



**EPRA DELEGATES MEETING HELD AT THE
STONEBRIDGE MANOR HOTEL, COVENTRY
ON SUNDAY 3rd July 2016**

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MINUTES
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2016

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: 10:05am

1 Chairperson:

The Chairperson welcomed everyone and convened the meeting.

2 Attendees**2.1 Present**

Officers: Sue Mitchell (R7) Chairperson / John H. Hope (R4) General Secretary / Robert Shore (R2) Examination Secretary / Yvonne Armitage (R2) Treasurer.

Delegates: R1: Vacant / R2: Richard Rhodes / R3: George Bradbury / R4: Daniel Keeble / R5: Absent / R6: Tony Coe / R7: Dominique Chiu / R8: John- Paul Eames

Absent: R5 Terry Billingham

Observers: None

2.2 Apologies: None

3 Minutes of Last Meeting

Minutes proposed as a true record:

Proposed: Richard Rhodes (R2) Seconded: Tony Coe (R6)
Voting: For: 8 Against: 0 Abstentions: 1

4 Matters Arising From Minutes**5 Correspondence:**

Multiple Correspondence were read to the meeting.
Copies can be obtained from the General Secretary on request.

6 Finance Report

6.1 Report: (see Seperate sheets or website)

6.2 Summary:

Affiliations to date

S Grade – 11 – up by 3 since our last meeting

A Grade – 12 – “ “ 3 “ “ “ “

B Grade – 18- “ “ 5 “ “ “ “

C Grade – 18 - “ “ 8 “ “ “ “

D Grade – 24 - “ “ 10 “ “ “ “

E Grade – 3 - “ “ 1 “ “ “ “

Attached to the Income and Expenditure a/c is a list showing who has paid either to delegate or by BACS for your records (Referees marked with a ‘R’ in the B. column have paid). I feel sure that there are other referees who have renewed their affiliations by now but I have not received any further paperwork so am unable to confirm this at present.

Examinations

There have been two ‘D’ grade examinations (R7 – 8 candidates) and one ‘E’ grade examination (R7 – 2 candidates) which took place on 20th May and 5th June.

ID Management submitted a pro-forma invoice for the replenishment of our card credits. This has duly been paid and is shown under Creditors.

Event Income

Event income is at a total of £14,771 to date (this includes the World Championships). Against this a total of £14,635 has been paid out which leaves a balance of £136 allocated to the Levy account.

There are no outstanding payments.

Merchandise

We have now been able to contact our supplier (John Lawson Distribution) who is happy to continue supplying our clothing requirements. I intend to make the outstanding payment of £14.40 this week and will claim reimbursement of that today.

Assets

The new laptop was purchased by the General Secretary (albeit a different one to the intended make/model). Several requests have been made by both myself and our Chairperson for the return of the old laptop with the intention of utilising it for a less stressful purpose. To date the old laptop is still with the Secretary.

Summary

Excess income over expenditure is down from £1,095.95 to £813.71. Since there are few remaining affiliations to come in, it falls once again on our Examiners to try and boost our available funds for the remainder of this financial year.

Accounts proposed as a true record:

Proposed: Dominique Chiu (R7)

Seconded: Tony Coe (R6)

Voting: For: 8 Against: 0 Abstentions: 1

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					
Region 3					
Region 4					
Region 5					
Region 6					
Region 7	8	3	2	2	1 E grade awarded to D grade Candidate.
Total	8	3	2	2	Grand Total 8+2=10

We have just 2 exams in the first 7 months of this financial year up to the end of June, 8 D grade and 2 E grade. Contribution to funds £74.00.

Clearly our Association cannot, in the long term, survive on this level of revenue.

A further print of exam papers was made in this period, costing £23.04, £25 has been spent with our ID card supplier, coupled with postage costs of £7.35 leaves examinations £55.39 in debt. 8 D grade exams are urgently needed just to put us on 'Level ground'

7:2 Upgrades**'A' grade assessments**

Unable to report, paperwork not yet received from assessors.

Regional Delegates to attract Exams via their Regions, Counties, Interleagues and Leagues.

