



**EPRA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
AT THE SRONEBRIDGE MANOR HOTEL  
ON SUNDAY 28<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2007**

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2007

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

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**Meeting Opened at 1.10pm**

## 1. Chairman

1.1 Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed all members.

### 1.2 **Apologies:**

Steve Huntingdon (R2); Brian Jennings (R2); Jim Arnold (R3); Roy Lambourne, Max Brooker  
Andy Finlay (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) Yvonne Armitage (R2) Andy Price (R3) Marshall Morter (R4)  
Peter Hallett (R5) Sue Mitchell (R7)

#### **Members:**

Paula Landers; Richard Rhodes; Christine Robins; Eileen Pearson; Phil Turner (R2)  
Melvin Harley (R3) Mike Perkins (R4)

## 3. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the last A.G.M (29<sup>th</sup> January 2006) were read and proposed as a true record by Melvin Harley (R3), seconded by Yvonne Armitage (R2)  
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 last year our members officiated both at National and International level supporting the EPA at its national events and also providing the senior referees for the Home Internationals in Hinckley and European Championships in France.

We turned out a full compliment of referees for the Inter County Finals with several newly qualified in attendance, all performed well at their first National event.

Unfortunately due to lack of sponsorship there were only two TV events in 2006, however, the new referees that appeared did an excellent job, this underlines the training and support that has been given by senior members of the Association.

The World Championships employed walkabout referees again in 2006, however, without a major sponsorship deal the number of referees was cut and this seems set to continue this year.

2006 was a busy year for examinations and I would like to congratulate Region 4 for a great achievement that will be seen in Robert Shore's report. I would like to see every examiner conduct at least two examinations in 2007, not only are exams an important source of revenue they also bring new members into the Association.

2007 was a difficult year at times and I would like to thank both Steve Brooker and Jason Davies for their dedication to their respective positions.

I would like to thank all County and Regional Delegates for their efforts in the last twelve months and I look forward to your continued support in 2007.

## 6 Finance Report

### 6.1 **Report**

### **Summary**

The accounts for year end 31<sup>st</sup> October 2006, together with the membership numbers and audit report, were distributed to all present. These showed a paying membership of 149 and a net worth of £5547.24. The income over expenditure for the year was £717.58 and this was mainly due to exams, in particular an influx of E grade exams in Norfolk.

A few questions were asked of the treasurer, these being answered to the satisfaction of the meeting.

The audit report made two recommendations:

- 1) That the depreciation of the laptop should be 20% instead of 25%. The meeting decided that it should stay at £25%.
- 2) The referee payment signatory sheets should be made available for auditing. This was agreed.

The audit pack was present at the meeting for inspection (nobody wanted to inspect it).

## **6.2 Audit Report**

Audit report compiled by Chris Longley (R2) for the period November 2005 to October 2006 inclusive. The audit was made easy by the excellent work done by Jason Davies (Treasurer). All documentation was in place for all transactions, which were well presented.

The only points that were raised were;

- 1) Signature sheets for refereeing expenses should be included with the accounts for verification of the refereeing expenditure
- 2) The depreciation of the laptop asset should be set to 20% of its value for all future years; this is more in line with its actual worth.

***The acceptance of the accounts as an accurate record was proposed by Robert Shore (R2) and seconded by Mike Regan (R1). Voting – unanimous***

## **7. Examination Secretary's Report**

Sixteen E grade exams were conducted during 2006 with 177 candidates, 62 passes - a success rate of 35.03% marginally less than the 2005 figure of 35.5%

Twelve D grade exams were conducted, with 60 candidates, 14 passes – a success rate of 23% which is down on the 2005 figure of 36%.

Region 4 continues with the highest exam rate; they were responsible for 138 of the 177 E grade candidates.

The number of approved examiners has been extended to include Andy Price (R3).

We are keen to have more examiners; there is nothing to prevent more than one examiner being appointed for any county. Geography tells us that some counties are so large that this is common sense. The ideal situation would be to have an examiner in each county.

## **8. Motions for Debate**

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

## **9. Election of Officers**

The positions of Vice Chairman and Treasurer were due for election. Mike Regan (Vice Chairman) and Jason Davies (Treasurer) stood as incumbents unopposed and will serve for a further three years.

**Meeting closed at 3.25pm.**