



**EPRA DELEGATES MEETING HELD AT THE
STONEBRIDGE MANOR HOTEL, COVENTRY
ON SUNDAY January 27th 2013**

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Chairman:	Sue Mitchell	General Secretary:
Vice Chairman:	Phil Turner	John H. Hope
Treasurer:	Jason Davies	
Exam Secretary:	Robert Shore	

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Meeting opened at: 10:30am

1 Chairperson:

The Chairperson welcomed everyone and convened the meeting.

2 Attendees

2.1 Present

Officers:

Sue Mitchell (Chairperson) John H. Hope (General Secretary)
Jason Davies (Treasurer) Robert Shore (Exam Secretary) Phil Turner (V. Chair)

Delegates:

Simon Baker (R1) Richard Rhodes (R2) Viv Ruscoe (R3) Colin Fryers (Deputy) (R4)
Peter Hallett (R5) Mark Compton (R6) Dominique Chiu (R7) Jon Shapland (R8)

Absent:

None

Observers:

Yvonne Armitage (R2) Peter Arundale (R2) Mel Harley (R3) Mike Perkins (R4)

2.2 Apologies:

Carol Vinyard (R4)

3 Minutes of Last Meeting

Voting:

4 Matters Arising From Minutes

5 Correspondence

6 Finance Report

6.1 Report

6.2 Expenses

Voting:

7 Examination Secretary's Report

7.1 Report

8 Events Reports

The reports were read the meeting in their entirety; they have been shortened for the purposes of the minutes.

9 Regional Reports (written)

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Region 1:

No new exams taken. No interest from anyone voluntarily but discussions still taking place for each county to have at least 2 qualified referees. I need to try to get some idea of costs and somebody who may be interested in conducting the exam.

Simon baker

Region 2:

Since the last national meeting in July, we have had two regional delegates meetings and an AGM which took place on 6th January 2013.

In my last report I informed you that Alison Oxley had taken the position of West Yorkshire delegate. Unfortunately due to personal reasons Alison has had to stand down. Peter Arundale has taken the position temporarily until a new delegate can be elected.

There are a number of items to inform you of/discuss that's happened in the region, to keep you well up-to-date.

Firstly, the regional restrictions placed on Diane Stocks from Lancashire in 2012 regarding refereeing matches involving Merseyside have now been lifted. Enough time has been passed and the main antagonists involved are now no longer involved with the EPA.

This week I have received an email from Eileen Fielding asking if she could be given special dispensation from fulfilling the requirements of an A grade referee (making herself available for National Events). Eileen is due to have a replacement knee operation on the 19th February and wants to allow the maximum amount of time to allow for a full recovery. I personally have no problems with this, what is the opinion of the committee?

Could the committee please make a decision on the following affiliations requests:

- Ray Rix from GMC wishes to affiliate for 2013 having not done so in 2012. He has sent double payment to retain his C grade I just need the go ahead from the committee.

- I have received a request from former referee Ian Stanack informing me that his suspension from the EPA has been lifted and asking if he can re-join the association? Ian was never "banned" from the EPRA but whilst suspended by the EPA obviously wouldn't be able to referee at their events. Ian let his membership lapse a few years ago now. I think he was a C grade. The point is, does Ian need to retake the D grade examination or can he affiliate for 2013 at a C/D paying double?

With regards to this year's membership numbers, I have tasked my county delegates to chase all former/lapsed members and encourage them to rejoin. I have also set each of them a target to recruit at least one new member in 2013 as we didn't have any successful candidates during 2012.

Moving on to upgrades in the Region, Tony Kay of Lancashire has had one out of three of his assessments for upgrade to B. Region 2 has a policy for anyone wishing to be upgraded from C to B must undergo 3 informal assessments at away county matches by an A grade referee or higher. These assessments should be complete early into the county season.

Finally, at our recent annual general meeting we have voted in a referee's constitution for the region, the constitution is there to provide structure and guidance to referees and officers within the region. The initial draft was written by Tony Kay and was finalised and voted in by our members at the AGM. The Secretary has received a copy and if any other region is interested in viewing this then please do not hesitate to contact me.

One last thing! Region 2 would like to thank Jason Davies for his invaluable good work as National Treasurer over the years; he has served on the executive committee admirably and is a credit to our association.