Cost of Membership Cards to be ascertained from Jason Davies by Exam Secretary.

8 Events Reports

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

National Intercounty Finals: March 2016:

Senior Referee: Shaun Baker

The event started at 10 pm on the Friday evening with 8 B team matches on 24 tables with 3 referees on duty, the last match finished at 1.00 am with one play off.

Saturday started at 8.30 am in the main arena with Men's A and Ladies team, and then at 9 am in the Games room with 12 tables for the Youth event.

There was nine referees who worked 60 minutes on, 30 minutes off for the duration the shift, finishing at 3.30 pm. There were four zones, one of which was the Games room, and two referees on the streaming tables. There were four play offs during the day all conducted without problems.

I was required on the floor on two occasions;

Checking a foul snooker – agreed with walkabout referee.

Player breaking out of turn and then frame continued for 2 more shots before error realized – agreed with walkabout referee then frame continues without penalty.

At 3.30 pm the afternoon referees came on duty with the same shift pattern, two of the morning referees stayed on for this shift. There was an extended break of 40 minutes for each Group starting at 6 pm. One further referee started work at 5.30 pm and one of those on the double shift was stood down at 7.20 pm, with the second referee on double shift stood down at 9.30 pm. Play finished at 10 pm.

Play commenced on Sunday at 8.30 am in the main arena only with 16 semi finals on 36 tables. Four stream tables were table refereeing with the remainder walkabout. The second shift of referees was briefed at 9 am for a 9.15 am start. The referees were then alternated in two teams for varying lengths of time.

I was required on the floor on two occasions;

Timekeeper called a foul; referee disagreed – agreed with walkabout referee that the foul stood as the referee and timekeeper has equal standing.

Player claimed he wasn't at the table when opponent broke, however, he admitted that he was putting his cue together at the time, advised that this was OK as he was in the vicinity of the table. The eight finals started on three tables each, as we only had 22 referees available, the teams' involved covered one table in each of the Youth finals. One of the Ladies finals was eventually put onto four tables due to slow play.

There was one play off in the Youth semi finals, both Mens B finals went to play offs, all OK.

The final matches were completed at 3.30 pm. All referees worked extremely well during the weekend and I would like to commend the new referees who acquitted themselves very well and thank those referees who helped out once they had been eliminated from the events.

National Interleague Finals: April 2016:**Senior Referee: Sue Mitchell**

To be received.

Golden Cue: May 2016:**Senior Referee: John H. Hope 322**

The event is a Straight Knockout format, 3 Man Teams, playing Best of 9 matches. First round losers are eligible to enter the Golden Cue Singles starting at 10:00am Saturday.

The Referees were in two sessions 1) starting at 7:30am to 3:30pm and 2) starting at 3:15pm to a finish. Each session was of 6# Referees (4 on - 2off) working 1hr On – 30mins Off. Rota to be adjusted for later stages.

Session 1) referees were all in attendance and suitably attired for 7:30am. Tables were prepared and the morning briefing given ready for start of play at 8:00am. The Games Room was prepared for singles matches which started at 10:00am.

No problems and the session 1) referees were stood down at 3:30pm.

No calls to senior referee.

Session 2) Referees arrived at 3:15pm when a briefing was given and duty was started at 3:30pm.

Thanks to Terry Billingham for a double shift, required because a referee had previously dropped out.

Round 3 matches started at approx. 5:00pm and the last 32 was completed at 12:30am
 All referees for Sunday (10#) were in attendance at 8:30am for 9:00am start. Last 16 matches onward were table refereed as were the semi's and finals of the singles. Breaks were as and when. All matches were completed by 2:40pm and the presentation followed directly after.
 The senior Referee was called to floor 6 times over the weekend all but 2 decisions by floor referees were correct.
 My thanks to all referees, a credit as always.

