

# NATIONAL AUTOGRASS SPORT ASSOCIATION LTD



## Chairman's Meeting

18<sup>th</sup> February 2018

Venue: Metro Inns Birmingham Road, Walsall

Start time 11 noon

### Attendees

0	Barbara Harper	Honorary member	BH	22	Simon Jackson	Wiltshire League	SJ
1	Nick Weir	East Midland League	NW	23	John Fuller	Southern Ireland League	no attendance
2	Darryl Smart	Gloucestershire League	DS	24	Robert Rolls	Fenland League	no attendance
4	Emyr Evans	South Wales League	EE	25	John Bale	Scottish League	JB
5	Ray Wyeth	Southern League	RW		Diane Tomkinson	Secretary	DT
6	Tony Griffiths	West Midland League	TG		Margaret Allen	NASA	MA
7	Barry Holloway	MAP League	Bho	Visitors	Heath Luck		HL
9	Dave Mansfield	North Western League	DM	Visitors	Karl Bedford		KB
10	Kevin Griffiths	North Yorkshire League	KG	Visitors	Pete Fletcher		PF
11	Lynn Thomas	Essex League	LT	Visitors	Ernie Ashley		EA
12	Steve Payne	Yorkshire League	SP				
14	David Robins	East Anglian League	DR				
15	Pat Ashley	Shropshire League	PA				
16	Peter West	CGTRO League	PW				
18	*Gareth Lowden	Kent League	GL				
19	Philip Sherwood	The Dales League	Apologies				
21	Jamie McDonald	Northern Ireland League	no attendance				

1. Apologies – Phil Sherwood

2. Minutes of the Chairman's meeting Oct 2017

- DR asked what the situation is with Tyres – EE is waiting for a report from Vernon Mackenzie
- DR pointed out in minutes it said CA did not have a track that should be St Neots or Essex, Cambridge do have a track.
- DR said the complaints log was in the rule book per the chairman request but no rules in the book/related how it works and the clubs need to all work together – agreed to discuss in AOB
- RW said it was agreed that officials would get 12mth ban like drivers and this would be in the new rule book but its not. In the book 6.4.22 should say Driver/Official and loose point 6.4.23  
Vote in favour was unanimous – no abstentions – no one against.

3. Adoption of the minutes of the Chairman's meeting October 17 – Proposed EA Seconded RW
4. Treasurers/Insurance Report – reported by Margaret Allen

The final income and expenditure for 2017 was income £225895.48 and expenditure £210278.07 which is just everything I have collected in and I have paid out. The paperwork as all been taken to Accountants, they will then add something they have to carry over that was paid at the end of 2016 which belong to 2017, the same will happen they will take somethings out I have paid in 2017 that belong to 2018. Next meeting with accountants 26<sup>th</sup> February. At the AGM there was a lot more that had to be paid out, so we were far from the end result. The figures are on a par with 2015 but not 2016 as you may remember we had a large solicitors invoice to pay in 2016.

Enclosed copy of turnover which shows everything I have paid out so far in 2018.

With regards the Micra that was given to the Allstars for them to Raffle at NEC Show, we paid £650.00 for it, and then we had very many different donations which included £350.00 of cash. So with all the help and generosity we had which was really appreciated. You can see from the turnover 2018 only £300.00 which as been put in Charity Donation.

All the invoices for 2018 have now been sent to all the Clubs and Leagues.

The insurance I have made two payments and the 3<sup>rd</sup> one is due on the 08<sup>th</sup> March. Paid to date to insurers £78547.52. The insurers accept 3 payments and do not charge us any interest.

The money in the bank 17<sup>th</sup> February 2018

Current Account £99207.99

Deposit Account. £6595.44

As you can see from how much as been paid out to date, the money in the bank now is what as come in for 2018. From November to February there is a lot to be paid for and no money coming back in till February, 2018.

#### INSURANCE 2018

Personal Accident claim still on going for 2017 is Kevin Mumford.

Public liability the claim made by Nick Clarke as been dealt with now, and as the cost of going to court, would have not been viable as we would have more than likely lost. Nottingham had to pay £1000.00. Have no more information on the claim that goes back to the D. Nutter accident.

I have been working with Chris Jones and Insurers and can confirm for the 2018 season the excess on Public Liability as been reduced from £1000.00 to £500.00. As you all know my concerns I have had with these claims for stones could cause serious financial damage to Clubs.

Please note if you use any reserve dates, I have not charged you or included them in your insurance cover. Please let me know if you are using them.

- TG asked about breakdown of costs of NEC – MA will provide at next meeting

5. Membership /Licence report - reported by Barbara Harper (see spreadsheet attached)
  - As at same time last year 150 down on membership
  - EE reported SWL and SJ reported Stroud have not had sold licences yet.

- EA said some issues he is hearing is scrutineering, people having to travel for tagging/complicated rule books, not many able to do home builds anymore
- BH wanted to remind everyone that Elaine Pacey has changed address.
- DR asked for next meeting a split of cars per class

#### 6. Chairman's Report – read out by EE

Chairman's Report on the issues raised at the Directors meeting:

##### Drugs Testing

The drug testing at the men's nationals was undertaken as a direct instruction from the Chairman of the Board. The person undertaking the testing on this instruction had received no formal training or had been made familiar with the policy and procedures that had been previously agreed with and adopted by the Board and the League Delegates/Chairman. The board advised that by law an untrained person can complete the first stage of the test but not take a sample that would be sent on for the second on obtaining a non-negative first test. By carrying out the first stage tests at the National it brought to light the flaws that the original process/policy contained and identified the need for a new procedure. Now that both Warren & Keith (who originally had the training on the drug testing equipment) have left the Board, therefore Martyn has now completed the course. Lynn highlighted to the Directors – at no point had these issues been brought to the Chairman's or the fact that the initially agreed policy/procedure had contained flaws, which had helped to instigate the mistrust around what occurred. The Directors agreed that mistakes had been made, lessons learned – all agreed the need to get this right because of the devastating effects it can have on the person's life who are being tested and move on.

