



ELECTION OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICIALS 2019-20

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS – *There are six candidates for election to the Board; three current directors standing for re-election, and three new, or returning candidates. In accordance with the wishes of the League Chairmen at their last meeting, the Board has agreed not to restrict the number of available positions, so every candidate who receives a majority vote in favour will be appointed to the Board. Members will be advised to vote "for" or "against" the resolution to appoint each candidate. Candidates with more votes "for" than "against" will be appointed. If any candidate receives an equal number of votes "for" and "against", the Director chairing the AGM will have a casting vote.*

Position	Candidate	Proposed by	Seconded by
Director	Jeffrey Parish	<i>Pete West</i>	<i>Derek Linch</i>
Director	Phil Rogers	<i>Ray Wyeth</i>	<i>Barry Holloway</i>
Director	Martyn Tinker	<i>Emyr Evans</i>	<i>Ray Wyeth</i>
Director	Heath Luck	<i>Sue Nicholls</i>	<i>John Lawson</i>
Director	Pat Patrick	<i>Dave Robins</i>	<i>Sue Nicholls</i>
Director	Darryl Smart	<i>Ernie Ashley</i>	<i>Dave Robins</i>

NASA CHAIRMEN'S COMMITTEE – *there are two candidates for the position of committee Chairman. The candidate with the higher number of votes in favour will be appointed to the position. There is no candidate for the position of Vice Chairman. This position will be filled at the discretion of the new Chairman.*

Position	Candidate	Proposed by	Seconded by
Chairman	Ernie Ashley	<i>MAP League</i>	<i>Southern League</i>
Chairman	Graham Bennett	<i>South Wales League</i>	<i>Wiltshire League</i>

NASA ASSISTANT SCRUTINEERS – *there are two candidates for two available positions*

Position	Candidate	Proposed by	Seconded by
NASA Scrutineer	Dave George	<i>Essex League</i>	<i>Southern League</i>
NASA Scrutineer	Ady Taylor	<i>Kent League</i>	<i>Wiltshire League</i>

NASA CHIEF MARSHAL AND DEPUTY CHIEF MARSHAL – *there is one candidate for the position of Chief Marshal. There is no candidate for the position of Deputy Chief Marshal. This position will be filled at the discretion of the Chief Marshal.*

Position	Candidate	Proposed by	Seconded by
NASA Chief Marshal	Stuart Thomas	<i>Gloucestershire League</i>	<i>Southern League</i>

OTHER POSITIONS – **the following positions will be appointed by the Board**

- Company secretary
- Treasurer
- Registration co-ordinator
- Race permit co-ordinator
- Board minutes secretary
- Webmaster

The following positions will be appointed by the Director responsible for Scrutineering

- Scrutineers' committee secretary
- Scrutineering class team leaders



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The following position will be appointed by the Chairmen's Committee Chairman

- Chairmen's committee secretary

The following positions will be appointed by the NASA Chief Marshal

- Marshals' and safety officers' committee secretary

The following positions will be appointed by the Registration co-ordinator

- Registration secretaries



JEFFREY PARISH

Standing for re-election as NASA Director

Although it's only two years since I was last re-elected as a director, the way the figures work out we need to have one third of the current directors stand for re-election. As there are currently eight of us, that makes three to be re-elected and we only have two who are now completing their three-year stints. That means somebody has to put themselves up for re-election a year early, so that might as well be me!

For those who don't remember my history in the sport, I was involved in circuit racing and oval racing organisation and journalism since my schooldays, and started attending Autograss meetings regularly after I moved to the St Neots area in 1989. Since 1990 I have been a member of my club (initially Cambridge, then St Neots) and League (East Anglian) committees. From 1991 to 2012 I edited and published the Autograss Review magazine. From 1996 to around 2011 I was racing (well, driving round, anyway) in Class 1 and Class 4 Minis. From 2002 to 2012 I represented East Anglia on the NASA Chairmen's committee, and since 2012 I've been on the Board of Directors.

I've also taken the job of NASA company secretary, which means I'm responsible for stuff that most of you aren't very interested in (nor should you need to be!), looking after NASA's statutory compliance and Companies House records. Part of the job is to keep our company Articles of Association up to date, and I've also drafted and maintained the By-Laws, which you approved two years ago, filling some gaps in NASA's written constitution.

Other jobs I've taken on include compiling the annual Fixture List and looking after the rest of our "non-technical" rules, including the Members' Handbook and the Nationals File – so if there's anything in those documents you don't like, I'm currently the one to receive your suggestions and take them to the rest of the Board.

