



**EPRA DELEGATES MEETING HELD AT THE  
STONEBRIDGE MANOR HOTEL, COVENTRY  
ON SUNDAY 1<sup>st</sup> June 2014**

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MINUTES  
1<sup>st</sup> June  
2014

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<b>Exam Secretary:</b>	Robert Shore	

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Meeting opened at: 11:20am

**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:**

Richard Rhodes (R2). Colin Fryers (R4). Sarah Cox (R5). Jeremy Ruffer (R7)

**Absent:**

R3 No Delegate

**Observers:**

None

**2.2 Apologies:**

Simon Baker (R1)  
Terry Billingham (R5)  
Mark Compton (R6) (Phoned during meeting, apparently from hospital)  
Dominique Chiu (R7)  
Jon Shapland (R8)

**3 Minutes of Last Meeting:**

Item: 5.14 **Ambition (Clubs for Young People)**  
To read – Riley's, Coventry

Minutes proposed as a true record: Proposed: Robert Shore (R2). Colin Fryers (R4)

Voting: For: 5 Against: 0 Abstentions: 2

**4 Matters Arising From Minutes**

- i) 7:2 Events for 'S' Grade Assessments as:  
Dominique Chiu R7 – National Interleague Final  
Richard Rhodes R2 – Golden Cue  
Peter Arundale R2 – Interleague KO Cup

Future events used to be:  
National Intercounty Finals  
National Interleague Finals  
National Interleague KO Cup Finals  
Champion of Champions Finals

- ii) 9: R5 Contact details to be sourced for Cath Bailey (Wiltshire) & Darrel Williams (Gloucester)  
Ongoing.

- iii) 9: R7 Membership number required for Katie Jackson – 829

- iv) 12:2 Kevin Lloyd (R2) Membership renewed at 'B' Grade.

**4 Matters Arising From Minutes Cont/.**

- v) 12:3 Mark Compton requested clarification of his position as R6 Examination – Exam Secretary and committee have reservations regarding this matter – on going.
- vi) 12:8 Redistribute clarification of: Dress Code / Bad Language & E- Cigarettes rulings -  
- Done

## 5 Correspondence:

- 5.1 Wesley McKelvey**  
Wesley McKelvey renewed his EPRA membership to Wiltshire R5 (previously R6)
- 5.2 New Zealand (Phil Doig) (via Alan Benton)**  
A request was received from New Zealand Pool Body to hold an exam at the 2014 World Championships. – Further information at Event.
- 5.3 Colin Fryers**  
Colin Fryers (R4 Delegate) informed of new e-mail address, the previous having been hacked.
- 5.4 Richard Rhodes**  
Richard Rhodes (R2 Delegate) informed that John Tompkins had requested to renew his membership at his previous grade of 'B' – Agreed
- 5.5 George Harwood**  
E-mail detailing the referee requirements for World Championships.
- 5.6 Alan Benton**  
E-mail regarding an incident at VHP involving Hazel Dabrowski (R5) (Golden Cue) (see AOB Item: 13.2)
- 5.7 Ivor Edwards**  
E-mails to Ivor Edwards regarding incidences involving Hazel Dabrowski and Scott McMillan (both R5)
- 5.8 Christopher Whitehead**  
Query regarding 'Foul Snooker' clarification – decision given
- 5.9 Alan Benton**  
Referee Requirements for VHP 2014 received

## 6 Finance Report

### 6.1 Report (See Sheet)

Again Delegates/Examiners are not sending in paperwork to clarify the Bank receipts, this is causing problems. I have also requested that all people holding 'paying-in books' should inform me of the slip numbers, this has not happened. Can those who hold books please make a concerted effort to advise Yvonne of the numbers.

The introduction of the 'Levy' for Gt Yarmouth events, has worked quite well, but because of the payment of 'S' Grade assesses the impact has not been as good as hoped. With one more assessment this year, the outlay will be £420.00, none of which is recoverable from the EPA. The levy is only taken from Gt Yarmouth referees, it might be fairer, therefore, consider raising the membership fees, so all members contribute.

