

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Company held at the Mecure Milton Keynes Abbey Hill, The Approach, Two Mile Ash, Milton Keynes, MK8 8LY on Saturday 11th July 2015, commencing at 2.00pm

1 PRESENT

Notes: (1) Members of the Company entitled to vote are recorded in Minutes 1.1.1, 1.1.2 and 1.1.3

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

1.1.1 INDIVIDUAL COMPANY MEMBERS

Mrs S Deaton (Chairman, Director), Ms S Hughes (Deputy Chairman, Director), K Thomas (Treasurer, Director), S Griew (Director), P Huggon (Director), TV Purcell (Director), Ms K Skeggs (Director), MGR Smith (Director), Mrs S Sutcliffe (Director), Mrs AL Tazartes (Director), C Wilson (Director)

1.1.2 COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE COMPANY MEMBERS

DL Hockney (Avon), RR Washington (Buckinghamshire), BR Freer (Cambridgeshire), AE Ransome OBE (Cleveland), Mrs DM Jermyn (Cornwall), LA Chatwin (Derbyshire), CP Goulding (Devonshire), LJ Smith (Gloucestershire), DB Turner (Hampshire), HS Jutle (Herefordshire), DJ Edwards (Hertfordshire), N Le Milliere (Kent), S Clarke (Lancashire), GE Tyler (Lincolnshire), M Close (Middlesex), M Allsop (Nottinghamshire), N Hurford (Oxfordshire), JM Burtenshaw (Somerset), R Loxley (South Yorkshire by proxy J Kenny), D Sherratt (Staffordshire), Miss M Fraser (Surrey), A Catt (Sussex), EJ Williams (Warwickshire), CN Sewell (Wiltshire) MG Clark (Worcestershire), RB Hudson (Yorkshire)

1.1.3 LEAGUE REPRESENTATIVE COMPANY MEMBERS

BC Whitehead (Aylesbury by proxy A Kaudri), BM Scott-Johns (Bournemouth), Miss C Homewood (Bromley), D Marples (Chesterfield), Mrs D Macfarlane (Coventry), JR Cowell (Derby), H Rawcliffe (East Lancashire by proxy TV Purcell), Mrs LA Reid (Evesham), Ms EJ Kirby (Gloucester), T Laws (Guildford), Miss RA Rainton (Hastings by proxy Mrs D Webb), Mrs E Shaler (Hinckley by proxy MR Holt), Mrs BJ Hudson (Hull), IH Jones (Kettering), MC Macfarlane (Leamington Spa), P Wilson (Leicester by proxy MGR Smith), Mrs CM Palmer (Malvern), HFC Webb (North Middlesex), G Powell (Northampton), R Whittaker (Nuneaton), J Birkin (Oxford), BP Lamerton (Southampton), KA Field (Southend), J Bunn (Stroud by proxy L Smith), M Egan (Walsall by proxy T Reeves), DC Hayman (Wembley and Harrow)

1.2 PRESIDENT

Mrs DM Stannard

1.3 HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

LA Chatwin, MG Clark, MR Holt, AE Ransome OBE, LJ Smith, Mrs DM Stannard, HJ Webb, DA Young

1.4 VICE-PRESIDENTS

M Allsop, J Arnold MBE, PR Bradley, JM Burtenshaw, PA Charters, S Clarke, M Close, Mrs S Deaton, R Hudson, Mrs DM Jermyn, BP Lamerton, Mrs D Macfarlane, MC Macfarlane, Mrs J Ransome, Mrs C Seward, RH Sinclair, MGR Smith, DR Tremayne, GE Tyler, RR Washington, Mrs JL Watts JP, S Welch, GM Wilson

