

ENGLISH TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION HELD AT THE ST BRIDE INSTITUTE AT 3pm ON SATURDAY 6th MAY 1933

Present: Messrs Emdin, Mannooch, Slade, Hills, Walker, Willmer, Forster, Pope, Woodcock, Rose, Montagu, Decker, Vint, Siddron, Poupard, Bunbury, Richardson, Amies, Hyde, McNeal, Miss Emdin, Mrs Bunbury, Mrs Poupard.

The question having been raised, the Hon Secretary said that he had taken rule 14a with regard to affiliated clubs to mean directly affiliated clubs, and pointed out that clubs affiliated through Leagues had not hitherto been directly notified. The Chairman held that all clubs should have been notified but, as all people entitled to vote at the General Meeting had been notified, this AGM should be considered as correctly called.

Mr Pope raised the question that only those representing Leagues are entitled to vote, but not members of the Executive Committee. The Chairman ruled that all could vote.

Financial statement: It was proposed that note be taken of the fact that the accounts were not circulated but that the meeting should proceed. Proposed by Mr Mannooch, seconded by Mr Woodcock.

Minutes: The minutes of the AGM held 23/24 April 1932 were read, confirmed and signed.

The Chairman's report was here read but Mr Pope proposed that this should be adjourned until after item 5 - the ball question.

It was reported that 48 Leagues had affiliated this year as against 38 last year,

Mr Rose undertook to collect a subscription from the Working Boys' Federation. Mr Pope was asked to approach the Railway Athletic Association.

Ball Royalty: Mr Rose suggested that Mr Vint should approach a chartered accountant with regard to the income tax question on royalties.

Considerable discussion then took place about the Tour and it was agreed that tours should not be run unless they could be run on a profitable basis.

Financial Statement: Proposed adoption by Mr Emdin, seconded by Mr Woodcock, with a vote of thanks to Mr Vint.

Women's Committee: A North and South section had been formed but at a meeting held on 28th January a proposition to have one Chairman had been defeated. It was decided to ask the Womens' Committee to continue their work on the present lines and that there should be co-ordination by representation on the Executive. Details to be worked out later. It was proposed by Mr Amies that a programme of events should be got out by the end of September. The impracticability of this suggestion was pointed out but it was decided instruct the new officials to make every endeavour in this direction.

All information for the Handbook must be in the hands of the Secretary not later than the 1st November. A preliminary circular to be sent out asking for all the information required to be in by 15th. October. Another circular to be sent out on the 22nd October giving 1st November as the last possible date. The Handbook to be printed not later than 1st December. Proposed by Mr Poupard. Proposed by London Business Houses, seconded by Westminster College, that the date should be one month earlier. Carried.

Proposed by Mr Amies seconded by Mr Hill that the Association welcome the formation of the Liverpool & District Association as outlined by Mr Hyde.

Exeter: It was noted that no satisfactory steps had been taken by the Secretary in the matter of sending international players but in view of the resignation of the Secretary it was decided that the matter should not be further proceeded with. The Association had received an apology from the Secretary and added their own

apology. Letter to be sent to Exeter accordingly and difficulties to be pointed out.

Sittingbourne: Application for tournament to be given priority.

Leeds: The letter from Mr Bell with regard to the alleged conduct of the foreigners on tour was discussed but it was moved that it should lie on the table.

France-England: It was announced that Mr Verger had been appointed French Association Secretary. A match had been proposed to take place at Dinard in Brittany on the 26th August.

Unpaid guarantees: International tour. Decided that in case of Leeds, Whitby, Harrogate notice should be sent to them on the basis of the guarantee letters in the possession of Mr Pope, stating that if they did not pay by a certain date they should be liable to suspension until such time as the Association should reconsider the matter after the amounts had been paid.

Leighton Buzzard, Basingstoke and Preston be warned that they will be suspended at the discretion of the Treasurer if payment is not immediately forthcoming.

Findon and Millar. There was much discussion about this matter. The chairman gave his interpretation of rule 8d: That a League suspension or sectional suspension only covers the section controlled by that section and that for a wider suspension to follow request to that effect must be sent by the section and the matter then dealt with by the Executive Committee. This was adopted on the proposition of Mr Woodcock, seconded Mr Poupard.

