

# NATIONAL AUTOGRASS SPORT ASSOCIATION LTD



## **Minutes of Marshals meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022, Meeting held on Zoom**

### **(1) Present:**

Stuart Thomas	NASA Chief Marshal
Heath Luck	NASA Director of Marshals
Jason Baker	NASA Marshals Secretary
James Bubb	NASA Assistant Chief Marshal
Arran Warburton	NASA Assistant Chief Marshal
Lynn Cooper	NASA Assistant Chief Marshal

<b><u>Chief Marshal</u></b>	<b><u>No.</u></b>	<b><u>League</u></b>	<b><u>Attended?</u></b>
Sean Chamberlain	01	East Midlands	Yes
Rob Brehony	02	Gloucestershire	Yes
Stuart Thomas	04	South Wales	Yes
Dexter North	05	Southern	No
	06	West Midlands	No
James Bubb	07	M. A. P	Yes
Lynn Cooper	09	North Western	Yes
Martyn Tinker	10	North Yorkshire	No
Steve Bingham	12	Yorkshire	Yes
Mark Hill	14	East Anglian	No
Aidan Arrowsmith	15	Shropshire	Yes
Paul Mason	16	C.G.T.R.O	No
Gareth Lowden	18	Kent	Yes
Heath Luck	19	Dales	Yes
	21	Northern Ireland	No
Carl Smith	22	Wiltshire	Yes
Seamus O'Riordan	23	Southern Ireland	Yes
Carl Secker	24	Fenland	Yes
Allan Kerr	25	Scotland	No

### **Visiting Marshals:**

Paddy Bubb (Evesham), Dave Bennett (Evesham), Andrew Wilde,

### **(1) Apologies:**

Paul Mason

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## **(2) Welcome:**

Done

## **(3) Correspondence:**

None.

## **(4) Previous Minutes & Matters Arising:**

### **a. Dangerous Driving**

Feel Dangerous Driving is probably 70% of the problems we have start to first corner. Do we bring the cross over board back?

## **(5) Safety:**

### **a. PPE**

Arran getting British standard numbers for two piece coveralls. Marshals and drivers? Why are we looking at? Grey area, Safety Team just looking to clarify a minimum specification. No such thing as fireproof overalls, only retardant for a few seconds. Jumpers/hi viz over overalls is not permitted.

### **b. Fire Flag:**

Black flag with orange dot as a fire flag? If shown, go to a post for marshal to put it out. North Western have red & yellow striped flag. Sign instead?

**Action:** Leagues to take back and bring back feedback to the next meeting.

### **c. Chocking of Startline:**

Compulsory handbrake referred to Scrutineers committee from Marshals and Safety team. No feedback yet.

## **(6) BAS Review:**

Weather didn't help, marshalling was good. One driver sent a video questioning a green flag decision. 13kg extinguishers were too heavy. Cones not a big issue. One complaint received by a few about a black flag for hitting a cone and gaining an advantage. Felt cameras were marshalling and not there to support. Discussion on different incidents that can appear similar but very different scenarios. Each time had a discussion between marshals and camera room so as informed decision as possible. Marshal posts felt too far from track markers. Discussion with a driver reviewing a video looking for input, very respectful.

## **(7) UKAC:**

Weather wasn't on our side, no rain for three weeks and lost a bowser which did cause some downtime as well as very poor driving standards, Class 2 incident where a car hit the armco discussed. Officials received abuse over Facebook after driver believing on fire. Public and personal abuse not acceptable. Local disciplinary process in course.

## **(8) Startline Procedure:**

When are you under starters orders? Yellow on track to signal the wind-up marshal can start spinning. Cwmdu didn't follow how we want the wind up being done (yellow flags and spin), UKAC was. Was there lots of jumps starts at Cwmdu? No, rut helps, maybe 10 most? Same person all day helps improve consistency.

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## (9) Jump Starts:

Who calls black flag for jump start? MAP was running that if they gave up the advantage by first corner, should it be down to this discretion or should it be startline marshal to determine if they have given up the advantage. If track discretion, should they be last? The jump start call can come a lap or two into the race. If you are last to leave the line then okay? Some see a car roll and then push back or black before leaving the line, should we continue with the race start and see if they disadvantage themselves?

**Rule 5.3.21:** A driver making a “jump start”, i.e. starting to race before the signal is given to do so, will receive a black flag. However, if a vehicle makes any movement before the start signal is given and then stops in acknowledgement that the driver has jumped the start, then the driver may not be excluded from the race. A driver who clearly jumps the start will be black flagged. The race will only be stopped if the vehicle receiving the black flag is judged to have impeded other competitors.

**Action:** Leagues to take back and bring back feedback to the next meeting.

## (10) Any Other Business:

### a. Broken down cars

No current rule but can prove dangerous as well as the implications on the race. No rule currently in place but needs to look into, pull in and get last place points? Driving around incase of re-run, if can come off under own steam then give points or let back into re-run? Black and green flag crossed to go off track but gain points? If a car a couple of laps down we give them the points so why not a damaged car?

**Action:** Leagues to take back and bring back feedback to the next meeting.

### b. Marshals award:

Deadline today, around 10x applications.

### c. Cones on straight:

If a car takes two cones on straight, is it a green flag? No, rule says two cones on the same corner, no mention of straight. You can give a black if they gain an advantage as it doesn't specify corner on that rule.

**Rule 5.3.28:** Any driver deemed to have disturbed two track markers on the same corner, on the same lap, will receive a green flag. Any driver to have deemed to have disturbed more than two track markers on the same corner, on the same lap will receive a black flag.

**Rule 5.3.29:** Any driver deemed to have gained an advantage by racing on the infield or by disturbing one or more track markers, will be black flagged.

**Action:** Leagues to take back and bring back feedback to the next meeting.

### d. Racing on Infield:

Black flag is only if gain advantage, rule of generally racing on infield is no longer a black flag. Raised at UKAC. Rule needs to be back in for 2023.

**Rule 5.3.29:** Any driver deemed to have gained an advantage by racing on the infield or by disturbing one or more track markers, will be black flagged.

### e. Car stopped and then chequer:

If a car has stopped and doesn't cross the chequer flag on the circuit, should they get points? BAS may have a certain rule, but at Chief Marshals discretion. If they don't pass flag on the track, they don't get the points.

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## **e. Broken down drivers:**

Do not remove helmet when parked up, helmet and harness must be in place until off the track.

**Action:** Safety Team are looking into this with a post due shortly.

## **f. Drivers being recovered:**

Should driver keep helmet on until off track or until parked up? Parked up, all drivers should have harness and helmet on when driving in the pits. Not specified in rulebook? What about unloading? What about a marshal steering a car under recovery? Should wear helmet.

## **g. Scarborough:**

Scarborough invited Stuart, Aaran and Jason to their Dash for Cash to assist with marshalling, went well. Scarborough felt shock to system, learnt a lot from having you guys there, an eye opener.

## **(11) Nationals Marshals Briefing:**

There will be a nationals marshals briefing on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July at the Mens Nationals, in the hospitality unit.

## **(12) Next Meeting:**

To be confirmed after Mens Nationals

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**If a league requires any items for discussion – these must be put in writing (by post or email – details as above) and forwarded to Jason (Secretary) before the meeting takes place. The letter must be signed by the League Chairman and Chief Marshal.**

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