

# MINUTES OF THE 2020 STOCK HATCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes of the 2020 Stock Hatch AGM  
Held on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2020  
**At The Spa Hotel, Ripon**  
Meeting Commenced at 13.17

## Welcome

Lucky welcomed the room and thanked everyone for coming.

## Apologies

Nigel and Chris Hall

## Chairman's Report

Lucky - Firstly I'd like to apologise for not being able to attend the AGM as Chairman last year however I had an operation a couple of days before. 2019 has been a strange year compared to previous, you all voted to become NASA recognised and we are now a fully NASA recognised class. There's been a lot of work happening behind the scenes with the Class from a lot of aspects. If we don't get the rules sorted and make them so they are in some sort of shape to go to NASA by June, we are proposing still having our own Nationals for 2021 but as it stands the last stand-alone Nationals will be at Sturton in July before we join the Mens Nationals. For those of you that don't know, I was elected onto the NASA Board of Directors in November which should help our transition across from a sub-class to a fully recognised class. I'd personally like to thank this committee, a couple of whom I have worked with over the last six years as Chairman and previous to that as Chief Scrutineer. There has been great development of the class and rules but there has also been a lot of hassle and I know some of the committee will be quite happy for NASA to take over the main running of the class! Honestly, a big thank you for your constant support over these years.

## Scrutineers Report

Dave Squire - Not a lot to discuss really, we had a few issues over the year but everything has been ironed out, couple of niggles but nothing major.

Darrel Wasley - I'd just like to say how well the committee has worked over the past year, always unbiased, especially when they were a committee member but also a competitor and taking themselves out of the situation to avoid any biasness.

Lucky - it has sometimes been very difficult to keep consistent but I feel it's worked well.

## Matters Arising from Last Years Minutes

### Tour Series

Discussion was held as to whether to run the Series this year. Room agreed not to have a Tour Series to enable us to focus on the transition to NASA.

### Suspension

Lucky - People are spending a lot on suspension, the ruling that was decided in 2018 was supposed to have a years grace and be installed into the rules in 2019. The AGM last year went against this as the room voted not to impose the rule. We've never done it before but this committee is enforcing this rule and we will be running to this new ruling for 2020.

Discussion held over the variety available, where to buy from and restrictions on the ruling.

**New Ruling: Suspension with 22mm piston max that can be brought over the counter at a standard car parts supplier, motorsport suspension or motorsport derived suspension is prohibited. Monotube style, stand-alone canister systems and air suspension are prohibited. Single adjustable suspension is permitted.**

Lucky - we will continue to do research on this as the year goes on to close any loop holes and release any clarifications we need to as the year goes on.

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## Election of the Committee

Before the election of the Committee took place, a proposal was put forward to reinstate the whole committee as per 2019. The room unanimously agreed and with no other person wanting to stand for any committee position, there was no voting took place.

POSITION	2020 OFFICIAL
CHAIRMAN	Heath Luck
VICE CHAIRMAN	Dave Squire
SECRETARY	Jason Baker
CHIEF SCRUTINEER	Dave Squire
ASS. SCRUTINEERS	Chris Adams Phil Peek
P.R. OFFICER	Claire King

## NASA Affiliation

Lucky - as previously mentioned, we have now been accepted as a full NASA class by the Chairman of Chairman and the Board of Directors. Our Class now shows along the other NASA classes in the fixture books and handbooks. We will still be going ahead with our own stand-alone nationals for this year for a number of reasons. We need to ensure we don't rush the transition of rules, the National file will need updating and the host and NASA Scrutineers will have more prep. The decision to continue with our own nationals is both for your protection and NASA's, we don't want our first appearance at the Mens Nationals to be an embarrassment. What we have discussed (SHSC) is that if the rules and / or NASA aren't ready for the transition to the Mens Nationals for 2021 by the middle of the year we will continue to have our own stand-alone nationals next year as well. I would however like to propose personally that if we do have another year on top that it is held at Yorkshire Dales, as the club that berthed the class, I think it would be a fitting place for a final stand-alone nationals.

*The room agreed, if there is a stand-alone Stock Hatch Nationals next year it will be held by Yorkshire Dales.*

*The room agreed that the SHSC will keep the drivers up to date on Facebook for brief statements but a full update and disclosure will take place at the 2020 Nationals for any drivers wanting an update.*

## Vehicle Rules and Regulations

### Bumper Mounts

Lucky - these are getting more and more extreme and dangerous. This needs bringing into control.

Discussion held regarding size of bolts, fittings and plates.

*New Ruling: Original mounts may be used, additional front and rear mounts will consist of not more than four 8mm bolts.*

*Cable ties may be used for supporting damaged bumpers.*

### Wheel Arches (including trailer arches, gusseting and sill extensions)

Lucky - Again these are getting extreme and starting to become more like Class Sixes but the problem is they are getting to be sharp and damaging other cars.

Discussion (including trailer arches, gusseting and sill extensions) held around the specification of wheel arches.