I've also taken care of some more irregular tasks, like maintaining NASA's registered trademark rights over the title "Autograss" and jumping through the hoops needed to retain NASA's exemption from camping and caravan site regulations. All that means that most of my NASA work is done behind the scenes and you've not been seeing me as regularly as you used to at Autograss events.

Over the last couple of years my workload in my day job (which at the moment mainly involves auditing and signing off UK and EC government research grants for clients as diverse as the University of Cambridge and Aston Martin) has meant that my NASA jobs are invariably done at the last minute, or later, which I'm obviously embarrassed about. I've seriously considered whether now's the time to stand down in favour of candidates with more time on their hands, but most of the NASA members I've discussed this with have encouraged me to carry on.

So I'm being honest with you; I'm willing to continue on the Board, and to make myself available to clubs and members who need help with constitutional-type issues, but if you vote for me I'm afraid you'll no longer be getting a director able to devote every waking hour to Autograss.



JEFFREY PARISH (*continued*)

I do have other interests in motorsport, which I don't apologise for as I think it's no bad thing for a NASA Director to see a bigger picture. In circuit racing I'm still on the Board of the Mini Seven Racing Club, which gives me an insight into the way Motorsport UK do things, and my love of Ireland has seen me getting more and more involved with some of the independent Hot Rod clubs there, which often appear to be throw-backs to a simpler and more relaxed era of grass roots motorsport. I'm not completely backward looking, but I've seen many areas of motorsport progress and advance to the stage that they've put themselves out of reach of the sort of competitors who created their success in the first place. To an extent I see this happening in Autograss, but not at every level of Autograss, so I like to defend those areas of our sport that are still accessible to those with limited time, technical skills and other resources.

I find myself in conflict with many of our sport's representatives on certain issues, so now's about the only time when it's appropriate to make my personal views known, so that if you disagree with me you have the chance to vote me out! One thing that rankles more and more is the treatment of drivers who are caught out in post-race scrutineering at major events; we brand these drivers as "cheats" but in the vast majority of cases they're victims of minor innocent mistakes by people they've trusted to help prepare their cars to the best standard they can afford. Obviously we need our scrutineering standards and drivers need to perceive a level playing field in restricted classes, but in any other motorsport, a technical infringement means disqualification from the event, and maybe a loss of championship points. It doesn't mean an outright ban from a sport that can't afford to (and shouldn't want to) drive members away. For anybody that's just celebrated a National Championship success, then getting disqualified is devastating and should be all the punishment that's needed – following that up by taking their licence away is, in my view, just kicking someone when they're down. On the other hand, while I'd excuse a little "red mist" on occasions, I feel that any aggressive or abusive behaviour should attract the strongest of penalties.

Finally, one thing hasn't changed; I still believe that the most important aspect of Autograss is the people involved, and that the only way we as directors can gain the members' respect is by treating all members with equal respect.

So, if you're still willing to vote for me after reading this, the choice is yours!

PHIL ROGERS

Standing for re-election as NASA Director

Personal

I live in Milford Haven, West Wales. I have a daughter named Jodie who, at present, shows no interest in Autograss.

Occupation

I am a fully qualified engineer having served my apprenticeship as a Mechanical Technician at South Hooking, Milford Haven Ing Gas Terminal and now run my own garage business.



PHIL ROGERS (*continued*)

Autograss history

I am extremely well known throughout the Autograss world usually by my nickname of BILLY, thankfully most don't know the second part of the nickname as this now belongs firmly in my past!

I have been attending Autograss meetings since I was in a pram with my parents Norman and Christine who have always been very involved in the running of Autograss in the South Wales League even to this day. I have actually attended every Nationals since 1975! My Mum sadly passed away too soon which has left a hole in all of my family and friends lives.

Without being conceited I can safely say that I am a successful Autograss racing competitor, competing under the racing number of PHD2, having won every major title available to include eight National titles, two Champion of Champions, nine British Autograss Series titles and overall BAS Champion. I have competed in and won British titles in classes 7, 8, 9 and 10. My time spent preparing my cars and attention to detail is second to none and I firmly believe the long hours spent in the garage have been a major contributing factor to the success I have had on the track.

I have held many positions within the South Wales Autograss which include gate duties, driver's representative, Chief Marshal, Chief Scrutineer and League Vice Chairman.