All 'Paying-in' information must be sent to Yvonne to ensure a 'true record' in the accounts. Paperwork and monies are still missing from the February Exam, carried out by Diane Stocks R2.

Accounts proposed as a true record:

Proposed: Colin Fryers R4 - Seconded: Jeremy Ruffer R7

Voting: For: 6 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0

## 7 Examination Secretary's Report

### 7:1 Report

Examinations since November 2013 to May 2014

	D Grade	Pass	E Grade	Pass	
Region 1					
Region 2	10	4		1	E grade awarded to D grade Candidate.
Region 3					
Region 4					
Region 5					
Region 6					
Region 7	3	2	1	2	1 E grade awarded to D grade Candidate.
Total	13	6	1	3	Grand Total 33+16=49

### 7:2 Summary

We have just 3 exams in the first 7 months of this financial year up to the end of May, 13 D grade and 1 E grade. Contribution to funds £109.00, clearly the association cannot, in the long term, survive on this level of revenue.

### 7:3 'A' Grade Assessments

- i) Gary Francis' Third Assessment is ongoing.

### 7:4 'S' Grade Assessments

S grade 2 assessments have been completed and will be considered by the forthcoming meeting Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June.

- i) **Dominique Chiu 'S' Grade Assessment  
Interleague Finals – 29/30 March 2014**

The report regarding the above assessment, by Assessor Shaun Baker, was given to the meeting and discussed. The Assessors Proposal was that Dominique Chiu be granted an 'S' Grade.

**Proposed: Shaun Baker      Seconded: Robert Shore**

**For: 6      Against: 0      Abstentions: 1**

**Proposal: Passed**

### 7:4 'S' Grade Assessments Cont/.

- ii) **Richards Rhodes 'S' Grade Assessment  
Golden Cue – 11/12 May 2014**

The report regarding the above assessment, by Assessor Sue Mitchell, was given to the meeting and discussed. The Assessors Proposal was that Richard Rhodes be granted an 'S' Grade.

**Proposed: Sue Mitchell**

**Seconded: Robert Shore**

**For: 6**

**Against: 0**

**Abstentions: 1**

**Proposal: Passed**

## 8 Events Reports

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

**The Reports for the Interleague Finals and Champion of Champions are printed in their entirety, as the Events Seniors were under assessment.**

### Intercounty Finals 2014:

01/03/14 – 02/03/14

Senior Referee: John H. Hope (322)

For the first time in several years, all the required 24 referee places were filled.

The Senior Referee attended the three Captains Meetings on Friday Night, after which the Intercounty Cup started (2 Referees).

On the Saturday the referees were split into 2 sessions, each of 12 referees. The first session referees started at 8:00am, all were on time and properly attired. The tables were all prepared and the morning briefing completed in time for matches to start at 8:30am.

The Main Arena was used for the Men's and Ladies events and the Games Room was used for the Junior event, 56 tables in total.

The areas were separated into 8# Zones, 6 in the main arena (36 tables) and 2 in the games room (20 tables). Of the 6 in the main arena two of the zones were actually the two streaming tables, which were refereed and timed. The remaining 34 tables were separated into 4 – 8+8+8+10. The 20 games room tables were used required.

The referees worked a rota of 60mins On – 30mins Off, rotating the zones.

All the referees worked very well and no problems were experienced.

By 3:00pm all the 2<sup>nd</sup> session referees had arrived and by 3:15 the briefing was completed and the oncoming referees were ready to relieve the morning referees. Session 1 referees were stood down at 3:15pm. The 2<sup>nd</sup> session referees worked the same rota.

Shaun Baker stood in as Senior Referee at 4:30pm and I returned twice to ensure all was ok.

On Sunday Morning 12 referees were on time and properly attired ready to start at 8:30am when all tables were prepared (main arena only) and the morning briefing, with play starting at 9:00am. The 2<sup>nd</sup> set of twelve referees attended at 9:20am. The referees worked 30mins On – 30mins Off for the first session, walk-about.

