



**EPRA DELEGATES MEETING HELD AT THE
STONEBRIDGE MANOR HOTEL, COVENTRY
ON SUNDAY 26th January 2014**

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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: 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)
Yvonne Armitage (Treasurer) Robert Shore (Exam Secretary)

Delegates:

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

Absent:

R3 No Delegate

Observers:

None

2.2 Apologies:

Carol Vinyard (R4) Jon Shapland (R8)

3 Minutes of Last Meeting

- i) 2:1 Officers – **Remove:** Jason Davies **Add:** Yvonne Armitage (Treasurer)
- ii) 2:1 Delegates – **Remove:** Richard Rhodes **Add:** Peter Arundale

Minutes proposed as a true record: Proposed: Terry Billingham (R5). Yvonne Armitage (R2)
Voting: For: 7 Against: 0 Abstentions: 1

4 Matters Arising From Minutes

- i) 5:3 EPA Database EPRA entries not now required.
- ii) 5:4 No further correspondence from e-mailer – item dropped.
- iii) 5:10 Complaining player banned by League – Referee spoken and advised of Rules & Procedure.
- iv) 12:3 County Dress Code not relaxed, except possible replacement of trousers with shorts in summer months. Shoe code remains same.
- v) 12:5 Item dropped.
- vi) 12:7 Item Ongoing.

5 Correspondence:**5:1 Kevin Armitage (R2)**

Requesting dispensation from 'A' Grade duty requirements, citing personal/family matters.
Request granted.

5:2 Kevin Armitage (R2)

Thanking the committee for their understanding. Looking to continue duties in the future.

5:3 Mel Harley

Informing me that he had sort legal advice and was bringing an accusation of restriction of trade against the Association, following his expulsion from the EPRA.
We await further correspondence.

5:4 Mike Perkins (EPA)

Requesting a referee for the Junior Trials at the 147 Club.

5:5 Shirley Jewkes (EPA)

Requesting referee for Seniors Tour (R1) no accommodation.
Informed tour clashed with meeting, supply ref only if accommodation supplied.
Second e-mail agreeing accommodation. Peter Arundale to cover event.

5:6 Carol Vinyard (R4)

Resigning as R4 Delegate, citing work commitments. With immediate effect. Arranged for Colin Fryers to stand in.

5:7 Colin Fryers (R4)

Requesting to be considered for position of R4 Delegate
Wheels to be put in motion.

5:8 George Harwood

Requesting that he be permitted to use Shaun Baker & Yvonne Armitage as referees at the forthcoming European Championship in Malta. Using them would help financially as they are already attending the event.

Request was agreed.

5:9 Wiltshire County Pool Association (R5)

Requesting update re Key Brazier & Cath Slater.

Previous correspondence had been received regarding 'Double Payment' of 2 Wiltshire Referees. Following investigation, it was considered that a double payment had probably been made. Matters had been confused because the initial cheque had to be presented three times before payment was successful, and another cheque was issued, resulting in both cheques being honoured, it would seem.

Both Referees are considered paid up members.

5:10 Deborah Chudley

Informing us that Trevor Jenkinson had passed away
Our condolences to friends and family.

5:11 Mark Compton (R6)

Informing us that well loved member John (JD) Dowdeswell (R6) had passed away peacefully at his home, after battling a long illness.

Our condolences to all concerned.

5:12 Jason Davies (R7)

Informing us that long term and well liked and respected member Jim Miles (R7) had passed away.

Our condolences to his friends and family.

5:13 Dave Holden (R6)

Informing that he had made payment into the Association Bank account for 5# Exam papers and his Membership Renewal ('B').

5:14 Ambition (Clubs for Young People)

Thanking the two referees (Steve & Sarah Cox) for their good work with the youngsters at their Pool Finals Day, in October at Club 147, Leicester.

5:15 Alan Benton (EPA)

Thanking two referees (see 5:14) for their work. Requesting two referees for 2014 Ambition Finals in October.

