



Annual Conference 2020

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Date and time: Saturday 18th July 2020 10:35am – 11:45am

Meeting Commenced at 11am

Mrs Sandra Deaton (Chairman) welcomed all present and opened the Annual Conference 2020.

1. Annual Review

The annual review video was shown to all. Some technical issues due to the sound were incurred but the majority were able to watch and listen.. This can be viewed on our website or via the link below:

<https://tabletennisengland.co.uk/our-sport/about-us/our-annual-reports/>

The Chairman thanked the staff for both the Annual Review which had been published digitally and the members for sending in their written questions. The written Q&A document has been sent out as well. Any further questions can be posted on the chat function or sent in by email and a further set of written answers will be published.

A limited run of printed Annual Reviews will be considered once the office reopens.

2. Return to Play

After months in lockdown due to coronavirus, Greg Yarnall, Head of Development and Volunteering made a presentation about the Table Tennis England return to play advice, called Ready to Return. The advice follows Government guidance and has been made specific for table tennis clubs and leagues.

Several attendees thanked Greg and his team for their work on this. many questions were received and clarification given. Everyone was reminded that it is best to continually check the website for the latest advice on the dedicated page. Advice regarding competitive play is Stage 3 and will be updated as soon as more government advice is received. The slide presentation is also available on the website.

A few questions were also received asking for clarification regarding insurance.



Jo Keay-Blyth advised that TTE provided insurance will be affected if Covid related. No insurance will cover Covid now unless all guidance is adhered to. Clubs and leagues were reminded that the website will be the best source of information and should be checked regularly.

Greg Yarnall advised that regarding insurance, pre play risk assessments / method statements should be done to re-assure the facility that you are able to get back up and playing safely again. There is a checklist on the website to use so you can show you have followed the guidelines. If TTE guidelines are followed then public liability cover should be valid.

3. Membership Categories

Mrs Sara Sutcliffe introduced a short video that explained the new membership categories.

Sport England reports that almost 500,000 people regularly play Table Tennis, however we are only capturing 25,000 in our membership system as it is currently based on league and tournament play.

The objective of the review is to bring as many people into the fold of the NGB as possible.

The membership categories video was played to all and can be found here: <https://tabletennisengland.co.uk/membership/register-or-renew/our-new-membership-categories/>

Mrs Sutcliffe also advised that Phase 2 of the review will continue to look at other variations such as subscription models, trial or short-term memberships etc.

4. Impact Report

Mrs Sara Sutcliffe explained that it had been hoped that would be presenting a mid-way review and refresh of Mission 2025. However due to the Covid 19 crisis this was on hold so that we can properly assess the impact on the sector and the sport. Instead the Impact Report was presented. This online interactive tool provides case studies and baseline statistics against how we can measure impact of our programmes. It has been presented to Sport England who were impressed. It is a live document and will be updated.

<https://tabletennisengland.co.uk/news/archived/watch-table-tennis-england-agm/>



5. Acknowledgement of Honours & Awards

Mrs Sandra Deaton read out each award and a short citation on each winner (the full details of which are in the booklet and on the website. It was acknowledged that it was sad not to be making the representations in person and all effort would be made to facilitate that in the coming year:

- **Honorary Life Member – Stuart Sherlock**
- **Honorary Life Member – Keith Thomas**
- **Vice-President – Simon Grew**
- **Vice – President – Brian Jackson**
- **Vice-President – Jan Johns**
- **Vice-President – John Mapletoft**
- **Vice-President – Gary Wood**
- **Keith Ponting Award – Alan Ransome OBE**
- **Malcolm Scott Award – Jo Keay-Blyth**
- **Ivor Montagu Award – David Goulden**
- **Leslie Forest Memorial Trophy – John Spiers**
- **AK Vint OBE Award – Johnathon Driscoll**
- **Victor Barna Award – Liam Pitchford**
- **Johnny Leach Award – Tom Jarvis**
- **Mike Watts Achievement Award – Scarlett Anders**
- **Mike Watts Achievement Award – Joseph Cox**

Annual Conference was closed at 11.45am