

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Company held at the Novotel Coventry, M6 Junction 3, Wilsons Lane, Longford, Coventry, CV6 6HL, on Saturday 13th July 2013 commencing at 2pm.

1 PRESENT

Notes: (1) As listed in Minutes 1.3.1, 1.3.2, 1.3.3, 1.4, 1.5, 1.6, 1.7, 1,8 and 1,9

(2) Members of the Company entitled to vote are recorded in Minutes 1.3.1, 1.3.2 and 1.3.3

1.1 DIRECTORS OF THE COMPANY

AN Murdoch (Chairman), MG Clark (Treasurer), PR Bradley (Deputy Chairman).

1.2 COMPANY SECRETARY

To be appointed.

1.3 VOTING MEMBERS OF THE COMPANY (including present by Proxy)

1.3.1 INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

'AN Murdoch' (Chairman), 'MG Clark' (Treasurer), 'PR Bradley' (Deputy Chairman), JE Dignum (Vice-Chairman (Operations)), Mrs E Shaler (Vice-Chairman (Development)), MR Holt (Vice-Chairman (Competitions & Marketing)).

1.3.2 COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE MEMBERS

MWJ Lewis (Avon), Mrs VJ Murdoch (Bedfordshire), CG Dyke (Berkshire), RR Washington (Buckinghamshire), BR Freer (Cambridgeshire), Mrs KM Tonge MBE (Cheshire), AE Ransome OBE (Cleveland), Mrs DM Jermyn (Cornwall), LA Chatwin (Derbyshire), CP Goulding (Devonshire), L Whittaker (Dorset), GM Wilson (Durham), LJ Smith (Gloucestershire), DB Turner (Hampshire), DJ Edwards (Hertfordshire), N Le Milliere (Kent), S Clarke (Lancashire), MGR Smith (Leicestershire), Mrs DM Stannard (Middlesex), RR Drew (Norfolk), M Allsop (Nottinghamshire), ARW Hughes (Oxfordshire), JM Burtenshaw (Somerset), D Sherratt (Staffordshire), Miss M Fraser (Surrey), EJ Williams (Warwickshire), AL Seward (Wiltshire), DA Young (Worcestershire), RB Hudson (Yorkshire). BR Granger (Essex by proxy KA Field), HS Jutle (Herefordshire by proxy Mrs CM Palmer), GE Tyler (Lincolnshire by proxy D Sherratt), JRC Donnelly (Northumberland by proxy A Drapkin), M Jezisek (Sussex by proxy J Skinner).

1.3.3 LEAGUE REPRESENTATIVE MEMBERS

DL Hockney (Bath), Ms BL Hughes (Birmingham), SA Cutler (Blackmore Vale), A Powell (Bristol), Miss C Homewood (Bromley), BF Leech (Bromsgrove), D Marples (Chesterfield), K Thomas (Cleveland Premier), EJ Kirby (Gloucester), JL Vaughan (Huddersfield), Mrs BL Hudson (Hull), MT Dove (Isle of Wight), MC Macfarlane (Leamington), PI Wilson (Leicester), AC Knowlson (Liverpool), Mrs CM Palmer (Malvern), G Powell (Northampton), HFC Webb (North Middlesex), A Drapkin (Northumbria), R Reeves (Oswestry), J Birkin (Oxford), B Rimmer (Retford), BP Lamerton (Southampton), KA Field (Southend), RS Barr (Towcester), DD Goulden (Warrington), AVG Barwick (Worthing). D Twiddy (Ashford by proxy N Le Milliere), R Aston (Banbury by proxy J Birkin), R Bennett (Blackpool by proxy Mrs KM Tonge MBE), RJ Hooton (Boston by proxy D Sherratt), IA Robertson (Bournemouth by proxy DB Turner), M Jackson (Bradford by proxy RB Hudson), B Pettit (Cambridge by proxy Mrs V Parkes), MV Hookham (Castleford/Pontefract by proxy RB Hudson), A Jarvis (Cirencester by proxy LJ Smith), DE Hildreth (Cleveland Summer by proxy AE Ransome), Mrs D Macfarlane (Coventry by proxy MC Macfarlane), CA Harper (Croydon by proxy Miss M Fraser), JR Cowell (Derby by proxy LA Chatwin), J Smith (Devizes by proxy AL Seward), Dr T Pett (Didcot by proxy J Birkin), J Stafford (Dudley by proxy DA Young), T Laws (Guildford by proxy Miss M Fraser), B Snowden (Halifax by proxy RB Hudson), K Bennett (Halton by proxy S Clarke), D Hutchinson (Hartlepool by proxy AE Ransome), Miss RA Rainton (Hastings by proxy Mrs DM Webb), R Maddrell (Hereford by proxy Mrs CM Palmer), B Robinson (Hinckley by proxy Mrs E Shaler), SM Fellowes (Ilfracombe by proxy P Goulding), M Edwards (Kidderminster by proxy C Dangerfield), RV Williamson (Lancaster/Morecambe by proxy S Clarke), M Grayson (Leeds by proxy RB Hudson), RG Forster (Loughborough by proxy M Allsop), B Roddis (Mansfield by proxy M Allsop), TA Bowler (Mid Cornwall by proxy Mrs DM Jermyn), Mrs BM Stephenson (Middlesbrough by proxy AE Ransome), MG Howard (Milton Keynes by proxy RR Washington), R Whittaker (Nuneaton by proxy PJ Morris), F Phillips (Okehampton by proxy AL Seward), GP Whyman (Ormesby by proxy AE Ransome), PJ Degg (Potteries by proxy C Bell), AP McTiernan (Reading by proxy CG Dyke), K Haffenden (Rother Junior by proxy AE Ransome), D Chalk (Salisbury by proxy SA Cutler), S Temple

(Scunthorpe by proxy D Sherratt), R Neal (Southport by proxy S Clarke), J Harrington (Stockport by proxy Mrs KM Tonge), WM Ellison (Stockton-on-Tees by proxy AE Ransome), TDS Fell (Stratford-upon-Avon by proxy MC Macfarlane), J Bunn (Stroud by proxy LJ Smith), DW Bissett (Sunderland by proxy Mrs L Wilson), DC Hayman (Wembley/Harrow by proxy P Denholm), F Sorrentino (Wirral by proxy Mrs KM Tonge), Mrs SW Dark (Yeovil by proxy JM Burtenshaw), J Farmery (York by proxy RB Hudson).

