



**EPRA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
AT THE FOX COLSTERWORTH  
ON SUNDAY 26<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2003**

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E.P.R.A  
MINUTES  
2003

<b>Chairman:</b>	Mike Regan	<b>General Secretary:</b>
<b>Vice Chairman:</b>	Mike Perkins	<b>Steve Brooker</b>
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Jason Davies	
<b>Exam Secretary:</b>	Len Beddis	

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## Meeting Opened at 1.15pm

### 1. Chairman

1.1 Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed all members.

#### 1.2 **Apologies:**

Chris Robins (R2)      Paul Henry (R2)                      Dennis Whitaker (R4)  
 Jim Miles      (R7)

### 2. Attendees

#### 2.1 **Present**

M.Regan (Chairman) M.Perkins (Vice Chairman) S. Brooker (General Secretary)  
 J. Davies (Treasurer) L.Beddis (Exam Secretary)

A. Clayton (R1) A. Blackburn (R2) M.Harley (R3) J. Hope (R4) J.Dowdeswell (R6)  
 S. Mitchell (R7).

J, Broad      (R1)	K. Armitage      (R2)	R. Rix      (R2)
J. Middleton      (R2)	S. Atkinson      (R2)	C. Longley      (R2)
J. Chapman      (R2)	P. Landers      (R2)	I. Craggs      (R2)
S. Rhead      (R2)	R. Shore      (R2)	S. Baker      (R2)
S. Huntingdon (R2)	R. Antill      (R2)	K. Lloyd      (R2)
C. Kirk      (R3)	J. Arnold      (R3)	A. Marshall      (R3)
J. Marshall      (R3)	R. Maddern      (R4)	M. Morter      (R4)
R. Lyus      (R4)	M. Stanley      (R4)	S. Robinson      (R7)
D. Tildesley      (R7)	R. Lambourne (R7)	G. Williams      (R7)

#### 2.2 **Observer**

Y. Armitage      (R2)

### 3. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the last A.G.M (27<sup>th</sup> January 2002) were read and proposed as a true record by Mel Harley (R3), this was seconded by Tony Clayton (R1) All agreed

### 4. Matters Arising from Minutes

#### 4.1 **Extra Minutes AGM 2002**

John Hope (R4) queried why the “Extra Minutes” from the AGM 2002 were not included when the Chairman read the minutes. The Chairman explained that they were not part of the 2002 AGM but in fact related to action taken during the reconvened Delegates Meeting that followed. Most of the content had been proved to be inaccurate and referred to a misunderstanding of the Constitution by some members of Region 4. The Chairman read from a letter received from Sherwood Wheatley (Solicitors) wherein his actions had been completely vindicated.

Shaun Baker (R2) suggested that the minutes of the 2002 AGM be amended to show the final result of the voting after the ineligible vote of Graham Whittaker had been removed.

## 5. **Chairman's Report**

The Chairman decided not to provide a written report as is the usual practice. He referred to the difficult year that had passed, and the bad feelings within Region 4. Whilst it had been shown that his actions were legally correct, and entirely consistent with the procedure adopted by the EPA, certain members had refused to accept the situation. However, in recent months the Association had become settled and our relationship with the EPA was excellent. Subject to the approval of the members, this year the Examination Secretary will introduce a new exam and an improvement to the upgrade system. The Chairman expressed confidence for the future success of the EPRA and thanked the Officers and Delegates for their efforts during 2002. He wished all members well for the future.

## 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) plus additional accounts that had been omitted. The Treasurer felt the accounts had been managed well and thanked John Irelan-Hill for this.

### 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.

### 6.3 **Internal Audit**

The acceptance of accounts as an accurate record (subject to audit) was proposed by the Examination Secretary and seconded by G. Williams (R7). Voting – unanimous. The Treasurer stated that an internal audit would be conducted by Shaun Baker (R2) in time for the next Delegates Meeting.

### 6.4 **Intended changes to accounts**

In the past the cost of the Senior Referee has been split off separately from the working referees. The Treasurer intends to change this so only the supplement is split off, and not the whole of the expense fee. This is because the EPA pays for the expense fee whereas the supplement is paid for by the EPRA and currently the amount that the supplement costs the EPRA is hidden away in the total cost.

Also, the Officers expense claim form must change. We must look to categorize expenses differently. During the aforementioned analysis, a sharp increase in the expenses of the General Secretary over a period of three years appeared. The main reason for this is because all the work that the General Secretary did got lumped together into a big pot. Even the reef for Ivor Powell's funeral was categorized as a Secretary's expense. It is clear that these expenses, though claimed by the Secretary, should be shown separately in the accounts.

**Jason Davies wishes to congratulate John Irelan-Hill on the high standard of the accounts.**

## 7. **Examination Secretary's Report**

### 7.1 **Exams held in the last year**

It had been a bad year for World Rules exams with 58 candidates and only 16 passes. The Examination Secretary said it was vital that more exams were held, and he reported that he personally had held an exam in Region 3 that produced 4 passes from 6 candidates. T. Marshall (R3) wished to thank Len Beddis for organizing the Region 3 exam.

### **7.1.1. Analysis of Examinations in 2002**

Region 1:	No exams taken		
Region 2:	24 exams	10 passes	14 failures
Region 3:	25 exams	4 passes	21 failures
Region 4:	7 exams	1 pass	6 failures
Region 5:	No exams taken		
Region 6:	2 exams	1 pass	1 failure
Region 7:	No exams taken		

## **8. Motions for Debate**

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

## **9. Election of Officers**

**9.1** The Election of Officers was discussed and where necessary the nominees were given the opportunity to speak. For all results see separate attachment to these minutes.

### **9.2. *Vote of thanks to Mike Regan***

**Following the election of the new Chairman (Shaun Baker), Alan Blackburn (R2) proposed a vote of thanks to the outgoing Chairman (Mike Regan) with praise for all his hard work for the Association.**

**Meeting closed at 5.25pm.**