



**EPRA DELEGATES MEETING HELD AT THE
STONEBRIDGE MANOR HOTEL, COVENTRY
ON SUNDAY 17th May 2009**

OFFICIAL
EPRA
MINUTES
2009

Chairman: Shaun Baker 01270 588819	General Secretary: Steve Brooker
Vice Chairman: Mike Regan 01423 324291	11 Tennyson Court
Treasurer: Jason Davies 07779 796425	Tilford Road
Exam Secretary: Robert Shore 01270 581057	Hindhead
	GU26 6EP
	Tel: 0797 407 9802

1. Chairman.....	2
2. Attendees.....	2
2.1 Present	2
2.2 Apologies	2
3. Minutes of last meeting.....	2
4. Matters arising from minutes.....	2
5. Correspondence.....	2
6. Finance Report.....	3
7. Examination Secretary's Report.....	3
8. Events Reports	3
9. Regional Reports	4
10. EPA Report	5
11. Forthcoming Events	5
12. Professional Events	5
13. Next Meeting	5
14. Any Other Business	5
15. Summary of Actions	5

Meeting opened at 11.15pm

1 Chairman

The Vice Chairman welcomed all delegates, and convened meeting.

2 Attendees

2.1 Present

Officers:

Mike Regan (Vice Chairman); Steve Brooker (General Secretary); Jason Davies (Treasurer).

Delegates

Tony Clayton (R1); Phil Turner (R2); Peter Hallett (R5).

Absent

Sue Mitchell (R7); No delegate for Region 3 or Region 6.

2.2 Apologies

Shaun Baker (Chairman); Robert Shore (Exam Secretary); John Hope (R4); Carol Vinyard (R4)

3 Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the last delegates meeting (25th January 2009) were taken as read; proposed as a true record by Tony Clayton(R1) and seconded by Phil Turner (R2)

Voting: Unanimous

4 Matters Arising From Minutes

Actions from January meeting:-

Para.5.2 - the Exam Secretary is not at the meeting and this minute will be carried forward to the next meeting.

Action: Exam Secretary

Para.14 - the General Secretary confirmed that he had given details of the CYP events to the treasurer and that payments had been made.

5 Correspondence

5.1 Jon Shapland (R3)

Information sent out by Jon regarding the University Pool Council competition being held at Yarmouth 19th-22nd February 2009. Referees involved are John Hope (Senior), Sue Mitchell, John-Paul Eames and Colin Welch.

5.2 Robert Shore (Exam Secretary)

Copy of correspondence sent by Robert to the EPA and World Rules Revision committee concerning the new rules that have come into force, and the alteration to the Referee's Guidance.

5.3 Amanda Speight

Email and correspondence regarding request for referees for various CYP events – all referees appointed.

5.4 Garry Calcott (R3)

Email from Garry expressing concern that he still hasn't been paid for CYP work that he undertook earlier in the year (matter now resolved).

5.5 Judi Collins (England Junior Manager)

Correspondence requesting a referee for a junior world qualifier event (Carol Vinyard appointed) and subsequent email expressing praise for Carol's refereeing and assistance during the event.

5.6 Pete Carr (CIU)

Request for two referees for the forthcoming CIU Pool semi-finals being held at Swindon and Durham – both referees appointed.

5.7 Adrian Weaver (R3)

Letter from Adrian stating that he passed the exam in October 2007 and had paid the full fee, but had not heard anything since. - the General Secretary has replied and sent a membership renewal form .

6 Finance Report

6.1 Report

The treasurer's report shows the net worth of the EPRA to be £7,986.41. It was stated that the rule books have been removed from the list of assets as they are now out of date.

