

## ENGLISH TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE MEMORIAL HALL,  
FARRINGDON STREET, LONDON, EC4, ON SATURDAY, MAY 2nd 1936, AT 6.0pm

PRESENT: Mr C Corti Woodcock (in the Chair); H Oldroyd (President); Messrs Milton (Surrey); Cooper-Watson (Leicester); Mannooch (Sittingbourne); Tarrant (Swindon); Rose & Pearce (South London); Emdin (St Albans); Tassell, Pope & Tomlinson (Civil Service); Goldstein (Birmingham); Amies (Dewsbury); F A Amies (Pontefract); Carr (Leeds & Yorks); Walley (Oldham); Hills & Wright (London Business Houses); Bradshaw & Manning (Stockport); King (Chelmsford); Allen-Rowlandson (Southend); Ward (Hastings); Swann & Miss P Anderton (Manchester); Cohen & Symons (London); Slade (London Breweries); Forrest and Hughes (Liverpool); Gatland (Barnes & Mortlake); Hinchcliffe (Sheffield & Dist.); Smith (Wanstead); Nicholson (Northumberland).

Mr A K Vint (Treasurer) & Mr Ivor Montagu (Hon Secretary).

The Chairman stated that Mr Pope had, for health reasons, found it necessary to take a prolonged holiday, and it was resolved that Mr A K Vint act as Hon Secretary for the meeting. The Chairman read the following cablegram from Mr Pope: "Regret missing first meeting since start of Association. Best wishes to all."

MINUTES: The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 27th April, 1935, were taken as read, subject to the alteration to Rule 9 to add "Honorary" before "Officers" and add "The Executive Committee shall have power to create and fill any other office which in its opinion is necessary and be at liberty to remunerate any officer who is not appointed on an honorary basis" being included were signed by the Chairman as correct.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT: The Report of the Executive Committee for the past season was submitted by the Chairman. Mr Montagu moved, seconded by Mr P A Amies and it was resolved "That a reference should be included in the report recording keen appreciation of the very able services rendered to the Association by Mr C Corti Woodcock". Further, that subject to the addition the report be received and adopted.

HON TREASURER'S REPORT: The Hon Treasurer submitted a Receipts and Payments account for the period from 1st July, 1935 to 30th April, 1936 which showed a balance in hand of £352 7s 9d. The Treasurer stated that he anticipated that the net result of the foreign tours would be a profit of approximately £150.

Resolved that the Leagues be asked to submit detailed accounts in connection with the Tour and that the Association supply a statement of accounts (giving particulars of income and expenditure) to each of the Leagues contributing towards the cost of the Tour.

Resolved that the Treasurer's accounts be adopted and that the Executive Committee be congratulated on the financial position.

WILMOTT CUP COMPETITION: Mr Montagu submitted the proposed rules for the Wilmott Cup competition. Resolved that play should be on Swaythling Cup lines. Mr J M Rose suggested that the visiting team should have choice of ball. Resolved that the point should be considered by the Executive Committee. Resolved that the proposed rules be approved subject to in Rule 17 "Balls" being inserted after "postage up to £1 instead of preceding "printing and postage", and that a player can only play for one League in the season. Further, that the Executive Committee be asked to consider the question of a player only playing for one League in the season in inter-League matches.

ALTERATIONS TO RULES: It was proposed and seconded that "Where it is mutually desired by Associations or Leagues, an Area or County body may be formed for administrative purposes, subject to the approval of, and any regulations formulated by, the Executive Committee. An area or county body may function and have complete autonomy in organising and administering the game in its area but shall have no power to alter the Rules of the Game or the Rules and Regulations of the Association, or to over-ride the decisions of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee may allow grants (which must not exceed 50% of the annual affiliation fees paid by the constituent Associations or Leagues) to cover the expenses of an approved Area or County body." On being put to the vote (block) 232 votes for and 167 against, the Chairman declared the proposal lost as there was an insufficient majority.

Mr F A Amies moved, seconded by Mr Montagu and resolved to amend the Rules as follows:

Rule 3: Insert after the word "Officers" on line 2, "local Associations" and adjust other Rules where necessary.

Rule 11(a) Add "with the exception of the President."

Rule 12(a) Delete and substitute:

"The affairs of the Association shall be managed by an Executive Committee consisting of:

(a) the President, Chairman, Hon Treasurer, and Hon General Secretary of the Association;

(b) eight members elected annually by the General Council;

(c) not more than three women members co-opted annually by the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee shall have power to co-opt not more than two other members of the Association.

Rule 15 Add new clause:

(i) It shall be the duty of the Annual General Meeting to elect the President, Vice-Presidents and Auditors, who shall take office from the day following the meeting.

To substitute for line 3: When the Annual Report of the Executive Committee and statement of accounts . . . made."

Rule 22 Add: "All male competitors must wear a sports shirt, grey flannel trousers, or shorts, and rubber shoes." (Subject to re-wording to cover the dress of foreign players.)

Rule 24 Delete clause (g)

Rule 25 Delete "Opening date"

Rule 26 Add: "Association, League, Club, player, member, or official."

The proposal to add a clause to Rule 6 providing for each Affiliated Club paying 2/- per annum in return for three copies of the Magazine was rejected.

It was proposed and seconded to delete Rule 4 and substitute "Any Association or League playing the game under the Laws of the Association or any individual player not eligible for membership of an Association or League shall be eligible for membership" and on being put to the vote was declared by the Chairman to be lost.

PROPOSED ENGLISH LEAGUE: Mr L E Forrest outlined the proposed English League in which the country would be divided in to two areas and it was resolved That the matter be referred to the Executive Committee.

ITTF: Mr Ivor Montagu gave an interesting report with reference to ITTF affairs including the possibility of the World Championships being limited to the Swaythling and Corbillon Cup Competitions; ball question; tables, and dress. Mr Montagu stated that he had been elected Chairman of the ITTF Advisory Board and Mr M Goldstein, English Language Secretary. It was proposed and seconded and resolved that the Report be received and that Mr Montagu and Mr Goldstein be congratulated on their appointments.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT: It was proposed, seconded and resolved that Mr H Oldroyd be re-elected President of the Association. Mr Oldroyd expressed his appreciation of the honour conferred on him and assured the members that he would do all in his power to further the game.

ELECTION OF VICE-PRESIDENTS: The Vice-Presidents were re-elected, with the addition of Messrs C Corti Woodcock, Mr A J Key, Mr R A Driscoll, and Mr A J Wilmott.

HON AUDITORS: It was proposed, seconded and resolved that Messrs L E Forrest and Coldrick be re-elected Hon Auditors.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: The report of the Scrutineers on the Postal Ballot conducted by the Proportional Representation Society was read by the President. He declared the following elected:

Chairman Hon Ivor Montagu

Hon Treasurer A K Vint

Hon Secretary W J Pope

Executive Committee Messrs L E Forrest; J W Swann; F J P Hills; J M Rose;  
R Emdin; M Goldstein; K A Nicholson; F A Amies

Mr Corti Woodcock then vacated the Chair in favour of Mr Ivor Montagu. Mr Montagu expressed the thanks of the members to Mr Corti Woodcock and hoped that he would be back in harness again next season.

DRESS: Mrs Bunbury reported that the Women's Dress Sub-Committee were of the opinion that if a cardigan was to be worn this should be of the same colour as the sports blouse or shirt. Mrs Bunbury also stated that the Committee were opposed to shorts and trousers.

PLACE OF AGM: The question was raised as to the possibility of the AGM being held in alternate years in the North of England. The Chairman stated that the NEC would consider the matter.