



**EPRA DELEGATES MEETING HELD AT THE  
STONEBRIDGE MANOR HOTEL, COVENTRY  
ON SUNDAY 13th June 2010**

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2010

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## Meeting opened at 11am

### 1 Chairman

The Chairman welcomed all delegates, and convened meeting.

### 2 Attendees

#### 2.1 Present

##### Officers:

Shaun Baker (Chairman); Phil Turner (Vice Chairman); Steve Brooker (General Secretary); Robert Shore (Examination Secretary)

##### Delegates

Tony Clayton (R1); Phil Turner (R2)

##### Absent

No delegate for Regions 3 and 6.

##### Observers

None

#### 2.2 Apologies

Jason Davies (Treasurer); John Hope, Carol Vinyard (R4); Peter Hallett (R5)

### 3 Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the last delegates meeting (31st January 2010) were taken as read; proposed as a true record by Tony Clayton (R1) and seconded by Robert Shore (Exam Secretary).

Voting: Unanimous

### 4 Matters Arising From Minutes

Actions from November meeting:-

Para. 5(4) – Robert Shore (Exam Secretary) confirmed that he had written to Yvonne Armitage in reply to her letter of complaint (copy received by the General Secretary)

### 5 Correspondence

#### 5.1 Robert Shore (Exam Secretary)

Copy of his letter to Yvonne Armitage – read to the meeting, and no further action to be taken.

#### 5.2 Ivor Edwards & Others (EPA)

An email regarding the use of EPRA referees for CYP events; as previously stated at last September's EPA National Meeting, we are happy to supply referees for these events but at the normal EPA national rate i.e. £63 day and £42 evening. The EPRA will pay the referees by cheque and invoice the EPA/CYP accordingly.

#### 5.3 John Hope (R4)

Email from John confirming a request received from George Harwood for a Gareth Potts exhibition in Gorleston.

#### 5.4 Mo Wakeham (R6)

Email from Mo requesting confirmation that her membership renewal has been received as she has not had a receipt. Jason Davies has no record of receiving the form and money from Mo and will look into the matter further.

## 6 Finance Report

### 6.1 Report

The treasurer was not in attendance.

### 6.2 Expenses

The officers' expense claims will be forwarded to the Treasurer and details will be recorded at the next delegates meeting.

## 7 Examination Secretary's Report

### 7.1 Report

Examinations since End December 2010 to End May 2010

	D Grade	Pass	E Grade	Pass		
Region 1						
Region 2	10	2				
Region 3						
Region 4	6	2	2	0		
Region 5						
Region 6	4	2	2	2		
Region 7						
Total	20	6	4	2	Grand Total 20+4=24	£120:00

Forthcoming exams, Region 1 has D and E grade exams planned for June 2010.

### 7.2 Assessments

#### 'A' grade assessments.

We are currently assessing 3 Referees,  
Andrew Parsonage Region Six, Andrew has been removed from the list because of non-availability.  
Sarah Cox Has completed 2 assessments, and Steve Cox not yet seen.  
Jeremy Ruffer was added to the list at the January 2010 meeting and has had 2 assessments

### 7.3 Rules & Guidance Booklet

The new rules and guidance booklet has been issued to all registered members, data provided by our Treasurer.

## 8 Events Reports

### 8.1 European Championships – Phil Turner (Senior)

The Senior Referee's report was read in full to meeting and summarised as follows:-  
Opening ceremony commenced at 12.00 15<sup>th</sup> February. With the unfortunate absence of John Hope, Mike Perkins stood in as the second senior referee for the event. Breaks were rotated with Phil Turner and Mike Perkins each running top table and senior referee duties, breaks were split between each session.  
Over the week there was various total snooker and foul snooker decisions all decisions were correct. On Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February a table referee was required for a ladies and over 50`s for slow play  
Finals day saw the introduction of two extra referees, Melvin Harley and Terry Billingham; breaks were rotated hour on half hour off Mike Perkins acted as senior referee. Team finals started at 12:00 the teams refereed and timed their own match.

### **8.2 EPA Team Trials (Yarmouth) – Robert Shore (Senior)**

The senior's report was read in full to the meeting and summarised as follows:-

Referees duties were divided into 6 Zones, including Games Room. 4 working with 2 on break, 1 hour on 20mins off. Zones were reshaped mid day to give all a 1 hour break.

All arrived 8:30 correct dress. 36 tables brushed and ironed. Games Room start 09:30. Zone 3 Ref sent to assist Zone 6 ref at 9:00 to brush & Iron.

The walkabout referees fielded queries competently; the senior referee was called on only 3 occasions to give a final decision.