1.5 OTHERS

M Atkinson (Chairman National Cadet and Junior Leagues Committee and Chiltern TTL), Chiltern TTL), W Bayley (BTTAD), J Clegg (Lancashire County TTA), C Dangerfield (British League Committee Chairman), B Davison (Regional Chairman East), D Hope (North Middlesex TTL), Ms J Johnson (Essex County TTA), Mr & Mrs D Neale (Members of TTE), J Palmer (Malvern TTL), Mrs V Parkes (Cambridge TTL), Mrs S Pickering (Regional Chairman East Midlands, Leicestershire TTA), Mrs M Shearwood (Worcestershire County TTA), Mrs G Smith (Women's and Veterans British League), P Taylor (BTTAD), Mrs D Webb (Chairman Archives , Museum and Records Committee and English Leagues Cup Competitions Committee), Mrs C Williams (Warwickshire County TTA), Mrs AL Wilson (Sunderland TTL), G Wood (British League Committee)

1.6 ORGANISATIONS IN GOOD STANDING

English Schools' Table Tennis Association (J Arnold MBE), British Universities Colleges Sports, British Table Tennis Association for people with Disabilities (MGR Smith)

1.7 STAFF

Mrs S Sutcliffe (Chief Executive), RH Sinclair (Executive Assistant/General Secretary), Ms M Wrighting (Receptionist/Office Administrator/Minute Taker), J Bruck (Head of Operations), Ms G Cronin (Head of Marketing and Communications), S Mills (Head of Coaching and Performance), Z Ferris (Competitions and Events Officer)

2 OPENING OF THE MEETING

2.1 Mrs S Deaton (Chairman) welcomed all present and on behalf of herself, Susie Hughes (Deputy Chairman) and Keith Thomas (Treasurer) thanked everybody who voted in the recent elections.

2.3 A minute silence was held in memory of friends and colleagues lost over the past year.

3 REPORT OF STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE (7618/1/DLH)

3.1 Mrs S Deaton (Chairman) was willing to accept the report as read; all agreed.

3.2 There were no comments or questions regarding this report.

4 ADOPTION OF STANDING ORDERS (7619/1/RHS)

4.1 Members agreed to the Adoption of Standing Orders. This was proposed by AE Ransome OBE (Cleveland) and seconded by S Clarke (Lancashire)

5 APPOINTMENT OF TELLERS

- 5.1 It was proposed by AE Ransome OBE (Cleveland), seconded by JM Burtenshaw (Somerset, Vice-President), and agreed that J Palmer (Malvern) and HJ Webb (Honorary Life Member) 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 Board: A Nixon
- 6.2 Honorary Life Members: CJ Clemett, A Drapkin, LF Landry, RC Scruton, Mrs KM Tonge MBE, JM Wright
- 6.3 Vice-Presidents: D Berriman, J Blackband, J Freeman, D Gray, C Hyland, Mrs G Johns, K Marchant, Mrs DM Nightingale Mrs J Sands, Mrs E Shaler, K Tonge, Mrs C Villiers
- 6.4 National Councillors: Mrs V Murdoch (Bedfordshire), C Dyke (Berkshire), L Whittaker (Dorset), A Thompson (Durham), G Sanders (Leicestershire), R Barr (Northamptonshire), J Donnelly (Northumberland), R Loxley (South Yorkshire)
- 6.5 Local Leagues: B Whitehead (Aylesbury & District TTL), B Spencer (Chiltern TTL), P Wilson (Leicester TTL), RG Mitchell (Manchester & District TTL), DW Bissett (Sunderland TTL), S Seaholme (Watford TTL)
- 6.6 County Associations: Mrs V Murdoch (Bedfordshire TTA), AN Murdoch (Bedfordshire TTA)
- 6.7 Organisations in Good Standing: Mrs KM Tonge MBE (BTTAD), AN Murdoch (VETTS)

7. DECLARATION OF BUSINESS INTERESTS

- 7.1 Mrs S Deaton (Chairman) asked all persons if they had any interests they would like to declare.
- 7.2 C Dangerfield declared a business interest as a director of TableTennis365