WEPF World Championships: June – July 2015:

Senior Referee: John H. Hope 322

Referees Attending:

John H. Hope - (R4) Eng. (Senior Referee)
 Clair Watts – (R7) Eng.
 Ray Dean – (R4) Eng.
 Sasha Gauchi - Malta

Additional Referees:

Shaun Baker – (R2) Eng. (1# Day)
 Richard Rhodes – (R2) Eng. (1# Day)
 John Chapman – (R2) Eng. (2# Days)
 Paula Landers – (R2) Eng. (2# Days)
 Tony Kay – (R2) Eng. (2# Days)
 George Bradbury – (R3) Eng (2# Days)
 Tony Hazeldine – (R3) Eng (2# Days)

Televised Matches Referees: (2# Days)

John H. Hope – (R4) Eng.	Senior Referee
Clair Watts – (R7) Eng.	Referee & Timekeeper
George Bradbury – (R3) Eng.	Referee & Timekeeper
Sacha Gauci - Malta.	Referee & Timekeeper

Tuesday 1st July:

Men's Indiv. S/F(1)	Sacha Gauci (R)	Clair Watts (TK)
Men's Indiv. S/F(2)	Clair Watts (R)	George Bradbury (TK)
Men's Team S/F (1)	George Bradbury (R)	Sacha Gauci (TK)
Men's Team S/F (2)	Sacha Gauci (R)	Clair Watts (TK)

Wednesday 2nd July:

Men's Team Final	George Bradbury (R)	Sacha Gauci (TK)
Ladies Indiv. Final	Clair Watts (R)	George Bradbury (TK)
Men's Indiv. Final	Sacha Gauci (R)	Clair Watts (TK)

I was pleased with the way the overseas Referee performed and conducted himself, as did the home Referees. Many thanks for everyone's excellent work.

The After Championships Banquet started at approx. 9:00pm. on Wednesday 29th June.

The Championships started on Saturday 18th June with the Seniors Individuals.

The S/R attended the Team Managers meeting at 9:00pm, each country was issued with an information sheet, by the S/R, giving a brief outline of what is expected, from a referees point of view.

The Opening Ceremony was held on Sunday 19th at 10:30am, with the first matches starting at 12:00 noon.

In brief, the Championships went well with all referees performing well, in general. Very few incidents were recorded and the S/R was generally only called to the floor for the normal clarification purposes.

The S/R was called to an incident involving an U/23 match, it was claimed that a player having potted the Black, had then swept the remaining balls up the table before all balls had stopped moving. The player denied this. However, the floor referee had seen the incident and confirmed that the balls were still in motion. The offending player was dissatisfied with this and requested the S/R. As the floor referee had witnessed the incident his decision was upheld, Loss of Frame. Although video playback is not used in the Championships, the S/R was privy to a recording of the frame, this clearly showed the Balls still in motion. The offending was made aware of this and his response was 'so what'. Although the frame was awarded away for the foul played, he was warned that his behaviour was a Breach of the Spirit of the Game and would not be tolerated. The players Team Manager, upon hearing this, refused to talk to the S/R.

A telephone call was received from George Harwood (Event consultant) regarding an incident involving an EPRA Referee and Australian Ladies player and posts placed on Social Media.

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: Position Vacant

Region 2:

Richard Rhodes

This report from me will be quite succinct for a change as not a lot has happened during the last 5 months; however, the biggest change in Region Two is with the resignation of Peter Arundale, S Grade West Yorkshire referee and assistant regional delegate. His stepping down was not expected and was somewhat a shock, but, I wish him well in the future and thank him for his work for West Yorkshire and the Region over the years.

Since then I'm pleased to inform you that Eileen Fielding has resumed the role of West Yorkshire county delegate approved by current members of the association within West Yorkshire. I look forward to working with Eileen once again.

I will be arranging a meeting soon with my regional delegates; I haven't done so yet owing to my own time restrictions.

I have been asked to hold a number of exams within Region 2 so will arrange those in the not too distant future, including a session for Merseyside candidates as they still do not have their own referee.

To finish, can I thank John for the prompt delivery of the minutes of the last meeting and to Yvonne for the upkeep of the member information on the website.

