



**EPRA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
AT THE STONEBRIDGE MANOR HOTEL
ON SUNDAY 27th JANUARY 2013**

OFFICIAL E.P.R.A MINUTES 2013
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Chairman:	Sue Mitchell	General Secretary:
Vice Chairman:	Phil Turner	John H. Hope
Treasurer:	Jason Davies	
Exam Secretary:	Robert Shore	

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Meeting Opened at 1.05pm

1. Chairman

1.1 The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed all the Delegates.

2. Apologies:

Apologies were received from: K. Armitage (R2), C. Vinyard (R4). R. Hyett (R6), J. Arnold (R8).

3. Attendees

3.1 Present

Officers:

Phil Turner (Vice Chair), John H. Hope (General Secretary), Jason Davies (Treasurer) & Robert Shore (Exam Secretary)

Delegates:

Simon Baker (R1), Richard Rhodes (R2), Viv Ruscoe (R3), Colin Fryers (R4) (Rep), Peter Hallett (R5), Mark Compton (R6), Dominique Chiu (R7) & Jon Shapland (R8)

Members:

Peter Arundale (R2), Shaun Baker (R2), Yvonne Armitage (R2), Mel Harley (R3), Mike Perkins (R4), Jeremy Ruffer (R7), Clair Watts (R7), Geoff Wilson (EPA Ghair) Ivor Edwards (EPA Nat. Sec.)

3.2 *Objection (Mike Perkins v Peter Hallett)*

An objection was raised by Mike Perkins (R4) regarding the attendance of Peter Hallett (R5 EPRA Delegate). Mike Perkins stated that Peter Hallett was suspended from the EPA at this time and he should not be allowed to be present at this AGM, for that reason. The Chairperson (Sue Mitchell) explained to Mike Perkins that Peter Hallett was only suspended from the EPA and was, at that time, a fully paid up voting member of the EPRA and as no action had yet been taken against him (or requested by the EPA) he was a bone fide member and fully entitled to be present.

Mike Perkins requested that his objection be minuted.

4. Minutes of Last Meeting

Proposed a true record: Peter Hallett (R5)

Seconded: Dominique Chiu (R7)

Voting: for: 7 abst: 2 agnst:0

5. Matters Arising from Minutes

No Matters Arising

6 Chairperson's Report

May I welcome you all to the 2013 EPRA AGM, in what has been a busy year. I would like to give my thanks to all the Executive Officers and Committee Members for their hard work during 2012. I would like to give special thanks to the County Regional Delegates and Examiners for their hard work, also, well done to the new Regional Delegates.

There has been a reasonable turnout of Referees at all the events, and even though the Referee requirement has been cut down during 2012, we have tried to include new Referees at the events, those who have attended have done well.

Examinations this year have given us new D & E Grade Referees well done to all the successful candidates.

Our relationship with the EPA has, in general been a good one, although we do have an ongoing issue regarding BlackBall, hopefully this will be resolved in the near future.

Finally, I would like to thank Jason for all the hard work he has put in over the years as Treasurer, I am sorry to see him stand down from the position.
I would like to thank all the members of the EPRA support and commitment to the Association, long may it continue.

7. Finance Report

7.1 Report

See separate sheet

Summary

There was an untraceable shortfall of £1.50. The association made a net loss of £766.06 over 2012. The loss was the result of numerous factors, as: The cost of meetings incl. The Meeting Room and Refreshments, the lack of Exams carried out in 2012, the cost of travel and accommodation to EPA meeting (required attendance). Also responsible is the lack of referees in Regions 1, 6 & 8 over the cost of Regional Delegate attending meetings, referees in other regions shoring up the cost of these regions. Although not in 2012, the cost of Referees expenses for 'S' Assistant Senior upgrades is borne by the association. It was suggested that, in order to improve the Associations finances, certain steps be taken.

(i) The reinstatement of the levy on Referees Expenses i.e. £2 on Day rate and £1 on Evening rate. It should be noted that the Rates have increased from £65 to £70 & £43 to £45 respectively. *(motions for Debate)*

(ii) A rise in the rate of Membership Fee *(AOB Delegates Meeting 27/01/2013)*

(iii) A rise in the Exam Fee *(AOB Delegates Meeting 27/01/2013)*

There has not been any rises in either fee for some time.

It was also suggested that more use could be made of e-mails and that there should be a review in the method of distributing Exam results etc. material.

Accounts a True Record: Proposed: Dominique Chiu (R7) Seconded: Shaun Baker (R2)

Vote: For: 14 Abst: 2 Agst: 0

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

8. Examination Secretary's Report

The Total number of Candidates taking exams during 2012 was 41.

Seven E grade exams were conducted, a total of 21 candidates took part, 15 passed with a mark of 80% or better. The success rate of 71.43% is a good result, up slightly on last year. E Grade Examinations decreased from 8 down to 7, Region 6 was responsible 1 exam with 2 candidates; Region 7 held 6 exams with a total of 19 candidates

Six D grade exams were conducted; a total of 20 candidates took part 7 passed with a mark of 85% or better, a success rate of 35.00%

D Grade Examinations fell to 6 for 2012 compared to 12 for 2011. Region 2 held 1 exam with 3 candidates; Region 3 held 1 exam with 7 candidates, Region 6 held 1 exam with 2 candidates, Region 7 held 3 exams with a total of 8 candidates

Disappointingly Regions 1 4 and 5 did not hold any exams during 2012.

Two new 'A' grade promotions are to be conducted during 2013.

We currently have 3 probationary Examiners, 1 in region 2 1 in region 4 and 1 in region 7.

The low level of examinations is of some concern, we rely on member subscription and exam revenue to support our association, the exam revenue for this report is only £205, probably the lowest since I took office.

8. Motions for Debate

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9. Election of Officers

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