

# NATIONAL AUTOGRASS SPORT ASSOCIATION LTD



## Chairman's Meeting

10 February 2019

Venue: Metro Inns Birmingham Road, Walsall

Start time 11 noon

## Minutes

No	Name	Nominating League	Initials
00	Barbara Harper	Honorary member	BH
01	Darren Walmsley	East Midland League	DW
02	Graham Bennett	Gloucestershire League	GB
04	Emyr Evans	South Wales League	EE
05	Rhys Wyeth	Southern League	RW
06	Tony Griffiths	West Midland League	TG
07	Barry Holloway	MAP League	BHo
09	Dave Mansfield	North Western League	DM
10	Kevin Griffiths	North Yorkshire League	KG
11	Lynn Thomas	Essex League	apologies
12	Steve Payne	Yorkshire League	SP
14	David Robins	East Anglian League	DR
15	Ernie Ashley	Shropshire League	EA
16	Peter West	CGTRO League	PW
18	Derek Linch *Gareth Lowden	Kent League	GL
19	Phil Sherwood	The Dales League	PS
21		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
	Callie Cooper	Diane Tomkinson	Margaret Allen
	Barbara Harper	Jeffrey Parish	Jason Baker

1. **Apologies:** Lynn Thomas, Derek Linch

2. **Election of minutes secretary:**

EE introduced Callie Cooper as the new secretary. The room took a vote on this with no objections.

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### 3. Minutes from Chairman's meeting October 2018:

DR asked whether F600's was being brought in as a NASA class. KG explained there are not enough F600's yet for this to happen. Discussion regarding making Stock hatch a recognised class. JP explained directors are looking for all chairman's input on this. Would making F600/SH a recognised class would that make them more appealing? RW said they are slowly getting more Stock hatch within the league. DW asked with membership going down each year, would this be a better starter class to come into Autograss with it being a lot cheaper. EE asked for Stock hatches to be put on the agenda for next meeting and all chairmen discuss with their clubs and leagues to get their input. BHo asked for BH to look at how many Stock hatch licenses were purchased in 2018 and monitor with this year.

GB asked what was happening with drug testing as this is something that needs stepping up. TG asked which NASA directors are trained to do this where RW explained the two people who were have now left. After a lengthy discussion about costs for training people (£600), Calibrating the machine and buying the tubes to go with it, EE asked whether the room felt we should stick with the machine we have and pay to train more people to use it or we get a third party come in and drugs test people. The room wanted more information and a breakdown on costings, usage etc and to get answers back ready for March meeting.

All BAS rounds and dates have now been approved by NASA ready for the 2019 season.

TG asked for clarification regarding what rope to use on heras fencing. JP confirmed all this information would be in an email sent out to all safety officers and secretaries attaching the Track Construction Rules and up to date diagrams.

### 4. Adoption of minutes of the chairman's meeting October 2018

Proposed: Ray Wyeth Second: Ernie Ashley

### 5. Treasurers/ Insurance Report: See attached

6.

### 7. Membership/ License Report:

BH explained from the current numbers for this year compared to last year, we are 142 up. (see attached table)

### 8. Chairman's Report:

EE wanted to discuss with the room reducing the age group for juniors to 10 years of age. MA spoke with the insurance company and they have given the go ahead for the age reduction only in a saloon until the age of 12. EA said their league have spoken about this and said they were against this age reduction as they don't feel a 10-year-old would be in control of a vehicle. RW felt if this did come in, they could split the juniors racing where 10-12-year olds had their own race, and 12-16 had theirs. DR said most parents share cars with their children, so it would be difficult to have a car suitable for

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both. GB felt he didn't think there would be much difference in changing the age as children/teenagers are now growing up very quickly. They should be given the opportunity to try this. EE told the room about teaching his 10-year-old to drive and feels it all comes down to practice with learning to gain control of the car. EA spoke about ministox and the starting age for them was 10 years old, although the cars and racing areas are different to Autograss. BHO suggested strict Junior Driver test with novices having a yellow stripe on their car until the age of 12. They would be required to be accompanied to the start line by a parent/guardian until their license gets signed off. RW would like chief marshal and scrutineers to have a say with when they should have their license signed off. DR recommended they have a pull cord on the kill switch to be able to stop the vehicle quickly.

