

NATIONAL AUTOGRASS SPORT ASSOCIATION LTD



Chairman's meeting 18th February 2024 at Walsall

No	Name	Nominating League	Initials
01	Barry Holloway	CHAIRMAN	BH
02	David Robins	Vice Chairman	DR
03	Liam Chez Hilton	East Midland League	LH
04	Oily Evans	South Wales League	OE
05	Rhys Wyeth	Southern League	RhW
06	Darryl Smart	Gloucester League	APOLOGIES
07	Marcus Lewis	West Midland League	ML
08	Jamie Grasby	MAP League	JG
09	Paul Jones	North western League	PJ
10	Martyn Tinker	North Yorkshire League	MT
11	Clarissa Johnson	Yorkshire League	CJ
12	Emma Clark	East Anglian League	EC
13	Wayne Price	Shropshire League	WP
14	Pete West	CGTRO League	PW
15	Derek Linch	Kent League	DL
16	Lee Nickling	The Dales League	LN
17	Robert Mcilroy	Northern Ireland League	APOLOGIES
18	Jeff Bateman	Wiltshire League	JB
19	Seamus O'Riordan	Southern Ireland League	SOR
20	Tony Wilson	Fenland League	TW
21	Maureen Henderson	Scottish League	ABSENT
22	Sharon Barker	Secretary	SB
23	Simon Jackson		SJ
24	Richie Nugent	West waterford	RN
25	Malcolm Cooper	ARC	MC

Barry welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies: Kirsty Godfrey sent apologies and Emma Clark came in her place. Jeff Bateman is the new league rep for the Wiltshire league. Darryl Smart sent apologies.

Adoption of the minutes 25.01.24 The minutes from 25th January 2024 were sent by E-mail prior to the meeting.

Matters Arising: feedback from the safety team regarding having two paramedics when 300 or more competitors are expected is ongoing.

BH asked JHF questions that were raised from January's financial report; £2,105.00 was down as plant and machinery -this was for ECU checks after both nationals. The chairmen asked for a breakdown of the £3,774.00 used on solicitors' fees - £1500 was spent on a mediator and £1500 was spent getting Bruce to sort out a mediator. A lesson has been learnt from this and the board will be mindful how they select in the future. The chairmen also asked what the outstanding balance of £12,940.21 was for – it was explained that a league have debts owed to NASA from both the 2022 and

2023 seasons, issuing licences for the 2024 season for this league has been put on hold until this can be sorted out, a meeting is planned for Monday.

The NEC and MWA cost NASA £3662,76 this was a big improvement on previous years and BH thanked the chairmen that gave up their time to help the Directors at both shows.

Issues with NWL have now been resolved.

The updated race day briefing sheet was sent out late last night, the chairmen have not received this yet, however the changes that the chairmen suggested have been made. The chairmen had also asked if the briefing sheet can be displayed at signing on/pits control rather than read out at the drivers meeting this was agreed.

DR asked Jeffrey why SJ's vote was not allowed at the AGM, Jeffrey said he did not receive it in time. BH suggested that in future if you send in a proxy vote you request confirmation to ensure it has been received.

MT asked for clarification on the camping rules, EC informed the room nothing has been changed she is just checking to ensure we are still compliant.

Concerns were raised at our last meeting regarding the safety team appointing two assistants without going through the correct channels. Since then it has come to light that meetings have taken place and decisions being made without following the correct procedures. LN asked for copies of the minutes from these meetings. BH will request these. The chairmen felt that more time was needed to discuss this further so a zoom meeting will be arranged for next Thursday.

The minutes were proposed as a true record by CJ and seconded by SOR.

Financial Report: This was E-mailed to the chairmen prior to the meeting. JHF is the new director in charge of finances. She has worked hard and made a new spreadsheet making it transparent for everyone.