1.4 **PRESIDENT**

Deceased.

1.5 **VICE-PRESIDENTS**

'M Allsop', J Arnold MBE, 'PR Bradley', 'JM Burtenshaw', 'MG Clark', 'S Clarke', M Close, Mrs S Deaton, JE Dignum, A Drapkin, 'BR Halliday', 'RB Hudson', BP Lamerton, Mrs C Lewis, 'MC Macfarlane', 'AN Murdoch', 'AL Seward', 'RH Sinclair', 'MGR Smith', GA Taylor, 'Mrs KM Tonge', 'RR Washington', Mrs JL Watts, S Welch, 'R Yule'.

1.6 **HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS**

'LA Chatwin', CJ Clemett, 'MR Holt', 'MWJ Lewis', 'AE Ransome', RC Scruton, 'LJ Smith', 'Mrs DM Stannard', HJ Webb, 'DA Young'.

1.7 **OTHERS**

MW Atkinson (NCL/NJL), J Dance, Mrs M Dignum (Worcestershire), Ms S Hughes, Mrs M Shearwood (Worcestershire), Mrs S Pickering, G Sanders, J Palmer, Mrs R Ponting, Mrs C Williams, G Wood (British League Committee), Mrs J Ransome (Ormesby/Cleveland).

1.8 **ORGANISATIONS IN GOOD STANDING**

British Table Tennis Association for People with Disabilities, British Universities Colleges Sports, English Schools' Table Tennis Association.

1.9 **STAFF**

'RH Sinclair' (General Secretary), B Shearer (Operations Manager), DC Gray (National Competitions & Events Manager), M Willerton (National Programme Manager), J Pett (ETTA Performance Manager & Head of Workforce).

2 OPENING OF THE MEETING

2.1 AN Murdoch (Chairman) took the chair and welcomed all present.

2.2 AN Murdoch also welcomed the elected Officers 'elect' who will take over the running of ETTA after this Annual General Meeting.

3 REPORT OF STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE to the eleventh ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (Document 7359/1/DLH (16.05.13))

3.1 1. AGENDA

The order of business is similar to that for the 2012 AGM.

2. STANDING ORDERS (Agenda Item 2)

2.1 Since last year's AGM the SOC, in conjunction with the Chairman of the Rules Committee, has given further consideration to the correct terminology to be used for 'Members' throughout the Standing Orders and have decided that a further change was necessary. The Standing Orders have therefore been updated to reflect this. Your acceptance and support of these amendments would be welcomed.

3. APPOINTMENT OF TELLERS (Agenda Item 3)

The meeting is reminded that Tellers are not entitled to vote or speak at the AGM.

4. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT (Agenda Item 11)

The convention will be followed that the Chairman of the Association, if chairing the meeting, should leave the chair for the Annual Report, so that he is in a position to reply to debate.

5. DEBATING PROCEDURE

5.1 As in previous years, the AGM Agenda contains numerous opportunities for putting questions and expressing views, which can result in the meeting becoming too long for some Members. In particular this applies to those relying on public transport for their journey home.

5.2 Members are reminded to be concise when making a contribution and to avoid elaborating on questions and views already expressed, and to conclude their contribution as quickly as possible.

6. COUNTING OF CARD VOTES

If a card vote is needed at this AGM, a manual or an electronic count will be used as appropriate.

7. BUSINESS CONDUCTED

One meeting was held followed by e-mail correspondence, and advice was also given to the Rules Committee.

8. ELECTION OF STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE (Agenda Item 20)

Current members retiring by rotation as shown are: Mrs JL Watts (this AGM), N Le Milliere (2014) and DL Hockney (2015). Mrs JL Watts is eligible for re-election and has indicated her willingness to stand.

- 3.2 Acceptance of the report by the Standing Orders Committee (7359/1/DLH) was proposed by S Clarke (Lancashire) and seconded by RR Washington (Buckinghamshire).

4 **STANDING ORDERS (Document 7360/1/RHS)**

- 4.1 ANM asked members to approve the proposed amendments by Standing Orders Committee as underlined. Members agreed. Adoption of Standing Orders was proposed by DL Hockney (Standing Orders Committee) and seconded by Mrs DM Jermyn (Cornwall).

5 **TELLERS**

- 5.1 It was proposed by DA Young (Worcestershire), seconded by GM Wilson (Durham), and agreed that J Palmer (Malvern) and J Dance (Worcestershire) be appointed Tellers for the meeting. The Tellers were reminded before appointment that Tellers could not vote or take part in debate.

6 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

- 6.1 Members of the Company: PA Charters (Vice-Chairman (Coaching and Performance)), N Heaps (Vice-Chairman (Press & Publicity and Special Projects)), D Edwards (Hertfordshire), D Twiddy (Ashford), G Earle (Colchester), J Cowell (Derby), K Eliot (Gainsborough), I Jones (Kettering), M Howard (Milton Keynes), DW Bissett (Sunderland).

- 6.2 Honorary Life Vice-President: JA Leach MBE.

- 6.3 Honorary Life Members: L Landry, JM Wright.

- 6.4 Vice-Presidents: Mrs AP Archdale, JF Freeman, CT Hyland, KJ Marchant, Mrs DM Nightingale, MD Strode, DR Tremayne.

- 6.5 Regional Committee Chairmen: None.

- 6.6 Regional Coaching Co-ordinators: None.

- 6.7 Other Affiliated Persons: JA Blackband (ESTTA).

7 **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 7TH JULY 2012 (Document 7181/1/DMN/RHS)**

- 7.1 Mrs DM Webb (Hastings) had indicated to the 2012 meeting that there is no J Holden (Honorary Life Member) as listed in the 2011/12 Annual Report and further noted that the name is still in the 2012/13 Annual Report.

- 7.2 Approval of document 7181/1/DMN/RHS was proposed by Mrs E Shaler (Vice-Chairman (Development)) and seconded by MR Holt (Vice-Chairman (Competitions & Marketing)). Members agreed.

8 **MATTERS ARISING**

- 8.1 There were no matters arising.