NASA Director

As I am now of a more 'mature' age and my work commitments have now settled I believed I was ready to make a full contribution to the motorsport I love with all my heart by applying for the position of NASA Director three years ago. I have amounted a wealth of knowledge throughout my years of being involved in Autograss with which to draw upon. I am outspoken which should help with my contribution to the Board and believe that no present or historic Director can bring the drivers point of view more to the fore than myself.

During the past three years as a director I have been involved in every aspect of the Board's activities, particularly in working closely with the NASA marshalling team to improve marshalling and driving standards. I have also been involved in the rollcage tagging programme.

I am a team player as well as an individual and have proved that I work well with other Board members whilst still representing the views of the racing membership.

Phil Rogers



MARTYN TINKER

Standing for re-election as NASA Director

I have put my name forward as a NASA director again to try and help maintain and improve safety in our ever-popular sport. I have been working behind the scenes with chairmen and others to try to improve track construction and public safety, which I am proud to say is certainly a step forward.

I have also enjoyed doing individual tagging in the north of the country as well as tagging days netting NASA a total of £2400 during my 3 year period.

I also work closely with the chairmen's disciplinary committee.

HEATH LUCK

Standing for election as NASA Director

Personal Information

"Bordering on nearly obsessed with the internal combustion engine" would be a fair summary of myself of which I have channelled into my career and passion for Autograss. I am a garage owner based in Ripon, North Yorkshire. I started this Company at the age of 21 and have built it up over 30 years to a successful business giving long term employment to local people and providing an excellent service to my customers. My other passion in life is for 25 years I have rescued and rehomed large breed canines namely Mastiffs. You can safely say I love my dogs!

Autograss History

My passion and love for Autograss started back in 1990 racing a Class 2 MK1 Ford Escort That was it I was hooked! The first role I undertook was Driver Liaison Officer. The next Committee position was Club/League Scrutineer. I moved Clubs to Yorkshire Dales where I soon took on the position of Club & League Chief Marshall which is my current role to date. To regress back to 2004 I became involved with racing a new sub class "Stockhatch" and within no time I became the National Stockhatch Chief Scrutineer and then 5 years later I was voted on as the National Stockhatch Chairman which again is also my current position to date. Over the many years being involved with our sport I have helped with most pre-race maintenance and also the day to day jobs to run a successful Autograss meeting.

NASA Director

This would be a new challenge to me which I would take on with much passion and commitment. I would bring a vast amount of experience which I have gained over the years within our sport. I have had a great amount of input for many years in the running of the Class of Stockhatch and the growth and development from around a 25 car class (only Northern based) to over 140 cars to date nationwide. "Grass Roots Racing" is where it all began as an affordable start up motor sport, I would work tirelessly to help our sport to move forward with all development work with restricted classes and all other roles given.



HEATH LUCK (*continued*)

As a proven team leader with quite often a different approach supported by my strong personality I would like through a Directorship role to implement this into our sport. Growth in our membership would be one of the key issues for a long and successful future for Autograss.

I have been totally committed to attending the NASA meetings at Walsall regarding Scrutineering and now currently the Chairmen's meetings. I also work within two other Committees and would look forward to working with everyone on the Board if successful with my application.

Heath Luck
(Better known to most as "Lucky")

PAT PATRICK

Standing for election as NASA Director

My name is Mrs Patricia Anne Patrick. I was a director for twenty one years.

I retired in November 2017. As most of you may know, my husband Mr David Balfour Patrick was very ill and he passed away on the 4th of January 2019. I now feel that it is time for me to return to doing the things that I love most in life, and one is Autograss racing.

Over the last two years i have continued to work for National Autograss Sport Association Limited. My main job is issuing event permits, collating track inspection forms, race report forms and breath testing forms. I also deal with Mrs Margaret Allen on any issues with insurance (re accidents).

I attended the Men's and Ladies' and Juniors' National Championships, looking after NASA guests in hospitality and any guests of the league/club sponsors.

DARRYL SMART

Standing for election as NASA Director

My name is Darryl Smart, I am a 36 year old lorry driver, married to Lucy and we have three children James, Olivia and Harry.

I have been attending Autograss meetings since the age of seven when my parents started racing with a Class Five Mini and over the years a Class Four, Six then back to Five...all with a Mini.

We joined the Forest of Dean Autograss Club, which my parents were both heavily involved in. My dad had two stints as chairman and my mum was also secretary and treasurer.



DARRYL SMART *(continued)*

In 2007 I became vice-chairman of the Forest club and when the then chairman stood down unexpectedly mid season, I was then asked to take the club until the end of the season. When I got into the job more I could see the mess the club had fallen into. I then took up the challenge of not only building up a club on the brink but more importantly to save its existence and history that members had worked hard to create years before us.

