

**Minutes of Chairmans meeting held at Travel Lodge, Birmingham Road,
Walsall on June 25th, 2011**

Present

Craig Smith
Paul Brooks
Norman Rogers
Tony Griffiths
Pete Haines
Paul Glover
Marcia Jackson
Joan Bevans
Ernie Ashley
Pete West
Don Hilton
Chris Tee
Kenneth Beals
Nick Clarke
Jayne Barrett
Alison Clayton
Chris Rogers
Pat Ashley
Steve Walford

NASA

Margaret Allen
Barbara Harper
Ted Shillitto
Don Hilton
Simon Bentley

Apologies were received from Derek Lynch, Mal and Lyn Cooper and Mark Hoppe

Ted thanks everyone for their attendance.

Minutes

Page 2 – nothing

Page 3 – nothing

Page 4 – Craig Smith asked if the previously discussed measuring tool had been purchased. Ted – Yes

Page 5 – Tyres – Ted informed the meeting that would be a later discussion on the tyre issue

Page 6 – nothing

Page 7 – nothing

The minutes were accepted as a true record proposed Craig Smith seconded Paul Glover.

Directors report –May 7th meeting

Simon Bentley gave a report on the tyre issue. A tyre committee had been approved. More tyres would be opened up for use which would be better all round. Andrew Smith and Derek Hardy had stated that each tyre would be looked at on its own merit and would be given individual attention.

Rule books – A date would be set for the rule books to be reproduced in plain English. Video playback would be accepted and this might get rid of the catch 22 situation with drivers disputing flags and marshalls' decisions.

Margaret Allen stated that she had had lots of breathalyser forms back so they must be working.

Simon Bentley – Disabled person should be allowed to race but NASA should be informed of their disabilities.

Barbara Harper gave numbers of members 2010 4455
2011 4512

Metal thickness machine would be bought and held by Lance Bowen.

Matters arising.

Chris Tee – Is disability going to be put on licence form? Margaret Allen – Insurers suggest yes.

Paul Brooks – Can disabled drivers cars be made specially? This has been discussed before but never finalised. Ted – Cars should comply with NASA rules.

Jayne Barrett – If a driver holds a DVLA licence they should be allowed to race. Paul Glover – If a disabled driver wants to race then they should comply with NASA rules.

Ted – should be careful using the term disabled as this might discriminate against someone who had e.g. a hip replacement and there should be further discussion regarding licence forms.

Paul Brooks – Wasn't Dave Walker supposed to do rule books for this meeting? Ted – DW no longer doing them.

Marcia Jackson – Is there a date proposed for the rule books and this has been going on forever? Ted – no final date

Tyres

Simon Bentley – The tyre list has not been finalised for this meeting. Tyres will be authorised on an individual basis by the tyre committee annually. They will be approved by Dougal and Terry Allen and re-authorised each year. Option A and Option B will be round, black and authorised with regard to cost and tread pattern. Tyre committee will be appointed by the Board. Committee not finalised yet. Norman Rogers – Does the shore hardness stay the same? Simon Bentley – No, it has to be reset that we accept authorised tyres. Tony Griffiths – time this was done so there will be no conflict with drivers regarding shore hardness. Simon Bentley – shore hardness will disappear from the rule book. The rule will be BLACK, ROUND AND AUTHORISED.

Nick Clarke – was it correct that Simon Bentley has a financial interest in dealing with Maxsport? Simon Bentley – there are five people on the BAS committee not only himself. Nick Clarke – suggested that Simon should not be on tyre committee in the light of his connection to BAS. Simon Bentley – will look into it. Ted – don't let this discussion get out of hand because it is going over old ground. Marcia Jackson – Why should we be worried about what people spend on tyres, it's their own business.

We should be looking more at safety issues. People will spend what they can afford and it's none of our business. Paul Glover – Finance for tyres should not come into the equation. Simon Bentley – Agree as long as the tyre not too aggressive or bad value but not anyone's business. Pete West – Option B should stay because it keeps the sport affordable for club racers.. Simon Bentley – Option B will stay – level playing field for everyone. The will no longer be Option A. Paul Glover – the maximum width made a big difference. Terry Allen has done an excellent job.

Treasurers Report

Current account £91,163. 10

Deposit account £36,535. 51

The new cost for Chairmans' meetings - £1523. 25

Margaret will not be issuing credit for cancelled meetings if she has not been notified. Insurance has stated that if a driver wants to marshall he must also sign on to the marshals sheets. Must sign on two separate sheets.

Insurance Co. is quite happy. There have been 3 nasty accidents but compared to the amount of racing, they are satisfied.

Awareness of safety equipment

Ted – Official must be making drivers aware of what safety equipment is on the market e.g. in cases of arms coming out of cars.

Jayne Barrett- Worried about the safety of marshals due to blood spatter etc. Feels that due to what they might encounter, junior marshall should not go out to a rollover and that marshals should all have basic safety training. Ted – Andrew Smith going to discuss marshall training and maybe going to get DVD's or tutorials on fire extinguishers. Hopefully will get some materials to share with leagues and explain it all and do some training. Craig Smith – Get directors trained to do it at track inspection days. Ted – that would not be impossible. Marcia Jackson – what about obtaining or making a DVD illustrating different scenarios. Paul Glover – some race venues do training days if anyone is interested they can go. Paul Brooks – what about getting a DVD and showing it in a tent on Friday night before all big meeting? Paul Glover – pretty sure West Country Videos would screen it. Ted – possibly booklets could be produced and handed out at these showings. Steve Walford – Train league chief marshals first. Joan Bevans – All marshals need to be trained and need to be aware of all bodily fluids not just blood.