5:16 Alan Benton (EPA)

2014 EPA Referee Requirements (VHP)

5:17 Eileen Fielding (Pearson (R2))

Requesting dispensation from 'A' Grade Duty Requirements, citing ill health, but hoping to return asap.

Dispensation granted.

5:18 Tony Kay (R2)

List of clothing available (samples & embroidery seen) and price list, from new supplier.

5:19 Stan Robinson (R7)

Request for access information for EPRA website.

Info sent.

5:20 Shaun Baker (R2)

Enquiry why AGM information was sent out via Regional Delegate and not direct.

See Rules & Constitution. (Regional Delegates: 11b)

Regional Delegates job to inform members of forthcoming AGM etc.

5:21 Steve Camp (R3)

Requested to pay membership via bank transfer.

Paid as above, screen shot of payment was attached.

5:22 Richard Rhodes (R2)

Request for consideration for upgrade to 'S' Grade,

(see Exam Secretary's Report. Item 7)

6 Finance Report

6.1 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 a true record:

Proposed: Terry Billingham (R5)

Seconded: Dominique Chiu

Voting: For: 7 Against: 1 Abstentions: 0

7 Examination Secretary's Report

7.1 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.

7:2 Upgrades

Request for upgrade to from; Richard Rhodes (R2) – Peter Arundale (R2) & Terry Billingham (R5). CV's provided were light on information other than Refereeing Duties. However, Exam Secretary and Committee considered that the CV's provided + 'A' Grade CV's previously provided + committees knowledge of the three members, was sufficient to permit their Assessments to 'S' Grade. As this would mean that there were 4 candidates on the 'S' Assessment list, it was agreed that Terry Billingham (last request) would not be assessed until 2015. If possible the other 3 would be assessed in 2014. As: Dominique Chiu / Richard Rhodes / Peter Arundale.

Vote to allow Assessments:

Richard Rhodes – **For: 6** **Against: 1** **Abstentions: 1**

Peter Arundale - **For: 7** **Against: 0** **Abstentions: 1**

Terry Billingham – **For: 7** **Against: 0** **Abstentions: 1**

8 Events Reports

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

WEPF World Championships: June-July 2013

Senior Referee: John H. Hope 322

The Senior Referee attended the Team Leaders Meeting at 9:00am on Sunday 23rd June, Where various matters regarding the Championships and it's running were discussed.

The Opening Ceremony took place in the Main Arena at 12:00 midday. The normal Photo session did not take place as is the norm in previous years.

The EPRA supplied two Referees (Dominique Chiu & Lloyd Clarke) and myself as Senior, there were two Overseas Referees (Gordon Males – Australia & Lindsay Draghoender - South

Africa). Gordon came fully equipped and attired but, unfortunately Lindsay came without a jacket, as did all the South African contingent, so borrowing one was not an option. Gordon introduced himself to me at the meeting but I did not meet Lindsay until immediately prior to the opening ceremony.

The days play started virtually on time at 1:00pm in the Lancastrian Suite, the referees were deployed as 2on – 2off, 60mins on – 60mins off. At 5:00pm the matches commenced in the Washington Suite, two of the referees were placed there, the same work timing was used. The matches in the Washington Suite finished at approximately 11:00pm, with the Lancastrian Suite, with only three matches remaining and in their final stages, looking to finish at about 11:30pm.

Unfortunately, at about 11:15pm the fire alarm was sounded and the hotel was evacuated, with everyone gathering at the designated meeting point. All referees were accounted for. It was found that a 'smash box' on the 4th floor had been vandalised, and after investigation, the Fire Brigade allowed everyone to re-enter the hotel at approximately 12:00midnight.

The players of two of the matches were happy to continue with their matches from where the balls lie, but in the third match, it was evident that the balls had been moved, this was corroborated by the floor referee who had just made a Total Snooker decision on the frame. The frame was re-racked and play continued. All matches finished by 12:35am.

It was explained to Lindsay that, because of his lack of attire, he could only be used in the Washington Suite and could not be considered for the TV. events, after discussion with Lindsay, it was agreed that he would go to a local Tesco supermarket and purchase a reasonably priced black suit.