9 **MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 7TH JULY 2012 (Document 7182/1/RHS)**

- 9.1 Approval of document 7182/1/RHS was proposed by Mrs DM Stannard (Middlesex), seconded by Mrs VJ Murdoch (Bedfordshire) and agreed.

10 **MATTERS ARISING**

- 10.1 There were no matters arising.

11 **PROPOSED FEES FOR INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP 2013/14**

11.1 Player Members

Under Rule 12.5, Directly Affiliated Members eligible to play Competitive Table Tennis, e.g. as a Local League Player.

Seniors £8.00 Cadets/Juniors £4.00

Associate Members

Under Rule 12.6, Directly Affiliated Members not eligible to play Competitive Table Tennis.

Associate Members (Compulsory) -

Members of Directly Affiliated Clubs and Organisations £4.00

Associate Members (Voluntary) -

Recreational players, officials and supporters £4.00

- 11.1.1 MG Clark (Treasurer) proposed on behalf of National Council to increase seniors' annual membership fees by £2.00, juniors/cadets and associates by £1.00 in each year of the Whole Sport Plan through to 2017 subject to members' support at successive Annual General Meetings.
- 11.1.2 The Treasurer advised that members will recall last year that the AGM rejected what the ETTA considered to be a vital need to increase affiliation fees to bring into what would have been a realistic level bearing in mind the financial support received from external bodies. With the benefit of hindsight, this was incorrectly perceived by members to be a move to improve the Association's bank balance whilst offering benefits that were not wanted.
- 11.1.3 He commented that it is, however, imperative that we illustrate to Sport England that the ETTA is making every effort, whilst not becoming self sufficient, that members are making a realistic contribution to the necessary costs that may not be obvious to all. Consequently, a programme has been put forward over the period of the Whole Sport Plan to make what he would see as a modest increase of £2 per year for Seniors and £1 Juniors, Cadets and Associates. Many of our leagues have now taken on board the Membership and League Manager systems that have been provided at no cost to leagues, yet has been at considerable cost to the ETTA albeit partly funded by an additional grant from Sport England that was brought forward from 2011/12 following our highly credited performance on the Government's Active People Survey.
- 11.1.4 The Treasurer commented that this proposed increase referred to in affiliation fees was submitted to National Council in December last year for consulting their leagues and clubs with the result that at the January National Council meeting, apart from one abstention, there were no dissenting votes against the proposal. The Treasurer then commended the increase in the trust that the members approve it accordingly.
- 11.1.5 AE Ransome (Cleveland) confirmed he was supporting the motion but his proxies want to reserve the right on future increases. B Rimmer (Retford) shared the same thoughts of the previous speaker. A Barwick (Worthing) was asked to oppose the proposed increase by his committee. Mrs DM Stannard (Middlesex) proposed and Mrs VJ Murdoch (Bedfordshire) seconded. The motion was carried on a show of hands with two against.

12 RULE CHANGE PROPOSITIONS

Wording which introduces a substantive change is underlined, deleted wording is ~~crossed through~~.

- 12.1 CJ Clemett (Rules Committee Chairman) introduced and proposed Rule Change Proposition 1 which was seconded by Mrs DM Jermyn (Cornwall). Carried on a show of hands.

Proposition 1

Proposed by National Council

9 INTERPRETATION AND DEFINITIONS

Amend 9.2.5 as under and add 9.2.X, 9.2.Y:

9.2.5 Affiliated Organisation: a County Association, a Local League, a Directly Affiliated Club, a club affiliated through a Local League or ~~any other organisation approved for affiliation by the National Council~~ an Approved Organisation.

9.2.X Approved Organisation: An organisation, other than a County Association, a Local League, a Directly Affiliated Club or a club affiliated through a Local League, which has been approved for affiliation by the National Council.

9.2.Y Membership Year: The period from 1st August to the following 31st July.

12 AFFILIATION

Delete title and 12.1-12.11 and substitute:

12 AFFILIATION OF ORGANISATIONS

- 12.1 Application for affiliation to the Company of a Local League, Directly Affiliated Club or Approved Organisation for the first time or after a lapse shall be made on the current application form and signed by a responsible official of the organisation.
- 12.2 The form shall be sent to the ETTA General Secretary, who shall forthwith send a copy to the appropriate County Association, if any, inviting it to send its observations to the ETTA within 28 days.
- 12.3 After the expiration of this period of 28 days every application for affiliation shall be granted or refused by the Board, which shall have the power to refuse without giving reasons.
- 12.4 An applicant may appeal to the National Council against refusal by the Board, refusal being deemed if the Board has not granted the application within 56 days of its submission.
- 12.5 Unless the National Council resolve that the full procedure laid down by Rules 12.1-12.4 shall apply in a particular case, renewal of affiliation shall be effected by sending the appropriate renewal form direct to the ETTA General Secretary.
- 12.6 There shall be no affiliation fees for organisations.
- 12.7 A County Association shall remain affiliated until it has no Local Leagues affiliated to it.
- 12.8 Any other Affiliated Organisation shall remain affiliated until

- 12.8.1 ETTA affiliation fees due for which it is responsible are unpaid to the ETTA on the following 30th April or
- 12.8.2 affiliation is terminated by the Affiliated Organisation or
- 12.8.3 renewal of affiliation is refused by the National Council.
- 13 AFFILIATION OF MEMBERS
- 13.1 In each Membership Year a person taking part in Competitive Table Tennis must first have affiliated as a Player Member.
- 13.2 A Local League shall maintain a register of all players taking part in its league competition and a Directly Affiliated Club or Approved Organisation shall maintain a register of all its members.
- 13.3 A person shall not be registered for a Local League, a Directly Affiliated Club or an Approved Organisation unless he pays the appropriate ETTA affiliation fee to that organisation or provides evidence that he has already paid that fee.
- 13.4 A person not taking part in Competitive Table Tennis may affiliate as an Associate Member and all members of a Directly Affiliated Club or of an Approved Organisation who do not affiliate as Player Members shall pay the affiliation fee for Associate Membership.
- 13.5 A person shall be deemed a Player Member or Associate Member from the date at which his ETTA affiliation fee is accepted, either by the ETTA or by an Affiliated Organisation on behalf of the ETTA.
- 13.6 Directly Affiliated Membership shall lapse at the end of a Membership Year, but a person who was directly affiliated in that year shall be deemed to remain affiliated with a status equivalent to that of Associate Member, without the right to play Competitive Table Tennis, until he renews his direct affiliation or until 30th September, whichever is earlier.