Ted – Fire extinguishers which are ex Tesco are available and he could get some to Cwmdru if anyone was interested. Pete Haines – be aware sell by date on extinguishers is five years. Paul Glover – could do a five year discharge test. Ted – Just keep advising members what is available safety wise.

Thieving

Ted – petty thieving has been around for a long time but people must be seeing things and not saying. Time has come to ban anyone caught as a deterrent to others. Marcia Jackson – the new camping rules have exacerbated this as people are not longer able

to camp in “Family” groups where everyone looked out for everyone else possessions. Ted – agree this has not helped. Steve Walford- is only in the camping area or is it cars as well? Ted – often on race cars steering wheels and tyres and wheels often turn up after being presumed stolen. Ted – Make sure you advise all members on security.

Grass FM

Ted – This concept is not new. Neil Soley wants know who would pay for it NASA or the host league. Norman Rogers – NASA should pay. Tony Griffiths – been quoted £800 by Neil Soley – outrageous. Simon Bentley – BASD FM cost £25. Paul Brooks – Grass FM at Penhow would be a good promotional tool and a useful service for those unable to attend. Norman Rogers – Grass FM will be at the Mens Nationals. Joan Bevans – worked well at West Wales BAS. Craig Smith – might detract from the gate but agreed that the radio part is useful for anyone in the campsite to notify of changed in running order etc. Paul Brooks – Grass FM will be at Penhow BAS on Friday as well and Niel has offered any students doing media studies to come along and participate. They should contact Niel.

Mens Nationals 2011

Norman Rogers – Everything going well. Who is responsible for breathalysers? Ted – NASA. Norman reported that there would be 24hr security with fully authority to evict anyone causing trouble. There will be no appeals. Paul Glover – Can security phone no be included in the programme? Norman – will be arranged

Ladies and Juniors 2011

Tony Griffiths – All going well. There will be Radio on site but not Grass FM

Directors due to retire will be on Agenda of October 14th meeting. Anyone wishing to apply needs to send cv to Maureen Boyd before that date.

Mens Nationals 2012 -Everything looking good and track is being altered.

Ladies and Juniors 2012 – All going well

Novice Junior Tests

Ted – Should we be doing more than the basics? Maybe give them some track time? Craig Smith – Yes, make the test harder. Ted – Is this a common problem or just the odd isolated incident? Marcia Jackson – We have trialed novice juniors being kept away from juniors until more experienced. Ted – Have found that they usually settle after the first race. Pete West – We failed one. DOn Hilton – YD Failed two.. Craig Smith – Make them stay off the racing line for one lap as they might be a danger to others. Jayne Barrett – reversing should be part of the test because some don't have a clue.

Cars not complying with NASA rules

Ted – Seat heights are becoming a problem especially with cars that have two drivers. Tony Griffiths – Are we policing thickness of roll cages? Simon Bentley – Machine should have been at York. Craig Smith – How accurate is this machine compared to a micrometer? Simon Bentley – extremely accurate. Lance Bowen will be speaking to insurers on Monday to see if they are happy with the leeway or will 2.3 be hard and fast. For Mens Nationals everything will have to be either 2.3 or 2.5. Simon thinks they will allow leeway but if they say no then that is how it will be. Craig Smith – Depends on what type of steel is being used. Different types are different thickness. Marcia Jackson – Are we now penalising people for building their own cars and making everyone buy from builders? Craig Smith – How come a car that has failed at Glos league be allowed to race everywhere else. How many leagues actually do pre-season scrutineering? Ted – We need to pursue this before some bad happens. Andrew Smith – One of the main problems is a junior and a man driving same car with the head height radically different. Pete West – Can the diagonal bars which have been introduced be put in Class 1's and 2's as well. Simon Bentley – will take it back to Directors. Jayne Barrett – Our junior has them for safety sake.

Any Other Business

Craig Smith – Are any other leagues doing pre-season scrutineering?

Only 5 of leagues represented in the room do it.

Tony Griffiths – It's optional not compulsory. Ted – There are different types of scrutineering with most leagues. Craig Smith – Are we not concerned that there are cars racing which are not properly built? Ted – We need to be supporting the scrutineers so take it back to your leagues and suggest pre-season.

Pete Haines – MAP Open has to come forward one week but it then falls foul of the 8 week rule. Was this rule set in stone? They want a BAS but not be possible if 8 week rule applies. Ted – Will look into this. Paul Brooks – Thinks it was brought in to stop smaller clubs not being able to have big meetings. Simon Bentley – Will check to see if this rule has been ratified. Steve Walford – Why can't the MAP Open be a BAS round like it used to be. Simon Bentley – NASA won't allow it.

Joan Bevans – Club racing is decreasing. Why can't there be regional qualifying rounds. This would increase attendance at club meetings. Joan also asked why do clubs putting on meetings with e.g. 80 cars have to pay the same insurance and race meetings with 200 cars? Can it not be pro rata? Ted – Will raise it at next Directors meeting. With regard to regional qualifiers why don't leagues who want to try it and see if it works. Joan Bevans – We could arrange it ourselves if NASA will allow. Ted – Need to talk to Barbara Harper to see if it's feasible.

Andrew Smith – Can we get rid of tyre barriers as marshals posts and use silage bales instead. Marshalls prefer them. Jayne Barrett – What size silage bales? Andrew Smith – anything up to a ton. Steve Walford – Have you got to apply to NASA to use cones? Simon Bentley – Yes initially. Norman Rogers – Have you got to re-apply every year. Simon Bentley – No.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 14.04 hrs