Whilst it turned out to be a more stressful job than I had first imagined, it was nevertheless rewarding to see a club I inherited with debts, 13 members and only £400 to its name.....and take it to a club of 60+ members, well turned out and competitive travelling cars and a bank account that not only read thousands but more importantly brought a future and much needed stability for the club.

We had some great times and to see the club play a pivotal role during the league BAS round of 2010, and then a hugely successful UKAC round along with Norton Radstock in 2014, showed me how far we had come and could still go.

During my time as chairman I was fortunate and grateful to have the hard working and supportive members that's needed for a chairman to be successful, those members and my loyal committee deserve all the praise their hard work brought.

In 2015 and now Gloucester league vice-chairman, I felt the time was right for a new challenge but most importantly the right time for the forest club to have a fresh voice and new direction. For the start of 2016 I took up the role of chairman of the Gloucester league and the start of 3 hard but still rewarding years. We staged a very successful UKAC round in 2017 but in all honesty a lot of my work as chairman was to not only help improve the running of the league but the clubs within it to an acceptable standard by way of hard working and committed members. Something I believe we all saw at the recent 2019 BAS round.

I hope that I have given you all an insight into the sort of board member I could be should I be lucky enough to be elected, but more importantly you see the sort of commitment, focus, honesty, willingness to listen and hard work I would bring to the role.

I believe the sport is in a great place but there is plenty of room to improve and better our sport not only for our current membership but for any new members wishing to join our sport.



ERNIE ASHLEY

Standing for election as NASA Association Chairman

I am putting myself forward to become NASA Chairman to the League Chairmen. As you know I have been Chairman in the past from 2015 for 3 years. I have to say that during that time I enjoyed doing the job with all the ups and downs that the position entails, you go into the job with high hopes of what you would like to do but of course that never happens. If given the chance to do it again, all I can do is represent all the League Chairmen to the best of my ability by taking things to the Directors' meeting and reporting back to you and fight your corner when necessary. I am now aged 67 but of course still like to think I am 25, (I wish). I started relatively late racing I suppose, as I was 21 back in 1973. I now think I will have more time to put into the job that it needs.

I have been racing in Autograss for 47 years after joining North Shropshire Club in late 1973. My first car was a 997cc Ford Anglia, my first race was in the rear wheel drive class that we had then. I was on white roof in front of a grid of 27 other cars behind me and believe me you learn fast. When Class 3, as it is now, was introduced I raced in that class for some years, then built my own Ford Pinto powered Class 9 Special, then a Class 10 V8 and most recently back to Class 3.

I was an active member of the NS club and in 1981 was elected on the committee as track controller, which meant I had the job of keeping the track up to scratch. In 1983/84 I was elected as club Chairman which I have been ever since, some 36 years. I have served as Shropshire League Chairman on and off over that time and I think it adds up all told to 29/30 years representing the League at the NASA Chairman's meetings.

GRAHAM BENNETT

Standing for election as NASA Association Chairman

Dear League Chairpersons, I would like to approach you all with regard to becoming NASA chairperson.

I truly believe that in the last 2 years the sport in some ways has taken a leap forward with the work Emyr Evans has done in this role and would like to continue it on in the same vein but introducing my own fresh ideas. I, as a grass roots racer i.e. who has spent 42 years of my life in the sport and could possibly be seen as a professional grasser due to it being my life, both as a racer but also as a constructor, and believe that it's time to bring the membership closer to the governing body and lose the divide that in my eyes that has crept in over the years.

I have ideas in mind that I'd like to implement and thus carrying on in Oily's footsteps by being an approachable chairman, as I am in my job and on a race field. As a person who breaths the sport, in the last few years I have taken on roles in scrutineering at league and club level and the past season at BAS level also, taking on the Gloucester league chairperson's job in 2019 producing the league's first and successful BAS round bringing league members and clubs together to work as a team.



GRAHAM BENNETT *(continued)*

The kind of infrastructure I believe is right for the role I'm asking to take on. Personally I'm hoping to gain more experience at the highest level to further my ambitions of bringing a more united stance to the sport that I have taken on as part of my day to day life and also hope to remain a person who is easy to approach and to talk to, liaising between the board members and club racers.

STUART THOMAS

Standing for re-election as NASA Chief Marshal

I have been involved with Autograss for the majority of my life – including driving/competitor, committee member and official positions. I have also taken an active role within the Pembrokeshire Autograss Club and West Wales League in organising previous National Autograss Championships and British Autograss rounds. Also my wife and two sons have been and continue to be active members of the sport.

