



**EPRA DELEGATES MEETING HELD AT THE
STONEBRIDGE MANOR HOTEL, COVENTRY
ON SUNDAY 4th June 2017**

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MINUTES
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2017

Chairman:	Sue Mitchell	General Secretary:
Vice Chairman:	Position Vacant	John H. Hope
Treasurer:	Yvonne Armitage	
Exam Secretary:	Dominique Chiu	

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Meeting opened at: 11:10am

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 / Yvonne Armitage (R2) Treasurer.

Delegates: R1: Vacant / R2: Richard Rhodes / R3: Lyn Carnall (Rep) / R4: Daniel Keeble / R5: Terry Billingham / R6: Tony Coe / R7: Clair Watts (Rep) / R8: John-Paul Eames.

Absent: None

Observers: Robert Shore (R2)

2.2 Apologies: George Bradbury (R3) / Dominique Chiu (R7)

3 Minutes of Last Meeting

- (i) 2.2 - Daniel Keeble R3, to read Daniel Keeble R4
- (ii) 3 – George Bradbury R5, to read George Bradbury R3
- (iii) 5. 5.2 - Paula Lauder, to read Paula Landers
- (iv) 10. (Regions 2,3,5,6,7,8) word (Representative) to be replaced with Delegate.
10. (Region 4) words (On behalf of David Keeble) to be replaced with (Representative)

Minutes proposed as a true record:

Proposed: Richard Rhodes (R2) Seconded: Terry Billingham (R5)
Voting: For: 7 Against: 0 Abstentions: 2

4 Matters Arising From Minutes

- (i) Intercounty Finals Referees Requirements – Not Filed
European Championships Referees Requirements – Filled
- (ii) New Laptop obtained. Previous 'new' laptop returned to retailer, for Full Refund. Replacement purchased (£20 dearer). Old laptop disposed of. (written off)
- (iii) Christine Robins as Examiner only. EPA not concerned. Robert Shoe to approach Christine Robins.
- (iv) Amended Rules & Constitution and Amended 'Guide for Grading' issued to Regional Delegates.
- (v) Playing Rules updated, EPRA Guidance not used by EEPF. Treasurer to enquire if they wish to accept it.
- (vi) Exams are scheduled in Regions 2 & 4.
- (vii) Life Presidencies. (See Any Other Business).

5. Correspondence:**5.1 Questionnaire:**

The Questionnaire was distributed and discussed. Delegates to consider the document and make improvements / alterations etc. To be presented no later than 18/06/2017.

5.2 Rules (Kevin Dempsey):

Query Regarding Black Ball potted on Break Shot, when player has Broken out of turn. This matter had previously been discussed by John H. Hope, Mike Perkins & Robert Shore. (email). Committee discussed the matter, it was decided prudent to refer the matter to the Rules Revision Committee.

5.3 Letter From Daniel Keeble (R4):

Letter re: Conversation with M. Perkins relating to Referees hours worked and payment received for double shifts. Deferred for further consideration.

5.4 Emails from D. Minnis (Venue)

Alleged verbal abuse to Hotel receptionist by Association Officer. Complaint read out, discussed by Committee, Verbal report by officer concerned given. Apparently to Hotels satisfaction.

5.5 Peter Arundale:

Email to Peter Arundale from Robert Shore requesting return of Exam Papers. Peter Arundale responded agreeing to do so.

5.6 re: Ray Dean (R4):

The ongoing matter of the upgrade of Ray Dean. It was confirmed that he does not meet the accepted criteria to be upgraded to 'B'. (see Guide for Grading)

5.7 Sarah Cox (R5):

Letter received regarding Double Shifts and payments. (as 5 / 5.3). Also, revised Dress Code for 'Walk about' Refereeing. Matter discussed, decision that it would not be practical. Referees need to wear Dress Suits etc. for Table Refereeing, wearing Polo Shirts when Table Refereeing and Walk-about are in same sessions would cause problems with Referees having to change attire constantly. Table Refereeing in Polo Shirts would not be acceptable. Wearing Polo Shirts is at the Senior Referees discretion when adverse arena conditions dictate.

5.8 Alan Benton (EPA):

Emails received laying out Referee Requirements for 2017 events.

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Finance:

Report:

A copy of the report has been distributed during the meeting, see the website for full details

6.2 Summary (the following statement is taken in account from 1st Nov 2016):

Accounts proposed as a true record:

Proposed: . Seconded:

Voting: For: Against: 0 Abstentions:

7. Examination Secretary's Report

7.1 Report:

- 4 exams were carried out since I took over the Exam Sec position, all 4 were held in Region

2. 2 exams were held by Richard Rhodes and 2 were held by Tony Kay.