Table Tennis World: Proposed Mr Poupard and Mr Pope to interview Mr Findon and have power if interview is unsatisfactory to withdraw support but to report back to the Executive Committee. Proposed Mr Rose, seconded Mr Vint.

Subscription: Proposition to increase regarded as impracticable.

Junior Tournaments: Rules to be considered and adapted to the needs of junior players.

Shirts: Messrs Hyde, Richardson and Rose appointed to a sub-committee to consider this matter. Proposed by Mr Woodcock, seconded by Mr Poupard.

Ball Question: The following royalties per gross had been offered:

Jaques	6d
Spaldings	6d
Lenglens	1/-
Krebs	3/-

It was decided that these balls be approved as conforming to the Laws and that the firms manufacturing them be entitled so to state for the next 12 months in consideration of a payment of 6d per gross on all balls sold in the territory under the administration of the ETTA during that period. Proposed by Mr Amies, seconded by Mr Emdin. (This arrangement not to be incorporated until the wording has been agreed between Mr Vint and the Accountant.)

Amendments were proposed:

That the German ball not be admitted. Proposed Mr Decker, seconded Mr Poupard.

That we should not approve of two balls from one factory. Proposed Mr Woodcock, seconded Mr Poupard.

Both amendments were lost.

The question of the ball to be used in tournaments to be discussed at an Executive meeting to be held in August. Proposed Mr Pope, seconded Mr Woodcock.

Equipment: That Committee be left to those responsible to call it in good time. Proposed Mr Bunbury, seconded Mr Amies.

It was proposed that we try to obtain increased royalty from the firm whose ball is adopted for the National Championships. Proposed Mr Woodcock, seconded Mr Poupard.

Liverpool League: England v Ireland. This match was held in the Irish locality which was thought to be a

good move but proved bad, and a loss of £18 15 9 was incurred. They asked if the Association would advance £5. Mr Vint proposed, Mr Amies seconded that £5 should be paid. Mr Woodcock proposed, Mr Hill seconded that £7 10 0 should be paid. The original proposition was carried, the amendment being lost.

Oldroyd: Proposed Mr Pope, seconded Mr Emdin that a letter be written to Mr Oldroyd with the regards of the Executive.

Mr Montagu intimated that he could not accept the Chairmanship for the following year and his report was read and discussed. Mr Bunbury expressed the extreme regret at Mr Montagu's decision and wished to place on record the thanks of the Executive for the way he had carried out his duties. Mr Montagu had taken the blame for all omissions but he dissented from that view and did not think he should be allowed to take all the blame. This was seconded by Mr Poupard, who endorsed all that Mr Emdin had said. Mr Rose asked Mr Montagu to leave the matter till the Extraordinary General meeting to be held in August or September and Mr Montagu eventually agreed.

Mr Siddron was nominated for the position of Secretary. Proposed Mr Pope, seconded Mr Vint. Mr Wright was nominated for the position of Secretary. Proposed Mr Hill, seconded Mr Emdin. Messrs Siddron and Wright retired and Mr Siddron was elected by show of hands.

It was proposed by Mr Pope, seconded by Mr Woodcock, that an honorarium be granted of £50 and that the Secretary be entitled to draw up to £25 for clerical assistance. An amendment was proposed Mr Amies, seconded Mr Poupard, that an honorarium be granted of £75 to cover clerical assistance. The amendment was carried.

Mr Vint was elected Hon Treasurer. Proposed Mr Poupard, seconded Mr Woodcock.

Reconstruction Sub-committee: The following were elected: Messrs McNeal, Rose, Hills, Poupard, Hyde, Richardson, Bunbury, Pope, Swann, Forrest.

A vote of thanks was proposed to the late Hon Secretary. The late Hon Secretary thanked the Executive for their kindness and regretted that during the latter part of the season he had not been able to efficiently carry out his duties, but his many extra troubles and duties apart from table tennis had led to something of a breakdown. An addition to the family, the death of his father and a tremendous increase in his own office work had many times necessitated work far into the night and eventually he could do no more.

The Extraordinary General Meeting should be called not later than September.