The board are working out how they can get the outstanding balance back. They are looking at options. OE asked if the league concerned were struggling could we support them by giving them opportunities to make some money at their meetings, this option could be done by not running other meetings on the same date.

OE asked why we are sitting on £80,000, why do we not put it into an instant access cash ISA to make some money back, it was questioned whether there was tax implications BH will ask Julie.

Membership report: This was E-mailed to the chairmen before the meeting.

Scrutineers Report: This was also E-mailed to the chairmen before the meeting.

The new tyres are in Telford and will start to be distributed from next week.

Marshalls Report: The report was again E-mailed to the chairmen before the meeting.

The Marshalls are trialling giving a lesser punishment of a green flag for contact of the line.

They are also trialling if a car makes contact (including taking someone out of the race) after passing the 2nd marshal post on the first bend on the first lap and before the lead car is on the last lap, the race will continue unless there is a safety concern. The offending car may be given a green or black flag. If the contact is deliberate or causes damage to a car that prevents them from continuing, a black flag is recommended. If the contact was avoidable but does not cause serious harm to the

victim car then a green flag is recommended. If the contact is unavoidable due to two cars going for the same racing line, it's recommended this is treated as a racing incident and no flags should be given and the race should continue unless a safety concern.

If any car is stationary on the racing line, this is a safety concern and all cars on stop will be excluded from the re-run and the offending car may be given a black flag.

Spinning or out of control cars which get collected by a following car is to be treated as a racing incident. It is the following car's responsibility to avoid a leading car. If a car is stationary in an unsafe place as a result of an incident of this nature causing the race to be red flagged, the car(s) that are in the unsafe place/any other cars on stop will be excluded from the re-run.

The room agreed that the above trials needed to be consistent.

Safety Report: the safety report was E-mailed before the meeting.

It was confirmed that only official NASA safety officers/directors can do track erections. CJ asked which NASA safety officers/directors are appointed to which track BH will find out.

It was agreed that the driving briefing sheet can be put up at signing on/pits control rather than read out at the drivers meeting.

The trialling of the Marshal post/barrier was discussed, it was felt as there were no incidents it was inconclusive and therefore optional, but not mandatory RhW felt it was not safe to use.

DR requested that any correspondence should go through CC.

11.05am RH and MC entered the room

Disciplinary Report: A report had been E-mailed to the chairmen before the meeting. An amendment to the report- the appeals panel will consist of two directors and 2 chairmen.

The directors joined the chairmen's meeting.

Ray Wyeth	RW	Director
Heath Luck	HL	Director
Warren Beatty	WB	Director
Pat Patrick	PP	Director
Callie Cooper	CC	Director
Ricky Houlihan	RH	Director
Julie Hawthorn Fernihough	JHF	Director
Anthony Ross	AR	Director

AR chose an appeal case at random to bring himself up to speed with how the procedure works.

All Disaplinaries, appeals and investigations are complete for the 2023 season.

Disaplinaries and appeals must be kept separate, if there is an appeal from a disciplinary then different directors, chairmen and secretary will be used.

Once an appeal has been completed that decision is final.

A.O.B: JHF had been given a statement from a NASA savings account, she was unaware that it existed. JHF will speak to Steve Langley with regards to investing money. CJ has offered to help JHF.

RW asked if we could get Margaret something more than the bunch of flowers she received, it was suggested that Barbara should also get something else for all their years of service to NASA. CJ will look for something appropriate.

It is recommended that all NASA committees have a minimum of six meetings per year. These meetings should preferably be at the same time each month. They need to differ in days as some members have two roles. The Chairmen's meeting is on the last Thursday of the month and the Marshals are on the second Wednesday of the month.

MT asked if an F600 can still race as a class eight and not use controlled tyres. It was proposed by ML that any car registered as a class must race in that class for the year, this was seconded by OE, the room took a vote 16 for this proposal 0 against and 1 abstained.

F600's must be on a controlled tyre regardless.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 12.00pm

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