

MINUTES OF THE CHAIRMAN'S MEETING HELD ON SATURDAY 8th
 OCTOBER 2011 AT THE TRAVELODGE, BIRMINGHAM ROAD, WALSALL AT
 11.00AM

Present: East Midlands Nick Clark – representing Andrea Boerngen
 Gloucester
 WASA Paul Brooks
 South Wales
 Southern Mark Hoppe
 West Midlands Tony Griffiths
 MAP Pete Haines Jayne Barrett Steve Langley
 North Western Malcolm Cooper
 North Yorkshire Paul Glover
 Essex
 Yorkshire
 West Wales Joan Bevans
 East Anglian Jeffrey Parrish
 Shropshire Chris Smith
 CGTRO Pete West
 Kent
 Dales Don Hilton
 Northern Ireland
 Wiltshire Chris Tee
 Southern Ireland
 Fenland
 Scotland
 NASA Margaret Allen
 Barbara Harper
 Maureen Boyd
 Ted Shillitto
 Don Hilton
 Simon Bentley Louise Bentley

Don opened the meeting on behalf of Ted who had gone to rescue Maureen who had broken down. Maureen's thanks to Louise Bentley who took the first part of the meetings minutes.

1 Apologies

Apologies were received from Fenland, Essex, Shropshire Kent and Scotland.

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5 Treasurers Report

Margaret in the current account we have 87134.25
In the deposit account we have 36535.61

The insurance company will be at the AGM in November to discuss policies.

12 Nationals 2012

Don-they have a venue, same layout as 2007 with longer straights. They have a main sponsor. Autosport International and Black Sheep Brewery are involved. Severn Valley have everything in place for the ladies juniors.

11 Signing on at two day meetings

Mark- why do drivers have to sign on on both days at a two dayer, not BAS, as they don't have to be scrutineered both days. Margaret said she can ask the insurance company when they come to the AGM. Also drivers who are officiating at the meeting must also sign the officials sheet on both days.

2 Minutes of the meeting of the 25th June 2011.

Maureen-date for applications for the AGM is October 14th not the 8th as the minutes state.

Page 1 – nothing

Page 2 – **Mark**-measuring tool that has been purchased – which is it. **Ted**-metal measuring.

Mark-bore measuring, **Simon**-looking at it – need to speak to Lance, it needs to be checked.

Page 3 – **Ted** – NASA have increased your remuneration for coming to the meetings which means cost have gone up.

Page 4 – nothing

Page 5 – **Joan**- insurance cost at race meetings when there are only a small number of cars attending. A discussion was held on this subject with various ideas being brought up.

Page 6 – nothing

3 Adoption of the minutes of the 25th June 2011.

Pete West proposed they were a true record and this was seconded by **Paul Glover**

4 Directors Report

Ted-tyre policy – **Simon**- at the last meeting we gave a basic idea and there have been a lot of discussions since then. We have had three directors meetings and discussed it at length. Everyone has agreed on the tyre regs. We talked about opening it up and taking away measuring tyres at race meetings. In Option A if you buy a tyre marked 60 you race it and that is it, it is legal, if not it will be between the supplier and NASA. We have a possible third option A supplier – Liam Evans. We are just waiting for him to meet the criteria.

Option B stays with the approved list controlled by the chief scrutineer. It also remains the competitors responsibility.. Any tyre not marked 60 will be deemed to be option B and the responsibility of the driver. Simon brought the draft with him if any one wanted to read it. Gareth Jones is re –writing the rules at present.

Malc-is the tolerance (10%) you are talking about from the manufacturer or day to day racing.

Simon – at the end of the day if the tyre is used and warm after a race and a test is taken you can see the difference between super soft and sure hardness. In manufacturing the tolerance is 10%, we have gone with 55 (from 60). **Lynn**-what happens if a driver uses a tyre softener.

Simon-it is difficult to prove and it would be up to the scrutineers to send the tyre away for

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analysis. Tyre manufacturers are happy to take responsibility for the tyres they sell. If you use a softener you are blatantly cheating. **Ted**-are you all happy with it. **Simon**- it is effective until December 2013. Additional Option A tyre suppliers can apply to NASA as long as they meet the criteria. **Ted**- I had a conversation with a tyre supplier who had a pile of tyres that were the next grade down and he said they would still work 56-57 shore hardness.

Do we give it a whirl, there have been lots of discussions behind the scenes, thanks to all involved. A lot has been put to one side to do this, so we now need to get our heads down and progress. **Mark**-who will vet the rule after Gareth has written it, common sense has been applied. **Ted**-bans at the nationals – some have appealed and some not, but the appeals were not successful. The drivers are:

ST27 Jason Mills who may not hold a licence until 1st June 2012

SR54 Lee Evason who may not hold a licence until 8th May 2012

C3 Ryan Jones who may not hold a licence until 8th May 2012

PAC157 Tom Roberts who may not hold a licence until 8th May 2012 and until NASA has closure from his solicitor he may not get one after that.

