

EPRA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AT LENTON

SUNDAY 28th JANUARY 2001

Chairman:	Mike Regan	General Secretary:
Treasurer:	J Ireland-Hill	Marshal Morter
Exam Secretary:	Len Beddis	

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Meeting opened at 13:01.

1 Attendees

1.1 Present

M.Regan (Chairman), M.Perkins (Vice-Chairman), M.Morter (General Secretary), J.Irelan-Hill (Treasurer), L.Beddis (Exam Secretary)

A.Clayton (R1), A.Blackburn (R2), M.Harley (R3), R.Maddern (R4), C.Causer (Region 6), S.Brooker (R7)

T.Booth (R2)
G.Whittaker (R2)
C.Robins (R2)
I.Craggs (R2)
R.Jones (R2)
J.Chapman (R2)
R.Shore (R2)
S.Baker (R2)
A.Price (R3)
J.Arnold (R3)
J.Davies (R7)

1.2 Observers

P.Hodgeson (R2)
A.Marshall (R3)
J.Dowdeswell (R6)
C.Myhill (EPA)

1.3 Apologies

R.Lambourne (R7)

2 Chairman opens meeting

The Chairman opened the meeting at 13:03 and explained the change of venue because the standard of Potters had gone downhill and they wanted to increase the charge for the room. Our last venue, The Sun Inn, has been refurbished and no longer has meeting facilities.

3 Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the last AGM (30th January 2000) were taken as read and proposed as a true record by Ron Maddern. This was seconded by Shaun Baker. All agreed.

4 Matters Arising From Minutes

8.1 The constitution still states that the Vice-Chairman is a one-year position. This needs updating to three years as agreed in 1998.

5 Chairman's Report (written)

I would like to wish all EPRA members a happy and successful 2001. The last year has been relatively trouble free, apart from a couple of instances, which I hope we have learnt from.

2001 is going to produce some problems in terms of refereeing requirements. There are more Brewery events on in the future, and also more Boys Clubs events. I hope that you will all agree that it is essential that we support and encourage these youth events, even though it may not be financially rewarding. They represent the future, and hopefully may provide more Referees in the not too distant future.

I truly believe that the relationship between the EPA and the EPRA has continued to improve over the year, and long may this continue.

Finally on a sadder note, we will certainly miss our long term friend Ivor Powell who passed away last year, and also Barbara Baldwin, Ralph Horner and Chris Box, who have retired.

Thank you once again for your dedication in 2000, and I know you will continue to support the EPRA in 2001.

6 Finance Report

6.1 Report

The Treasurer presented the accounts (as already distributed to all members in a mail-shot in January). The Associations funds increased by £713.82 during 2000.

6.2 Discussion

A full discussion on the accounts took place, with the following main points being made:

- 5.2.1 The EPRA now has 3 meetings a year, which has reduced expenses by £150.
- 5.2.2 Printing is costing a lot; the association need to look at buying a photocopier. This would cost around £800 with a £200 PA maintenance contract.
- 5.2.3 The bank charge was due to an income cheque not been presented until the Thursday following an event. The bank withdrew the charge after pressure from the Treasurer.
- 5.2.4 Not many badges or shirts have been sold
- 5.2.5 There are two errors in the accounts: On page 4 the number of badges is shown as 4; this should be 5. Secondly, the last page shows M.Regan as being the Senior Referee for the Inter League KO Cup; this was actually D.Whitaker.
- 5.2.6 The liabilities (P.Maitland & R.Payne) will now be removed from the accounts.
- 5.2.7 S.Baker has audited the accounts. He stated to the meeting that the statements and supporting material give a true record of what went on last year.
- 5.2.8 An emergency motion was put forward to increase the EPA rules exam fee from £4 to £5 and to increase the old rules exam fee from £3 to £4. This was agreed and will take immediate effect (unless exams are already arranged).

It was proposed, by Chris Causer, and seconded by Alan Blackburn, that the accounts be accepted. All agreed.

7 Examination Secretary's Report

The Examination Secretary gave the following breakdown of exams, which took place between 31/1/1999 and 30/1/2000:

EPA Rules

Region	Exams	Pass
1	7	1
2	14	3
3	0	0
4	10	1
5	0	0
6	0	0
7	11	2
Scotland	2	1
	44	8

OLD EPA Rules

Region	Exams	Pass
1	0	0
2	2	2
3	12	7
4	0	0
5	0	0
6	0	0
7	0	0
Scotland	0	0
	14	9

18.2% passed at EPA rules

64.2% passed at old EPA rules

- 7.1 Exams in 2000 (totalling 58) were down approximately 50% compared to exams in 1999 (totalling 103). It should be down to every Referee to encourage local leagues to hold examinations.
- 7.2 A member in Region 3 has been waiting 18 months for an exam. The Chairman apologised for this and said it would be dealt with.
- 7.3 R.Slater and J.Brearley have resigned as Region 6 examiners. The Examination Secretary will conduct a seminar with three potential examiners in Somerset on the weekend of 3rd February.

8 Motions For Debate

See attached sheets.

9 Election of Officers

9.1 *Election of Vice Chairman*

As there was no notice given to the membership that the Vice-Chairman was being elected it was proposed by J.Chapman and seconded by M.Harley that M.Perkins will remain incumbent for 1 year and the post will be voted on at the 2002 AGM for a two year period.

9.2 *Election of Treasurer*

Both candidates spoke and a secret ballot returned the incumbent J.Irelan-Hill as Treasurer.

Meeting closed at 15:00.