



**EPRA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
AT THE FOX COLSTERWORTH
ON SUNDAY 30th JANUARY 2005**

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Chairman:	Shaun Baker	General Secretary:
Vice Chairman:	Mike Regan	Steve Brooker
Treasurer:	Jason Davies	
Exam Secretary:	Len Beddis	

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Meeting Opened at 1.15pm

1. Chairman

1.1 Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed all members.

1.2 **Apologies:**

Ian Craggs (R2) Tom Booth (R2) Steve Huntingdon (R2) Kevin Armitage (R2)
Yvonne Armitage (R2) John Chapman (R2) Melvin Harley (R3) Marshall Morter (R4)
Gareth Williams (R7) Martin Pearson (R7)

2. Attendees

2.1 **Present**

Officers:

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

Delegates:

A. Clayton (R1) Alan Blackburn (R2) C. Kirk (R3) J.Dowdeswell (R6)
Sue Mitchell (R7)

Members:

Robert Shore (R2)	Chris Longley (R2)	Eileen Pearson (R2)
J. Arnold (R3)	M. Perkins (R4)	Wesley McKelvey (R6)
Edward Messen (R6)	Roy Lambourne (R7)	

3. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the last A.G.M (25th January 2004) were read and proposed as a true record by Mike Regan (Vice Chairman), this was seconded by Roy Lambourne (R7) All agreed.

4. Matters Arising from Minutes

None.

5. Chairman's Report

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

Once again this year the Association has had an extremely busy and successful year. We have officiated at all of the usual events, with the addition of a new EPA event, the Castlemaine Pool Shark Competition. However, we still seem unable to turn out 40 referees for the Inter County Finals and it is hoped that this will be rectified this year. Referees are reminded that they should make themselves available right up until the day the event begins. With the loss of the Embassy sponsorship for the World Championships it was inevitable that there would be changes and for the first time in its history there were walkabout referees. Congratulations to the referees who attended, each were a credit to the Association. 2004 saw the launch of the E grade examination and thanks go to Robert Shore for all his hard work. As you will be aware by now, Len Beddis our current Examination Secretary is standing down due to ill health, and thanks go to Len for all his hard work over the past 8 years.

Our relationship with the EPA continues to flourish thanks mainly to the efforts of Steve Brooker, the General Secretary, who has worked tremendously hard again this year on behalf of the Association.

Thanks go also to Jason Davies, the Treasurer, ensuring that we remain financially healthy. Senior Referees should remember that it is their duty to set a good example to the newer members and to offer encouragement and support.

Finally thanks to the County and Regional Delegates for their efforts in 2004.

6 Finance Report

6.1 **Report**

Summary

The Treasurer reported that we made a profit of £15.95 in the year, however the Association purchased a laptop computer and case (£567.82) which is an exceptional expense and when added back shows we made a healthy profit.

Examination fees

The new E grade examination has provided an income of £210 together with the D grade (£185.00) shows a total income of £395.00

6.2 Audit Report

Audit report compiled by Robert Shore (R2) for the period December 2003 to October 2004 inclusive. The account was much easier to audit with our Treasurer taking on board the comments made last year.

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

Recommendation for the income and expenditure sheet is for items to appear in date order as apposed to alphabetical.

The acceptance of the accounts as an accurate record was proposed by Alan Blackburn (R2) and seconded by Tony Clayton (R1). Voting – unanimous.

7. Examination Secretary's Report

2004 saw the introduction of the E grade examination. Following the first exam it was decided that the question paper should be modified with a major change to the layout and rewording of some of the questions. Five exams were conducted on this paper; a total of 55 candidates took part – 29 passed with a mark of 80% or better; a success rate of 53%. A total of 40 'D' grade exams were conducted during 2004; 16 passed with a mark of 85% or better – a success rate of 40%.

2005 will see the introduction of the revised D grade exam paper, the first of which is planned for February.

Thanks go to Rules Revision Committee of the EPA for their work in compiling the new examination papers, also to Len Beddis whose input was invaluable.

8. Motions for Debate

A full list of the motions discussed is contained on a separate attachment to these minutes.

9. Election of Officers

9.1 The Election of Officers was discussed and where necessary the nominees were given the opportunity to speak. For all results see separate attachment to these minutes.

9.2. Vote of thanks to Len Beddis

Following the election of the new Examination Secretary (Robert Shore), the Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the outgoing Examination Secretary (Len Beddis) with praise for all his hard work for the Association. Len had not stood for re-election because of ill health.

Meeting closed at 3.15pm.