This would eliminate the present anomaly whereby anyone affiliating as a Player Member in one season can continue playing Competitive Table Tennis (CTT) until 15th November in the following season without paying a further fee. What is proposed is a fixed 12 month period, from 1st August to 31st July, after which a Player Member will lose the right to play CTT until a new fee is paid. Because not everyone will pay their fee immediately, provision has been made for continuing affiliation, without the right to play CTT, after the end of the Membership Year. This will ensure that, in the period before paying another fee, players will not be deprived of insurance cover and will remain under ETTA jurisdiction. If a new fee has not been paid by 30th September membership will be terminated, as it is now on 15th November. The present section 12 has been divided into three sections, covering separately affiliation of members, affiliation of organisations and affiliation fees. The existing sections 13, 14, etc. are to be re-numbered as 15, 16, etc.

Amendment 1 to Proposition 1

Proposed by Bradford & District TTA

Delete 9.2.Y and substitute:

- 9.2.Y Membership Year: The period from 1st September to the following 31st August.
- 12.2 RB Hudson (Yorkshire) introduced amendment 1 to Proposition 1 which concerns Summer League competitions and that is why Bradford TTA had proposed it. RB Hudson (Yorkshire) proposed and CP Goulding (Devonshire) seconded. The amendment was not carried on a show of hands.

Amendment 2 to Proposition 1

Proposed by Durham County TTA

Delete 13.2 and substitute:

- 13.2 A local League, a Directly Affiliated Club and an Approved Organisation shall maintain a register of all of its members.
- 12.3 GM Wilson (Durham) introduced amendment 2 to Proposition 1 and explained the anomalies in Rule 13.2/56 and proposed the proposition. The Proposition was not carried on a show of hands.
- 12.4 CJ Clemett (Rules Committee Chairman) explained the background to proposition 1. MGR Smith (Leicestershire) proposed the proposal and GM Wilson (Durham) seconded. On a show of hands the Proposition 1 was carried.

Proposition 2

Proposed by National Council

12 AFFILIATION

Delete 12.12-12.16 and substitute:

- 14 AFFILIATION FEES
- 14.1 Not later than the last day of February the National Council shall propose for approval by the AGM affiliation fees for the immediately following Membership Year and details shall be circulated to all Company Members during March.
- 14.2 Amendments shall be accepted for consideration by the AGM if submitted in writing and received by the General Secretary not later than the last day in April.
- 14.3 If neither the original proposal nor any amendment thereto is accepted, the fees for the immediately following Membership Year shall be the same as in the current Membership Year.

- 14.4 Membership shall include insurance against civil liability and the affiliation fee shall include such Value Added Tax as may be payable at the rate in force.
- 14.5 Fees may be paid either direct to the ETTA or to the Affiliated Organisation for which the member is registered; fees received by an organisation by 30th September shall be forwarded to the ETTA not later than 7th October and any fees received after 30th September shall be forwarded within 14 days of receipt.
- 14.6 An Affiliated Organisation from which any affiliation fees in respect of Player Members or Associate Members are due to the ETTA but are unpaid by 7th October shall be charged interest on the amount outstanding at 5% above NatWest Bank base rate calculated daily, subject to the total interest being more than £5.

This would bring the procedure for proposals for fee changes into line with that for RCPs.

Amendment 1 to Proposition 2 Proposed by Leamington & District TTA

In 14.5, delete "within 14 days of receipt" and substitute:

"at least quarterly, not later than 14 days after 31st December, 31st March and 30th June"

- 12.5 M Macfarlane (Leamington TTA) explained the background with sending multiple payments and proposed the proposition and C Dangerfield (Worcestershire TTA) seconded. Carried on a show of hands.

Amendment 2 to Proposition 2 Proposed by Bath & District TTA

In 14.5, delete "7th October" and substitute "14th October"; delete "14 days" and substitute "28 days".

In 14.6, delete "7th October" and substitute "14th October".

- 12.6 Amendment 2 to Proposition 2 was withdrawn.

- 12.7 Proposition 2 was proposed by MGR Smith (Leicestershire County TTA) and seconded by GM Wilson (Durham). Carried on a show of hands.

Proposition 3 Proposed by National Council

9 INTERPRETATION AND DEFINITIONS

- 9.2.16 Directly Affiliated Individual: An Affiliated Member who pays an ETTA affiliation fee, ~~direct to the ETTA, whether or not also a member of a Directly Affiliated Club or of a club in membership of a Local League~~ an Affiliated Organisation.

This would make clear that affiliation fees are not necessarily paid direct to the ETTA.

- 12.7 CJ Clemett (Rules Committee Chairman) gave the background to the proposition and proposed the proposition, MGR Smith (Leicestershire) seconded. Carried on a show of hands.

Proposition 4 Proposed by National Council

18 PROCEDURE FOR GENERAL MEETINGS

Delete 18.3 and substitute:

- 18.3 Except as provided by Rule 15.2, attendance at a General Meeting shall be open to all Company Members, to duly appointed proxies and to all Affiliated Members.

This would make good an omission.

- 12.8 CJ Clemett (Rules Committee Chairman) gave the background to the proposition and proposed the proposition, MWJ Lewis (Avon) seconded. Carried on a show of hands.

Proposition 5 Proposed by National Council

18 PROCEDURE FOR GENERAL MEETINGS

Delete 18.13 and substitute:

- 18.13 A Special Resolution shall be carried only if at least three-fourths of the votes cast are in favour; any other resolution, or an amendment to any Proposition, shall be decided by a simple majority of the votes cast.

This would bring together all voting majorities and be consistent with AGM Standing Orders.

- 12.9 CJ Clemett (Rules Committee Chairman) gave the background and proposed the proposition and Mrs DM Jermyn (Cornwall) seconded. Carried on a show of hands.