*New Ruling: The wheel arches may be cut to a maximum of 50mm from the original silhouette. Arches are permitted to be folded out to a maximum of 15mm. If an extension is required, this must be of the same specification material as the original wheel arch and sharp edged but be smoothed before racing. Weld beads, trailer arches, gusseting and sill extensions are prohibited.*

*This ruling will have a year's grace meaning this will come into effect from January 1<sup>st</sup> 2021.*

### Subframes

Lucky - last year a rule was passed to allow a 70mm modification to the subframe of a Peugeot to allow fitting of a TU engine. This rule in my opinion should never have been passed and goes against our theory of not having one rule to suit one vehicle or engine or vehicle / engine combination.

Discussion held discussing various scenarios with various vehicles and various mounting options.

*New Ruling: No modifications permitted to the subframe. A subframe from the same vehicle manufacturer but a different model may be used providing that no modification to that subframe is required for installation and use.*

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## *Head Thickness*

Barry Wasley - now we are looking at going to NASA, can we not now specify the head thickness permitted in our rules?

Lucky - the only reason this hasn't been done previously is because you, the drivers didn't want the SHSC telling other drivers how to build their cars and what to do, hence the current ruling is to refer to the technical data sheets.

***The SHSC will review this with a view to adding head thicknesses into the NASA Rules for 2021.***

## *Flywheel Guard*

Barry - can we make this optional?

Lucky - it may be possible to make optional but if you want to race with the Class Sixes you must have one fitted and as per the Class Six rules.

***Lucky will take this to NASA to discuss their opinions and the SHSC will review and update the drivers.***

## *Gearbox Adjustable Linkages*

Discussion held around currently not permitted adjustable gear linkages as many manufacturers now sell a "standard" length which you adjust to fit.

***New Ruling: adjustable linkages are permitted provided they are to the same specification as the adjustable linkages sold by the engine manufacturer and not motorsport derived. Pinned type linkages are prohibited.***

## *Exhaust Exit Location*

Incorrect wording - "exit from the exit" should be "exit from the rear"

## *Brakes*

***Amended Ruling for Clarification: Braking system to be standard to vehicle manufacturer.***

## *Engine / ECU / Gearbox Sealing*

Discussion regarding when seals must be in place.

***New Ruling: Engine and ECU must be sealed either before the first championship race (e.g. first race of a UKAC) or before two race meetings are completed. Gearbox sealing is not compulsory under this ruling however is compulsory at the request of any SHSC member or league official.***

## *OBD Ports*

Should we have OBD ports installed if the engines originally came with one so we can better look into if anything has been done to the ECU?

Discussion held, could open up more opportunity to cheat? 2020 or 2021 rule? Just for new builds? Issue with making compulsory for new builds is knowing which vehicles are new builds and which have been repainted.

***Lucky will take to NASA Scrutineers for advice. If this rule is to be installed into the rules, it will be from January 1<sup>st</sup> 2021.***

## *Rollcage*

As we are no longer a sub class we need some rollcage rules. Discussion held.

***New Ruling: Rollcage construction and specification rules must follow the Class Two vehicle regulations.***

## **2020 Stock Hatch Nationals**

### *Qualification*

Barry - can we get rid of the two signature ruling?

Lucky - No, we need to keep it, especially as this could be the final year of the class having it's own nationals. This ruling stops someone coming along, having never raced in the class and taking the title.

Jason - As a committee we do take exceptional circumstance into consideration if there is a valid reason, as a committee we hold the right to allow someone to race without two signatures.

Lucky - we actually did this a couple of years ago with a lady who had been pregnant so not able to race. We would also do the same if health had stopped people from racing that year, provided they are safe to race the event obviously.

Tony Staples - How does the NASA qualification work?

Jason - basically the allocations are worked out on how many cars from your league have raced before a certain date in May. All leagues are then taken into account and the allocations by league are given out by percentage of total cars raced. Note that if a league has a car race, even if only one, then they are guaranteed at least one allocation. The last years national champion is also offered a guaranteed position at the nationals provided they hold a licence before a certain date. Note that UKAC / BAS are not taken into account for the allocations.

### *Stripping*

Lucky - We do intend to strip but details of how much / what will be stripped will not be publicised to prevent people from trying to cheat in areas not mentioned.

Jason - Sturton are looking at having a tent, however with them potentially loosing the pits field, things are a bit up in the air. There will certainly be an area set aside if no tent.

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Darrel Wasley - we need to make sure that only driver and one other person in the stripping tent.

Lucky - agreed, we will be doing this as this has got a bit out of hand over the last couple of years.

### *Format*

Format will be same as previous, three heats on Saturday, one on Sunday with progressive finals. Trophies will be for 1<sup>st</sup> down to 4<sup>th</sup> in the Mens and Ladies A Final.

The date of the 2020 Nationals is planned for Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July at Sturton.

This is a stand-alone national for the Stock Hatches rather than combining with the Fastest Man On Grass as previous. All agreed combining with the Fastest Man didn't work and the Stock Hatches deserve more highlight and focus on their Nationals weekend.

At this point, the AGM was brought to a close at 15.56



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