On Monday, 24/06, matches started at 9:00 in the Washington and 9:30 in the main arena (Lancastrian). The referees arrived on time and suitably attired, as possible, they started their rotas with 60mins on – 60mins off, until 10:00am when they reverted to 60mins on – 30mins off, this was to allow Lindsay to go and purchase a suit, at 10:00am. He returned, suitably attired, at 11:30am. The referees then reverted to 90mins On – 90mins Off.

The referees worked well, considering the long shifts, although on a few occasions when I was called to floor the referees decision was incorrect and was overturned. These were, however, for tight Total or Foul Snooker decisions.

In the afternoon, a situation arose between two Ladies teams, regarding the timing of one particular frame, where a Time Foul had been called, (in the team events the timekeepers were supplied by the teams). The offending player claimed the opposition timekeeper had not called at 30secs and that she had not time fouled and didn't hear the call. I was requested by the floor referee to adjudicate on this matter. By coincidence, I had been standing behind the timekeeper and heard both the 30sec call and the foul call.

Tuesday was the start of the Junior and wheelchair events, in the Washington Suite.

Unfortunately, the Wheelchair event started badly with bad feeling between some players, together with accusations of cheating and other unnecessary remarks. This is not the first year this has happened and in order to put a stop to this, a meeting was called between myself and the players, also in attendance was Sue Mitchell (Official) and Dominique Chiu (Referee) Basically the players were warned that if the current behaviour were to continue, then there would be consequences and that the current behaviour by some players was unacceptable and would not be tolerated, Ground Rules were laid down. The matches went off without a problem. Wednesday & Thursday saw the continuation of the Mens and Ladies Individuals, with the draw for the Mens last 64 being made on Wednesday night.

The Last 32 & Last 16 of the Men's Individuals took place on Thursday afternoon/evening, 8 extra referees were brought in to allow for these to be table refereed.

Friday brought the Finals of all the Team and Individuals matches of the Seniors, Wheelchair, Under 21's and Junior matches. Followed by the presentation. The Quarter-finals of the Men's and Ladies Individuals were also played. 2 extra referees were drafted in to allow required matches to be table refereed.

During the Men's Team match between Wales and Morocco, there was a loud altercation, with accusations of cheating, the behaviour of the Wales Team became totally unacceptable. The team captain was warned that this type of behaviour would not be tolerated and that there would be consequences should it continue, two other Welsh players were reprimanded. The team captain apologised to both myself and the Moroccan team.

At 7pm all World Championship matches had finished and the World Amateur Masters

commenced, this taking place over Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The Referees (including myself) in general, worked 2hrs on – 2hrs off, unless circumstances dictated otherwise. On Sunday the Finals of the Masters Ladies event was played also the Final of the Men's Plate event. All remaining matches were moved to the Washington Suite to allow the TV. Arena to be readied.

Monday saw the last 3 sessions of the Men's Team event, also the Semi's and Finals of the Ladies Team. The Finals of the Mens World Masters was played as was the Men's Team Play-Offs. 2 Extra referees were brought in to assist with the Table refereeing.

Tuesday brought the start of the televised stages, Men's Individuals Semi-finals and Men's Team Semi-finals. These were refereed by Richard Rhodes (R2), Terry Billingham (R5) and Lyndsay Draghoender (SA). Gordon Males Timekeeping. Unfortunately, Gordon had to be removed from his duties, he had been noted 'Nodding Off' on more than one occasion, he took umbrage at this and walked off, not returning or getting in contact, at all.

On Wednesday the 3 Finals were played, Lyndsay Draghoender (SA) took charge of the Men's Team Final, Terry Billingham (R5) the Ladies Individual Final and Richard Rhodes (R2) the Men's Individual Finals, they also took turns Timekeeping. Well done to all 3 referees.

All referees worked exceptionally well and I was called to the floor on very few occasions and Happily there were few errors. Unfortunately, one overseas referee had to be spoken to regarding his attitude and timekeeping when returning from breaks, he was very lackadaisical, slow and cumbersome.

