

NATIONAL AUTOGRASS SPORT ASSOCIATION LTD



SCRUTINEERS ZOOM COMMITTEE MEETING

REF: ZMS4MIN090822/GIJ

TUESDAY 9 AUGUST 2022 - 7.00pm

Contemporary notes from Zoom meeting.

Present

Name		League
J. Knipe	16	CGTRO(LINCOLN)
D. George	14	EAST ANGLIA
S. Heath	01	EAST MIDLANDS
	24	FENLAND
J. Bennet	02	GLOUCESTER
ap	18	KENT
N. Grasby	07	MIDLAND AP
P. Cooper	09	NORTH WESTERN
	21	NORTHERN IRELAND
	10	NORTH YORKSHIRE
	25	SCOTTISH LEAGUE
B. Gould	15	SHROPSHIRE AA
S. Ford	05	SOUTHERN
P. Meli	04	SOUTH WALES
ap	19	THE DALES
A. O'Neill	23	IRELAND
ap	06	WEST MIDLANDS
R. Gurney	22	WILTSHIRE
G. Green	12	YORKSHIRE
Mr R. Wyeth		NASA Director
M H. Luck		NASA Director & Stock Hatch SC
Mr D. George		NASA Scrutineer.
Mr A. Taylor		NASA Scrutineer.
Mr N. Taylor		NASA Scrutineers
Mr G. I. Jones		NASA Scrutineers Secretary.
Mr P. Peek		Stock Hatch SC

Mr A. Taylor welcomed all.

2022 National Championships Men's.

Mr R. Wyeth explained situation regarding Mr P. Smith.

Mr A. Taylor gave the results of both pre-race and post-race scrutineering.

Some subject to disciplinary/appeals procedures – awaiting outcome.

Discussion regarding welding bay current and future use.

Discussion and mis-information countered, re purely random re-checking of blue tagged roll cages on vehicles (Necessary to ensure continued compliance). 60+ checked 1 failed – Older special (No record of fitted tag number) - driver unaware of undersize bars. Excluded (competitor understandably aggrieved) – bars subsequently changed ready for new owner and vehicle fitted with new tag after re-measure.

2022 National Championships L&J.

Generally, as Men's.

Brake Testing – All vehicles will undergo a brake test.

Noise Testing - All vehicles will undergo a noise test.

Any vehicles noted as seemingly noisy by marshals during a race will be reported to scrutineers for a noise re-test.

Leage & Club Scrutineers volunteers needed to help as Host is a small club with limited resources.

Stock Hatch

League Scrutineers to liaise with Mr H. Luck/Mr P. Peek to ensure compliance before L&J NAC's – Face Time inspections if necessary.

Stock Hatch - Reminders:

If Vehicle fitted with OBD plug as standard then the plug must be fitted and operate correctly.

Engine and ECU must be sealed.

Fuel regulator and system must be as standard and correct for engine used. – Incorrect items found at recent Men's NAC.

Scrutineering

Tagging

NASA has purchased 2 more tagging machines that are in circulation and are available for use.

Rebuilt vehicles.

Where a vehicle is rebuilt say over winter – components changed, cage blast cleaned and re-powdered; the onus is on competitor to ensure continued rule compliance including metal thicknesses.

Mandatory Startline Handbrake – Safety & Marshals Committee

Safety Team require an answer. Vote: 2 against. 14 For – **CARRIED**

Therefore for 2023 a startline handbrake is compulsory for all vehicles in all classes – Subject to NASA Board authorisation.

For classes that must retain standard handbrake – Conversion to "Fly Off" by repositioning of ratchet is to be permitted.

Rules to be amended (Subject to Board approval) to suit.

Mudguards – Safety & Marshals Committee.

Awaiting more feedback from Leagues.

Wheel Hub Tethers

Minimal feedback received. Concerns re fixings & type, length of tether. More information required.

Junior Special – Nominated control tyre

Goodride tyres looked at M&S 185/65 x14 – SW608 - Cost £60. Other sizes available. New not remould and readily available.

Specimens may be purchased and trialled.

Saloons - Non-proprietary wings/panels.

Vehicle reported at previous meeting inspected.

Several classes have fabricated panels (Pick Up) and door skins already. Some good copies of std panels.

Does NASA need to nominate suppliers to reduce "home-made" or "poor copy" types?

Discuss again in future. Feedback from Leagues required.

Class 1 – Micra – 175/65x14 Tyres Trial.

P. Meli – son raced - not much difference in performance.

Others not yet raced. One due to race this weekend.

Class 2 – Experimental Vehicle Request –

Daihatsu Sirion 1.3 DOHC 100bhp on road.

Information supplied and from other sources considered.

Concerns re age of vehicle – 20+ years old; availability of vehicles, spares, panels, performance etc.

Newer vehicles needed. – Agreed not to proceed. Request denied.

Class 2 – Future change of vehicle specification

Current cars are 30+ years old. Newer more modern vehicles are required to update class. However, weight is an issue (Yaris is approx. 100Kg heavier than the Micra & Nova).

Possible introduction of minimum weight to compensate newer vehicles – 600kg?

Permitting of say 1.2/1.3/1.4 16 valve vehicles? Place age restriction to ensure newer such vehicles 15/10 years old (e.g., Must be after a specified year)? Effect on Stock hatch?

Discuss again in future. Feedback from Leagues required.

Junior Special – Yaris Engine Experiment

Test vehicle built and was on display at TD NAC – many positive comments received. Vehicle has raced at York and competitive. May be at L&J – to be confirmed.

Introduction of minimum Weight Limit – Class 8.

Concerns re lightness of some vehicles. Failed thin suspension support brackets. Use of lightweight fixings and titanium bolts and also lightweight wheels.

Reference to recent special roll over where lightweight fixings failed.

Lightweight bolts should be replaced with steel types as rules. All bolts/fixings must be suitable for whatever loads they are subject to.

Weight of vehicles - Some found to be approx. 320Kg.

Time to introduce limit of say 350/375/390/400 Kg? – say 2024?

Prohibit of ballast over drive wheels.

Data gathering - Random weight survey to be carried out at next BAS round – Overall weight only not cross weights etc.

Discuss again in future. Feedback from Leagues required.

General Queries.

Class 2 – Engine block repair.

Can thrust bearing/engine block repair be carried out. – YES, provided in accordance with standard reconditioning practise.

Any repair that may be deemed as competition enhancement is prohibited.

Class 4, 5, & 6 FWD vehicles – rear tailgate/bumper modification.

Concerns regarding size of rear opening and strength of shell once rear bumper removed/shortened allowing following vehicle to pass under bodyshell in event of rear impact. The current rules are not policed as stringently in past (e.g. see Class 4 rule 2.13 & 2.14 & Fig 31).

Vehicles of concern to be checked.

Feedback from Leagues required.

FUTURE ZOOM MEETINGS: TUESDAY 13 SEPTEMBER @ 7.00pm.