Proposition 6 Proposed by National Council

25 ELECTORAL REGISTER

Re-number 25.2-25.8 as 25.3-25.9; delete 25.1 and substitute:

- 25.1 Each Local League shall report to the General Secretary not later than 31st October the number of teams it has in membership and this number shall be recorded against the name of the League in an Electoral Register which will determine voting rights.

25.2 The General Secretary shall not later than 26th November send to every Company Member a copy of this Register showing

- 25.2.1 all Offices of the Company;
- 25.2.2 all County Associations having a National Councillor;
- 25.2.3 all Local Leagues not under suspension.

This would require Leagues to provide the information needed for the Electoral Register.

12.10 CJ Clemett (Rules Committee Chairman) gave the background to the proposition and MGR Smith (Leicestershire) seconded. Carried on a show of hands.

Proposition 7

Proposed by National Council

3 MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION

Delete 3.6 and 3.7 and substitute:

3.6 To provide for the affiliation of individuals, County Associations, Local Leagues, clubs and other organisations for playing or promoting table tennis.

3.7 To maintain a Register of Affiliated Members and Affiliated Organisations.

Delete 3.1, 3.8 and 3.18 and re-number remaining paragraphs.

These paragraphs relate to the handover of responsibilities and assets from the former ETTA to ETTA Ltd and are no longer required.

12.11 CJ Clemett (Rules Committee Chairman) gave the background to the proposition and Mrs E Shaler (Vice-Chairman (Development)) seconded. Carried on a show of hands.

Proposition 8

Proposed by National Council

43 FORBIDDEN OR CONTROLLED ACTIVITIES

In 43.2.5, after "anything", add "which could be"; delete "likely to" and substitute "which could".

43.2.5 deliberately do or cause to be done anything which could be harmful to the ETTA or ~~likely to~~ which could bring the sport of table tennis into disrepute.

This would make the criteria more consistent and less subjective.

12.12 CJ Clemett (Rules Committee Chairman) gave the background to the proposition and AN Murdoch (Chairman) seconded. Carried on a show of hands.

Proposition 9

Proposed by National Council

45 ETTA DISCIPLINARY CODE

In 45.8, delete "the Rule alleged to have been broken" and substitute "the nature of the alleged offence".

This would remove the requirement for anyone alleging an offence having to specify the rule which is alleged to have been broken.

12.13 CJ Clemett (Rules Committee Chairman) gave the background to the proposition and Mrs VL Murdoch (Bedfordshire) seconded. Carried on a show of hands.

13 ANNUAL REPORT

(At this point the Chairman stood down from the Chair in order to participate in the debate. In the absence of the President, the Deputy Chairman, PR Bradley, took the Chair.)

13.1 Amendments to printed Report

13.1.1 Mrs DM Webb (Hastings) asked for the following amendments:

Page 7: J Holden is not an Honorary Life Member.

Page 8: Liu Na and N Owen had not represented England.

Page 24: Lois Peake not Louis.

Page 50: The Men's singles champion is Liam Pitchford and not Paul Drinkhall as stated.

13.1.2 Foreword

13.1.2.1 RC Scruton (Honorary Life Member) thanked the Chairman for his ten years' service to ETTA and said ETTA had lost sight of its future, suffered poor relations with Sport England and have had a full review requested by Sport England. AE Ransome (Cleveland) said that ETTA has to accept demands forced on it but noted that some points are not in the interests of Table Tennis. JE Dignum (Vice-Chairman (Operations)) said he felt insulted by comments made by RC Scruton (Honorary Life Member) and asked they be withdrawn. GM Wilson (Durham) asked that criticising members stops and there was a need to move forward.

13.1.2.2 KE Field (Southend) thanked the Chairman for his service to the ETTA.

13.1.3 Page 14, 1.4

13.1.3.1 B Rimmer (Retford) reported that he had handed a serious complaint to the Rules Committee and he has not had a response to date. The Chairman agreed to look into the matter.

13.1.4 Page 15, 1.5.1

- 13.1.4.1 MGR Smith (Leicestershire) explained that the 28,000 quoted equals an increase of take up of the system, but it is clear from comparing team and individual records that there are many players unregistered.
- 13.1.5 Page 16, 1.6
- 13.1.5.1 AE Ransome (Cleveland) noted that the statistics showed a drop in numbers especially cadets. GM Wilson (Durham) said that National Junior and Cadet Leagues do not require a Player Licence and that this topic has already been covered.
- 13.1.6 Page 22, 4.10.1
- 13.1.6.1 MR Holt (Vice-Chairman (Competitions & Marketing)) asked that John Alsop should read John Cowell.
- 13.1.6.2 Mrs DM Webb (on behalf of the English Leagues Cup Competition) read the list of winners of the finals played on 15th/16th June 2013.
- 13.1.7 Page 36, 5.25.6
- 13.1.7.1 AE Ransome (Cleveland) thought it was a success and was disappointed that the coaches were not included in the Whole Sport Plan and are facing redundancy. The Chairman explained that funding for the Disability Club Coaches under the P2P scheme ceased in March 2013 as well as funding support from Local Authorities.
- 13.1.8 Page 38, 6.11.1
- 13.1.8.1 RC Scruton (Honorary Life Member) felt the paragraph was too short and should have prominence in future.
- 13.1.9 Page 47
- 13.1.9.1 Mrs DM Jermyn (Cornwall) said that Ivor Montagu Officials should read Ivor Montagu Players.
- 13.2 Acceptance of the Report was proposed by MR Holt (Vice-Chairman (Competitions & Marketing)), seconded by JE Dignum (Vice-Chairman (Operations)) and agreed by all.
(At this point the Chairman returned to the chair.)

