



# EAST DEVON REFEREES' ASSOCIATION

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## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the EDRA held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2018

### 1. Present.

Keith Mann, Gordon Richards, Graeme Martin, Shaun Mann, Malcolm Stone, Dennis Bean, Adrian Bond, Steve Banks, Ian Keenan, Ashley Horn, Ray Lloyd, Graham Blackburn, John Kingdon, Gerald Luscombe, Mike Mullarkey (snr).

### 2. Apologies:

Nil.

### 3. Opening Remarks of the President.

Our president, Gordon Richards, opened the meeting and thanked all those who have worked hard over the season to keep the East Devon Branch going. He said it was sad that we had lost 3 members – Frank Bastin, Ron Crabb and Steve Roads, but the branch had been represented at their funerals and all three had given various levels of service to the branch and will be missed.

### 4. Chairman's Remarks.

Ade Bond welcomed and thanked those that attended the AGM. Thanks to Gordon for his help and support as Ade is still learning as Branch Chairman and thanks to officers and committee as it is everyone's input that helps us make decisions. Thanks also to Topsham Town for allowing us to use their facilities and putting on some food for us. Attendances were up this year with the focus being on training sessions. The topics have been suggested by our members for whom I am grateful for their input. We had 43 members registered for the current season and 20+ at meetings which gave us a 50% attendance at meetings so let's hope we can maintain this. Thanks to Ray for his training sessions and input throughout the year which had been received well and hope to continue for the next season.

### 5. Minutes of 2017 AGM.

Copies had been emailed to those who had access to the technology. Keith read through last years giving a summary of what went on to those present. They were agreed and signed as a true record.

### 6. Matters Arising.

Nil

### 7. Correspondence

RA AGM 2018. Papers received.

Voting papers received for Rule Changes. Any votes will be cast by the secretary as he feels appropriate and all agreed this was the best course of action.

RA Website – in development and hopefully will be up and running for next season.

FA Cup Final Tickets – the tickets this year had been given to East by the County RA and under our branch rules they had been allocated to Adrian Bond who purchased them.

## **8. Secretary's Report.**

Keith Mann said that the season had been fairly good this year and meeting attendances were up but it would be nice to have a few new members come along rather than the same people. He said that we had lost North and North East branches and the County RA now only had 3 branches – South, East and West. It may be that the future of the County RA is to have one branch and a central venue for meetings as we are all finding it difficult to keep going. Nationally the RA at looking at reorganizing and we will have to wait and see what comes from the National RA AGM.

## **9. Treasurers Report.**

Graeme Martin handed out copies of the annual accounts to those in attendance and briefly went through them answering any questions. They had been audited and the internal verifiers were happy with how they had been produced and had signed them accordingly. The accounts were adopted by the AGM.

We currently have 43 members. Total assets up to and including 31 March 2018 - £2555.15.  
Thanks to Graeme.

## **10. Election of Officers / Delegates**

Those present agreed all the following -

<b>President -</b>	Gordon Richards
<b>Vice Presidents -</b>	T. Atkins, R. Budden, M. Hopkins, O. M. Mullarkey, J. Kingdon, D. Richardson.
<b>Chairperson -</b>	Ade Bond
<b>Vice Chair -</b>	Ray Lloyd
<b>Treasurer -</b>	Graeme Martin
<b>Secretary -</b>	Keith Mann
<b>Training Officer -</b>	Ray Lloyd
<b>Committee –</b>	Malcolm Stone, Shaun Mann, Graham Blackburn, Dennis Bean, Ashley Horn, Steve Banks, Ian Keenan.
<b>D &amp; Exeter Rep -</b>	Ray Lloyd / Steve Banks
<b>Sunday Rep -</b>	Graham Blackburn
<b>DCRA Delegates -</b>	Keith Mann, Graeme Martin
<b>Verifiers -</b>	Lionel Hawkins, Mick Hopkins

## **11. Any Other Business.**

- Keith mentioned “safeguarding” and told members that this would have an effect on all of us involved in matches with players 18 and under. There is information on the DCFA website and most officials will be required to have training although not yet sure what and when.
- Ray Lloyd mentioned the “sin Bin” trial with the D&E League and stressed it is continuing next season and the FA are looking to bring it in for all football from step 5 downwards from 2020 / 2021 season. A reminder that it is only in league games and only the D&E league and it is a good tool if officials use it and they should apply it as it works.
- John Kingdon said he has the EDRA Plaque that was in the referee’s dressing room at Exeter City and it will be displayed in the new changing rooms in the future.
- The first meeting for the new season will be Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

Meeting closed at 8.00 pm