Total number of Candidates: 12 (11xD, 1xE)

Total number of Passes: 6x pass D, 1x Award E, 1x pass E, 4x Fail D

Percentage of passes on D grade: 54.5%

Percentage of passes on E grade: 100%

6no. ID cards were processed and posted to Richard Rhodes, along with all the covering letters, constitution rules and certificates.

No booklet sold to-date.

A local printer has now been sourced. I am in the process of obtaining confirm quotation. I will submit their quotation to the committee for approval prior to any printing going ahead. At present, I have ample stock for all exam papers so no immediate printing is required

7.2 Upgrades

'A' grade assessments.

Clair Watts A grade assessment documentation has been sent via email to John Hope two weeks ago.

8. Events Reports

Intercounty Finals: 4th & 5th March 2017:

At 8:00am 10 Referee arrived to prepare the tables ready for 8:30am start of play. At 9:00am 2 further referees arrived. The morning briefing was given at 8:15am. All referees were ready for duty at 8:30am in the main arena and 9:00am in the Games Room.

All matches were best of 44 frames, in the event of a drawn match, a three frame play-off took place, these were refereed by EPRA referees. Some matches were played on three tables some on two table. The Junior matches were played on three tables in the Games Room.

The day was intended to be split into two sessions, with 12 referees on each session., due to the shortage of referees, some referees agreed to work a double shift. They were under the impression that they would be paid a double shift, as is the norm, however, the TD would only pay an evening rate for the second shift. The referees concerned were obviously disgruntled. The main arena was divided into 3 zones together with the 4 streaming tables and 1 zone in the Games Room. The 4 streaming tables, 25 – 28, were each EPRA Refereed and timed.

The shifts were 60mins On & 30mins Off. The referees working a double shift were given two 45 minute breaks and worked between 75 and 95 minutes on the floor to cover this.

The Senior Referee was called to the floor on three occasions, on one occasion one of the floor referees decisions was correct on another it was overruled. The third was disagreement between the referee and timekeeper supplied by the teams.

Meeting Adjourned: 12:40noon 4 streaming tables

Meeting Re-convened: 3:22pm

9. Regional Reports (written)

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

Region 1: Position Vacant

Region 2:

Richard Rhodes

Region 3:

George Bradbury

Region 4:

Region 5:

Terry Billingham

Hi all, sorry i couldn't attend but I had to answer to the call of duty i.e. uk tour!! Anyway not a great deal to report, happy with my refs, the one,s that are active are proving to be more than exceptional, must be the tutor ha ha!! On a serious note, i am still trying to get this next exam on the go ive just been so busy with one thing & another, ime probably going to wait till august now, get the holiday season out of the way, but the good news is there,s about ten people wanting to take it. Finally i would again like to express my opinion regarding the subject of wearing polo shirts whilst on walkabout duties, rather than full dress, obviously I won't go in to it too much as i feel i should be present , in closing i would just like to say that i feel conditions for referee,s at Yarmouth definitely seem to be improving, not a lot, but it,s a start!!! Yours in sport, George.

Region 6:

Tony Coe

Not much to report,R6 had a good turn out of referees at the March inter counties finals in Gt Yarmouth (Vanessa Scott,Martin Pearson,Ron Hyett and myself),sadly that couldn't be repeated at the other two events.A newly qualified referee Paul George has now got a suit and came with me and Tim Rogers to referee at The Braunton finals day in North Devon and really enjoyed it,the only thing that may prevent him coming to the October/November events is his wife is having a baby sometime in September,he has recently become a qualified snooker referee too and is travelling the country already so I have high hopes he will get to Gt Yarmouth.

At a very recent R6 meeting (early May) it was discussed that R6 would set a date to hold exams in Exeter with Jamie Thompson and myself holding our second exam as probationary examiners this time without supervision as Devon have stated in their constitution that all inter league teams must have a qualified referee in their side (I think E grade was Ok),if this doesn't come to fruition I will hold one as soon as the calander becomes less congested,I think I have had just four or five Sunday lunches at home since Jan 1st and one of those I was travelling back from Coventry after the EPA AGM so very little time to organise anything.Tony.

Region 7:

Dominique Chiu

This period has been really quiet with no exam take place in the area. Few attempts have been made but due to lack of attendance, two seminars were called but then cancelled.The region also struggle to find someone to replace Dominique Chiu as the Regional EPRA Delegate. The replacement will continue to be pursued and will inform the organisation once a replacement has been identified.

Region 8:

John-Paul Eames

There is little to report since our last meeting. Due to many personal commitments referees from the region, including myself, have been unavailable to referee at national events.

I would like to say a special thanks to George for his help sourcing referees from his region to officiate at a local event in Nottingham on April 30th. They were a credit to the EPRA as expected.

