correct car, class, race number and owner, it's really not a big job but there have been very few requests for an up to date spreadsheet, that seems to point to lots of clubs not bothering.

We have been blue tagging fairly constantly, in small numbers over the winter, new cars or cars that needed retagging due to repainting or Powder coating, it was also nice to see a few leagues organising preseason Scrutineering days, which NASA officials attended, its good Scrutineer training and avoids having to turn cars away from early race meetings for silly things, the problem is that the leagues that bothered can be counted on one hand, well done to them.

All new rule updates are on line, and the new simplified, clearly understandable rules are being worked on, the target is to have class 1 finished by the end of May, the rest will follow much quicker when the first and hardest one is done.

The few things that I have already mentioned are all mammoth tasks, bearing in mind the areas that will need to be covered and the hours of work involved, on top of that are the normal issues that occur every week and the clear lack of help or interest to do the jobs, so club and league Scrutineers can help by looking closely at cars, checking blue tag details, advising on any issues that may prevent a red tag being fitted and most importantly making sure that cars are safe.

As mentioned in the newsletter and the last Scrutineering minutes, I have asked all Scrutineers to pay more attention to car condition, National Autograss cars are racing cars, they should look like racing cars, it's a non-contact sport and with the marshalling team looking closely at driving standards we aim to tidy things up.

Also mentioned in the newsletter, tyres are under scrutiny, we are reacting to the members concerns

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on the price of Maxsport tyres compared to other suppliers, I have been talking to Maxsport for about 12 months, a letter was sent, outlining the concerns, along with some suggestions to make the tyre prices fairer, after further discussion and emails, a response arrived on march 26th, with no positive response, during the enquiries in 2017 it became quite clear that there is no contract between NASA and any tyre supplier which is not good for the members or the supplier, so that needs to be in place as a matter of urgency, there will be changes to our tyre supply for the 2019 season, in the meantime if there are any changes, for example, price rises or limited supply then our changes will come earlier.

In today's Scrutineers meeting I will remind everyone that we are here to help people race safely, the members need to know that too.

- PW asked about Red Tagging if someone modifies it what happens i.e. red tagged by NASA week after turns up Scunthorpe how does he know its not changed that week, JP said more info to hand out as it goes along.
- NW suggested an up to date list of tagged cars is distributed every month or couple of months, suggested DT obtains and then distributes. Further suggestion that this was on line could be accessible on race days easily
- RW reported his league does pre-race scrutineering and said all his members must have their cars done and feels works well. LT had received feedback previously that pre-nationals scrutineering had appeared pointless as no one in scrutineering took notice of the sheets so members were reluctant to attend preseason scrutineering. PW agreed.

8. Nationals 2018 – update reported by EE

- Opening ceremony would be taking place and all clubs/league need to bring flags at 8.45 to hospitality in the ceremony the cheque to cancer research from All Stars would be presented.
- PRG are the 2018 Nationals main sponsor
- TG asked if a grand stand had been organised, EE said 171-seater grandstand had been ordered and would be facing start line, TG asked if there was going to be the big TV screen, EE awaiting price.

9. Nationals 2019

- Confirmation that 2019 Men's Nationals was to be hosted by Evesham
- RW reported that Southern league had secured a main sponsor for the Ladies & Juniors and was awaiting confirmation of who is Directors in charge would be and had received the Nationals book from DT and would be discussing with EE and last year's hosts for information.

10. AOB

- The Complaints Procedure for the licence tick boxes had previously passed round all agreed the procedure and it could now be passed to clubs/leagues
- D Robins email regarding Armco fixings at Nottingham, NW had an email from Simon Reeve and said that the track had been inspected and was now all sorted it was an oversight on one small section that a bolt was missing. MT confirmed he had inspected the track the day prior and provided Simon with a list of items that needed doing. Discussion took place and highlighted that had there been a serious accident MT had left

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himself/board open to repercussions by highlighting issues and not ensuring resolved before racing started. RW said everyone would have helped to ensure any jobs done even if it meant racing was delayed.

- MT then asked if he had the chairman's backing to close a meeting if the track construction was not compliant i.e. serious issues, it was discussed that as always being the case that NASA official has the right to close a meeting
- TG said he still had issue with drilling posts if moving fields, the posts will be full of holes and was not strong or safe to use, TG said it was responsibility of all clubs to check tracks/fences before each meeting.
- MT said he had visited Star track and highlighted a few minor issues that has received adequate photographs which confirm those jobs had been done and if this happened at other tracks then a 2nd visit by the person inspecting wouldn't be required.
- TG asked if they will be charging for inspections and revisits MT said only once.
- HL passed a letter to EE and asked for the chairman's backing, he said that the rules of Stock Hatch are that all cars must be sealed before they can race, previously stock hatch committee did this but now the class has increased to over 100 and cars all over the country this was passed to the responsibility of the clubs. NW said seals had cost is club £30 so not expensive. HL pointed out that some clubs have a lot of Stock Hatch members and obviously receive income from them but not willing to support the rules. MT said that his club would not be sealing them as he had no reason to suspect his cars were illegal. Discussion took place and agreed to vote to support the proposal for clubs to be required to seal the stock hatches so they complied with the stock hatch rule. 13 votes in favour – vote carried. NW said any club not complying the chairman needed to be made aware.
- EE told MT that the chairman would not accept him to vote on behalf of the North Yorkshire league whilst he is a NASA Director, it was a rule voted in at the AGM and the chairman stand by it. It was discussed if phone calls could be made if reps were not present it was agreed that votes would only be counted if the rep was in the room. It was agreed that an item that MT could bring in a written response on items that had been taken back to leagues and agreed but not participate in a vote that was discussed and agreed in the room.
- LT asked if there was any more feedback on the Disciplinary Tariffs proposed by the disciplinary sub group, DS said bans should be longer, NW & SJ felt season ban was good but appeared too complex agreed to discuss more with leagues/clubs and discuss at next meeting and hopefully Barry Holloway and Dave Robins would be there to discuss more.

MEETING CLOSED AT 2pm

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