Between 12:05 and 12:20 all the finals were started on 24 tables, each Table refereed and timed.

All matches were completed between 2:05pm and 2:50pm. When all referees were stood down. The majority of the referees stayed behind for the presentation.

In all there were 11 play-off's all were completed without any problems.

The Senior was called to the floor 5 times over the week-end, on 4 occasions the floor referee was correct, on the other occasion a Foul Snooker decision was altered.

All the referees worked well and were a credit to the Association, my thanks to them and to Shaun Baker for taking over for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday session.

**Event:** National Interleague Final

**Date:** 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> March 2014

**Senior Referee:** Dominique Chiu (under assessment by Shaun Baker)

**Day One**

Referees arrived promptly at 8.30am, brushed and ironed tables. The event start promptly at 9am upon the first and final warning issued by me. As the game room also being used at Group stage, 12 refs were split into two groups of 6, with 4 refs in the main hall and 2 in the games room (6-zones). Half hour on half hour off throughout the day, with the exception of time between 12.30 to 14.30pm, when each group of refs get one hour break for lunch.

The communication between the head table and the senior ref went well until 5pm when all communication seemed broken down from the head table. At 4.30pm, only one match remained in the game room, so 1 ref was moved back to the main hall with the other ref in the game room to adjudicate the last match. At 5pm, no match at game room but 1 ref remained in the game room to look after the balls in case of theft. This was requested by the head table. At 5.30pm, the senior ref was told that the table engineer started to lock up the game room tables, so senior ref moved the last ref back to the main hall. At 6pm, head table decided to put two prelim matches back into the game room, 1 ref was moved back to the game room to adjudicate these matches. From 4.30-6pm, the senior ref made numerous attempts to find out what's happening to the game room but drew blanks.

At 6.30-7.30pm, 7 play offs took place (1 of them in the game room). At one point, 3 play offs were on the go at the same time. Thanks must go to Shaun Baker, who helped out organising the other two play offs whilst I adjudicating one. All the refs were at hand to table ref these play offs.

The remainder of the evening went without a hitch. 5 refs were stood down at 8pm, 4 at 8.15-8.20pm and last 3 were stood down at 9pm when day 1 of the event concluded.

No call for Senior ref all day !

**Day Two**

All referees arrived punctually, tables were brushed and iron on time ready to start at 9am. The day started with last 16 KO on 16 tables. Referee were split into 8 on 4 off. Referees were on walkabout duties, allocated to one ref per match, overseeing 2 tables. Rota was 40 mins on 20 mins off. Table refereeing from QF to Final. First QF took place at 10:30am with last one went on at 11:10am. First SF took place at 12:30pm, the other one went on at 1.30pm. Final started at 2:30pm, completed by 3pm. 3 refs were stood down at 1.30pm, 3 at 2.30pm and last 6 stood down at 3pm.

3 play offs took place - 1 at last 16, 1 at QF and 1 at SF.

At QF, a standard foul was called by a table referee for player failed to nominate before taking his next visit after a ball was potted from break. The player threw a fit at the referee; referee tried to retaliate but was immediately stopped by the Senior Ref to avoid a public display. For the record, the referee call was correct.

1 compliment received from Head table to a referee that not granting player 'time out' as there's no obviously reason to grant such time out. It was explained that often see referee grant time out just because player asking for it. Compliment was passed onto the referee.

1 call for Senior ref, upon arriving at the table, the match had already carried on.

At this point, I would like to express how pleased I was to see the professionalism of our referees. They all display confident performing their duties and fulfil what the role is required of them. Although we are all individual referees, but we work well as a team, helping each other out when it was needed. It was an absolute honour to work with them. I like to thank you for all their hard work, flexibility and great team working during this weekend!

**Senior Referees Report****Golden Cue 2014****10th – 11th May 2014**

Senior Referee: Sue Mitchell; Assistant Senior Referee: Richard Rhodes

What follows is a comprehensive report on the complete weekend's events.

