

**Minutes of Marshals and Safety Officers combined meeting held on
25th June 2011, Travelodge, Birmingham Road, Walsall**

PRESENT:

Terry Williams	(TW)	NASA Director
Andrew Smith	(AS)	NASA Chief Marshal
Sandy Williams		Secretary, Marshals / Safety Officers

League Chief Marshal

Nick Weir
Andy Preece
Steve Jones n/a
Jordan Jones n/a
Graham Barber n/a
James Lewis n/a
Neil Taylor n/a
Carl Jones n/a
Martyn Tinker
Andy Page n/a
Rod Sutherland n/a
Stuart Thomas
Spencer Warburton n/a
Steve Atkins n/a
Paul Mason n/a
Paul Finn n/a
David Shields
Evan Wylie n/a
Carl Smith n/a
Alan O Keefe n/a
Melvyn Clayton n/a
Scott Pryde n/a

League Safety Officer

Andrew Whitmore n/a
Malcolm Butler
Paul Brooks n/a
Duncan Rea n/a
Martin Parsley n/a
Eric Gittoes
Alan Bluck n/a
Rhys Jones n/a
Keith Tillet n/a
Craig Radley n/a
Andy Ford n/a
Stuart Thomas
Tony McKenna n/a
Pete West n/a
John Berry n/a
Malcolm Dawson n/a
Norman Jess n/a
Chris Tee n/a
Shane Houlihan n/a
Jane Green n/a
Jaki Scott n/a

No. League

01 East Midlands
02 Gloucestershire
03 WASA
04 South Wales
05 Southern
06 West Midlands
07 MAP
09 North Western
10 North Yorkshire
11 Essex
12 Yorkshire
13 West Wales
14 East Anglian
15 Shropshire
16 CGTRO
18 Kent
19 Dales
21 Northern Ireland
22 Wiltshire
23 Southern Ireland
24 Fenland
25 Scotland

Names in bold
n/a

Marshals and Safety Officers who attended the meeting
not attended the meeting

Marshals:-

Phill Preece Glos.
 Heather Thomas Bredon Hill
 Rachel Hinton East Midlands
 Ken Tomes Fenland
 Jason Percival CGTRO

Safety Officers:-

Simon Boddy Scunthorpe
 Marcus Mills West Midlands

Apologies:

SAFETY OFFICERS: Pete West (CGTRO)

The meeting commenced at 11.12am.

(AS) read through the minutes of the 20 February 2011 meeting, with matters arising as follows:

- Jaws of Life: These can be used so long as the person operating them is competent.
- Breathalyser Forms: Simon Boddy (CGTRO) has produced a template for a new form, instead of having a separate sheet for each person being tested, all the names and details to be listed on one form. This to be taken back to the Directors.
- Helmets: Are we stating the correct specification in the member's handbook? (AS) spoke to a supplier at a Pennine meeting, this rule needs clarifying, (page 15, rule 16).
- Cones: Cones used to mark the inside of the track, no tyres. (AS) would like to see these used at both Nationals, all present agreed. (AS) to approach the host leagues for this year's Nationals.
- Window Nets/
 Arm Restraints: Discussion on recent incidents at various race meetings where driver(s) have received an injury to their arm. These two items are highly recommended.
- Roof height: Marshals have noted that ' Drivers are sitting far too high in their cars'.
- Catch Fencing: Some felt 6' high Heras fencing should be used. Discussion took place, each club to look at what they can do.
- Cross over boards: Further discussion following on from the last meeting. See page 37 in current Member's Handbook.
- Marshals: We recommend 2 per post; a trainee 'junior marshal' must have at least one adult marshal with them.
- Photographers: Only 1 photographer per post if possible.
- No complaints: Nationals – there are no complaints.
- Cameras: All present are happy with a camera to be used at the Nationals. (TW) to liaise with (AS) on this, (TW) will have the radio.
- False Start: Clarification: See page 38, rule 20 of the members handbook: "*The following will apply at any race meeting with regards to a competitor causing a false start: **EITHER:** (a) the race will be restarted with the offending vehicle(s) handicapped a cars length. Any driver causing 2 (two) false starts will be disqualified **OR** (b)The race will be allowed to continue and the offending vehicle(s) will be deducted 2 (two) places from their actual finishing position. **Any meeting must use only 1 (one) of the above for the whole of the meeting and the chosen method must be informed to all drivers prior to the start of racing. Under both methods a blatant jump start is a black flag offence**".*
 (NOTE: A JUMP START AND DOCKING OF 2 (TWO) PLACES IS NOT A GREEN FLAG OFFENCE).

Amendment on the following from previous minutes:

- NATIONALS: Cones: hitting 2 on **same** corner **on the same lap** = GREEN FLAG.
- NATIONALS: Cones: hitting 3 on **same** corner **on the same lap** = BLACK FLAG.

THE FOLLOWING 2 ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED AT ALL LEAGUES AND IT IS REQUESTED THAT YOU REPLY (before the 8th October 2011) IN WRITING TO EITHER THE CHIEF TRACK MARSHAL: Andrew Smith, Hobsic Farm, Hobsic Lane, Selston, Nottingham, NG16 6FE (tel: 01773 810277) or his Secretary: Sandy Williams, 153 Rookery Lane, Lincoln. LN6 7PW (tel: 01522 684493). Please note: a decision will be taken on the majority of replies received.

QUESTION ONE: The marshals/safety officers present at today's meeting prefer the use of CONES for inside track markers as opposed to TYRES. **What does your league prefer?**

QUESTION TWO: The marshals/safety officers present at today's meeting prefer the use of SILAGE BALES for the marshals safety barriers (at present silage bales / or large tyres are used). **What does your league prefer?**

PLEASE REPLY IN WRITING TO THE ABOVE REQUEST

The letter must be signed by the League Chairman or Secretary

Men's Nationals: All marshal's to meet at 8.45am at race control on the Saturday. Sandy will have signing on sheets.

- **DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 8th October at 11am.**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 1 pm.

Please note: if a league requires any items for discussion – these must be put in writing to Andrew Smith, 2 weeks before the meeting takes place. The letter must be signed by the League Chairman and Chief Marshal / or Safety Officer.