Late afternoon the senior was called to the Games Room where the referee had called a Foul Break and the breaking player disputed the call. It was pointed out that the Referees decision was final and the player promptly shook hands with his opponent conceding the match despite the score only being 3-3 in this Semi Final.

Games Room finished 18:20. Just 4 playing areas were now being used in the Main Arena. Breaks were reallocated, 30 mins on/off.

The qualifiers were played down to the last 4 matches in Ladies & Men's, as the last 8 matches were completed some Referees were stood down from about 8:30, the last 4 being stood down at 10 minutes to 10.

All Referees performed well, a newcomer left the first relief time too tight, following advice there were no further problems.

The Semi-finals and Final of the National Amateur Individuals (Men) were again played on the Saturday night, two referees, Hazel Dabrowski and Terry Billingham agreed to referee these matches. A payment, suggested by General Secretary and agreed by Alan Benton, was £30.00 for approx. for four hours work. Both referees were extremely dissatisfied with this amount and wished to complain officially, stating that they had put off leaving the camp to referee these matches and that the amount paid was insufficient.

### **8.3 Inter County Finals – Shaun Baker (Senior)**

The Senior Referee's report was read in full to meeting and summarised as follows:-

The KO Cup event started on Friday evening at 10 pm with two referees on walkabout duty and whilst there we no problems, play was not completed until 2.45 am.

The event started on Saturday at 8.50 am after an opening ceremony for all teams and officials, this was actually 10 minutes early and the referees briefing was still in progress.

It is suggested for next year that the briefing is either done on Friday evening or at 8 am on Saturday before the tables are prepared for play.

There were two shifts of referees with 12 referees on each shift; these were split into 2 groups of six with a senior referee in each group of six. These worked 30 minutes on / off until 3.30 pm when the afternoon shift started. The afternoon briefing was given at 3.15 pm.

The last of the session two matches (12.00 pm) started at 1.30 pm.

During the morning session there were two play offs, one in the A team and one in the Ladies, there were four decisions requiring the Senior referee, with three being upheld and one foul snooker decision being reversed. The last of the session three matches (3.00 pm) started at 4.55 pm.

During the afternoon session the senior referee upheld two total snooker situations, there was also an instance where a time foul was called, however, neither the referee or players heard the 30 second call, therefore the timing was re-started from 30 seconds and the timekeeper was instructed to be more vocal particularly in a noisy environment.

The last of the 7.00 pm matches started at 8.40 pm and play finally finished at 12.45 am.

Play on Sunday commenced at 8.30am; however, due to match sheets not being available some matches did not start play until 9.00 am. The semi final matches all began with walkabout referees with the morning shift referees from Saturday covering until 10.00am before the afternoon shift referees from Saturday commenced duty.

At 11.15 the Tournament director started to ask for referees to cover additional tables on matches and also replace players who were refereeing with official referees, this continued until all semi finals were completed at 12.40 pm. During this time there was a play off in the B team section and the Ladies section. The finals started from 12.30 pm with the final match starting at 1.15 pm, once matches were completed some referees were stood down and some were used to give relief to referees who had been at the table for more than 2 hours with play being completed by 3.45 pm.

Overall the event was successful and there were few problems from a refereeing prospective, obviously there are some lessons to be learned for the organisational side.

The main recommendation is that there is a dedicated senior for the whole event in future, they can work 8.30 am till 6.00 pm on Saturday, and then from start to finish on Sunday, this will give one point of contact for the Tournament officials and one person controlling the referees on the Sunday.

#### **8.4 World Championships Qualifiers (Men) – Robert Shore (Senior)**

The Senior Referee's report was read in full to meeting and summarised as follows:-

The Singles Knockout was the best of nine frames (EPA dress code applied) and played down to leave 4 players to go through.

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2010. Games commenced 5:00 pm finished 10:30 pm. One Referee supervised this evening session; Carol Vinyard and Robert Shore shared this duty, working 40 minutes on and 40 minutes off.

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April, all tables prepared by 8:50 am and all Referees present and correct.

11:55 the referee was called to advice on a Foul Jaw Snooker and the walkabout Referee got it wrong. No further calls from the walkabout Referees for the remainder of this event. The event ran smoothly with 5 of the last 8 matches starting around 4:00 pm. These matches completed by 6:30 pm. The last 4 matches started at 6:40 pm, 3 were completed around 7:45 pm the last match fishing at 8:00 pm. The allocation of tables in the final stages was run very well, congratulations to Alan Benton. Zone 3 was used for the last 8 matches, the last 4 matches using Zone 4. These table groupings made allocation of Referees easy in these final stages.