This is the assistant referee's report for the Golden Cue competition held at Great Yarmouth.

Prior to the event, all referees details of those due to be working was forwarded by the General Secretary for the senior to plan for the tournament. Pre-tournament preparation included planning a suitable rota for the weekend and collating a checklist in readiness for a meeting with the tournament director and notes to include for the referees start of shift briefing.

Arriving at the venue about 16:00 on the Friday afternoon, all caravan keys had been issued out to the referees by the senior on the Friday. Details of referees still to arrive were given to me. Sue and I attended a meeting with the Tournament Director, Mike Perkins, early in the evening to discuss the event format and plan for the referees over the weekend. All relevant information was gathered and recorded on my check sheets in readiness for briefing to my team of referees on Saturday.

At 07:30 on Saturday 10th May, all 6 morning referees were present in the main hall and prepared all 36 tables ready for the start of the competition at 08:00. Tables were finished about 07:50. The team were called into the back stage area for the morning briefing.

The briefing was delivered and all aspects of format, referees duties, senior referee's procedure and working times were given out. Referees were to work on a one hour on, half hour off basis until the end of their shift, the main hall is split into four zones with the Games Room making up a fifth zone at 0930 for the singles event. At the same time, the main hall will be reduced to 3 zones (by merging one two of the zones).

Four referees would be on duty at any one time. Referees were asked if this was all understood, which it was. Referees were then deployed to their respective areas ready for the start of the competition.

The tournament introduction by the TD was slightly delayed for about 5 minutes whilst a problem with the venues microphones and scoreboard projectors was resolved. Mike Perkins gave his introduction and then introduced me for the first and final warning which was delivered without problems. At 08:09 the first games were called to the tables.

At 09:30 two referees were sent into the Games Room to prepare the 20 tables for the singles events, this meant slightly rearranging the zones in the Main Hall, for a half hour period only. TD was aware and happy with this. The second session started at this time and all matches for this session were called by 09:45.

At 11:00 the 3rd session was called and by 11:10 all matches were on. This was the case for the remaining morning sessions in the main hall, where each session's matches were all called out within 10 minutes of each other.

At 14:20 an incident was brought to our attention by Alan Benton. Vauxhall's site general manager had informed him that one of our referees had made some derogatory remarks about the standard of the accommodation that they were staying in on site. This included posting pictures to Facebook of the accommodation. After it was established who the referee was, he requested that they do not referee any other EPA event again. After some deliberation between myself, Sue Mitchell, John Hope and Yvonne Armitage, it was decided that the referee in question would be removed from the shift rota for the afternoon in which they were due to referee and alternative arrangements for covering this would have to be made. Weighing up the options of, calling in a referee to cover or rearrangement to the afternoon shift, it was decided to ask a morning shift referee if they could cover. With great thanks, Jon Baxter, agreed to stay on for the rest of the day and he would be remunerated accordingly. Once again my appreciation to Jon for doing this.

At 15:00 all six referees were on duty for the afternoon shift. The referee as stated above was taken aside by John Hope and Sue Mitchell and was advised that their services are no longer required due to the situation. At this time two morning shift referees were stood down for the day.

At 15:10, the five afternoon referees were taken backstage and the start of shift briefing was given and zones for refereeing issued. I stated that a morning shift referee was staying on to cover our shortfall and that arrangements would have to be made for Jon to have a meal break and some changes might have to be made during their shift to accommodate this. All referees had no problem with this, which was appreciated.

At 15:30 the afternoon shift started and the morning shift referees were relieved of their duties and stood down for the day.

At 17:00 the session was started and all matches were called by 17:25. Between 17:00 and 18:00 Jon Baxter was given a meal break and so the zones were reshuffled to allow for this. The TD was kept fully up to date with this situation and was happy.