Region 3:

George Bradbury

Considering there were no other referee,s in region 3 prior to 2015, i am pleased that i now have Craig, mark, & Tony , who are actively taking part in the epra, tony actually passed the exam the same time as me, but didn't really get involved until this past few months, fortunately thanks to my constant nagging!! He is now showing great potential, as are the other two. Even more encouraging

is the fact that I have just confirmed another exam for August with 8 or 9 sitting, I am quite optimistic that we should pull at least another four or five members from that, so all in all, quite happy with how things are looking region wise.

Region 4:

Daniel Keeble:

Awaiting confirmation of post.

Region 5:

Terry Bilingham: (Absent)

No Report

Region 6:

Tony Coe

Not a lot to report, not been to a region 6 meeting for a while as the last one clashed with the Golden Cue in Gt Yarmouth (not sure that R6 should allow that to happen) and I can't be in two places at once. Since Gt Yarmouth events have ended till October I have been working towards getting exams organised, a slow process, I'm waiting on numbers from people in Martock and Yeovil, I'm also in contact with Robert (just emailed him before writing this) about who can supervise me, Dave Holden is no longer a member according to an email I received on 26 May and no one else is listed in R6. Sorry it's not a very comprehensive report still finding my feet.

Region 7:

Dominique Chiu:

Nothing to Report

Region 8:

John-Paul Eames:

Having recently taken on the position of R8 delegate for the EPRA, I have relatively little to report back, and I shall summarise the main points in the following:

- We have 3 paid up members in R8 consisting of Jim Arnold, Ian Copping & Rob Ward. I have contacted all 3 by email to inform them of my new role as delegate and have given my contact information to them and urged them to contact me should there be anything they need to know, etc.
- I have been in contact with the R8 director for the EPA, Sharon Lunn, and have similarly introduced myself to her. There was a regional EPA meeting scheduled for 10 June where my position would be discussed and presumably ratified by the EPA. This meeting however was cancelled. Sharon has said in light of this she is happy for me to continue with the role as normal on a 'temporary' basis until ratification at the next meeting. I haven't been made aware of any objections she has received to this. Jon Shapland is aware and has welcomed my interest.
- I have been in contact with her about holding exams in the region to increase the amount of referees. She is also very keen to pursue this so it is my intention to work closely with her over the coming months to hold exams throughout the region. I suggested July 10 as a possible date recently but this wasn't possible due to short notice. My work commitments and roster do pose problems of their own but she is aware and I'm sure we will be able to work around this.
- I was aware of some potential issues relating to Jon Shapland's membership of the EPRA, as well as some issues relating to potential monies still owed to the EPRA, and wanted to get to the bottom of this issue as a matter of course. After consulting with our Treasurer I am satisfied there is nothing to pursue with all monies reconciled and no anomalies.

10 EPA Report

- 10:1** Acting Chair – Mike Perkins Acting V.Chair – Shirley Jewkes
- 10:2** Marketing Position open
- 10:3** Officers Honorariums to be assessed
- 10:4** Maximum age limit for Juniors to be allowed to play BlackBall Rules possibly 18.
- 10:5** Allocate more Referees to events to referee at Streamed Tables/

11 Forthcoming Events 2016

EVENT	DATE	No: REFEREES
Mens Nat. Amateur Ind	5 th – 6 th October 2016	TBA
Interleague KO Cup	7 th – 8 th October 2016	TBA
Ladies Amateur Ind	10 th November 2016	TBA
Ladies KO Cup	11 th – 1 th November 2016	TBA
Champion of Champions	12 th – 13 th November 2016	TBA

12 Next Meeting: Sunday 29th January 2017**13 Any Other Business**

- 13:1** Clair Watts request for upgrade to be referred to R7
- 13:2** Dave Holden to be given Life President position
Proposed: Robert Shore **Seconded:** John H. Hope
For: 7 **Against:** 0 **Abstentions:** 2
- 13:3** Exam Papers and Membership Card to be returned by Peter Arundale R2

Meeting closed: 5:15**14 Summary of Actions**

Who	Summary	Reference
Exam Sec.	Cost of Membership Cards	7:2
R7 Delegate	Clair Watts Upgrade	13:1
General Sec.	Dave Holden – Life President	13:2
R2 Delegate	Peter Arundale Card & Exam Papers	13:3