8 MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD 12TH JULY 2014 (7637/1/MW)

- 8.1 It was pointed out that at last year's Annual General Meeting an issue was raised concerning communications to those members without e-mail, specifically Vice Presidents and Honorary Life Members, however there was no mention of this in the minutes and the matter does not appear to have been addressed. Mrs S Sutcliffe (Chief Executive) advised that following last year's Annual General Meeting there has been extensive work carried out to ensure that the contact details we have for Vice Presidents and Honorary Life Members are correct and up to date and an internal VIP list has also been created which includes these contacts among others which will be consistently kept up to date.
- 8.2 S Clarke (Lancashire, Vice President) stated that he was not listed on the present County Representatives list. Mrs S Deaton (Chairman) advised this will be addressed.
- 8.1 Approval of document 7637/1/MW was proposed by GE Tyler (Vice President, Lincolnshire), and seconded by MR Holt (Honorary Life Member). Members agreed.

9 MATTERS ARISING

- 9.1 There were no matters arising.

10 PROPOSED AFFILIATION FEES 2015/16 (7669/1/KT)

- 10.1 K Thomas (Treasurer, Director) proposed and AE Ransome OBE (Cleveland, Honorary Life Member) seconded that individual membership fees for player members remain as £10 per member for Senior, £5 for Cadet/Junior and that the fee for associate members be removed.
- 10.2 Mrs D Webb (Chairman Archives, Museum and Records Committee and English Leagues Cup Competitions Committee) spoke against the proposal. It was stated last year that there was concern over how few associate members renewed and this year it seems that PremierClubs in particular have not been complying with the association rules. One of Sport England's directives was to increase internal income and this would seem an ideal way to address the issue. It would also help to give equality between local leagues and premier clubs in regards to their contribution to Table Tennis England. If PremierClubs were paying the correct fees the income could contribute to funding in other areas such as performance. It was also questioned whether the non paying members would be covered by the insurance policy.
- 10.3 Mrs S Deaton (Chairman) advised that the proposal has been carefully considered by the Board for twelve months as part of the work of Membership Focus Group. The prime aim is to increase the number of people registered and therefore gain the contact details for those people. With regards to PremierClubs, all members have to have at least Associate Membership. The reason the number of registrations of PremierClubs has dropped is because of the costs. Financially, the Board took the decision that it was a relatively small amount of money for Table Tennis England to be able to engage with the population playing recreationally. Associate Members must register on TT365 for this season and provide their details, they will not be covered by Civil Liability if they do not.
- 10.4 TV Purcell (Director) confirmed that the Membership Focus Group will be looking at other categories of membership and there may be new proposals brought forward to the next AGM.
- 10.5 The rationale behind not increasing the player membership fee was questioned as more internal income is required. K Thomas (Treasurer, Director) advised these fees have been kept the same due to the fact that there are membership reviews still going on and when they have been completed they will then be reviewed.
- 10.6 Concern was raised over the fact that if Associate Members and PremierClubs no longer need fees collecting from them it might actually stop them registering because there is no need for them to. Mrs S Deaton (Chairman) advised that after this meeting the message will be put out and players will be encouraged to renew or join for insurance purposes. The whole essence of the proposal is to get details and contacts for as many people who are involved in table tennis as possible and this can only be done by them registering.
- 10.7 It was questioned whether a rolling membership could be introduced so members don't have to renew every year if there are no costs involved. TV Purcell (Director) confirmed this will be looked into and considered by the Membership Focus Group.

- 10.8 AE Ransome OBE (Cleveland TTA, Honorary Life Member) and C Dangerfield (British League Chairman) stated that they supported the Board's decision to keep player membership fees as they are and to waive the associate member fees.
- 10.9 It was questioned whether the proposal should be split however after referral to the Standing Orders it was confirmed that an amendment to the proposal on the day could not take place.
- 10.10 K Thomas (Treasurer, Director) confirmed the proposal, individual membership fees for player members remain as £10 per member for Senior, £5 for Cadet/Junior and that the fee for associate members be removed for 2015/16. S Clarke (Lancashire TTA, Vice President) seconded and after a show of hands the proposal was passed.

