

EPRA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AT THE FOX COLSTERWORTH SUNDAY 27th JANUARY 2002

Chairman:	Mike Regan	General Secretary:
Treasurer:	J Ireland-Hill	Marshal Morter
Exam Secretary:	Len Beddis	
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Meeting Opened at 1.15pm

1. Chairman

- 1.1 Chairman welcomed all members to the meeting, explaining the move to this new venue was to allow better access for all to travel to.

2. Attendees

2.1 Present

M.Regan (Chairman) M.Perkins (Vice Chairman) M.Morter (General Secretary)
J. Irelan-Hill (Treasurer) L.Beddis (Exam Secretary)

A. Clayton (R1) A. Blackburn (R2) M.Harley (R3) R.Maddern (R4) J.Dowdeswell (R6)
S.Brooker (R7).

G. Whittaker (R2)

C.Robins (R2)

J.Arnold (R3)

J.Hope (R4)

D.Whittaker (R4)

G.Williams (R7)

2.2 Observer

A.Marshall (R3)

3. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the last A.G.M (28th January 2001) were taken as read and proposed as a true record by Tony Clayton, this was seconded by Alan Blackburn. All agreed

4. Matters Arising from Minutes

None.

5. Chairman's Report (Written)

Welcome to the 21st A.G.M. of the E.P.R.A and our first meeting at The Fox. My thanks to the management and staff for the professional way they are looking after us.

My personal thanks to all those who made the effort to be here, and particularly those recently qualified referees.

I wish you all a happy, successful and healthy New Year.

My thanks to all of those members who have continued to provide the high standard of refereeing that everyone involved in pool has come to expect from us. The EPRA have without fear of contradiction, the finest, most professional referees in the world. Again thank you.

2001 proved once more that the Regional Delegates and the EPRA Officers have continued to do sterling work at all levels, sometimes beyond the call of duty. Without this commitment the Association would fade away and disappear.

Membership of the Association has fallen over the last few years, possibly because of the advent of World Rules, but I have a gut feeling that the situation is improving with newly qualified Referees coming on board in a more than steady trickle.

We have had some minor problems in 2001, but I am determined to overcome them with your help.

Finally I would like to thank all those of you who sent me their good wishes when I was

hospitalised recently, I can assure you I am fighting fit again.

6 Finance Report

6.1 Report

The Treasurer presented the accounts (as previously distributed to all members in with the motions for debate etc. posted in January)

The Association funds decreased by £995.92 during 2001

6.2 Discussion

A full discussion on the accounts took place with several questions of the Treasurer, which were answered to the satisfaction of all present.

Treasurer suggested Referee's levy stay the same for the coming year, all agreed.

6.3 Internal Audit – Shaun Baker

I have reviewed the Accounts of the Association along with supporting paperwork provided by the Treasurer, John Irelan-Hill, and find that they represent an accurate record of the financial affairs of the E.P.R.A. Signed Shaun Baker (R2)

7. Examination Secretary's Report

7.1 Exams held in the last year

The following exams have been held in the last year

World Rules

R1 - Nil

R2 - 4 failures, 3 passes

R3 - 10 failures

R4 - 5 failures

R5 - Nil

R6 - 5 failures, 2 passes

R7 - 4 failures, 1 pass

Old EPA Rules

R1 - Nil

R2 - 1 failure, 5 passes

R3 - 5 failures, 7 passes

R4 - Nil

R5 - Nil

R6 – Nil

R7 – Nil

7.2 Exams

Exam Secretary said he was looking into the possibility of introducing new upgrading exams for 'C' to 'B' and 'D' to 'C' these to be formulated and circulated to Delegates for approval, and then to the next A.G.M. for ratification.

Various questions were asked of the Exam Secretary which were answered to the satisfaction of all present.

8. Motions For Debate

A full list of the motions discussed are contained on a separate attachment to these minutes.

9. Election of Officers

The Election of officers were discussed and where necessary were given the opportunity to speak. For all results see separate attachment to these minutes.

Meeting closed at 3pm.

10. Extra Minutes

10.1 These notes were taken after the A.G.M had been officially closed by the Chairman and several members had left the meeting for home.
 It came to the attention of the outgoing Secretary (while going through the Affiliation forms to check whether the Examination Secretary's receipt had been sent) that Graham Whittaker had not affiliated before the 31stDecember 2001, to enable him to vote or be eligible to register a proposal or seconding at the Annual General Meeting.

This was pointed out to the Chairman, who proceeded to ask someone to bring Graham Whittaker back into the meeting, after informing Graham the reasons why he had to return. The Chairman then asked Graham to please advise him of what votes he had cast during the Annual General Meeting, the outgoing Secretary pointed out that this was unconstitutional and that the whole Meeting should be null and void! As members had already left and gone home.

It was also pointed out that Graham was also the seconder to the proposed new Secretary, thus making his election null and void, the Chairman's reply was that the proposed new Secretary had still been elected by the margin of 8 to 7. The outgoing Secretary protested that the proposed new Secretary still needed a Secunder, the Chairman was not prepared to listen to reason and declared that the proposed new Secretary did not require a seconder as you (outgoing Secretary) have lost on votes anyway.

After Graham had marked on a Motions for Debate form what votes he had registered the outcome of all the motions are altered to show the final voting as below:-

Motion 1 For 7 Against 8 Abstain 0 **Motion now failed**

Motion 2 Amendment to this proposal was Proposed by Chris Robins
 Seconded by G. Whittaker

The amendment was passed as follows

For 12 Against 3 Abstain 1 **Motion carried?**

(Note: this was missed when adjustments to votes was made)

Motion 3 For 11 Against 4 Abstain 0 **Motion carried**

Motion 4 For 15 Against 0 Abstain 0 **Motion carried**

Motion 5 For 7 Against 7 Abstain 1 **Chairman's casting Vote carried.**

Motion 6 For 15 Against 0 Abstain 0 **Motion carried**

Motion 7 **Withdrawn**