

The Eighteenth ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 29th June 2019: AGENDA ITEM No.2

REPORT of the STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE

1. AGENDA

The order of business is similar to last year, with the Annual Review being dealt with under the pre-AGM Annual Conference. The agenda for the AGM now focuses on the more formal aspects of the business as required in the Articles.

2. STANDING ORDERS (Agenda Item 3)

2.1 Standing Orders are as per the last AGM, subject to two minor amendments at Paragraphs 13.1 and 14.

2.2 Although not included specifically within Standing Orders, members will wish to be aware of Article 37.6, which is likely to be relevant in discussions relating to Proposition 4. It reads:

“37.6 Any person present at a general meeting having a financial interest in a subject to be discussed must declare that interest and may be debarred from participation in the discussion of that subject if a simple majority of the Company Members present so resolve but he shall not be debarred from being present during the discussion nor, if he is a Company Member, from voting. “

2.3 These Standing Orders do not apply to the Annual Conference.

2.4 The Standing Orders will remain under review to ensure accuracy and conformity with the adopted Articles and any New or Amended Regulations that are applicable.

3. APPOINTMENT OF TELLERS (Agenda Item 4)

The meeting is reminded that Tellers are not entitled to vote or speak to agenda items at the AGM once appointed. It should be stressed that any appointed Tellers should carry out their duties in complete privacy and the outcome of a card vote not discussed with anyone prior to passing the result to the Chair of the meeting and that result being announced.

4. DEBATING PROCEDURE

4.1 As a consequence to the change in format of the AGM, there are less opportunities for putting questions and expressing views, but members are reminded that it is still important to be concise when contributing, and to conclude their contribution as quickly as possible.

5. COUNTING OF CARD VOTES

If a card vote is needed at this AGM an electronic count will be used.

6. BUSINESS CONDUCTED

Members of the SOC have remained in close contact through email and have corresponded with Table Tennis England as necessary. We were consulted over the order that propositions 4 and 5 should be addressed, and our view accepted. In view of the high number of Propositions at this meeting which will require a card vote, we were also asked whether we would agree to an increase in the number of Tellers from 2 to 4. In order to aid the smooth running of meeting, and to ease the workload on the Tellers, we agreed that this would be beneficial for this meeting.

7. ELECTION OF STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE (Agenda Item 15)

Current members retiring by rotation as shown are Mrs J L Watts (this AGM), N Le Milliere (2020) and D L Hockney (2021). Mrs J L Watts is eligible for re-election and has indicated her willingness to stand.