



**EPRA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
AT THE STONEBRIDGE MANOR HOTEL
ON SUNDAY 2016**

OFFICIAL E.P.R.A MINUTES 2016
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Chairman:	Sue Mitchell	General Secretary:
Vice Chairman:	Position Vacant	John H. Hope
Treasurer:	Yvonne Armitage	
Exam Secretary:	Robert Shore	

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Meeting Opened at 1:50 pm

1. Chairman

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

2. Apologies:

Simon Baker (ex R1) / George Bradbury (R3) / Colin Fryers (R4) / Dominique Chiu (R7) / Jim Arnold (R8).

3. Attendees

3.1 Present

Officers:

Sue Mitchell (Chair) / John H. Hope (Gen. Sec.) / Robert Shore (R2) / Yvonne Armitage (Treasurer)

Members:

Richard Rhodes (R2) / Terry Billingham (R5) / Tony Coe (R6) / Clair Watts (R7)

3.2 Objection

None

4. Minutes of Last Meeting

Proposed a true record: Robert Shore Seconded: Terry Billingham

Voting: for: 4 against: 0 Abstentions: 2

5. Matters Arising from Minutes

- i) Date of next meeting missing from minutes
- ii) Relevant wording should read – Chair or Chairperson.

6 Chairperson's Report

I would like to thank the Committee for their work throughout the year. I would also like to thank the Delegates for their hard work checking with Members for their availability for the years events.

There has been requests, at some events, like Table Referees on the streaming tables. Like at the Golden Cue, for the entire event. Also at the Interleague KO Cup, matches on 3 tables with an EPRA Referee on one of the tables. Each request has been dealt with and fulfilled. Also the Games Room (Extended Arena) is being used more and more now. But we, as an Association, will comply with the requests from the Top Table as and when asked, as we are professionals.

7. Finance Report

7.1 Report

See separate sheet

Summary

Accounts a True Record: Proposed: Seconded:

Vote: For: Abst: Against:

Full details of the accounts are available online at www.epra8ball.org.uk.

8. Examination Secretary's Report

The Total number of Candidates taking exams during 2015 was 58.

Five E grade exams were conducted, a total of 10 candidates took part, 6 passed with a mark of 80% or better. The success rate of 60.00% is not a good result, down on last 2years.

E Grade Examinations increased from 2 up to 5, Region 2 was responsible for 1 exam, Region 3 1 exam, Region 5 1 exam, Region 6 1 exam, and 2 held in Region 7
No other Region held E Grade Examinations during 2015.

14 D grade exams were conducted; a total of 48 candidates took part 25 passed with a mark of 85% or better, a success rate of 52.08%.

10 candidates were awarded an E Grade pass scoring less than the required 85%, and more than 79%

D Grade examinations saw an increase from 2014, up from 6 to 14.

Region 2 held 4 exams with 15 candidates; Region 3 held 1 exam with 4 candidates, Region 5 held 2 exams with 11 candidates, Region 6 held 1 exam with 3 candidates, Region 7 held 6 exams with a total of 15 candidates

Disappointingly Regions 1, 4, and 8 did not hold any exams during 2015.

The revenue from exams is well up on last year. We have a total of £434 for 2015

My figures may not exactly tally with our treasurers' report owing to late pay-in for an exam in Region 6 dates not falling within the financial year.

We've changed playing rules which EPA adopted from January 2015. New D grade and E grade examination papers have been formulated. All examiners are now in possession of these new documents. I also drafted a new Rules & Guidance book which was approved by the Rules Revision Committee, and is now in publication All Existing paid up Referees were supplied with a copy.

Rule changes prove expensive for EPRA.

I must point out this is my final year as Examinations Secretary, I will definitely not be seeking re-election beyond 2016. I urge the 2016 AGM to discuss a replacement for 2017.

9. Motions for Debate

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10. Election of Officers

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Meeting Closed: 3:00pm

Next Meeting: 29th January 2017