



**EPRA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
AT THE SRONEBRIDGE MANOR HOTEL
ON SUNDAY 29th JANUARY 2006**

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Chairman:	Shaun Baker	General Secretary: Steve Brooker
Vice Chairman:	Mike Regan	
Treasurer:	Jason Davies	
Exam Secretary:	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:**

Mike Regan (Vice Chairman); Tony Clayton (R1); Ian Craggs, Steve Huntingdon, Kevin Armitage, Paula Landers, Brian Jennings (R2); Christine Kirk, Jim Arnold (R3); Roy Lambourne, Stan Robinson, Max Brooker (R7)

2. Attendees

2.1 **Present**

Officers:

S. Baker (Chairman) S. Brooker (General Secretary) J. Davies (Treasurer) Robert Shore (Exam Secretary)

Delegates:

Yvonne Armitage (R2) Mel Harley (deputy) (R3) Marshall Morter (R4) Peter Hallett (R5) Wesley McKelvey (R6) Sue Mitchell (R7)

Members:

Richard Rhodes, Christine Robins, Eileen Pearson, Phil Turner, Nicola Beaumont (R2) Mike Perkins, Michael Stanley (R4)

3. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the last A.G.M (30th January 2005) were read and proposed as a true record by Sue Mitchell (R7), seconded by Eileen Pearson (R2)
All agreed.

4. Matters Arising from Minutes

None.

5. Chairman's Report

The Chairman read his report in full and is précised as follows:-

2005 was the 25th year of the Association and it saw our members refereeing both at National and Inter National level supporting the EPA at its national events and also providing senior referees for the Home Internationals and the European Championships in Malta. The Association remains committed to developing its members and giving opportunities to members as they arise – several members made their TV debuts in 2005 and performed well.

There was a problem with accommodation for the World Championship so it was necessary to use less experienced referees; hopefully at the new venue this will not be repeated and the best referees available will be used.

Last year saw the introduction of Life Presidents and congratulations go to Len Beddis and Alan Blackburn being the first recipients of the position. Both have given tremendous service to the EPRA and it is hoped that they enjoy their well-earned "retirement".

On a sad note, we lost two members from region 6; Roy Slater died in January and Brian Osborne passed away in September. Roy will be remembered for the foul snooker diagrams that he produced that many examiners use in their teaching sessions.

Thanks go to Steve Brooker (General Secretary) and to Jason Davies (Treasurer) for their work in their respective positions. Both work tirelessly for the Association and this is reflected in the healthy state we now find ourselves in.

The chairman re-stated his commitment to the Association, which will continue in the future. Senior Referees are reminded that they must set an example to other members and to offer encouragement and support to new members.

Thanks also to County and Regional Delegates for their efforts during the past 12 months.

6 Finance Report

6.1 **Report**

Summary

The Treasurer reported that we made a profit of £652.87 in the year, boosted by the increase in examinations that had been held both at D grade and E grade.

Yvonne Armitage (R2) requested that any outstanding balances from the previous year to be shown in the current accounts.

Yvonne Armitage (R2) stated that the lap-top computer should be shown as an asset with a write down reducing value of 25% per year.

6.2 Audit Report

Audit report compiled by Chris Longley (R2) for the period November 2004 to October 2005 inclusive. The audit was made easy by the excellent work done by Jason Davies (Treasurer). All documentation was in place for all transactions, which were well presented..

The acceptance of the accounts as an accurate record was proposed by Peter Hallett (R5) and seconded by Phil Turner (R2). Voting – unanimous.

7. Examination Secretary's Report

Nine E grade exams were conducted during 2005 with 80 candidates, 30 passes - a success rate of 37.5%

Eight D grade exams were conducted, with 44 candidates, 16 passes – a success rate of 36%.

Region 4 deserve a “well done” as they were responsible for 62 of the 80 E grade candidates.

Wesley McKelvey (newly approved examiner in 2005) conducted exams both in his own region (R6) and in Region 5. Jason Davies (R7) also conducted an exam in Region 5.

The number of approved examiners has been increased to include:-

Wesley McKelvey (R6)

Steve Huntingdon (R2)

Ian Craggs (R2)

Tom Booth (R2)

The ideal situation would be to have an examiner in each county.

8. Motions for Debate

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

9. Election of Officers

The position of Chairman was due for election. Shaun Baker stood as incumbent unopposed and will serve for a further three years.

Meeting closed at 2.25pm.