At 18:00 a player on Table 33 (zone 3) had played a serious foul (playing out of turn). The team's referee at the table asked for clarification of the rules (directly to me, as the zone referee was in the other half of his zone), they knew the rule and what should happen therefore I simply clarified whether it was deliberate or accidental and since it was deliberate (player's shirt was touching a ball, a foul was called and ignored and several seconds later the player continued with the shot. The player's own teammate & timekeeper almost stepped in to move the player on!), I confirmed what they had said (replace balls if you can or a loss of frame if this cannot be established). A few minutes later, Peter Arundale, was called to the table by the players to help resolve the situation. The referee could not replace the balls and the player wasn't forthcoming in helping to do so, so loss of frame was called. The balls were racked ready for the next frame. The player was very unhappy with this decision and demanded the senior referee. Peter came over and asked me to adjudicate. I arrived and the player was protesting and was quite irate. I had to tell the player that the referees were correct and that because of the situation whereby the balls couldn't be replaced because of deliberately playing out of turn then it is loss of frame and my decision is final. No more conversations would be entered into and I left them to continue the match.

At 19:35 Alan Benton asked me to get the referee in zone 2 to control the crowd (until he mentioned it, both Sue and I had not heard anything over the top). I spoke to Jon Baxter to stay near to the match in question and deal with any misdemeanours. Whilst I was in the zone, Alan announced over the PA system to calm it down. At this point I went over to the offenders and told them to keep the support friendly and sporting, if not then action would be taken. As I came away this match finished and things were brought back to normal.

After this Sue was relieved by John Hope for a meal break. Sue returned at about 20:10 when I went for a meal break for half an hour. Before leaving I warned Sue about the team above and to make the referee in the zone that they were due to play was aware of their raucous behaviour.

I returned from break at 20:40.

At 21:10, the team stated above were becoming increasingly more rowdy and were on the verge of losing, which they duly did. However their behaviour got much worse and at one point someone had told Jon Baxter to "F\*\*\* off". Jon, rightly was upset at this, therefore security was called to get the culprits removed. After this there were no problems.

At 22:45 matches in zone 3 and 4 had finished, referees were moved onto half hour on/half hour off. At 23:30 matches from the Games Room were brought into the main hall, therefore 2 referees were stood down. Ten minutes later, there was only 3 matches remaining and so 2 more referees were stood down.

At 00:00, one referee was stood down and one referee was to remain for the rest of the session (referee was not working on Sunday). Shaun Baker agreed that Sue and I could stand down and he would remain until the conclusion of the matches. Thanks to Shaun Baker for this.

After finishing my Sunday's preparation, I returned to the hall and at 01:00 for last match finished and the referee was stood down.

On Sunday 11th May at 08:30 all ten referees were present and the tables were prepared for the events concluding matches. The morning briefing was delivered at 08:45 where referees were thanked for all their efforts yesterday. Referees were informed that they would have natural breaks until they were stood down.

Tables for table refereeing were allocated to 8 referees and two referees were used for walkabout. At 09:00 all matches were called and between 09:57 and 10:20, the last 16 team matches had concluded.

Quarter finals were called promptly where 4 referees were used for these matches, whilst others were on a break. Meanwhile the singles event was still playing last 32 and last 16 matches.

The semi-finals of the team event started early at 11:35 and 11:48 respectively, four referees were used, one referring and one timekeeping. Singles semis started at about 12noon, with one referee on each match. All matches were finished well before 13:00. Therefore at 13:00 the two finals started. With two referees on each match. The singles event concluded at 13:38 and the 2 referees were stood down. The team event concluded at 14:24. I was not called upon at any time during Sunday.

The presentation was held promptly after the conclusion of the final, and the two duty referees and two senior referees were present and performed the "walk-through". Following this all referees were stood down.

My thanks go to all the referees whom performed admirably during the weekend, I wasn't really called to the table on any occasion and that is testament to their professionalism and respect that



they now command at these events. I observed on many occasions the zone referees answer questions by players or making adjudications and all were accepted, which is very good to see. Special thanks go to Sue Mitchell for her guidance, support and calming influence throughout my senior referee's experience. Also thanks to all my referees during the weekend for your kind words of encouragement and best wishes.