Ted – when someone has bought an engine and it's a youngster what do you do, you can't issue no ban it would open the floodgates. **Simon** – we are having talks about engine builders possibly being licensed, it needs a lot of discussion.

Ted-14/28 day GPDO rule – it was brought to our attention that the government was doing a review, I got in touch with them and sent a reply with a précis about what we did.. 85% of it has been squashed. It has now come under the guidance of the neighbourhood development who will take over from the local council. Your 14 days include set up days. **Joan**-have NASA got any documentation on National Parks. We have a problem, was have raced for 27 years in the same area but now someone has complained and took the complaint to Pembrokeshire National Park. We can continue to race but now have to remove everything after each race meeting.

Ted-disabled drivers – talked about them- there are so many different disabilities, we said we would put a tick box on the licence application form. **Barbara**-have spoke at length to Steve Langley and we both feel it is not quite as simple as doing a form with the licence. We have decided to put on the bottom of the application form ' I accept that it is my responsibility to inform the host club / league of any disability / medical condition I have or any medication I am receiving which may affect any treatment I may need in the event of an accident'. It is then up to the individual to let the people on the day know. There will also be a paragraph in the members handbook Rule 7 page 10 after ...licence for medical reasons ' It is the responsibility of any driver to inform the host club / league of any disability / medical condition or any medication they are receiving which may affect any treatment needed in the event of an accident' **Chris T**-would it be an idea to have it on the side of the car. **Barbara**-may drive a different car.

Ted-we have a club asking for permission to be a one club league, but we also have clubs that have not got a track and not had one for a long time, and possibly not ever going to get a track but taking members at possibly a reduced rate, **Pete W**-surely you want to discourage one club leagues. **Don**-we are talking about two different issues here. **Simon** – we need to try and help clubs with no tracks, but we also need to stop leagues breaking up. **Jeffrey** –are the clubs that don't have tracks harming the leagues – I don't think they are. **Mark**-if you look at the proper route of communication what goes on in the league should be dealt with in the league. **Ted**- will have to discuss it more. **Paul G**-being one of the clubs that has not got a track- the three leagues in the Northern area get together to do dates and charges for the year, we at White Rose do not charge any less.

Jeffrey-each club has its own needs so need to charge different rates.

Ted then read out a letter from Leewood. **Malcolm** - our licence fee is £55 so it is more than most around us. **Tim Clancy**-feel over the years there have been situations where people have come out of the league and then come back and join a non functional club. There was a rumour

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there are five members of a NASA club going to a non racing club. **Lynn** –this has been discussed at league level and it has been agreed we stay as we are. **Simon**-it is up to the league and should not come here, we are going to try and help clubs out. **Nick** – we discussed this a couple of meetings back. **Lynn** – we have 49 members all in and we have agreed with the league we will take no more than 50. **Ted**-sort it out at league level. **Simon**-at the end of the day we have said if you have not raced for two years we need to look at it. We need to try and help clubs. If Leewood have a problem they should go to the league first. **Mark**-are there any clear records in NASA to show which clubs are racing or not racing. You should have clear data recorded. Margaret will let Maureen have the information.

Malcolm-ARC will run a qualifier at North Wales next season. **Mark** – we also need to look at insurance costs.

Ted-flags / jump starts- rerun or rerace, we discussed exactly what is a jump start. **Simon**-we said what we thought and would open it up to the room. If you dock a position in a race and that race is rerun or reraced should that docked position be carried forward. **Mark** – the downside to that is if someone jump starts and is in the lead and the marshals stop the race, perhaps we should go back to going back two places. **Paul B** – at the end of the day you have the same grid positions. **Don**- if in a race you get a black flag for a jump start do you get to go in the rerun.

A general discussion followed on this. **Steve L**-if you are saying you are not going to carry a jump start forward, what's the difference to a green flag in a race, still gain advantage, there is a danger of inconsistency.

Ted-there was quite an issue at a race meeting with drivers being able to view playback at the end of the day, we are going to ask West Country Videos not to do that. **Simon**-from a BAS point of view we are going to ask the same. **Jeffrey**-could you not say the driver has 15 minutes to appeal then after that the item is closed.

Ted-abuse at the ladies / juniors nationals, a couple of officials were verbally abused. It has been sorted.

2012 Nationals are all in hand
class 3 shell – need to improve to modern shells.

Track construction – want to lengthen the run off track, it is down to the individuals and the person who does your track inspection.

AGM – there are four directors positions vacant on the Board, the cut off date is the 14th October 2011.

We are now on Facebook.