11 ANNUAL REPORT 2014/15 (7664/22/SS)

- 11.1 Mrs S Deaton (Chairman) played the video presentation that was presented to Sport England in December 2014.
- 11.2 Ms S Hughes (Deputy Chairman) took the chair and explained how the report would be worked through.
- 11.3 **Chairman's foreword (p.3)**
- 11.3.1 No points of accuracy or questions.
- 11.4 **Chief Executive's statement (p.4)**
- 11.4.1 No points of accuracy.
- 11.4.2 The future of Performance was questioned and how any progress would be made if players are not being given the chance to participate in certain competitions. Ms S Hughes (Deputy Chairman) advised she would refer this question back to S Mills (Head of Coaching & Performance).
- 11.4.3 Extended thanks were given to the Chief Executive and the Board for the work they have carried out over the last year to gain further funding from Sport England.
- 11.4.4 It was brought to attention that there is no mention of the original plan to move to a shared location with Badminton England or if there has been any progress. Ms S Sutcliffe (Chief Executive) gave a full update and advised that there are hurdles that have arisen which are out of Table Tennis England's and Badminton England's control however the project could still go ahead.
- 11.5 **Notable Achievements (p.5)**
- 11.5.1 No points of accuracy or questions.
- 11.6 **Departmental Reports (p.6-17)**
- 11.6.1 Operations
- 11.6.1.1 No points of accuracy or questions.
- 11.6.2 Marketing & Communications
- 11.6.2.1 No points of accuracy or questions.
- 11.6.3 Membership & Ranking
- 11.6.3.1 No points of accuracy.
- 11.6.3.2 Concern was raised about the lack of information in this report. There are only this year's figures listed where as in the past there have been comparisons going back over the previous three years so members can see if they have gone up or down and there is no mention of how many leagues, clubs or Premier Clubs there are. It was requested a detailed report be created in next year's report. Ms S Hughes (Deputy Chairman) advised this information could be put online. TV Purcell

(Director) advised this information is circulated once a year and it was circulated at the last National Council meeting but will take on the recommendation and agreed that the AGM would be the most logical time to circulate the information.

11.6.3.3 Concern was raised over the fact that the number of affiliated leagues has dropped by four and the number of affiliated teams within the leagues by one hundred. Ms S Hughes (Deputy Chairman) advised that the Membership Focus Group was looking into the continuing issues of retention and recruitment.

11.6.4 Development

11.6.4.1 No points of accuracy.

11.6.4.2 Concern was raised by AE Ransome OBE (Cleveland TTA, Honorary Life Member) that there is no general update on Priority Zones, just the one case study from Plymouth, and if the concept is working. He reported that in the North East it was difficult to tell if it was working and suggested that it should be the volunteers who can deliver being prioritised and supported more. Ms S Sutcliffe (Chief Executive) advised the concept of Priority Zones was devised working alongside Sport England who believe it is an appropriate and correct strategy to pursue at this point in time. Each Priority Zone operates with a steering group that includes all the key partners within that area and a volunteer structure. A key part of working in a Priority Zone is to build on an existing structure and bring in the next generation of volunteers. Results from the second quarter have just been received. Some zones are working well, some not so well but from these quarterly reports action can be taken where needed. MGR Smith (Director) recognised it was difficult for areas like the North East which did not have Priority Zones to appreciate the value of them and advised that in Leicester the Priority Zone has had a very positive influence and is working very well.

11.6.5 Coaching

11.6.5.1 No points of accuracy.

11.6.5.2 Concern was raised about the twenty five per cent drop in licensed coaches and Regional Coaching. If professional staff take over volunteer roles, it may result in volunteers being lost. Mrs S Deaton (Chairman) advised that this concern has been recognised by the Regional Forum and that they and the Board are aware of the value of the volunteers.