### **2014 Report Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February**

#### **Senior Trials.**

#### **Referees; Robert Shore Senior. Peter Arundale, George Bradbury, John Hope, and Jon Baxter.**

Tables ready for play 8:55 am.

Matches got under way at. 9:15

32 tables available with some not being used.

4 Referees 3 on for 60 minutes 1 off for 20 minutes. Meal breaks between 12:00 and 14:00 with 2 working 1 hour and 2 on 1 hour break.

The reduction of tables being used led to a change to work pattern 15:20 hours with 2 working 2 on break in 40-minute blocks.

16:30 last 2 matches on. 17:00 ready for round robin. Down to Kiosk area group of tables.

KO stage started 19:50 back to 20-minute blocks

ALL DONE 21:00. A good performance by all.

### **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2014.**

#### **Men's, Ladies and Under 21 England trials and Intercountry Seniors.**

The first event for 2014 sees a revamp in the Games room. There are now 20 tables to be used for competition play, coupled with the 36 tables in the main arena making 56 tables in all.

The Referee allocation for this event was 8, making allocation difficult. I managed to work out a pattern, which would give 1 hour working and ½ hour break covering 8 Zones.

In my opinion the allocation of 8 is not enough, the number of referees should always be in multiples of 3 in order to apportion proper breaks.

The four tables in the "Shop" were allocated to Over 50 Intercountry Finals 1 match per table. One of these tables set up for 'streaming'. The Tournament Director revealed that the match was to be covered by a Table Referee. Consequently area 5 nearest the Senior Referees position will only be covered for half an hour out of a one and half hour cycle. Senior will be available to field any queries. I was very disappointed that the 'Referee for streaming' was not revealed on Thursday, had this been the case I would have reduced the break time to 20 minutes and reduced the number of Zones to 6.

Tables 1-24 2 Zones, 8 tables by Senior 1 Zone, Streaming 1 Zone, games room 2 zones.

All tables ready by 8:50. All Referees correctly dressed.

Each Referee was issued with a card showing duty rota up to 18:00, zone details on the reverse of the card.

First and final issued to main hall and games room.

20 tables in the Games room being used for U21 England trials, Swiss system.

32 in the main hall split evenly for the England Men & Ladies trials.

With a 'Streaming' Referee at table 33 I found myself being called to Zone 5, which made it difficult to carry out a patrol.

19:00 The Senior IC Final & cup final commenced at 19:00.

Zone 1 & 2 tables 1 to 24 finished at 19:30

The Senior Intercountry Champions and cup winners were decided by 21:00

The Men's England Team Qualifiers were completed by 21:30.

All referees stood down 22:00 with the ladies round robin still in progress.

## 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

I have had a couple more names of people who will take exam but the last Region 1 meeting was held at the EPA AGM so I couldn't attend and the next meeting is also the 1st June so I'm not going to be able to make that either, to try to take things forward. Hopefully I'll be able to make the following meeting to find out if the counties can provide me some people to take an exam.

### Region 2:

Richard Rhodes

Since the last meeting, I don't have a great deal to report back to the committee, everything seems to be running fine!

We have three new referees within the region, successfully passing one of Diane Stocks' examinations. The significance of this is we finally have a referee, after a number of years, in Cumbria. This brings our tally to 31 affiliated referees.

Merseyside are again showing signs of interest for taking an exam, as they're only county in the region without a referee. It's hoped that something can be arranged in the not too distant future.

Following on from my emails to you all asking if a number of former, lapsed members can re-join the association, the forms were sent out, but as yet have not received anything back, these will be chased up.

Finally, on a personal note, I'd like to thank Sue Mitchell for her encouragement and help during my assessment for S grade at the Golden Cue last month.

### Region 3:

No Report – Delegates position vacant.

### Region 4:

No Report

### Region 5:

Terry Billingham

Have lost a referee Scott McMillan has decided not to renew his membership for 2014.

John Hope has been informed of this and has received his membership card back.

R5 Were asked to supply a ref for the Ladies World Qualifiers and World Masters in Leicester. Terry Billingham was attended this event.