All in all, a good, enjoyable event, long on hours, short on breaks and money.

Interleague KO Cup October 2013

Senior Referee: Shaun Baker

The event commenced promptly at 9.00 am on Saturday with 32 tables in use, with all referees reporting promptly, they worked a 6 on / 4 off system for the whole of the day meaning that all breaks were 30 minutes and they alternated between 30 and 60 minutes on the floor.

There was only one incident that required the senior referee when a team disputed a coaching foul, they admitted that they had shouted to their player to "remember the rules" after he had potted on the break so the foul stood.

The second session in the Interleague started at 12.00 noon with the last matches going on at 12.55 pm, the third session in the Interleague started at 2.30 pm with the last matches going on at 5.00 pm. The first last 32 KO match was at 5.30 pm with the last match on at 7.05 pm and play finished at 8.50 pm.

The National Amateur singles semi-finals took place at 12.40 pm with referees being provided from the Interleague event. The final took place at 8.00 pm with John Hope as the referee with the match finishing at 9.00 pm.

There was a three team play off in the Group stages where all three teams had finished level on points and frames, in this situation the break is decided by lagging on all three tables. There were two play offs in the last 32, both were carried out satisfactorily.

Play started again at 9.00 am on Sunday with referees on walkabout for the last 32 and last 16 matches.

There were table referees for the semi-finals and final which were both played on three tables with the event finishing at 3.05 pm after a play off in the final.

There was one incident in a semi final where a time foul was given and the players claimed the EPRA referee had not reset the watch from the previous shot (after the frame had finished), I spoke to the referee and assured me he had and had called 30 seconds. The same match also ended in a playoff.

All of the referees were smartly dressed, punctual and professional in manner for the whole of the event and were a credit to the Association. There was just one point to raise, where referees were calling a time out to give a decision where the it was only taking 2 or 3 seconds

to actually make the decision, time outs should not be called for straight forward decisions like this.

Champion of Champions: November 2013:

Senior Referee: Sue Mitchell.

The were used in two sessions, each with 6 referees. 08:30am – 15:30pm 15:15pm to a finish. The 1st session referees were on time to prepare the table and for the morning briefing, and all were suitably attired.

The arena was split into 4 zones with the referees working 1hr On & 30mins Off. Refs rotated, and worked all zones.

The Dress Code was upheld only if blatantly obvious or if brought to a referees attention by the opponent.

The match balls were collected from Top Table with score sheets and returned by the winning captain at the end of the match.

The day went well, and the Senior was only called to the floor on two occasions, one to deal with a match that had played 10 frames without a stopwatch, the teams were advise of the requirements. The second was regarding a player playing out of time, the correct decision was made by the floor referee. There were no further incidents.

During the day there was a total of ten Play-Offs, all of which were table refereed and went well.

At 15:15 the session 2 referees arrived and were briefed, they were sent to their respective Zones and the session 1 referees were stood down at 15:30. John Hope took over as Senior Referee and I stood down for the day.

On Sunday all referees were on time and the tables were prepared and the briefing done ready for a 09:00am start. The Last 16 was walk-about refereed by 4 refs (4 tables each(two tables each match)). At the same time the ladies Semi-finals was played and was table refereed.(4refs) The remaining 4 refs were used for relief purposes. The Match Balls were collected and returned as Saturday.

At 11:00am there was a minutes silence for Remembrance Sunday.

At 10:45 the Ladies Final started on the streaming tables, each had a refedree and timekeeper. The final finished at 13:10 and the 4 referees were stood down.

The Champion of Champions Semi-finals started at 12:20 on four tables, each table refereed. Both were completed by 13:40. The 4 referees were stood down.

The Final started straight away and was played on two tables each with a referee and Timekeeper, it was completed at 14:40, referees were stood down.

Again a very good day, Senior Referee was not called to the floor at all. It seems John had the worst session with 7 Play-Offs all virtually at the same time, the TD complemented the referees on how well this situation was dealt with.