11.6.5.3 It was questioned which department would a basic organisation of curricular and extracurricular table tennis in schools fit in. Ms S Hughes (Deputy Chairman) confirmed it would need to be looked at by both the Coaching and Development teams.

11.6.6 Performance

11.6.6.1 No points of accuracy.

11.6.6.2 S Mills (Head of Coaching & Performance) referred to a previous question raised which was referred to him by Ms S Hughes (Deputy Chair) and advised that players have not been sent to certain events because they are not at the required standard. Table Tennis England is doing their utmost to support players to learn how to perform to that standard.

11.6.6.3 Concern was raised over equality due to the fact that there were no female players sent to the World Championships and it was suggested again that players should be given the chance to participate in these major events to learn and develop. S Mills

(Head of Coaching & Performance) advised that the selection standards were equal for men and women. Mrs S Deaton (Chairman) confirmed that at present there is not a vast squad of women that can compete at International level. Over the years with the funding that has been available there have been two women involved, one of those was pregnant at the time of the World Championships and the other was not committed to international table tennis since the European Championships which she had made clear. There was not a lot of choice and this is something that needs to change by bringing on juniors.

11.6.6.4 W Bayley (World Paralympic Champion) advised that he agrees that performance is crucial and that if players aren't ready to win or compete at major tournaments then they shouldn't be there. Players can be sent to other competitions or training events to play and develop and players who aren't selected will then be more passionate about developing their performance standards.

11.6.6.5 Concern was raised about players having to spend a lot of money to be able to move forward and that we might not be able to get a good standard of players because they can't afford it. S Mills (Head of Coaching & Performance) advised that the current investment that Table Tennis England have from funding partners does not allow them to support as many players, coaches or programmes as they would like and they are currently investing heavily into Talent Development Centres. At present there are seven of these and hopefully this will increase to ten then twelve by the end of this funding cycle subject to additional funding (discussions with Sport England taking place).

11.6.6.6 It was pointed out that money needs to be spent on players early on for them to be able to get to the performance standard required and at present the cost to the parents of players is greater than it has ever been. It is possible that talented players could be lost because their parents do not have the necessary funds. It was questioned what Table Tennis England were planning to do about increasing the Performance fund from Sport England. S Mills (Head of Coaching & Performance) advised that Table Tennis England is not eligible for funding from UK Sport currently but will be applying for an additional grant from Sport England in September for talent development.

11.6.6.7 It was pointed out that there were results from some events missing from the report and it appeared that only the 'good news' was reported. Ms S Hughes (Deputy Chairman) advised this would be noted and if confirmed it could be added online.

11.6.7 Competitions & Events

11.6.7.1 No points of accuracy.

11.6.7.2 Stuart Sherlock's statement was referred to and it was pointed out that although there were good points from the Senior Nationals presentation some matches could not be seen easily by spectators due to the lay out and the field of play accreditation restrictions.

11.7 **Commonwealth Games (p.18-19)**

11.7.1 No points of accuracy or questions

11.8 **Senior National Championships (p.20-21)**

11.8.1 No points of accuracy or questions

11.9 **Cadet & Junior National Championships (p.22-23)**

11.9.1 No points of accuracy or questions

11.10 Under 11 to 14 National Championships (p.24)

11.10.1 No points of accuracy.

11.10.2 It was pointed out that the venue for the event could have been bigger as more tables would mean that play finished earlier. Ms S Hughes (Deputy Chairman) advised this will be noted.

11.11 Other Competitions (p.25)

11.11.1 No points of accuracy or questions.

11.12 British League (p.26-27)

11.12.1 No points of accuracy or questions.

11.13 Awards & Thanks (p.28-29)

11.13.1 No points of accuracy.

11.13.2 It was questioned why only three people were awarded the Ivor Montagu Junior fund and why it wasn't being promoted. Mrs S Deaton (Chairman) confirmed that it is being promoted and this is the award for people who are wanting financial support.