6.2 Expenses

The following expenses were submitted and approved:

Shaun Baker (Chairman)	£29.00 (travel to EPA National Meeting)
Mike Regan (Vice Chairman)	£28.00 (travel)
Steve Brooker (General Secretary)	£122.24 (travel, postage)
Jason Davies (Treasurer)	£125.00 (membership, Stamps, website, travel)

7 Examination Secretary's Report

7.1 Report

The Examination Secretary was absent, but he sent his report to the meeting in advance:-

Examinations from November 2008 to April 2009

	D Grade	Pass	E Grade	Pass	
Region 1					
Region 2	16	11			
Region 3					
Region 4			4	0	
Region 5	12	5			
Region 6					
Region 7					
Total	28	16	4	0	Grand Total 28+4=32 £160:00

7.2 Assessments 'A' Grade

Two referees are currently being assessed for 'A' grade:

- Andrew Parsonage (R6) was assessed at the Inter County Finals and two further assessments are required.
- Richard Rhodes (R2) was assessed at the Inter County Finals and the Inter League Finals; this leaves one more assessment to be done. Note: In view of the fact that the next meeting (September) is before the autumn events, it means that Richard's upgrade could not be approved by the committee until the January meeting and then as a consequence he could not be upgraded until January 2011. It was proposed that Richard's assessments should be discussed at the next meeting when his upgrade could be approved subject to a favourable outcome of the third assessment and written exam. This would allow Richard to renew his membership as an A grade referee for 2010.

7.3 Assessment 'S' Grade

Yvonne Armitage acted as assistant senior at the Golden Cue event at Yarmouth and was assessed by Christine Robins and Shaun Baker. A report was submitted to the meeting and as a result Yvonne was unsuccessful on this occasion. The Exam Secretary will write to Yvonne to explain and give the necessary advice and guidance.

Action: Exam Secretary

Break for lunch 12.30pm – resumed at 1pm

8 Event Reports

8.1 *European Championships (Ireland) – Mel Harley Senior*

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

The referees originally consisted of Yvonne Armitage (Eng) Liam Shanley (Ire) and Manuel Lauro (Mal), and they worked one hour on and one hour off, but Liam Shanley became unavailable so that he could play in the over 50's event. The senior was called to the floor on numerous occasions and this was mainly because the referees were not strong enough to give a decision, and in the majority of cases, the referees' decisions were wrong.

8.2 England Team Trials (Yarmouth) - Steve Brooker Senior

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

This year's event involved men and lady qualifiers only, with the junior trials separated, and as a consequence the number of referees was reduced to 6. All referees reported on time at 8.45am for the morning briefing and to prepare the playing tables. The referees worked in two groups of three with two on (one hour) and one off (30 minutes). Play initially progressed well, but it soon became apparent that due to slow play by the ladies, the schedule was running late with the majority of the tables in the arena empty waiting for early rounds to finish. After 10 hours the Tournament Director was informed that the referees would have been stood down, but the senior remained on duty until the conclusion of the day's play at 11.45pm. The tournament director (Mike Perkins) thanked the senior for remaining until the end and compensated him for the extra time on duty.

8.3 World Championship Qualifiers (Men) - Roy Lambourne Senior

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

The event took place at Yarmouth on Thursday and Friday the 2nd/3rd April 2009. All referees arrived on time and were well turned out. The arena was split into three playing areas, with the referees working one hour on and one hour off throughout the evening. The second day started on time and the referees worked in the same way again, with some table refereeing used to prevent the slower games delaying progress. This worked well and the event finished in good time; the senior was not called to the floor at all throughout, which was testament to the standard and performance of the referees.

8.4 Inter League Finals (Yarmouth) - Shaun Baker Senior

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

The event took place at Yarmouth on Saturday and Sunday the 4th/5th April 2009. On both days the event began on time with the referees arriving for duty punctually. Two referees failed to arrive; one who was due to be assessed for upgrade to 'A' and could not be contacted, and the other referee had fallen ill. Due to the odd number of referees, they were split into two groups of 5 and 4 and the arena was split into a different pattern for each shift. The referees worked 30 minutes on and 30 minutes off, extending to one hour on and one hour off at lunchtime. There were only four incidents requiring the senior referee during the weekend; one serious foul (playing out of turn), one foul snooker, and two instances of the ball dropping without being hit. All decisions made by the referees at the tables were correct. There were several dress code issues that resulted in lost frames and this is to be dealt with by the EPA. One referee was assessed for upgrade to A and the papers were sent to the Exam Secretary. All referees work well and conducted themselves in a professional manner.

