



**EPRA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
AT THE STONEBRIDGE MANOR HOTEL  
ON SUNDAY 26th JANUARY 2014**

OFFICIAL  
E.P.R.A  
MINUTES  
2014

<b>Chairman:</b>	Sue Mitchell	<b>General Secretary:</b>
<b>Vice Chairman:</b>	Position Vacant	<b>John H. Hope</b>
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Yvonne Armitage	
<b>Exam Secretary:</b>	Robert Shore	

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## Meeting Opened at 1.20pm

### 1. Chairman

1.1 The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed all the Delegates.

### 2. *Apologies:*

Apologies were received from: K. Armitage (R2), Peter Arundale (R2)C. Vinyard (R4). R. Hyett (R6), Mark Shaw (R6), Jon Shapland (R8).

### 3. Attendees

#### 3.1 *Present*

##### **Officers:**

Sue Mitchell (Chairperson), John H. Hope (General Secretary), Yvonne Armitage (Treasurer) & Robert Shore (Exam Secretary).

##### **Members:**

Simon Baker (R1), Richard Rhodes (R2), Colin Fryers (R4 (Rep)), Terry Billingham (R5), Mark Compton (R6), Dominique Chiu (R7).

### 4. Minutes of Last Meeting

Proposed a true record: **Richard Rhaodes (R2)** Seconded: **Yvonne Armitage (R2)**

**Voting: for: 8 abst: 0 agnst:0**

### 5. Matters Arising from Minutes

No Matters Arising

### 6 Chairperson's Report

The Chair welcomed those in attendance to the meeting.

Another year has come to an end and a new one commences.

Firstly I would like to thank all the Executive Committee, Delegates and members for their hard work throughout 2013.

The Executive had a rather long drawn out problem changing the signatories on the bank account, with the bank being less than helpful. Thanks to the Treasurers hard work the problem has now been resolved. The previous Treasurers name has been removed and the Treasurers and Chairpersons have been added, together with the General Secretaries (existing).

I would like to thank Robert Shore for all his hard work as Examination Secretary.

Also John Hope, General Secretary for all his hard work throughout what I know has been a very difficult year for him.

On behalf of the EPRA I would like to thank the Delegates for all their hard work and for attending the meetings and dealing with the members.

Also a big thank you to all the members for their hard work and professionalism when representing the association at various events.

Last year we again had issues with the EPA, which hopefully have now been resolved and we can get on with being the EPRA and doing what we are in existence for, and provide referees for EPA events without any further hinderance and issues.

Hopefully we can encourage more people to take exams and become members of the association. We are still down in numbers and it would obviously be good for the association to increase membership.

We have also sadly had some members passing away, some members have also lost family and friends, my condolences to all who have lost..

May I wish a Happy New Year to all members and hope that it be a good one for all.

## 7. Finance Report

### 7.1 Report

After a lot of to and fro, Nat West Bank plc. Have finally put their paperwork in order and the Association finally has the correct number of signatories in place. I would like to thank our members for their patience and understanding during, what has been, a very frustrating time.

It will be noticed that some necessary changes have been made to the way our finances are explained this year. For example, the monies received in advance of EPA competitions, no longer appears in the body of the accounts. It will be found (on page 2 of the accounts) a 'Bank Reconciliation' section which shows the actual balance of the Current Account as at the year end.

This has been an incomplete year as far as the 'Levy' is concerned (November 2012 payments were not subject to the levy) and although the amount is not huge, it will go some way to alleviating any overspend. (Income versus expenditure).

The Exam revenue has increased over the previous years by more than 50%. A big thank you to our examiners and to Robert Shore (Examination Secretary) for a noticeable decrease in annual exam expenses.

Again, see page 2, I am pleased to report that our net loss for the period is down (£401.24 (2013)) against (£766.06 (2012)). Hopefully 2014 will show a further reduction.

Looking back over the year, one of the biggest challenges is reconciling the bank receipts for Affiliations, the bank statement always arrives, unlike some of the necessary breakdown paperwork from Delegates. With this in mind, a different method is being sort, suggestions are always welcomed.

Please feel free to contact the Treasurer for an explanation on any points or any matters of concern.

Accounts proposed as true record: **Dominique Chiu (R7)**    Seconded: **Terry Billingham (R5)**

**Vote: For: 7                      Abst: 0                      Agst: 0**

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

## 8. Examination Secretary's Report

2013-AGM Examination Secretary's report.

The Total number of Candidates taking exams during 2013 was 45.

Six E grade exams were conducted, a total of 19 candidates took part, 15 passed with a mark of 80% or better. The success rate of 78.95% is a good result, up on last year.