There were a few chairmen who had written emails into Vernon regarding tyres. These were discussed with DW saying their concern was the time frame in which they must use already purchased tyres. They wanted to know the guidelines for testing tyres and feel this could impact the second-hand tyre market. EE advised that all this was discussed at the Tyre meeting prior to the AGM and alternative suppliers had been sourced. EE read out an email explaining what's happening with the tyre rule, with there being a cut-off date of 1<sup>st</sup> July to use the tyres they have. Kingpin tyres were tested at the NEC where tyres had good grip but were going off to soon. From the 1<sup>st</sup> July only, tyres that are on a list of permitted with NASA will be used. The tyres that have been looked at will have a set price which will be the same across the board to make it cheaper. EE explained there should be no need for any tyre testing as the compound will be the same. If there are any found to be in correct these will be sent off for testing. DR expressed there needs to be a hard rule followed and the same durometers used all around. DR asked whether wet tyres will also be tested. After a room discussion, everyone felt these should also be tested. EE will take this back to directors meeting. BHO asked whether they could nominate a meeting as either wet or dry to determine which tyres drivers could use.

## 9. Directors Report: presented by Jeffrey Parish

JP said a lot of Licence Forms were being received incomplete and wrong postage to return the Licence. Instructions including photographs can also be found on the NASA Facebook page and the IK Club.

Providing NASA with your Club/League Committee details are to be done on line this year. If anyone has any comments with the forms please let Diane Tomkinson know. Leagues need to make sure they are still completing the League Delegate paper form, those who haven't Jeffrey will issue you a form today.

Thanks to all who helped represent Autograss at the NEC, there was 27 cars on display with the biggest representation there has been. The live action arena was also very successful with good

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turned out cars. The downside this year was being in the new hall. Friday and Sunday night were difficult at times with Autograss sharing access with getting vehicles and equipment in and out.

February, we have the Motorsport with Attitude at Peterborough. We currently have 60 cars booked in, with NASA and Evesham Autograss Club being there. Unfortunately, we are struggling with getting details, formats and timetables for the live action with only one man organizing this. Gates will be opening Friday morning 9am until 9pm but recommend you get your cars there by mid-afternoon at the latest. Those in the live action will be running to ORCI rules allowing NASA racewear but you will need to wear gloves.

There is now a track construction rule book which will be emailed to safety officers. It is also the safety officers' job to make sure they are monitoring their club's track layout and making sure all rules are being met. Spectators areas that are between the pits and the track, you need to make sure you are checking the correct distance not only from spectators to the track but also behind them to the pits.

Marshals are now looking into video training. At the NEC Paddy was showing videos to other marshals but also drivers for incidents on the track. Chairmen who attend meetings have a responsibility to make sure all information is being passed onto their members and discussed.

Essex league was discussed in detail with them being in a unique position where they have no track. NASA monitor this and review on a yearly basis. BHo questioned how many cars they have in the club with how many national altercations they will get, JP explained they don't have many cars in the club so 35-40% will go to nationals.

DW asked how long they have been just one club without a track where JP explained they always have, originally, they did banger racing and turned to Autograss.

To remind everyone 2019 Men's Nationals will be hosted by Evesham Autograss Club and Ladies & Juniors will be hosted by Southern League. 2020 Men's Nationals have been confirmed at Yorkshire Dales, there has been an application for the Ladies & Juniors, but NASA and the club are still in talks. If there is anyone that is interested in hosting the 2021 Nationals, please contact Diane Tomkinson.

Last year we had a successful non-NASA meeting at Kings Lynn. We have had two applications for this year, one being on 2<sup>nd</sup> November at Scunthorpe and the other on the 9<sup>th</sup> November at Kings Lynn. If this is something any club or league is interested in, you will need to contact NASA and pay a £50 admin fee. There has been a third application at Northampton, but nothing has been confirmed yet.