11.14 Who's who (p.30)

11.14.1 A mistake was pointed out under the Disciplinary Committee; it states that Judy Rogers is an Investigator however this role is not a committee member.

11.14.2 No questions or comments.

11.15 Obituaries (p.31)

11.15.1 No points of accuracy

11.15.2 It was requested that more detail and recognition is given to those who have represented their country or received major honours or awards from the Association. It was noted for example at the BBC's Sports Personality of the Year there was no mention of the passing of two table tennis World Champions and it was requested that Table Tennis England notify Sports Personality of the Year of the passing of Rosalind Cornett so that some recognition can be given.

11.16 Financial Report (p.32, 33, 34)

11.16.1 No points of accuracy.

11.16.2 In April, for period eleven, there was a potential forecast of £24,000. It was questioned why it has gone from £24,000 to £92,000 on a surplus in such a short period of time. K Thomas (Treasurer, Director) advised that when the auditors were in there were a number of provisions in creditors identified that were old amounts of money which on review are no longer required. It was requested that National Council are given the correct figures throughout the year rather than waiting until the report at the AGM.

11.17 International Matters / Staff (p.35)

11.17.1 A spelling mistake was pointed out in the staff directory; Caroline Howson should be Caroline Howkins.

11.18 Approval of the document 7664/22/SS was proposed by A Catt (Sussex) and seconded by Mrs DM Jermyn (Vice President, Cornwall). Members approved.

12 REPORT OF THE TREASURER AND THE AUDITORS STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2015 (7665/825/KT)

12.1 K Thomas summarised the report of the Treasurer and the Auditors statement.

12.2 Approval of the document 7622/825/KT was proposed by MG Clark (Honorary Life Member, Worcestershire) and seconded by T Laws (Guildford). Members approved.

13 HONORARY APPOINTMENTS

13.1 It was proposed by Mrs S Deaton (Chairman) and seconded by A Catt (Sussex) that all the recommendations from Honours Committee as approved by Board should be accepted; members agreed.

14 HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

14.1 Peter Charters

For his service as a Board Member, in Coaching, Performance and Selection nationally and as a coach; awarded Ivor Montagu and Malcolm Scott Awards; Vice President.

14.2 Mike Smith

For his service as a Board Member, National Councillor and in Operations nationally, to British Table Tennis Association for People with Disabilities and British Universities Colleges Sports nationally as well as in Leicestershire and East Midlands Region; awarded Ivor Montagu and Malcolm Scott Awards; Vice President.

15 VICE-PRESIDENTS

15.1 For a further three-year term:

M Allsop, JM Burtenshaw, A Cooke, M Close, C Davison, Mrs S Deaton, D Douglas MBE, CT Hyland, C Jacques, Mrs A Jones CBE, Mrs G Johns, BP Lamerton, Mrs C Lewis, P Lewis MBE, Ji Yi Liu, KJ Marchant, Mrs DM Nightingale, BM Skinner, S Welch, GM Twiss, DN Tyler.

15.2 For a three-year term:

15.2.1 Leslie Allwood

For his service in Derbyshire and the East Midlands Region as well as a Technical Official; awarded the Leslie Forrest Memorial Trophy.

15.2.2 Mike Atkinson

For his services organising the National Cadet League and National junior League as well as a Technical Official.

15.2.3 Barry Chapman

For his support to Table Tennis England events.

15.2.4 Jim Clegg

For his service to Table Tennis England events, as a coach, in Lancashire.

15.2.5 David Edwards

For his services as a Technical Official and on its Committee, on National Council and in Hertfordshire.

15.2.6 Nick Jarvis

For his service as an England Team player, on Coaching, Performance and Selection nationally and as a coach.