Hazel Debrowski actions at Great Yarmouth will be discussed at the meeting.

Sarah Cox will be attending the meeting on behalf of region 5 and Terry Billingham, as he is in Ireland.

### Region 6:

Mark Compton

Delegate absent from meeting – no Report received

### Region 7:

Jeremy Ruffer

Nothing to report

### Region 8:

Jon Shapland

As you will know (from having been present yourself), as previously intended, Rob Ward went on to complete his first event at the UPC Championships in February. The money he earned from those three days managed to pay for all the things he needed (clothes, gloves, stop-watch, spare cue ball, ball marker, etc.) for "proper" refereeing, so he is now properly "on the ladder", so to speak, and from what I can gather he thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Hopefully Rob will make himself available for some EPA events in future, although like myself I think he also plays or manages teams in quite a few of them so his availability may be limited by that.

I must stress that I haven't heard anything official, but I fear that 2014 may be Jim Arnold's last year of EPRA membership. Assuming we both renewed (I certainly intend to), this would leave Region 8 with only Rob and I as EPRA referees for 2015 (although there are others such as Ron Sharpe [Nottinghamshire] that have previously passed the 'D'-grade paper but then lapsed their EPRA membership), which is obviously a concern for EPRA. Should my professional life ease over the coming months then I would like to put my own training seminar together and get

together with Robert Shore with a view towards getting me cleared as an examiner, and I can then work towards building the number of referees in Region 8 back up.

## 10 EPA Report

**10:1** Disciplinary Meeting regarding the behaviour of Hazel Dabrowski at the Golden Cue Event at VHP in May 2014. Found guilty of Disrepute – Suspended from EPA for 24months Subject to appeal.

## 11 Forthcoming Events

Mens National Amateur Championships	2 <sup>nd</sup> October 2014	3 Refs
Mens National Amateur Championships	3 <sup>rd</sup> October 2014	8+1
Interleague KO Cup	4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2014	12+1
Ladies National Singles	6 <sup>th</sup> November 2014	3 Refs
Ladies National K/O Cup	7 <sup>th</sup> November 2014	8+1
C of C Singles	7 <sup>th</sup> November 2014	2
C of C Teams + Ladies K/O Cup	8 <sup>th</sup> November 2014	6+1
C of C Teams + Ladies K/O Cup	8 <sup>th</sup> November 2014	6+1
C of C Singles	8 <sup>th</sup> Novemebr 2014	On Duty
C of C Teams + Ladies K/O Cup	9 <sup>th</sup> November 2014	12+1

## 12 Next Meeting: Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2015 - 10am

## 13 Any Other Business

**13:1** The matter regarding George 'Scott' McMillan (R5) was discussed in full. It was agreed and concluded that, should he attempt to renew his EPRA membership, at any time, he would be charged with 'Bringing the Association into Disrepute' He would be brought before a Disciplinary Committee and dealt with accordingly.

His Photo Membership Card was returned to the General Secretary and has been handed to the Examination Secretary.

### 13 Any Other Business Cont/.

**13:2** Hazel Dabrowski (R5) – See separate Disciplinary Meeting Sheet.

**13:3** Request that payment for Referees at Ambition Pool Finals event be paid at event.

**13:4** A concerted effort be made to keep the EPRA website updated. Access be given to the General Secretary and Examination Secretary to enable assistance to Treasurer. Failing this a competent Webmaster will be elected.

**13:5** All inter-officer e-mails should be immediately acknowledged by the recipient to the sender.

**Meeting closed: 4:50pm**

## **14 Summary of Actions**

<b>Who</b>	<b>Summary</b>	<b>Reference</b>
Gen. Sec.	New Zealand Exam (Worlds) obtain Information	5:2
Gen Sec.	Disciplinary re: Hazel Dabrowski	5:6 & 13.2
General	Ensure Treasurer has all 'Paying-in' Book numbers	6:1
Gen.Sec.	Request Ambition payment at event	13.3