14 REPORT OF THE TREASURER AND THE AUDITORS AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2013 (7361/825/MGC)

- 14.1 The Treasurer reported that in many ways it has been difficult controlling the funds this year, what with the disappointing rejection of the increase in affiliation fees last year that put a big hole in the budget that was agreed at the then April National Council, together with the fact that we needed to support our senior squad in the period before and after the Olympics as Government support had been previously used up.
- 14.1.1 Nevertheless, with strict control over cost centres we kept to our undertaking to deliver a small surplus for the tenth consecutive year and bring our net assets to £593,000, almost double that in 2003. That said, it is hardly sufficient to maintain the core costs of the Association for more than six months in the event that the Government were to suddenly withdraw the level of funding we currently experience. Such is the lack of confidence that Sport England has had in the current board of the ETTA, according to Richard Scruton's (Honorary Life Member) delivery, that at £11M, the four year plan 2013/17 provides table tennis with the highest level of Sport England grant funding that it has ever before received, subject to the number of conditions laid down which includes the Strategic and Staffing review that the Chairman referred to earlier. From a financial perspective I cannot impress on you more strongly that the rule changes that will need to be addressed, via National Council and next year's AGM (or EGM if necessary), are vital in this connection. It will be for the new Board to bring these changes to you over the coming months.
- 14.1.2 It would be remiss not to take this opportunity to make mention of Richard Yule (Chief Executive) who has without doubt, over the years of having been Treasurer, with the backup of the Chairman, played a major part in procuring the level of grants never previously received, not only from Sport England but from UK Sport, the Youth Sports Trust, Jack Petchey Foundation amongst many more.
- 14.1.3 On a personal note I would like to say that as custodian of the Association's funds over the past decade, I am delighted that I leave my post today with the knowledge that the ETTA is in the strongest financial position it has ever been, and whilst the ETTA is still so reliant upon the Sport England grant to fulfil all the programmes within the four-year plan, it is vital that we make every effort to generate more income from within. Changes in government or not achieving certain conditions or KPIs can easily result in disinvestment by Sport England as happened a decade ago. The accounts before you are as copious as ever with detail that few other national governing bodies illustrate. Consequently I do not intend boring you by going through the figures but will endeavour to respond to any relevant questions.
- 14.1.4 In response to a question from BR Halliday (Isle of Wight) relating to the level of new facilities over the past decade, the Treasurer illustrated that in 2012/13 £361,500 had been allocated to Knighton Park, £100,000 to Eggbuckland, £11,000 to Neville Lovett Community together with £17,500 to outdoor tables across the country. There have been many such

- facilities provided over the past decade including those at Ormesby, Ellenborough, Westfield, St Neots, BATTs and Morpeth to name but a few.
- 14.1.5 Mrs DM Webb (Hastings) asked questions relating to the analysis of costs appertaining to the Player Licence Scheme and the higher than previous costs of Communications and Marketing. The Treasurer noted that the Player Licence costs were similar to last year and contained an element of staffing costs, and Communication costs incorporated software improvements and maintenance relating to Membership Manager and League Manager amongst others, albeit that much was covered by a proportion of the additional grant provided by Sport England as a consequence of our outstanding performance in the Active People Survey. This fund was also utilized to support a marketing strategy survey that formed a major part of this year's Marketing costs. C Dangerfield (Kidderminster) commented that not all of the additional costs in Communications related to software provided by TT365.
- 14.1.6 AE Ransome (Cleveland) asked for details relating to the loss incurred in running the ITTF Men's World Cup and how that impacted on the consideration of running a World Championships. The Treasurer noted that the investment was in line with the agreed budget whilst MR Holt (Vice-Chairman (Competitions)) advised that an extensive dossier had been produced in conjunction with UK Sport that illustrated support.
- 14.1.7 AE Ransome (Cleveland) questioned why it was that the National Championships continued to be run at a loss even prior to the allocation of Events staff costs. The Treasurer replied by stating that the Nationals were our blue riband events that were essentially presented at the best levels possible. Higher costs in recent years were now subject to equipment hire charges.
- 14.1.8 AE Ransome (Cleveland) made further reference to the matter of facilities that was raised by the National Councillor (Isle of Wight) to which the Treasurer stated that he did not understand the question but had responded fully within his reply.
- 14.1.9 Acceptance of the Statement of Accounts for 2012/13 was proposed by GM Wilson (Durham) and seconded by JM Burtenshaw (Somerset). Members agreed.

15 REPORT OF ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN, DEPUTY CHAIRMAN AND TREASURER FOR ADMINISTRATIVE YEAR 2013/14 AND 2014/15 (Document 7312/23/RHS)

- 15.1 Neil Le Milliere (Returning Officer) informed the meeting of the results of the election as shown on document 7312/23/RHS. The report was noted.

16 REPORT OF ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMEN FOR ADMINISTRATIVE YEAR 2013/14 (Document 7362/23/NLM)

- 16.1 Neil Le Milliere (Returning Officer) informed the meeting of the results of the election as shown on document 7362/23/NLM. The report was noted.

17 REPORT OF ELECTION OF NATIONAL COUNCILLORS AND DEPUTY NATIONAL COUNCILLORS FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE YEAR 2013/14 (Document 7363/23/NLM)

- 17.1 Neil le Milliere (Returning Officer) informed the meeting of the results of the County elections as shown in document 7363/23/NLM. The report was noted.

18 ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

- 18.1 A Murdoch (Chairman) referred to the sad death of Keith Ponting (President) last year and that he will be sadly missed.
- 18.2 The Honours Committee recommended that Doreen Stannard was to be nominated as President. It was noted that she had given many years of service to Table Tennis and a respected member of National Council since 1979, elected as a Honorary Life Member in 1988. ETTA 100 Club Secretary for 36 years, qualified as County Umpire in 1964, National Umpire in 1972, International Umpire in 1981, English Championships Committee: member of 1972 to 1979 (Chair: 1980 to 1990), National Events Committee: 1991 to 1992, Marketing Committee: 1992 to 1995, National Events Committee: 1995 to 1999, National Championships Committee Chairman: 1999 to 2011 and member of Marketing Committee from 2012 to date. Joined Middlesex County Association in 1966, became Deputy Chairman in 1980 to date, Local League Chairman from 1977 to 2003. In 2010 received a Platinum Award for Voluntary Service to Sport from the London Federation of Sport and Recreation. AN Murdoch (Chairman) proposed and seconded by MR Holt (Vice-Chairman (Competitions & Marketing)). Members agreed.

19 ELECTION OF VICE-PRESIDENTS

- 19.1 Honours Committee recommended a further three-year term for the following retiring Vice-Presidents: J Arnold, J Blackband, PR Bradley, S Clarke, Mrs W Cunningham, P Day, KE Eliot, BR Granger, G Gurney, TM Honey, RB Hudson, T Inge, MC Macfarlane, WV Moran,

Mrs J Parker MBE, LH Pilfold, DD Plowes, D Schofield, AL Seward, RH Sinclair, RJ Stevens, MD Strode, GA Taylor, DR Tremayne, C Villiers MBE, M Wolman. Proposed by MWJ Lewis (Avon) and seconded by JM Burtenshaw (Somerset). Members agreed.

