

# Extraordinary General Meeting 2021



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**Date and time:** Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2021 7:00pm

## **PRESENT:**

### **INDIVIDUAL COMPANY MEMBERS**

Mrs S Deaton (Chairman, Director, Honorary Life Member, Vice President), Mrs S Venner (Elected Deputy Chairman, Vice President), A Catt (Elected Deputy Chairman), D Parker (Elected Deputy Chairman, Vice President), D Livingstone (Director), Mrs S Sutcliffe (Chief Executive, Director), T Purcell (Director, Vice President), S Kemish (Director), Simon Griew (Director, Vice President), M Quartermaine (Director), Ms P Samuel (Director) Ms Dee Paterson (Director)

### **COUNTY & LEAGUE REPRESENTATIVE COMPANY MEMBERS**

P Snelson (Aldershot), B Whitehead (Aylesbury) D Hockney (Avon, Vice President), P Hadley (Bournemouth), C Petrou (Becontree), S Cutler (Blackmore Vale), A Powell (Bristol), C Homewood (Bromley), I Fowlds (Brighton) A Murdoch (Bedfordshire, Honorary Life Member), P Charters (Berkshire, Honorary Life Member, Vice President), I Langley (Royal County of Berkshire), R Fosker (Braintree, Honorary Life Member), Mrs S Hayes (Buckinghamshire), C Hollingsbee (Canterbury) B Freer (Cambridgeshire, Vice President) Mrs K Tonge MBE (Cheshire, Honorary Life Member, BPTT), B Kean (Cheshire), N Marples (Chesterfield), J Barnes (Cheshunt), A Ransome OBE, (Cleveland, Honorary Life Member), Mrs G Johns (Cheshire, Vice President), C Wilson (Corby, Vice President), J Cowell (Derbyshire), D Davies (Devon), T Pett (Didcot), R Lindner (Dorset), P Diver (Ely), P Ashleigh (Essex), P Walker (Essex) Mrs L Reid (Evesham, Vice President), C Jones (Exeter), K Elliot (Gainsborough), S Brown (Grimsby & Cleethorpe), Mrs D Webb (Hastings & DTTA, Vice President), J Reynolds (Halifax), D Edwards (Hertfordshire, Vice President), R Andrews (Hertfordshire), M Diggins (Heacham), Mrs E Shaler (Hinkley, Vice President), D Hutchinson (Hartlepool), P Hart (Herts) N Le Milliere (Kent), I Jones (Kettering), R Chatterton (Hereford), P Holbrook (Keighley), J Bolton (Lancashire), H Rawcliffe (East Lancashire), S Pickering (Leicestershire, Vice President), P Wilson (Leicester), M Macfarlane (Leamington, Vice President), R Forster (Loughborough), J Stalker (Malvern), B Stephenson (Middlesbrough), A Dias (Middlesex), M Howard (Milton Keynes), C Milner (Northallerton), M Berry (North Devon), M Allsop (Nottinghamshire, Vice President), M Feargrieve (Nottingham), L Dare (Norwich), G Pearson (Northumberland), R Whittaker (Nuneaton), N Brierely (Old Harrow), N Hurford (Oxfordshire), J Birkin (Oxford), W Moody (Portsmouth), P Bradley (Reading & District, Honorary Life Member, Vice President), C Sherrin (Romford), K Field (Southend, Vice President), J Kenny (South Yorkshire, Vice President), C Bell (Staffordshire), E D Adamson (Stroud), I Shapey (Southampton), D Field (Sevenoaks), Ms M Fraser (Surrey, Vice President), J Skinner (Sussex), R Barr (Towcester), D Goulden (Warrington, Vice President), Hayman (Wembley/Harrow), E Williams (Warwickshire, Vice President), M Clarke (Worcestershire, Honorary Life Member), D Brown (Worcester), A Johnson (Wilmslow) P White, S Seaholme (Watford) Mrs S Moss (Wigan), RB Hudson (Yorkshire, Vice President)

