



**EPRA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
AT THE STONEBRIDGE MANOR HOTEL  
ON SUNDAY 31<sup>st</sup> JANUARY 2010**

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E.P.R.A  
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2010

<b>Chairman:</b>	Shaun Baker	<b>General Secretary:</b>
<b>Vice Chairman:</b>	Mike Regan	<b>Steve Brooker</b>
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Jason Davies	
<b>Exam Secretary:</b>	Robert Shore	

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**Meeting Opened at 1.15pm**

## 1. Chairman

1.1 Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed all members.

### 1.2 **Apologies:**

Jason Davies (Treasurer); Alan Blackburn (R2); Jon Shapland (R3); Mel Harley (R3); Mike Perkins (R4); Roy Lambourne (R7); Max Brooker (R7); Stan Robinson (R7).

## 2. Attendees

### 2.1 **Present**

#### **Officers:**

S. Baker (Chairman) M. Regan (Vice Chairman) S. Brooker (General Secretary) Robert Shore (Exam Secretary)

#### **Delegates:**

Tony Clayton (R1) Phil Turner (R2) John Hope (R4) Peter Hallett (R5) Sue Mitchell (R7)

#### **Members:**

Richard Rhodes (R2) Carol Vineyard (R4)

## 3. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the last A.G.M (25<sup>th</sup> January 2009) were read and proposed as a true record by Phil Turner (R2), seconded by John Hope (R4)

**Voting: Unanimous**

## 4. Matters Arising from Minutes

None.

## 5. Chairman's Report

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

The Chairman welcomed all to the 2010 AGM and thanked them for attending, particularly those who are new members to the Association.

The introduction of the rule amendments went very smoothly and the chairman thanked those involved. 2009 was again a very busy year with referees provided for both the European Championships in Ireland and the World Championships in Blackpool. Whilst the number of referees at these events has been drastically reduced over the last few years due to the lack of funding from sponsorship, we will endeavour to give different referees the opportunity to experience these unique occasions.

Once again we failed to organise a training seminar for referees, mainly due to the lack of opportunity, however, the Chairman said that he will personally discuss this with George Harwood (the IPA Chairman) and we will look to hold this at an IPA Tour weekend where there will be the final stages of a Professional event.

2009 saw a healthy number of examinations held as you will see from Robert's report, however, it is very important that we hold exams in all Regions in order to bring new referees into the Association. Hopefully the appointment of new Regional delegates in some areas will inject more interest.

The Chairman thanked Steve Brooker, Jason Davies and Robert Shore for their work for the Association during the last twelve months and stated that each year this is said, however, it does not really cover the amount of work they all put into their roles, spending many hours in the background ensuring the smooth running of the Association.

Finally I would like to propose a vote of thanks to Mike Regan, the outgoing Vice Chairman. During his time in office, as both Chairman and Vice Chairman, Mike has always acted with

the best interests of the EPRA in mind and has always been very supportive in troubled times. He has carried out many assessments over the years and Mike has always been helpful and encouraging to candidates whilst remaining impartial. The Chairman wished Mike good health in his “retirement” and hoped we may still see him either here or at Great Yarmouth.

## 6 Finance Report

(Treasurer absent by details emailed to meeting)

### 6.1 Report

#### Summary

The accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> October 2009 showed a net worth of £6961.31. The income over expenditure for the year was £612.09.

Full details of the accounts are available online at [www.epra8ball.org.uk](http://www.epra8ball.org.uk).

### 6.2 Audit Report

Audit report compiled and presented by Chris Longley (R2) for the period November 2008 to October 2009 inclusive. The auditor acknowledged the excellent work done by Jason Davies (Treasurer) in the preparation of the accounts.

All documentation was in place for all transactions, which were well presented.

The auditor was disappointed to note that a previous recommendation about the signature sheets for referee’s expenses does not appear to have adhered to as only one signature sheet was with all the paperwork. This was a concern and if it happens again next year it will not be possible to sign off on the accounts.

The following points were recommended for next year’ audit:-

- If a player appears on the year end accounts as a debtor, and then in the following year does paid work for the EPA (refereeing or expenses) then that debt should be deducted from the paid fee.
- 2. That all Signature sheets from referee’s fees are to be with Jason no later than 1<sup>st</sup> December and to be included in the Account paperwork.
- 3. Laptop. Whilst the laptop is an Asset it should no longer appear on the accounts and its value be written off once its value has depreciated below its BER value (Beyond Economical Repair). This is when the cost of repair would exceed the worth of the laptop. At current rates I would suggest that this BER value be set at £105=00 (min Engineer fee + min Repair fee {£56 +£49}). Once written of the laptop still remains an asset but with a zero value.

The auditor has already discussed these points in detail with Jason and it is hoped that they will be implemented for the 2010 accounts.

*In Conclusion:* It is confirmed the net worth of the EPRA is £6961.31. This consists of £633.66 in assets and the remainder is cash held in accounts and float.

***The acceptance of the accounts as an accurate record was proposed by Robert Shore (Exam Secretary) and seconded by Mike Regan (Vice Chairman). Voting: Unanimous***

## 7 Examination Secretary’s Report

Six E grade exams were conducted; a total of 51 candidates took part, 30 passed with a mark of 80% or better. The success rate of 58.2% is a good result.

E Grade Examinations increased slightly from 42 up to 51, Region 4 were responsible for 25 of the 51 E grade candidates; Region 2 had 17 with the other 9 in Region 5.

Nine D grade exams were conducted; a total of 44 candidates took part, 11 more than 2008, of these 21 passed with a mark of 85% or better. The success rate of 47.73% is up on the 2008 figure of 42.42%.

D Grade Examinations increased, 9 for 2009 compared to 8 for 2008. Region 5 was most active with 20 candidates; Region 2 had 19, the remaining 5 being in Region 1

Disappointingly Regions 3, 6 and 7 did not hold any exams during 2009

One 'A' grade promotion was satisfactorily completed, Three others are ongoing with further assessments needed.

There is now a new D grade examination paper in use, initial results are encouraging with overall improvement to scores. Examiners have, or in process of, been issued with revised Table Question papers

Many thanks to all examiners for their work in 2009 please keep up the good work

Work is in progress to publish, or make available for download, a revised Rules and Guidance Book.

A full list of examiners can be found on our Website [www.epra8ball.org.uk](http://www.epra8ball.org.uk)

## **8. Motions for Debate**

See attached addendum

## **9. Election of Officers**

See attached addendum

**Meeting closed at 1.45pm.**