19.2 New Vice-Presidents

Honours Committee recommended the election for a term of three years, which was proposed by AN Murdoch (Chairman) and seconded by JE Dignum (Vice-Chairman (Operations)). Members agreed.

19.2.1 Mrs Rosemary Ponting:

For all the 54 years of marriage to Keith, Rosemary supported him at his Table Tennis activities, always at his side especially at special events, presenting trophies, etc. Together they represented the ETTA at the Queen's Jubilee celebration at Westminster Cathedral; at the luncheon afterwards they were introduced to David Cameron (Prime Minister). This award is made by the ETTA to acknowledge the commitment to Table Tennis.

19.2.2 Dave Evans:

Chairman and Deputy Chairman of Grand Prix Committee since its inception to the present day. Member of Tournament Organisers Qualification Committee and latterly Delivery Group since 2000. Awarded the Maurice Goldstein Merit Award in 1998 for his service and contribution to the 1997 World Championships in Manchester. Held positions within national and international events including Venue Director, Qualification Event for Olympic Games in 1996, Assistant Venue Director in 44th World Championships 1997, World Veteran Championships 1998, 63rd English Open 1999, 64th English Open 2001 and organiser of the National Championships. The award is mainly for his role as Venue Department Head for the recent Men's World Cup held in Liverpool last year. He was responsible for ensuring that the playing facilities were prepared to the required standard for this world event, a job he did so well with his small team of volunteers.

19.2.3 Eileen Shaler:

Vice-Chairman (without Departmental Responsibility) from 2004/5 to 2005/6 and Vice-Chairman 2006/7 to present. Has served on the Leicestershire County TTA for many years currently as Chair of Selectors, and also in the Hinckley League as General Secretary for many years, and where last year she was elected as Deputy Chairman. Helps organise Veterans' British League and is also Secretary of the Veterans' English Table Tennis Society Committee. She has worked as a volunteer at the World Veterans' Championships held at Manchester in 1997 and also at the Commonwealth Games at Manchester in 2002. Worked as a volunteer at the 1994 European Championships held in Birmingham. Eileen has also helped organise two Veteran Six Nations competitions in Halton and more recently in Wolverhampton. Currently member of the ETTU Veterans' Committee and has been asked to form part of the 2013 European Championships Organising Committee to be held in Bremen, Germany.

19.2.4 Michael Wilson:

National Councillor 1998/9 to present, member of Membership Committee from 2009/10 to present. Received the Maurice Goldstein Merit Award 2010. Durham County TTA: Press Officer from 2006/7 to 10/10/11 and Vice-Chairman from 2007/8 to present, elected Life Member in 2010, Development Officer from 1997 to present. Sunderland and District TTL: Chairman from 1993 to present, Press Officer from 1997 to 2009, Development Officer from 1997 to present, elected Life Member in 2010. Sunderland TTC: one of three founder members in 1989, Chairman from 2001 to 2010, Development Officer from 2001 to present, acting Treasurer 2012 to present. Tyne and Wear English Schools' Table Tennis Association Chairman from 2000 to 2006.

19.2.5 Diana Jermyn:

Qualified as County Umpire in 1979, National Umpire 1981 and International Umpire 1984. Umpires Controller at the World Championships 1997 and the World Veteran Championships 1998, awarded the Maurice Goldstein Merit Award in 1998. National Councillor for Cornwall from 2007 to present. Member of Tournaments Committee in 1998 and secretary from 2001 to present. Secretary of the Calendar Working Party from 2001 to present. Joined the Hampshire County Association as League Representative in 1978 to 1987. Cup Secretary of the North Hertfordshire TTL from 1996 to 2002 and its General Secretary from 1987 to 2002.

19.2.6 Diccon Gray:

National Development Officer 1989, Acting Events Manager 1989, National Development Manager 1989, Director of Development from 1995 to 2007, Delivery and Facilities Manager from 2007 to 2010, National Competitions and Events Manager from 2010 to present. For his work over many years but specifically for the last season as Tournament Manager for the Men's World Cup in 2012 where he ran the event, managing most aspects of the event for its duration, this at a time when he had major surgery and ongoing treatment.

- 20.1 Honours Committee recommended the following persons to be elected as an Honorary Life Member. MR Holt (Vice-Chairman (Competitions & Marketing)) proposed and JE Dignum (Vice-Chairman (Operations)) seconded. Members agreed.
- 20.1.1 Alex Murdoch
Elected Chairman 2003 to date
Served on the Bedfordshire County TTA Committee for 17 years
Served on the North Hertfordshire TTA Committee for 25 years
Board of the British Olympic Table Tennis Federation (2004 to date)
British Olympic Association Representative (2004 to date), Chairman
Board of the British Table Tennis Federation (2005 to date)
Board of the European Table Tennis Federation (2005 to date)
Board of Director Member International Table Tennis Federation (2006 to date)
- 20.1.2 Martin Clark
ETTA Honorary Treasurer and Director since 2003/4 to date
Board member of the British Olympic Table Tennis Federation (2004 to 2006)
Board member of the British Table Tennis Federation Limited (2006 to date)
Treasurer of Veterans' English Table Tennis Society (2001 to date)
Officer (Financial Expert) of the European Table Tennis Union (2008 to date)
Current member of International Table Tennis Veterans Committee
Worcestershire County Association Press Officer from 1998/9 to 2002/3
Worcestershire County Association Treasurer from 2002/3 to date
Worcestershire County Player
Bromsgrove/Redditch & District TTA committee member (1993 to 2007), Treasurer and General Secretary (2002 to 2007)
ETTA County Umpire since 2001
Volunteer at the 1998 Veterans World Championships and 2001
Volunteer at the Veterans European Championships in Rotterdam in 2007
Volunteer at the English Opens in Buckmore Park, Chatham, in 2001, EIS in Sheffield in 2009 and 2011
Volunteer at ITTF Pro Tour finals at ExCeL in 2011
Volunteer at ITTF Men's World Cup at Echo Arena, Liverpool, in 2012
Volunteer at 2012 London Olympics anti-doping team for table tennis
- 20.1.3 Richard Yule
Appointed as Chief Executive of ETTA in June 1995. For his work as Chief Executive of the ETTA and his work in conjunction with ETTA major funding partners, Sport England and UK Sport, delivering significant levels of investment to Table Tennis via the Whole Sport Plan. He was elected Vice-President in 2002 and appointed Tournament Director for the 1997 World Championships, taking over from Mike Watts at the last moment, and for the English Open Championships in 2001. Richard was also Tournament Director for several National Championships, overseeing the event and liaising with television producers.