Marshalling

At club and league level for past 16 years, moving onto National level 13 years ago under the leadership and support of Mr Terry Williams and Mr Andrew Smith. I was appointed NASA Chief Marshal for the 2012 & 2013 seasons and it was an honour, a challenge, very interesting and enjoyable. For the next three years I continued as the Pembrokeshire Autograss Club and West Wales League chief marshal, along with being one of the chief track marshals at both national championships under Mr Andy Preece. For the 2016 racing season I also undertook the duty of chief marshal for the South Wales Autograss League. During 2017 and 2018 I worked with Mr Dave Bennett as NASA Deputy Chief Marshal before again taking on the job as NASA Chief Marshal for 2019.

I always strive to achieve the best in everything I do and hopefully continue to bring marshalling in our sport to be respected by everyone and for it to be considered a major and important part within it. Teamwork is very important and I have visited and offered my services as a marshal at all race meetings over numerous years that I have attended, offering support, advice, guidance and answering questions or queries. I also consider communication to be very important and I am always willing to help any marshal at any level in our sport. The passing on of information, discussions and recommendations at the NASA marshal's meetings is a very important part of communication and I have always encouraged marshals to attend, hopefully resulting in a larger attendance at these meetings at Walsall which I consider vital because the more marshals offering their services and input can only lead to continuity, consistency and progression in our sport.

With my occupation as a haulage contractor I am up to date with all health and safety training, along with carrying out risk assessments, which I consider very important, within the role of a marshal.

My aim has always been to be impartial and to give my honest view and decision on situations that arise through marshalling and consider this to be vital in the duty of NASA Chief Marshal.



STUART THOMAS *(continued)*

I have enjoyed and learned a great deal during my marshalling years at all levels and with your support I would be delighted and honoured to take on the NASA Chief Marshal post again for the 2020 season.

If anyone would like any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

DAVE GEORGE

Standing for re-election as NASA Assistant Scrutineer

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AIM To occupy the position of Assistant Scrutineer, bringing my vast array of experience and knowledge from scrutineering to national level to ensure all vehicles conform to the rules.

EXPERIENCE Started racing 1977

Scrutineer at Concord 1979 to 1987

Rallycross 1987 to 1993

Back to Autograss 1993

Scrutineer at St Neots and East Anglian League 1994, advancing to club and league chief scrutineer. Became Class 3 team leader at Nationals.

NASA Assistant Scrutineer 2018 and 2019

Over 35 years of constructing cars

WORK Business owner, DJG Motorsport & Vehicle & Mechanical Services, 1977 to present.

KNOWLEDGE Vast experience of construction techniques and engineering practices.



ADRIAN TAYLOR

Standing for re-election as NASA Assistant Scrutineer

My name is Adrian Taylor I'm from Redmarley, Gloucestershire. I'm married with 2 grown up children and 3 younger children.

I've been involved in Autograss racing since I was born. Going to my first race meeting at a few weeks old as my mum & dad raced in the Gloucester league. My first memory of racing was the 84 Nationals at York (the same venue they are still racing at) when Boss Hogg beat Roger Newbold in the class 7 final.

I first raced when I was 14 in my parents' Mini and then raced in Class 2, where I became Class 2 National Champ in 1992 at the age of 18. I had a few years off racing due to raising a family then came back in 1999 and got 3rd in Class 2 at the nationals. I then became Class 2 British Autograss Champion in 2005 and then gave up racing myself as my eldest son started racing.

When I left school I did an apprenticeship at Mercedes Benz Trucks passing all my exams in city & guilds. I've been a HGV mechanic since I left since I left college. My current job is a technical support engineer for Dennis Eagle (DUSTCARTS) traveling Europe sorting out technical issues.

I've been involved in scrutineering for many years, I was a club scrutineer for the MAP league for 4 years, I was NASA scrutineer in Junior Specials for 6 years and have been involved in BAS scrutineering for the last 9 years. I was elected a NASA Assistant Scrutineer for the 2018 and 2019 seasons.

I would like to think I am a firm but fair scrutineer and police the rules according to the rule book.

My reasons for re-applying for the position of NASA Scrutineer are that I have a lot to offer and I have been on both sides of scrutineering both as competitor and as a scrutineer. In my opinion the rule book is too complicated and I feel it needs to be brought in line and simplified so the members as well as scrutineers can understand them correctly. I feel I have enough experience to help make a difference to this. What I would like to achieve is the cars that get checked get checked correctly to the rule book.