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There were several people who enquired at the NEC about starting racing, some wanted to hire a car first to try it. NASA feel there should be a list of clubs/leagues that have hire cars available.

Any disciplinarys from 2018 have now been dealt with and closed. BHo explained any closed groups or issues on social media need to be policed within the club/league and should not have to get to the Board.

New rule books have been proof read and once scrutineers have had their meeting today, they will go online. These can be downloaded and printed. The rule books have been made easier and simplified with classes not sharing and all having their own.

## 10. Nationals 2019:

EE asked BHo how Evesham were getting on with planning the Men's nationals, BHo explained they were happy with how planning was going. Had a meeting with nationals, directors this morning, Neil Corbett and Barry told the directors they felt the file was too long and can be simplified. Diane and Vernon explained why it's so long but agree it could be adapted. They haven't yet signed their contracts but hoping to soon. EE asked RW how their meeting went for the ladies and junior's nationals, they signed their contract but have a few issues to sort out. They will be going online by the end of February.

## 11. A.O.B:

EE thanked everyone for attending today's meeting which was a very good turnout. He also asked that all chairman try and attend all meetings and continue to good attendance.

**MEETING CLOSED 1:08PM**

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## SPREADSHEETS OF LICENCES ISSUED

			2019- MF	2018- MF	2019- LF	2018- LF	2019- J	2018- J	2019- MC	2018- MC	2019- M	2018- M	2019- TOTAL	2018 - TOTAL
01	EAST MIDS	77	45	128	7	28	3	17	10	27	12	22	77	222
02	GLOUCESTER	0	0	87	0	21	0	17	0	5	0	32	0	162
04	S WALES	7	4	115	0	29	1	20	0	25	2	38	7	227
05	SOUTHERN	45	23	73	5	11	5	12	10	22	2	28	45	146
06	W MIDS	67	39	171	11	33	5	40	8	30	4	44	67	318
07	MAP	53	33	122	9	38	4	14	5	39	2	18	53	231
09	N WESTERN	24	20	170	3	25	1	23	0	32	0	5	24	255
10	N YORKS	100	61	152	13	33	6	26	9	31	11	17	100	259
11	ESSEX	18	13	25	3	6	0	1	2	3	0	0	18	35
12	YORKSHIRE	32	17	87	5	19	3	9	4	10	3	12	32	137
14	EAST ANGLIA	30	21	95	1	16	2	12	1	16	5	25	30	164
15	SAA	65	40	96	2	14	6	12	8	25	9	18	65	165
16	CGTRO	133	65	144	17	33	10	23	15	21	26	57	133	278
18	KENT	46	25	148	7	26	1	26	4	14	9	25	46	239
19	THE DALES	33	20	121	6	33	3	21	2	35	2	3	33	213
21	N IRELAND	0	0	81	0	8	0	16	0	20	0	5	0	130
22	WILTS	34	18	96	4	27	1	8	4	16	7	21	34	168
23	S IRELAND	29	14	163	14	20	2	54	10	74	0	24	40	335
24	FENLAND	0	0	45	0	4	0	2	0	6	0	6	0	63
25	SCOTLAND	6	1	51	0	8	2	9	3	16	0	23	6	107
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>799</b>	<b>459</b>	<b>2170</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>432</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>467</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>423</b>	<b>810</b>	<b>3854</b>

As at 8.2.18	605
	<u>799</u>
Down/UP	<u><u>-194</u></u>

## **STOCK HATCH CARS**

### LEAGUES

1 East Mids	17
2 Gloucester	0
4 S Wales	0
5 Southern	14
6 W Mids	1
7 MAP	0
9 N Western	0
10 N Yorks	16
11 Essex	4
12 Yorkshire	10
14 E Anglia	9
15 SAA	2
16 CGTRO	0
18 Kent	9
19 The Dales	28
21 N Ireland	10
22 Wiltshire	0
23 S Ireland	0
24 Fenland	3
25 Scotland	6

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