## **NON-COMPANY MEMBERS**

Mrs J Parker (President), G Wood (British League, Vice President), J Hopson (Berkshire), M Gunn (Berkshire) M Wilkins (Beds), L McTiernan (Berkshire), H Webb (Bexhill-on-Sea, Honorary Life Member), R Jemmot (Bristol), S Collier (Cheshire), D Morgan (Cheshire), A Kennedy (Cheshire), B Jackson (Congleton, Vice President), G Price (Clacton), S Noble (Colchester), J Andrews (Colchester), K Fudge (Cornwall) C Rayner (County Durham), Mrs J Johns (Crewe, Vice President), L Pitchford (Derbyshire), A Millman (Devon), K Buddell (Devon), A Laws (Doncaster), A Thompson (Durham), D Gatheral (Essex), D Garner (Essex), D Taylor (Essex), A Webb (Essex), C Carder (Essex), J Poysden (Essex), A Eagles (Flintshire), R Maddrell (Gloucestershire), M Wood (Hampshire) A Patel (Hampshire), R Patel (Hampshire), R Pingram (Hastings), B Holt (Haywards Heath) S Leven (Hertfordshire), S Nash (Hertfordshire) , H Jutle (Hereford), G Frankel (Hertford), M Smith (Honorary Life Member, Vice President), P Williams (Huntingdon), B Chapman (Kent, Vice President), M Romano (Kent), W Matthews (Kent), P Cox (Kent), C Bartram (Kent), P Beck (Kent), H Arthur (Kettering), M Ireland (Lancs, Vice President), Honorary Life Member, Vice President), R Bennett (Lancs), C Stebbing (Lancaster), Mrs C Williams (Leamington, Vice President), V Allington (Leicestershire), M Holt (Leicester, Honorary Life Member ), T Longley (Legal), G Martin (London Banks / Civil Service), J Lennard (Greater London), J Mackey (Lincs), C Steeples (Lincs), A Foster (Lincolnshire), M Tedbury (Lincs) S Clarke (Liverpool, Honorary Life Member, Vice President), R Venner (Liverpool), J Gadlo (Mansfield), D Cochrane (Middlesbrough), J Blackband (West Midlands, Vice President), J Bertie (West Mids), P Nichols (Northampton), R Scruton (North Allerton, Honorary Life Member), D Maddison (Nottingham), D Paine (Nottingham), T Giles (Ryde), M Caudry, G Wood (Reading, Vice President), C McKeown, K Skeggs (Southend-on-Sea) J Carr (Sittingbourne), C Harper (Surrey) T Needham (Surrey) M Gadd (East Sussex) N Dagger (Somerset) J Johnson (Southend), M Silver (Surrey) S Proctor (Leamington), S Kelly (Surrey) J Barella (Surrey) R Scott (West Sussex) D Gray (Kent, Vice President) J Boulton (West Sussex) A Pearson (Wiltshire) K Weatherby (Sunderland) T Ridgway (Telford) D Pollard (West Sussex) J Keegan (West Yorks) K Pelc (Surrey) M Clayton (Worcestershire) Mrs K Mudge (Surrey) T Taylor (Durham) A Champneys (Somerset) P Drinkhall (Surrey) D Macfarlane (Leamington, Vice President) A Jones (Warwickshire), A Gess (West Sussex) J Fairweather (Woking) J Palmer (Worcestershire), T Oswick (Windsor) R Cullis (Worcester), D Mawdesley (Wigan), G Whyman ( North Yorkshire), D Randerson (East Riding of Yorkshire)

## **Apologies:**

J Shepherd (Gilberdyke) A Petrou (Essex), B Hudson (Hull, Vice President), I Folger (Sheffield), M Atkinson (Buckinghamshire, Vice President) G Hentschel (Medway Towns) Mrs S West (Worthing) D Hughes (Chalfonts) K MacLeod (Waterside) I Mileham (Isle of Thanet) M Loveder (Wandsworth & District) H Webb (North Middlesex), K Lindsay (East Sussex) C Krishnan (Surrey) Z Hosszu (Barnet) J Payne (Blackpool) A Thomis (Berkshire) I Whiteside (Essex) K Thomas (Hartlepool, Honorary Life Member) B Gilbert (Surrey) S Walker (Nottinghamshire) J Tee (Northamptonshire) S Monkes (Bristol) J Hurford (Stroud)

## **STAFF**

Joanna Keay-Blyth (TTE Staff), Greg Yarnall (TTE Staff), Victoria Wiegleb (TTE Staff), Sam Garey (TTE Staff) Emma Young (TTE Staff) Julie Snowden (TTE Staff) Aled Howell (TTE Staff) Carol Miles (TTE Staff) Alexander Mercer (TTE Staff)

### **Meeting Commenced at 7pm**

SD (Chairman) opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

In consultation with the Standing Orders Committee, SD is standing aside as Chair for this meeting and asked the meeting to accept Estyn Williams (EW, Warwickshire) as the Chair for the EGM.

A vote was held for the approval of EW as Chair.

### **Approval of EW as Chair by 100%**

#### **One non company member voted so that vote was invalid.**

EW thanked everyone and welcomed them to the meeting and thanked JKB and the team at TTE for their hard work and support in getting this virtual EGM organised.

JKB ran through the etiquette and expectations on the Zoom call this evening with regards to the Q&A box, voting, speaking and the fact we were not using the raised hands function and the Chat box would be disabled.

EW advised the meeting was being recorded by VW and advised that no one else is permitted to make a recording. The recording will be retained by Table Tennis England.

Table Tennis England is a limited company, and this meeting has been called under the Companies Act. The Company Members are the Directors, National Councillors and a League Representative Company Member appointed by each league. Only company members can vote and due to the amount of people in attendance, only Company Members are permitted to speak. EW apologised for any inconvenience caused by this decision.

EW welcomed Thea Longley partner from Bates Wells (the company's solicitors) who was available to take any questions regarding the legal processes for the EGM. No questions were asked and Thea Longley left the meeting.

EW handed over to DH (Avon, VP) from the Standing Orders Committee for Item 4, Report of the Standing Orders Committee.

A vote was held for Ordinary Resolution 1: **97% For, 0% Against, 3% Abstain.**

Item 5, Adoption of the Standing Orders.

