



## NATIONAL AUTOGRASS SPORT ASSOCIATION LTD.

### Minutes of Marshals and Safety Officers combined meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2010, Travelodge, Birmingham Road, Walsall

#### PRESENT:

Mick Garbutt  
Andrew Smith  
Sally Davies

NASA Director  
NASA Chief Marshal  
Secretary, Marshals / Safety Officers

#### League Chief Marshal

**Andrew Smith**  
**Andy Preece**  
*Ken Cope* n/a  
*Norman Mason* n/a  
*Mike Stevens* n/a  
**Paul Strong**  
**Carl Jones**  
*Martyn Tinker* n/a  
*Andy Page* n/a  
*Rod Sutherland* n/a  
**Stuart Thomas**  
*Spencer Warburton* n/a  
*Gary Merton* n/a  
*Paul Mason* n/a  
**Paul Finn**  
**David Shields**  
*Evan Wylie* n/a  
*Carl Smith* n/a  
*Alan O'Keefe* n/a  
*Melvyn Clayton* n/a  
*Scott Graham* n/a

#### League Safety Officer

<b>Andrew Whitmore</b>	01	East Midlands
<b>Malcolm Butler</b>	02	Gloucestershire
<i>Chris Davies</i> n/a	03	WASA
<b>Duncan Rea</b>	04	South Wales
	05	Southern
<b>Eric Gittoes</b>	06	West Midlands
<i>Andy Carlin</i> n/a	07	MAP
<b>Garry Meir</b>	09	North Western
<i>Keith Tillet</i> n/a	10	North Yorkshire
<i>William Rochard</i> n/a	11	Essex
<i>Andy Ford</i> n/a	12	Yorkshire
<b>Stuart Thomas</b>	13	West Wales
<b>Mick New</b>	14	East Anglian
<i>Tim Millington</i> n/a	15	Shropshire
<i>Pete West</i> n/a	16	CGTRO
<b>John Berry</b>	18	Kent
<b>Terry Alderson</b>	19	Dales
<i>Jamie McDonald</i> n/a	21	Northern Ireland
<i>Chris Tee</i> n/a	22	Wiltshire
<i>Jerry Cronin</i> n/a	23	Southern Ireland
<i>Malc Lefevre</i> n/a	24	Fenland
<i>Norman Henderson</i> n/a	25	Scotland

**Names in bold**  
n/a

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

**Marshals:-**

Phill Preece	Glos.
David Glover	N.Yorkshire
Susan Moseley	MAP

**Safety Officers:-**

Others attending:

Heather Thomas – BH  
 Eric Gardner – BH  
 Ian Rogers – CA  
 Barbara Garbutt – Y  
 Mark Waston – Y  
 John Neville – EA  
 Chris Grimshaw – EA  
 Kevin Pearsall – Fenland  
 Brian Parkinson – Fenland  
 Andrea Boerngen – EA  
 David Glover – NY  
 Sandy Williams – CGTRO

**Apologies:**

The meeting commenced at 11.30am.

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Mick Garbutt opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and thanking Terry Williams for his time in the position and Sandy Williams as her time in the position of secretary – Andrew Smith presented Terry and Sandy Williams with a thankyou gift. He then introduced Andrew Smith and Sally Davies into the positions.

Minutes from last meeting were discussed briefly – AS then said that they would discuss further in matters arising.

Matter arising from last meeting 13/06/09

- Tyres – cannot be stacked and bolted max height is 225
- Camping – All seemed to run smoothly last year - question asked: Is it legally binding how we do it? AS. – the insurance are happy with the layout we just need to ensure when the campers etc are coming in that they all have awnings on same side so some may have to turn around.
- Silage Bales – clubs need to notify Mick Garbutt to add to the insurance when using these and they must be wrapped

AOB from last meeting

- 5 point harness – due to accidents last year where persons have slipped down in the seats due to no crutch strap this is something that needs to be raised at the scrutineers meeting.
- Track Construction – only 1 league responded on the letter sent out about the cross over boards. Distance is generally the first marshals post – infield markers are preferred but also depends on distance from start line to first corner – the closer the better.

Andrew Smith opened meeting to discuss further issues.

- Marshaling needs to be stepped up a level from club/league level to the larger meetings. More consistency is needed so when decisions are made at Nationals/ BAS meetings they are understood more if drilled from club/league.

There are not enough marshals coming forward at club/league level.

Every driver should have a go at marshaling at some point to gain experience and see things from the point of marshaling as well as driving. This would make them more aware of the decisions made. Point was made that there is nothing in the members handbook to say you have to do this but it is something that could be driven from club/league level to begin with.

All agreed that 1 marshal on each post is not enough and majority agreed that 3 was better than 2. in the rule book it states 2 maximum – this could be changed to read 2 minimum.

16 year olds can marshal – they should be with 2 adults.

It was mentioned that a club level they sometimes struggle to get 1 marshal on each post but this is where clubs need to push for drivers to marshal – you cannot force people and need to be careful on losing members.

Rules are already in place for this year but at the next meeting ideas can be put in writing to pass to the directors to work towards for next year. If maximum is changed to minimum then there is something to work towards at club level – if not 2 on each post then racing is stopped until up to capacity.

This is something that should be encouraged this year to ensure that if the ruling is added/amended then at least they are ready for the changes 2011.

Marshals also should:

- need to know what they are doing
  - 2 or more can watch different ways not all facing same way
  - Would help driving standards
  - Start at club/league level – set the standard for Nationals/BAS and other large meetings.
- Starting Cross Over Boards

There should be a consistency across all clubs.

1<sup>st</sup> marshals post – whether this is 50 yards or 100 yards from the start line and the person in control of the field should be on here.

When cars pull up to start line it can be dangerous for people lining them up – it was suggested that maybe they should line themselves up.

- Ladies borrowing cars – discussion took place about how many times they should go in the car before just taking it to the Nationals – agreed advisory to leagues of 3 meetings.
- Overalls for Nationals – all same AS to speak to directors to approach companies for supply.

Complaints – Nationals/BAS rounds

- Chalk boards with information on at pits control – flag given/reason/car number
- Must be a joint decision but the corner has final.
- Keep records in marshals books – radio into control

AOB:

- Send letter to leagues inviting to next meeting to get more interest.
- Green flag – how many cones need to get hit before flag given? State at the drivers meeting – 3 cones Black Flag, 2 cones Green Flag majority.
- Nationals – anyone interested in marshal team sign in book at end of meeting. AS is speaking to leagues to get passes for marshal team.
- Marshals on the start line or around area must wear overalls. Leagues need to start clamping down more on ruling.
- Cushions – scrutineers should check car with lady driver in as well. 5 point harness with crutch strap stop sliding
- Signing on make sure the scrutineers are known by the people signing on as some people sign own books. Maybe have a stamp for scrutineers?
- On/Off switches – as much drivers responsibility as sometimes marshals cannot find them, they need to all be in same position in saloons and same in specials. Need to take back to leagues.
- Rule change ideas in for 10<sup>th</sup> July. Need to be into NASA directors 2 weeks before the meeting.

Next meeting arranged for 17<sup>th</sup> April – letters to go out to leagues to invite to this meeting to discuss changes for handbooks etc. With no other business meeting closed at 3.30pm.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS: Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> April**

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.