21 PRESENTATION OF AWARDS AND HONOURS

- 21.1 Ivor Montagu Award
This was awarded to Diane Webb for her work on archives, biography book on personalities, Membership Committee, English Leagues Cup Competition Delivery Group.
- 21.2 Victor Barna Award
This was awarded to Tin-Tin Ho who is still an under 15 competitor yet is achieving levels of success at every age group she competes in. She won the gold medal in the Cadet Singles in the French Youth Open, bronze in the European Youth Championships, and an individual bronze medal including a gold doubles in the Czech Youth Open. Internationally, she is winning medals in most competitions she plays. She was honoured by being selected to play for Europe in a four girl team against Asia and the Americas earlier this season, and is gaining a reputation in the under 18 category. Domestically, Tin-Tin played with grit and determination to win the Under 21 Women's Singles and lost narrowly in the Women's Singles to Kelly Sibley, the eventual champion, at the Senior National Championships, a performance to be admired from one so young. Tin-Tin is also the number one ranked player in England at both under 18 and under 15 age groups.
- 21.3 Malcolm Scott Award
This was awarded to Peter Bradley – ETTA Deputy Chairman from 2007 to present and Vice-Chairman (Competitions) from 2003/4 to 2006, elected Vice-President in 1999, Assistant Organiser European Youth Top 10 in 2008, Venue Manager Commonwealth Games 2002, Racket Controller 2012 Paralympics, a tournament organiser of various tournaments, and a Life Member of the Veterans' English Table Tennis Society.
- 21.4 Johnny Leach Most Improved Player of the Year Award

- This was awarded to Sam Walker who is currently the England number one youth player. He decided 18 months ago to finish school after his GCSEs and play full-time. During that time he has developed into a player who shows what commitment, desire and hard work can achieve. Has made huge improvements technically and, more importantly, is learning the art of mental toughness and strength to overcome the rigours of international competition. His international performances this season are impressive and he has kept an extremely high standard, winning a silver medal in the junior boys' event at the ITTF Serbian Youth Open, and gaining numerous wins over top class European players throughout the season. Many witnessed his undoubted improvement when he took the English National Senior Championships by storm. He won the Under 21 Men's Singles title in an outstanding thriller against Richard Andrews, and went on to reach the semi-finals of the Men's Singles, beating Daniel Reed and Chris Doran.
- 21.5 Leslie Forrest Memorial Trophy
This was awarded to Dave Roden for his outstanding contribution, in an administrative capacity, to promoting the County Championships for over 20 years.
- 21.6 A K Vint OBE Staff Award
This was awarded to Steven Gertsen (Eastern Regional Coach) for his commitment in developing a community spirit in his Region with players, coaches, volunteers and parents, working closely together to enhance performance and participation in that Region.
- 21.7 Keith Ponting President's Memorial Award for Life Time Achievement
AN Murdoch (Chairman) reported to members that a new award had been created to perpetuate the memory of the previous President, Keith Ponting, together with the following criteria: 1. To be awarded annually to suitable candidates nominated by the Honours Committee. 2. To be awarded for exceptionally long and outstanding service to Table Tennis with a minimum of 30 years and at least 20 years at national level. 3. The award is open to the Directors, Management Board, Members of National Council, ETTA committee members, Regional Chairmen and in fact anyone who has had a voluntary position or role. 4. Can be awarded as a further honour to Honorary Life Members who usually do not receive further recognition once they have received Honorary Life Membership.
- 21.7.1 AN Murdoch (Chairman) proposed and MR Holt (Vice-Chairman (Competitions and Marketing)) seconded that Aubrey Drapkin should receive the award. The following achievements have been recorded: ETTA Treasurer from 1980 to 1987, elected Vice-President in 1993 and ETTA 100 Club Treasurer for over 30 years. Qualified as County Umpire in 1975, National Umpire 1978, International Umpire 1984, Tournament Referee 1978 and National Referee in 1981. Committees: County Championships Administrator 1979/80 to 1980/81, County Championships Committee member: 1981/82 to 1983/84, Chairman 1984/85 to 1986/87. British League Committee from 1991/92 to present. Northumberland County TTA Chairman: 1987/88 to 1990/91 and 2008/09 to present, Press Officer: 1984/85 to 1990/91 and 2012/13. Umpires Secretary: 1997/98 to 2007/08. The award was presented to Aubrey Drapkin by Keith Ponting's widow, Rosemary Ponting.

22 ELECTION OF AUDITORS

- 22.1 Proposed by MG Clark (Treasurer) that Manningtons be re-elected, and seconded by K Thomas (Treasurer elect). Members agreed nem.con.

23 ELECTION OF STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE

- 23.1 Mrs JL Watts (Avon) is due to retire from the Standing Orders Committee but is available for re-election. MR Holt (Honorary Life Member) proposed re-election of Mrs JL Watts (Avon) to this committee. This was seconded by Mrs E Shaler (Vice-Chairman (Development)). Members agreed.

24 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 24.1 C Dangerfield (TT365) invited members to a presentation of the new version of Membership Manager after the Annual General Meeting.
- 24.2 B Rimmer (Retford) noted that the Headquarters Office receive copies of Local League handbooks and asked that the new Board look into Leagues' constitutions and voting majorities of 75%.
- 24.3 AL Seward (Chairman elect) introduced his new Vice-Chairmen (elect) to the meeting and thanked AN Murdoch (Chairman) for all his support, since becoming elected earlier in the year.
- 24.4 The Chairman thanked members for their attendance and wished them a safe journey home.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 4.55pm.

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