8.5 Golden Cue (Yarmouth) – Christine Robins Senior / Yvonne Armitage (assistant)

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

The event took place at Yarmouth on Saturday / Sunday the 9th / 10th May 2009. All referees were present and smartly dressed for the first briefing of the day at 7.45am. The playing arena was split into three zones with four referees working on a rota of one hour on followed by a break of 20 minutes. There were some dress code issues but otherwise the day ran smoothly. At 11.30am the games room tables were prepared and ready for play to start at 12noon in the singles event. At 3.15pm the working referees were changed and a further briefing took place and again all were smartly dressed. The senior referee was called to the floor on two occasions; the first where a player referee had called a time foul but the timekeeper disagreed, and the second for a foul snooker. On the second day all referees were again punctual and the briefing took place at 8.40am. There was only one call for the senior for a decision on a total snooker. Play finished at 3.15pm and all referees were stood down.

9 Regional Reports (written)**9.1 Region 1 (Tony Clayton)**

Nothing much going on. An exam is planned for the 27th June 2009 with approximately 15 candidates; 5 'D' and 10 'E' grades.

9.2 Region 2 (Phil Turner)

GMC held two exams with further planned for this year. From the two exams, 11 candidates passed; thanks to Christine Robins for achieving this. Lancashire has an exam planned for June. Referees from the region officiated at the CYP event in Barnsley, but it is becoming increasingly difficult to acquire referees to work these events.

9.3 Region 3

No Delegate

9.4 Region 4

Delegate absent

9.5 Region 5 (Peter Hallett)

It has been a busy few months with an exam in Daventry (9 'E' grades. Further exam planned in Redditch at the end of the month. Apart from the events in Yarmouth, the region has supplied referees for two CYP events and one junior event in region 4.

9.6 Region 6

No Delegate

9.7 Region 7 (Sue Mitchell)

Delegate absent – no report received

10 EPA Report

Shaun Baker attended the recent EPA National meeting on behalf of the EPRA and reports:-

- Dress Code: Following the recent problems at the Inter League finals at Yarmouth, it was clarified that trousers must be plain black tailored with no studs or pinstripes. Shoes must also be black (not brown).
- There may be an additional weekend at Yarmouth for the Ladies National Singles and Ladies KO Cup in February 2010 to move it away from the Champion of Champions. This has still to be finalised as the date is only one week away from the Inter County weekend.
- The European Championships for 2010 will be held in Daventry, 16th-20th February.
- Sadly, Peter Bragg who was involved in running the CYP events, passed away last week.
- Peter Hallet has a blank CYP claim form which he will pass on to the General Secretary for distributing to any referee who officiates at a CYP event. Dave Mawhinney was not at the meeting so payment for the CYP events could not be discussed.
- There was a comment regarding the small number of referees at the England Trials this year, so this may change in 2010.

11 Forthcoming Events**11.1 28th June – 9th July: World Championships (Blackpool)****12 Professional Events****12.1 28th – 31st August: IPA Tour 3 (Hinckley)****13 Next Meeting**Sunday 6th September 2009 at 11am at the Stonebridge Manor Hotel, Coventry.**14 Any Other Business**Sunday 6th September 2009 at 11am at the Stonebridge Manor Hotel, Coventry.**Meeting closed at 1.55pm****15 Summary of Actions**

Who	Summary	Reference
Exam Secretary	Follow up the Karl Baxter complaint	5.2. (from January minutes)
Exam Secretary	Write to Yvonne Armitage re assessment	7.3