- EE suggested drug testing should be post – PW said the idea was to stop people racing doing post defeats object discussion took place all in favour of if a driver is under suspicion he should be tested not random and test to be done at any time and in private.

##### Armco/Fence post fittings

The concerns from the various chairman that had contacted Lynn & Oily were relayed to the Directors. On much further discussion it became clear that this is not in fact a new ruling but one that has always been in the handbook (page 50). There seems to be a misinterpretation of what a Coach Bolt is and what is a Coach screw and how they should be fitted. Martyn showed both of us examples of these and the diagrams of what was in the rule book.

Lynn asked why this has not been picked up previously on track inspections – the answer being it was not visible after fitting and only was apparent when some Armco fell off.

It was agreed an information sheet would be produced for this meeting with clear photos and the examples brought along.

- TG what happens if use bolts you cannot re bolt if putting track up and down regular
- HL said yd they use bolts and don't have issues it takes minutes to put a new post/bolt in if needed– EE if post breaks it's the post that's the issue not the anchor – HL said that's why the paint system was brought in
- PW showed an example at the length of coach screw they use EE pointed out that when looking at the post no one can tell how long the screw is they all look the same
- TG said the Armco is auxiliary of the track so why couldn't people use what they want. GL showed pictures of Kent's track/posts they have bigger posts and long screws never had an issue.
- EE said the book said Coach Bolts so that's what they must use, Chairman pointed out it also states they must be 12mm so why are 10mm allowed
- EE went to see M Tinker and came back to the room and said that they must be 12mm and to ignore any correspondence stating 10mm

- NW said Nottingham had replaced their screws for 10mm bolts after M Tinker confirmed to them in email they can use them, PF said he had received a personal email from M Tinker also stating 10mm allowed 12 BHo said NASA should pay for this if these clubs must replace again with 12mm.
- Chairman discussed emails from individual directors and said that all communications should be to DT to and the response should come back from DT.

#### NEC

The issue of class 7 racing in the car park – this was at the request of Terry Grant/ the organisers and not on public roads/areas, the drivers were asked to do it for a magazine, and on the shows insurance.

TG said this was not true who made that story up?

A complaint was received about the attitude of a NASA Official – this was in fact the NASA official picking up on some members who were participating in the show not complying with what was expected of them (late arrival/ non-attendance and leaving early were a few of the examples). It is a privilege to be included in the live action arena – which is sometimes not treated with the respect that it should be.

- Discussion took place about NEC cars were not scrutineered, things like door numbers wrong, cars not a true representation of the sport.
- General feeling was some drivers didn't treat it as a privilege
- RW asked if this year all involved would work together and none of the arguing & private meetings/threatening to ban people, it was suggested a committee should be set up re NEC, so the chairman could assist.
- EE reported that the Nationals gate fees had been increased DT reminded everyone this included the Ladies & Junior Nationals, but the forms issued stated £20 but it is now £25 so they will need to make sure they collect £25 from the drivers when the secretary signs the form.
- RW asked who the Chairman of directors was – EE confirmed there wasn't one.

7. Directors Report – no report was provided – LT said she was told that a report would be given to her and EE to read out EE thought J Parish was providing
8. Nationals 2018 – EE all planning for the event on going, nothing to report
9. Nationals 2019 – Wessex were confirmed as the host for the L&J, the date would be the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend in September the Men's host was not sorted yet – date sept
10. Correspondence: -
  - Disciplinary Team proposal attached – all chairman to discuss with their clubs/members and give LT feedback via email asap

#### 10. AOB

- Complaints – discussion regarding the new part in the licence, anyone questioning a decision should have details marked down in their licence, if a licence is lost and replaced the new licence will have the complaints section crossed out so cannot make any complaints. LT to put process in place for all clubs to follow.
- The League Reps Facebook was closed, agreed to re-open it must only be for League Reps.
- DM asked if anyone knew about the Drivers Insurance advertised on Facebook, this was nothing to do with NASA, all members can claim for Personal Injury MA confirmed it is £150 per week

- BHo pointed out in the rule book it says the alcohol breath test can be done at any time, discussion this was to cover scrutineering etc
- NW asked why they were charged for a Track inspection when their own member did it and did not claim any expenses MA said there is a standard charge for them, and he could have claimed his expenses.
- Child protection- TG asked for a copy of what SWL use
- It was discussed that we need more directors, Chairman can be directors but would just need another member to vote at chairman's meetings. There was a lot of areas Chairman can help like they are with disciplinary.
- EE read out M Tinkers statement that he issued regarding the use of 10mm coach bolts and re iterated that this was to be disregarded now along with any other emails he had sent out and only 12mm coach bolts per the rule book are allowed.
- EE thanked everyone for a great meeting and encouraged anyone to contact him if they needed to preferable by telephone, call or text.

**MEETING CLOSED 13.45**

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