15.2.7 Derrick Marples

For his service as Non Playing Captain of the England teams and as a coach as well as in Derbyshire.

15.2.8 Denis Neale

For his service as the most capped England Team player, World Championship medal winner, six times National Championships men's singles winner and as a coach.

15.2.9 Jack Petchey CBE

For his support to the development of Table Tennis in London.

15.2.10 Graham Rogerson

For his service as a Technical Official and National Junior League Organiser

15.2.11 Gill Smith

For her services to the Veterans' British League, Women's British League, Junior British League, Veterans National League and as a Technical Official.

15.2.12 Peter Taylor

For his service to British Table Tennis Association with Disabilities, English Schools Table Tennis Association as well on National Council and in Lincolnshire.

15.2.13 Diane Webb

For her service to Archives, English League Cup Competitions and Membership as well on National Council, in Sussex and as a Technical Official; awarded the Ivor Montagu Award.

16 PRESENTATION OF AWARDS AND HONOURS

16.1 IVOR MONTAGU AWARD

16.1.1 Estyn Williams for his work with Disciplinary Committee and Regulations, Rules Committee and Voting Review Group.

16.2 VICTOR BARNA AWARD

16.2.1 Will Bayley for winning the Class 7 Singles at the 2014 ITTF World Paralympic Championships in China.

16.3 MALCOLM SCOTT AWARD

16.3.1 Sandra Deaton for her contribution to the Board and to the successful outcome over Sport England funding.

16.4 JOHNNY LEACH MBE MOST IMPROVED ENGLAND PLAYER OF THE YEAR AWARD

16.4.1 Paul Drinkhall for his successes in the Spanish and Russian Opens as well as the European Top 16 and the ITTF Pro Tour finals.

16.5 AK VINT STAFF AWARD

16.5.1 Zach Ferris (Competitions and Events Officer) for his work in Competitions and Events during a period of transition.

16.6 MIKE WATTS ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

16.6.1 Members noted the winners for 2013/14, Gauri Duhan and Shayan Siraj, and the presentations for 2014/15 will be done later in the year.

16.7 KEITH PONTING PRESIDENT'S MEMORIAL AWARD

16.7.1 Les Smith for his many services to Table Tennis England for over 55 years. For his work with County Championships, on National Council and as a Technical Official; awarded Ivor Montagu and Malcolm Scott awards, Leslie Forrest Memorial Trophy, Vice-President and Honorary Life Member.

17 ELECTION OF STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE

- 17.1 David Hockney is retiring by rotation and is available for re-election. This was proposed by AE Ransome OBE (Cleveland TTA, Honorary Life Member) and seconded by MG Clark (Honorary Life Member, Worcestershire). Members approved.

18 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 18.1 It was pointed out that some Summer Leagues do go on until the end of August and it is a rush to get all members re-registered in the first week of August for insurance purposes. It was questioned whether it would be possible to either change the end of season date or whether the insurers could agree to extend the current cover. Ms G Cronin (Head of Marketing & Communications) advised that she has had a look through the insurance policy and believes that the civil liability cover does go on until September. She will look into this and come back to confirm.
- 18.2 Renewal does take place in the summer (season) and this is potentially the time of year where a lot of new players would be interested in joining a club or league after participating in summer events. It was questioned whether it would be possible for people coming into the league to join prematurely if needed. Ms G Cronin advised she will take this point forward to the Membership Focus Group.
- 18.3 LA Chatwin (Derbyshire, Honorary Life Member) passed on his congratulations to the creator of the Honours Presentations document. He stated that it improved the presentation of the awards and it can be kept as a souvenir.
- 18.4 All members were reminded that when filling in their individual membership this year they will need to include which club and which league they play in. This is to improve the database system and if there are any clubs that are not listed, then the membership team need to be made aware so they can be added.
- 18.5 The Chairman thanked members for their attendance and wished them a safe journey home.
- 18.6 There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 5.05pm