My thanks to all the referees for their hard work, they were a credit to the Association.

9 Regional Reports (written)

Reports were read to the meeting in their entirety, they have been shortened for the purposes of the minutes.

Region 1:

Simon Baker

No further forward at present with exams, although the region 1 director has only just changed to my correct email address. Our next meeting is next Sunday 02/02/14 although I am going to be unable to attend as we are having an emergency county meeting that I need to attend. Hopefully I will be able to attend next meeting as I should be given enough warning.

Region 2:

Richard Rhodes

We had our first delegates meeting and the annual general meeting earlier in the month. The delegate and assistant delegate positions were up for re-election, but as there were no

Candidates proposed, the incumbents, myself and Peter Arundale were re-elected for another two year term. As I said in my report at the AGM, I haven't yet decided whether I'll stand again in two years but will have made my mind up before next year's AGM. But for now, you'll have to put up with me for another 2 years!

Diane Stocks conducted an exam at the end of the year within one successful candidate, Martin West who was previously an E grade. Robert Shore sent an email proposing a change to the rules for affiliating when advancing from E to D grade, as per his request to contact the chair if I was for or against this, I messaged back that I was all for the proposal, but as yet have not heard anything? Nevertheless I have affiliated Martin as a D without taking additional payment. There are plans to hold another exam in Lancashire very soon. Our aim this year is to perform more examinations and increase our referee numbers, this ideally needs to happen before the start of the season and hopefully ensure that Merseyside and Cumbria have their own referees.

This year we have 27 affiliated referees. Only two down from last year's total, both from West Yorkshire, one an E grade the other an S grade!

Two A grade referees have been nominated and supported by the Region to advance to S grade referees, their worksheets and covering letter has been sent to the General Secretary and await the national committee's decision.

Finally, there are two points that need clarifying here, as they cannot be resolved within the region. The first is what is the formal stance on e-cigarettes, especially during matches? Are they a cigarette and fall under the standard foul rule? Opinions differ whomever you speak to, so we need a definitive answer. The second point is regarding dress code during county matches. In Region Two the senior referee is the sole judge of dress code issues and the question regarding shoe types has cropped up. What are acceptable black shoes? We are seeing more regularly Vans style canvas shoes. What is your opinion, is it something we need to clarify with the EPA at a Yarmouth event and use their rules?

Region 3:

No Report – Delegates position vacant.

Region 4:

No Report

Region 5:

Terry Billingham

Two Paying-in books have been received from Peter Hallet (previous R5 Delegate) one has been sent to the Treasurer.

Three referees supplied, one for Youth Trials (January) Two for Ambition Finals (October). No contact details for Cath Bailey (Wiltshire) or Darrel Williams (Gloucester), Terry to contact Counties to obtain details.

Region 6:

Mark Compton

Generally within Region 6 there are no issues to report, there are still very few opportunities for the referees outside of the county matches.

Over the last year the region has ensured that there is at least 1 D grade or above, this will now allow us to enforce suitable officiating at the respective levels.

Two exam dates have been completed this year and there have been a few successful candidates at D and E grade level and not too many failures.

Training prior to an exam has now been achieved over the internet utilising Skype, this proved to be fairly successful and the candidate who had two 1 hour sessions passed his first D grade attempt. I can now offer support on a national scale for anyone who has access to the internet although each session needs organising via email or text beforehand. Most sessions last for approx. 1 hour and as many sessions as required can be given to each candidate.

The Issue with referees not receiving their ID cards has now been resolved.

Dave Holden has now relinquished his examiner status and I hope to take his place within region 6. To date I have run an exam under direct supervision of Dave Holden and I have run and marked a second assessment day. I request formal recognition that I am able to take up

this post.

I am currently able to volunteer for more senior posts within the EPRA set up.