BAS are looking at ways of restricting numbers at race meetings.

Finally – Joan and insurance for individual clubs to be charged pro rata, we have spoke about it over the years. A discussion was held on the subject. **Paul B**- the affiliation fees are worked out on the membership from the previous year and you have signing on sheets that shows how many are at each meeting.

6 Correspondence

letter from East Anglian League – also passed to the scrutineers – they feel the scrutineers should have a tea break so they get a build up of cars and are not just getting dribbles.

7 Safety

Ted-Lance would like to extend the run off areas at meetings.

14 Dates for 2012

Sunday February 19th – chairmen, scrutineers, marshals / safety officers

Saturday April 14th – chairmen and scrutineers only

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Saturday June 16th - chairmen, scrutineers, marshals / safety officers

Saturday October 6th - chairmen, scrutineers, marshals / safety officers

Sunday November 25th AGM

The venue has yet to be announced but it looks like it may be back at the Uni (will let you know)

Barbara's dates:

Signing on sheets - Sunday 20th May 2012
Licences - Wednesday 23rd May 2012
R101 - Tuesday 19th June 2012
L / J Forms - Wednesday 18th July 2012

Licences 3/10/2010 4753

6/10/2011 4675 78 down but there may be some when I get home.

The junior assessment forms will be available at the AGM and will be in duplicate so the driver has a copy to show he has done it.

Ted-we have marshals not standing behind the barriers and one in particular has been told it is too dangerous and will be getting a letter. It is being discussed today at the marshals meeting.

13 Review 2011 season

Ted-lot got taken up by different issues, got to progress, AGM coming up, got to split up so we have a nice balance. Its dammed hard work.

Ted – Don is not happy as he has been a Vice Chairman for a couple of years but is not in the loop. It's the balance of what I can and cant discuss. **Mark** – feel the communication is the flaw in NASA and I don't feel we are given the respect we deserve as chairmen.

Lynn-what is happening with the rewriting of the rule books. **Simon** – Dave Walker was doing it.

Lynn – can you not do one or two a year. **Mark** – am I in the minority here. **Joan**- there is always room for improvement both ways.

A discussion was held on the amount of people needed for a quorum in legal matters – all felt it was too high. Maureen has contacted the solicitor and he said it can be changed in the Articles by the 'members' in a special resolution at an EGM where there has to be 75 % attendance of the 'members'. **Jeffrey**- suggest we have a separate by law so delegates can have a vote – all agreed.

15 Any other business

C Smith-is NASA going to pursue a technical advisor. **Simon**-technical advisor or Director – but it is up to the scrutineers committee.

Mark- following the South Somerset Grand Prix – there were a couple of complaints to the local council about noise, who is the director in charge of noise. **Don** – I can give you loads of info.

Pete W – also can give you Herman's number. **Don**-we have a noise monitor in a certain place and we send it to the local council. **Mark**- because of the location of the track we are near a campsite. The camping exemption that was raised is that all people camping on the site have to be members of the association. **C Smith**-if you run a professional camp site, we send out a little card for you to join our 'club'

Mark – the log book idea I sent to Maureen to give to the Directors – I feel it should be pursued.

Pete W – signing on fees – may be we don't charge enough for gate fees etc, small clubs must be finding it hard. The signing on fee was bought in to help, would like to see a standard fee across the board. **Mark**-should be a league thing. **Lynn** – if the fee is high it may deter people from going. **Joan**-so if you give trophies that eats some of it.

Ted-re the 15 minutes for race complaints. **Jeffrey** – not sure about 15 perhaps 30 – to be thought about.

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Mark – is there any plans for NASA to fund Grass FM **Simon** – no. **Ted** – no it is down to each individual club / league.

At this point we were joined by Dougal from the scrutineers meeting where they have been discussing John Gay's new engine – it is a motorbike engine, was made for a car but never fitted in one. We are looking at saying no but nothing will happen till the end of next year.

We have been doing the final bits for the rule books today.

It came up in our meeting and the marshals about abuse to officials by competitors. At the ladies / juniors nationals I was threatened by four people on the start line. One was Craig Smith who was shouting obscenities with a pint of beer in his hand. He threatened to beat me up because I wouldn't let a car race. It is not a family orientated sport any more. **Simon** – in Craig's defence eventually he was trying to quieten the others down telling them to calm down. **Dougal** – it has got to stop there are a lot of people who will not work because of it. **Simon** – I think we need to look at the Craig issue a bit more. Dougal said it was all over just get them away from me..

Mark – the discipline procedure was supposed to have been bought to the June meeting by Pat.

Smig – in our room they wanted to know why we don't just take their licence away there and then and then have the process.

A general discussion was held on the subject.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 3.20pm.

Next meeting AGM Sunday November 27th 2011.