E Grade Examinations decreased from 7 down to 6, Region 6 was responsible for 3 exams with 10 candidates; Region 7 held 3 exams with a total of 9 candidates, the remaining 6 regions did not hold E Grade Examinations during 2013.

10 D grade exams were conducted; a total of 42 candidates took part 18 passed with a mark of 85% or better, a success rate of 42.86%

D Grade examinations saw an increase on 2012, up from 6 to 10. Region 2 held 1 exam with 7 candidates; Region 4 held 1 exam with 6 candidates, Region 6 held 3 exam with 7 candidates, Region 7 held 5 exams with a total of 22 candidates Disappointingly Regions 1 3 and 5 did not hold any exams during 2013.

Looking forward in 2014, one new 'A' grade promotion is ongoing; also an S grade assessment is due to take place.

We currently have 2 probationary Examiners, 1 in region 2 and 1 in region 7.

The revenue from exams is up on last year. Assuming the increase for D grade Examinations was with immediate effect from the 2013 AGM a total of 31 would be at the new rate of £8, with 11 at the old rate of £5, giving a total of £303, add to this the revenue from 19 E Grade candidates at £5, we have a total of £395 for 2013. This is a significant improvement on the £205 for 2012. My figures may not exactly tally with our treasurers' report owing to pay in dates not falling within the financial year.

***It should be impressed upon Delegates and Examiners the importance of conducting Exams and the need to increased membership accordingly.***

**9: E.G.M.**

The outcome and decisions made at the E.G.M. and subsequent Delegates Meeting, held on 7<sup>th</sup> April 2013 were read and discussed.  
(see below)

Proposed as a true record: **Dominique Chiu (R7)** Seconded: **Yvonne Armitage**

**Vote: For: 7 Abst: 0 Agst: 0**

**Items 10: & 11:**

See Page 6:

**12: Next Meeting:**

**25<sup>th</sup> January 2015**

**At the Delegates Meeting held immediately after the EGM the following was voted on and passed:**

The Following EPRA Members to be Expelled from the **English Pool Referees Association** with immediate effect.

**Philip Turner ('S' Grade) (Region 2) previously EPRA Vice Chairperson**

**Melvyn Harley ('S' Grade)(Region 3)**

**Vivienne Ruscoe ('C' Grade)(Region 3) previously Region 3 EPRA Delegate**

**Peter Hallett ('A' Grade)(Region 5) previously Region 5 EPRA Delegate**

These members will be receiving expulsion letters within the next two days. If this action should affect any of your Regions could you please advise them, I shall, of course, be advising our Regions and members, who in turn will elect new Delegates as required. We shall, of course, be advertising the position of Vice Chairperson and will, in due course, be co-opting an acting Vice Chairperson.

**The outcome of the EPRA EGM held on Sunday 7th April was:**

The matter of EPRA Referees officiating at other Rule Sets was discussed at length and the following changes to the existing **EPRA Constitution & Rules** were voted on and passed:

Item (i):

**Constitution: para. 3:** reads:

***The Association is formed for the purpose of administering and upholding the rules of pool as laid down by the English Pool Association.....***

to read:

***The Association is formed for the purpose of administering and upholding the Rule Sets of pool as sanctioned by the English Pool Association, without exception,.....***

item (ii):

**Membership: Rule 10:**

to become:

**Membership: Rule 10(a):**

to add:

**Membership: Rule 10(b):**

***Any member deemed to have resigned from the Association, for any reason, will not be eligible for any refund of that current years membership fee.***

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**Membership: Rule 10(c):**

***Any member who wishes to renew their Membership, when they have deemed to have resigned (see Discipline: Rule 16:), can only do so with the joint agreement of both the EPRA and the EPA Committees'.***

item (iii):

**Discipline:**

to add:

**Discipline: Rule 16:**

***Any member who officiates at any event using any Rule Set not sanctioned by the English Pool Association shall be deemed to have resigned their membership of the Association, with immediate effect. (see Rule 10(b):)***

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**Item 10:**

**MOTIONS FOR DEBATE**

**NO MOTIONS / PROPOSALS RECEIVED**

**Item 11:**

**2014 AGM**

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

**EPRA GENERAL SECRETARY:** Incumbent: John H. Hope

**No Proposals Received**      **John H. Hope to remain as General Secretary**

***For: 9      Against: 0      Abstentions: 0***

**EPRA Examination Secretary:** Incumbent: Robert Shore

**No Proposals Recieved.**      **Robert Shore to remain as Exam. Secretary**

***For: 9      Against: 0      Abstentions: 0***