Region 7:

Dominique Chiu

Total Members on delegate database = 49 (compare to last reported 54, there's a reduction of 5) 2 moved away, 1 no longer eligible (moved to black ball), 2 do not wish to renew/re-affiliated)

- 27 Affiliated so far in 2014,
- Repeated emails were sent to all county delegates to help expedite outstanding memberships.
- Congrats to the following promotion:
Alex Tearle, moved up from D to C.
Jon Baxter, moved up from C to B
- Clair Watts will be eligible for upgrade from C to B in 2015.
- Since last delegate meeting, 2 exams took place, 1 in Berkshire 1 in Kent. 5 passes in total.
- Clair Watts will be eligible for upgrade from C to B in 2015.
- Steve Durrant (823) express keen interest to get involve with getting more referee exposure. He will be making himself available for future national events.
- Next Youth event with CYP will be on 9th March 2014 in West Berkshire area. One E grade in Berkshire County is appointed to help the running of the run. Don't know when the regional qualifier will be, probably sometime in April.
- The EPRA website information is still out of date (mentioned in last meeting), can someone please keep it up to date? Or maybe give access to super-user to update it?

Membership number required for Katie Jackson (Robert Shore to advise)

Region 8:

Jon Shapland

Refereeing in Region 8 has neither gone forward or back during 2013. All referees renewed their memberships (and all in time to vote at the AGM), but no examinations were conducted for new referees.

With one exception, all members were active at least once at Great Yarmouth and at other events during the year, which is very encouraging. The exception was a referee who passed the 'D'-grade paper in 2010, but who was then not subsequently sent the membership renewal form for 2011, and in 2012 drifted away to Blackball. Upon returning to play under the auspices of EPA in 2013 the individual also re-joined EPRA, but did not yet have all of the necessary equipment (mainly a dinner/evening jacket, but also things like spare cue-balls, etc.) to be able to referee at formal events. I'm pleased to report, however, that this member has now procured all of the necessary equipment and will be doing three days' work at the forthcoming universities event next month.

People from the Region have at times tentatively enquired about the possibility of holding referees' exams but, when faced with having to make contact with an external (to the Region) examiner, have never followed this through. I would like to become an examiner myself, however owing to other pressures on my time this is something that is on the backburner for the time- being.

Whilst I have no intention of lapsing my EPRA membership or of stopping refereeing, if there was another member from Region 8 who was able to put more time into the administrative side then I would gladly let them have a go. Unfortunately, it is not something that any of the other referees currently in Region 8 are interested in taking-on though.

I'm happy to help where I can with things like renewals and Yarmouth availabilities and will attend EPRA meetings where possible, however I cannot commit to the latter at this moment in time.

For information, I resigned as EPA Region 8 Director in November 2013. Sharon Lunn is the new RD.

12:3 Mark Compton requested clarification of his position as examiner for R7. Required criteria has been fulfilled.

Robert Shore to take action.

12:4 Colin Fryers (R4) requested clarification of the policy regarding refereeing money matches. World Rules only officiated, expenses amount is at the discretion of the referee.

12:5 Exam Secretary & General Secretary requested procedure for access to new web site to facilitate updating the site.

Complaints have been received regarding content and ability to access site.

Access: User name: **EPRA** Password: **mitchell** (all case sensitive).

12:6 All holders of Paying-in Books are to advise the Treasurer of the slip numbers in their books (first & last).

12:7 Dave Holden (R6 Examiner) has informed of retirement as R6 Examiner due to ill health. Our thanks and best wishes to him.

12:8 Distribute EPA Dress Code Clarification & Swearing and Bad Language Clarification to all members.

Meeting closed: 4:20pm.

13 Summary of Actions

Who	Summary	Reference
General secretary	Source events to facilitate assessments	7:2 Upgrades
R5 Delegate	Obtain contact details (2 Referees)	9 – R5 Report
Exam Secretary	Membership number	9 - R7 Report
R2 Delegate	To inform member	12:2 AOB
Exam Secretary	R6 Examiner	12:3 AOB
All Delegates /Examiners	Inform Treasurer of paying-in book slip numbers.	12:6 AOB
General Secretary	Distribute Clarifications	12:8 AOB