#### **8.5 Junior World Qualifiers – Christine Robins (Senior)**

The Senior Referee's report was read in full to meeting and summarised as follows:-

The day started well with all referees looking smart and ready on time. Five referees were used in the main hall working one hour and twenty minutes on and twenty minutes off. The senior was not called to the playing arena at any time. Garry Francis who is a new referee worked very well.

Three referees were deployed in the games room.

All referees were stood down by 11.20pm.

#### **8.6 Golden Cue – Sue Mitchell (Senior)**

The Senior Referee's report was read in full to meeting and summarised as follows:-

The briefing was done on the Friday evening. All referees reported at 7.30am on Saturday and all tables were prepared and ironed. The venue was split into three zones and the fourth referee covered the breaks. The day went well and all referees were punctual from breaks.

At 12midday there were some adjustments made to the playing area with the games room being added. The senior referee was not called to the playing arena on ant occasion.

On Sunday morning play began at 8.30am and all referees were on time and correctly dressed.

The last 16 in the event were table refereed, and the day passed without incident.

## 9 Regional Reports (written)

### 9.1 Region 1 (Tony Clayton)

There will be two exams held in the region in the near future. The first will be at Blithe, Northumberland – 4 D grades and 7 E grade candidates and the second will be at Riley's Doncaster – 1 D grade and 8 E grades.

### 9.2 Region 2 (Phil Turner)

Region select team hosted England senior teams on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May, referees that were appointed conducted themselves as you would expect.

Payment for CYP events have not been issued to the referees Linda Regional and National finals and Diane Stocks for National final.

Received various correspondences from referees in the region asking where their photo ID cards or receipt from their affiliation is for this year.

Although no examinations are planned from the region the region are hopeful that there will be one before the end of the year, Peter Arundale has expressed interest that he would like to become an examiner.

### 9.3 Region 3

No Delegate

### 9.4 Region 4 (Carol Vinyard)

First of all, apologies for not being at the meeting. Peter Hallett and Carol Vinyard are attending the East Herts. Finals Day at Riverside Pool Club as Referees.

Someone in the region at a county match asked if she could take the refs exam, and an email has been sent to the person concerned. If there is a problem with taking exams in Region 4, then I would like to apply to be an examiner if that is possible, and would like to know how to go about that please.

### 9.5 Region 5 (Peter Hallett)

Firstly, apologies for not attending the meeting; there will soon be an exam in Redditch for D Grades – details yet to be finalised. Referees in Hereford & Worcester have voiced concerns as to their standing when the regions are altered.

### 9.6 Region 6

No Delegate

### 9.7 Region 7 (Sue Mitchell)

No report.

## 10 EPA Report

There is to be a new region (number 8) next year, and the regions will then be as follows:-

#### Region 1

Cleveland; North Yorkshire; Durham; East Yorkshire; Tyne & Wear and Northumberland

#### Region 2

Cumbria; Lancashire; Merseyside; West Yorkshire; Cheshire and GMC

#### Region 3

Shropshire; Staffordshire; West Midlands; Herefordshire; and Worcestershire.

#### Region 4

Norfolk; Suffolk; Bedfordshire; Hertfordshire; Cambridgeshire and Essex.

#### Region 5

Warwickshire; Northamptonshire; Buckinghamshire; Oxfordshire; Gloucestershire & Wilts

#### Region 6

Cornwall; Devon; Somerset; Dorset and Bristol.

#### Region 7

Berkshire; Sussex; Kent; Surrey; Hampshire and London

#### Region 8

Derbyshire; Humberside; Leicestershire; Lincolnshire; Nottinghamshire and South Yorkshire

**11 Forthcoming Events**

**11.1 27th June – 8th July: World Championships (Blackpool)**

**11.2 7th/8th October: Men's Amateur Singles (Yarmouth)**

**11.3 9th/10th October: Inter League KO Cup (Yarmouth)**

**11.4 6th/7th November: Champion of Champions (Yarmouth)**

**12 Professional Events**

**12.1 IPA Tour 4 (Hinckley) 27th-30th August**

**12.2 IPA Tour 5 (Daventry) 17th -19th September**

**13 Next Meetings**

- Sunday 30th January 2011 at 11am
- Sunday 30th January 2011 (AGM) at 1pm.

**14 Any Other Business**

- Shaun Baker stated that there is professional event due to be played later this year and it would be a good idea to organise another professional seminar at the same time.
- The General Secretary pointed out that again there has been a poor attendance at the meeting and it should be considered that in future the September meeting would only be held if it was necessary. This may enable the delegates to ensure that they are available for the AGM/Delegates meeting, plus just one more mid year.

**Meeting closed at 2pm**

**15 Summary of Actions**

<b>Who</b>	<b>Summary</b>	<b>Reference</b>