A vote was held for Ordinary Resolution 2: **95% for, 5% Abstain.**

EW thanked the Standing Orders Committee for their hard work in preparing for the EGM.

Item 6, The Appointment of Scrutineers.

A vote was held for Ordinary Resolution 3: **99% for, 0% against, 1% Abstain.**

**One non company member voted so that vote was invalid.**

Item 7, Declarations of Interest.

EW asked for any Declarations of Interests to be added into the Q&A box. None were recorded.

The meeting moved to the substantive propositions. EW explained the etiquette advising Company Members that they can only speak once – this can be done verbally or via a typed message. When speaking, comments and questions are welcomed, but the meeting was asked to bear in mind that they will only have one opportunity to speak. There is a limit of 4 minutes per person, however, should you wish to have longer, this will need to go to a vote.

The meeting was reminded that voting will take place electronically after all the debates as it is not possible to do live voting with the weighted vote structure.

### **Special Resolution 1**

#### **A vote of no confidence and instruction to the Board to remove from the Board, Anthony Catt, Elected Deputy Chair of Table Tennis England.**

EW welcomed TC to speak.

TC outlined his reasons for the proposition and set out his own credentials.

EW invited Company Members to speak for or against the motion. The following individuals spoke:

Neil Hurford (Oxfordshire) – for the motion  
Diane Webb (Hastings & District) – against the motion  
Colin Wilson (Kettering & District) – for the motion  
Susie Venner (Elected Director) – wishes to remain neutral  
Tom Purcell (Director) – for the motion  
Peter Holbrook (Keighley) – against the motion  
Jo Zygaldó (Mansfield) – for the motion  
Joshua Reynolds (Halifax) – against the motion  
Mark Quartermaine (Director) – for the motion  
Alan Ransome (Cleveland) – against the motion  
Simon Griew (Director) – for the motion  
Alexander Murdoch (Bedfordshire) – against the motion  
Sandra Deaton (Chairman) – for the motion

TC was given the opportunity to respond which he did.

## **Special Resolution 2**

**A vote of no confidence and instruction to the Board to remove from office and from any other table tennis posts held domestically or internationally.**

**Sandra Deaton, Chair of Table Tennis England**

EW invited TC to speak and he outlined his reasons for the proposition.

The following company members spoke:

Don Parker (Elected Director) – against the motion

Alan Ransome (Cleveland) – against the motion

Peter Holbrook (Keighley) – for the motion

Tom Purcell (Director) – against the motion

Susie Venner (Elected Director)– wishes to remain neutral

Colin Wilson (Kettering & District) – against the motion

Neil Hurford (Oxfordshire) – against the motion

Simon Griew (Director, VP) – against the motion

EW invited SD (Chairman) to speak and she set out her response.

TC was invited to respond as the proposer which he did.

## **Special Resolution 3**

**A vote of no confidence and instruction to the Board to remove from office and from any other table tennis related posts held domestically or internationally**

**Sara Sutcliffe MBE, Chief Executive Officer of Table Tennis England**

TC spoke and gave his reasons for the propositions.

The following company members spoke:

Joshua Reynolds (Halifax) – against the motion

Chris Dangerfield (Shropshire) – no decision on which way to vote was advised

Steve Kemish (Director) – against the motion

Don Parker (Elected Director) – against the motion

Alan Ransome (Cleveland) – against the motion

EW invited SS (CEO) to speak and she did.

TC was allowed to respond again as the proposer.

EW opened the voting at 9.35pm.

EW welcomed CW (Leamington, VP, Scrutineer) to explain the technicalities of the voting.

The meeting remained open until 10:45pm when EW returned and formally closed the meeting.

The results of the vote were published on 27 March as follows:

### **Special Resolution 1**

A vote of no confidence and instruction to the Board to remove from the Board - Anthony Catt, Elected Deputy Chair of Table Tennis England

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| Number of vote units cast for the Resolution:     | 23,340 | 52% |
| Number of vote units cast against the Resolution: | 21,789 | 48% |
| Total Number of vote units cast:                  | 45,129 |     |
| Abstentions: 1,851 vote units                     |        |     |

The Special Resolution required a 75% majority and so was not carried.

### **Special Resolution 2**

A vote of no confidence and instruction to the Board to remove from office and from any other table tennis posts held domestically or internationally - Sandra Deaton, Chair of Table Tennis England

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| Number of vote units cast for the Resolution:     | 7,609  | 17% |
| Number of vote units cast against the Resolution: | 35,928 | 83% |
| Total Number of vote units cast:                  | 43,537 |     |
| Abstentions: 3,443 vote units                     |        |     |

The Special Resolution required a 75% majority and so was not carried.

### **Special Resolution 3**

A vote of no confidence and instruction to the Board to remove from office and from any other table tennis related posts held domestically or internationally - Sara Sutcliffe MBE, Chief Executive Officer of Table Tennis England

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| Number of vote units cast for the Resolution:     | 4,581  | 10% |
| Number of vote units cast against the Resolution: | 39,591 | 90% |
| Total Number of vote units cast:                  | 44,172 |     |
| Abstentions: 2,808 vote units                     |        |     |

The Special Resolution required a 75% majority and so was not carried.