



**EPRA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
AT THE STONEBRIDGE MANOR HOTEL
ON SUNDAY 25th JANUARY 2009**

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2009

Chairman:	Shaun Baker	General Secretary:
Vice Chairman:	Mike Regan	Steve Brooker
Treasurer:	Jason Davies	
Exam Secretary:	Robert Shore	

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Meeting Opened at 1.15pm

1. Chairman

1.1 Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed all members.

1.2 **Apologies:**

Alan Blackburn (R2); Paula Landers (R2); Christine Robins (R2); Richard Rhodes (R2); Kevin Lloyd (R2); Ian Craggs (R2); Ian McMillan (R2); Mel Harley (R3); Roy Lambourne (R7); Max Brooker (R7):

2. Attendees

2.1 **Present**

Officers:

S. Baker (Chairman) M. Regan (Vice Chairman) S. Brooker (General Secretary) J. Davies (Treasurer) Robert Shore (Exam Secretary)

Delegates:

Tony Clayton (R1) Phil Turner (R2) Peter Hallett (R5) Sue Mitchell (R7)

Members:

Chris Longley (R2); David Taylor (R2); John Hope (R4); Mike Perkins (R4); Carol Vineyard (R4)

3. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the last A.G.M (27th January 2008) were read and proposed as a true record by Mike Regan (Vice Chairman), seconded by Sue Mitchell (R7) **Voting: Unanimous**

4. Matters Arising from Minutes

None.

5. Chairman's Report

The Chairman read his report in full and is précised as follows:-

The Chairman welcomed all to the 2009 AGM and thanked them for attending, particularly those who are new members to the Association.

The Chairman stated at the 2008 AGM that he would be standing down this year however, following several conversations with members of the Executive, he re-considered this decision and he will be standing for re-election this year.

2008 was a very busy year with referees provided for both the European Championships in Malta and the World Championships in Blackpool. Obviously the current economic climate will potentially have an adverse effect on sponsorship for these events and the numbers of referees required.

It was not possible to run a training seminar covering Professional and TV events in 2008, however, this is our aim for 2009 although it will almost certainly not be at a TV event.

2008 saw a down turn in the number of examinations held as will be seen from the Examination Secretary's report. It is vital that all regions run exams in order to bring new referees into the Association. Hopefully the appointment of new Regional delegates in some areas will inject more interest. With thanks to those examiners who conducted examinations in 2008, and it is hoped that all examiners run at least one exam in 2009.

The Chairman thanked the EPRA Executive Committee for their work for the Association during the last twelve months, and added that 2009 will be a challenging year with the introduction of the new rule amendments.

6 Finance Report

6.1 Report

Summary

The accounts for year end 30th November 2008, together with the membership numbers and audit report, were distributed to all present. These showed a paying membership of 130 and a net worth of £7091.22. The income over expenditure for the year was -£1,837.79 and this included a payment due from the IPA (£760 – now paid) and outstanding payment due for shirts (£85).

Full details of the accounts are available online at www.epra8ball.org.uk.

6.2 Audit Report

Audit report compiled and presented by Chris Longley (R2) for the period November 2007 to October 2008 inclusive. The audit (for the third year) was again made easy by the excellent work done by Jason Davies (Treasurer) in the preparation of the accounts, and the auditor was grateful that the points raised last year were taken up and implemented.

All documentation was in place for all transactions, which were well presented.

The acceptance of the accounts as an accurate record was proposed by Robert Shore (Exam Secretary) and seconded by Mike Regan (Vice Chairman). Voting: Unanimous

7 Examination Secretary's Report

The number of Examinations for 2008 was the lowest since the Examination Secretary's tenure began.

Five E grade exams were conducted; a total of 42 candidates took part, 22 passed with a mark of 80% or better. The success rate of 52% is down on the 2007 figure of 68%.

E Grade Examinations were down from 81 to 42.

Eight D grade exams were conducted; a total of 33 candidates took part of these 14 passed with a mark of 85% or better. The success rate of 42% is up on the 2007 figure of 31%.

D Grade Examinations were down to 8 compared with 17 for 2007 and 12 for 2006.

Regions 7 and 3 did not hold any examinations during 2008.

One 'S' grade promotion, and one 'A' grade promotion were satisfactorily completed.

The number of approved examiners has been extended to include John Tompkins and Diane Stocks for region 2, these 2 probationers have yet to conduct an Examination.

A full list of examiners can be found on our Website.

8. Motions for Debate

No motions for debate were received

9. Election of Officers

The position of Chairman was due for election.

Shaun Baker stood as incumbent unopposed and will serve for a further three years.

Voting: Unanimous

Meeting closed at 1.45pm.