

ENGLISH TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION  
HELD IN THE DERBY ROOM, BONNINGTON HOTEL, SOUTHAMPTON ROW,  
LONDON, WC1, ON SATURDAY 30th JUNE 1962, COMMENCING AT 2.30PM

PRESENT	A K Vint, OBE (In the Chair) I C Eyles (Deputy Chairman) T Blunn (Hon.Treasurer)
Members of the National Executive Committee (NEC)	Miss M Fry, Messrs Bateman, Clemett, Cook, Goldstein, James, Jones, Mannooch, Reay, Scott, Senescall, Thompson and Walker
Hon Life Members	G W Decker, E G White, L S Woollard
Representatives from: County Associations	Bedfordshire, Berkshire, Duckinghamshire, Cheshire, Derbyshire, Durham, Essex, Gloucestershire, Hertfordshire, Kent, Lancashire, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, Middlesex, Nottinghamshire, Staffordshire, Surrey, Sussex, Warwickshire, Wiltshire, Worcestershire and Yorkshire.
Leagues	Acton, Aldershot, Ashton-u-Lyne, Darking, Darrow, Basildon, Beckenham, Birmingham, Blackpool, Brighton, Bristol, Bromley, Buckingham, Burton Senior, Central, Cheshunt, Chiltern, Croydon, Dagenham, Derby, East London, Exeter, Folkestone, Goole, Hastings, Hereford, Hull, Hull Schools, Insurance Offices, Kent Schools, Leamington, Leatherhead, Leeds, Leek, Leicester, Leighton Buzzard, Liverpool Business Houses, London Banks, London Civil Service, Manchester, Mid-Cheshire, North Acton, Northmet, North Middlesex, North West Kent, Norwich, Oldham, Oxford, Potteries, Preston, Reading, Romford, Salisbury, Scarborough, Shrewsbury, Sittingbourne, Slough, Stevenage, Stockport, Sunderland, Sutton, Swindon, Thames Valley, Uxbridge, Wandsworth, Warrington, Watford, Wembley & Harrow, West Bromwich, Wolverhampton, Worcester and York.
Directly Affiliated Clubs	Crescent, St Lukes
Directly Affiliated Individuals	J Kurzman, Mrs L R Phillips
Registered Member	V Barna.
In Attendance	J H Carrington (Director of Coaching) N K Reeve (Hon Press Officer) D Peter Lowen (Secretary to the Association)
Apologies for absence from	Mrs F Jarvis, R J Crayden, D Hillier, L F Landry, G R Yates, Devon TTA, Huntingdonshire TTA, Northumberland TTA, Bath TTL, Preston TTL, Western Counties

1 ADOPTION OF STANDING ORDERS FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

It was agreed that the Standing Orders, as printed, should be adopted by the meeting.

2 MINUTES OF THE AGM HELD ON 24th JUNE 1961.

The Chairman signed the Minutes as a correct record.

3 PRESIDENT.

The Secretary stated that he had received a letter from the President of the Association who was out of the country, regretting he would be unable to be present. The President particularly referred to the completion of an era now that the present Chairman was not seeking re-election. and he knew all members would, during the coming years, assist the new Chairman, Mr I C Eyles and Deputy Chairman, Mr G James, and he hoped that under their leadership the Association would progress to even greater heights. The President also thought that members should know of the first-class work which the Development Commission, under the Chairmanship of Mr E G White, was carrying out at this particular time.

4 TELLERS

Mrs N K Reeve and Mr H Lawton were appointed as Tellers.

## 5 REPORT OF THE NEC FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 5th MAY 1962.

The Chairman of the Association moved that the Annual Report be considered and the Deputy Chairman, Mr I C Eyles, seconded. The Report was submitted paragraph by paragraph.

Paragraph 7 - National Selection Committees Mr Wickens (Buckinghamshire) stated that presumably the word "Counties" in line 8 should read "Countries" and this was agreed.

Paragraph 9 - 3rd European Championships 1962 The Chairman stated that in addition to the information given in the Final Report, he wished to report that an anonymous group of people had guaranteed the Association the sum of £125 in order that an extra two players could be sent to the Championships in West Berlin. He understood from the organiser of this anonymous group that the sum of £101 had been collected and, therefore, the outstanding £24 had been paid by the organiser himself. He thought that the meeting would like to have these facts so that anyone wishing to contribute could do so by contacting the Secretary of the Association.

Paragraph 13 - English Championships Mr Wyles (Sussex) noted the suggestion that the Committee were considering the possibility of holding a separate English Junior Open and also restricting the number of events entered by Juniors playing in Senior events. He felt that consideration to Juniors was all-important and asked that the NEC should watch most carefully any restriction on Junior players. Mr Wyles felt that the Association should endeavour to invite Asian players as it was obvious that the players of Asia were outstanding. He felt that it would be in our interests to invite a few Asian players to the Championships rather than a number of European players. Mr James stated that the Committee had decided that they could not, from an economic point of view, run a separate English Junior Open but they were suggesting that the Junior players should be restricted to entering four events. With regard to the question of the Asian players, Mr James stated that the financial aspects of the invitations to Japan and China were extremely difficult. As members would appreciate, the expenses involved would be quite substantial and, therefore, no direct invitation could be made to either of these countries.

Paragraph 14 - 4th-European Championships 1964 Mr Watts (Sussex) said he was speaking personally and it was his opinion that to have sponsorship by a cigarette firm was a bad thing in view of the recent report of the Royal College of Physicians. He appreciated the difficulties which probably had arisen in trying to find sponsorship but he felt he must make a protest because he felt strongly that the Association should not be tied up in any way with the smoking controversy. Mr Jaschke (Kent), speaking personally, said he agreed with what Mr Watts had said and mentioned that one of the outcomes of the Royal College of Physicians' Report was that athletes had been consulted regarding this matter and they had stated that smoking was bad for sportsmen. He stated that in his opinion, if it was possible, the sponsorship should be changed because at a later stage he thought the Association might regret having the sponsorship of a cigarette firm.

Mr Vint stated he wished to reply to the two speakers as he took part in the negotiations for sponsorship with the Secretary. He stated that he could well agree with some of the thoughts expressed by Mr Watts and Mr Jaschke as a non-smoker. Mr Vint gave the meeting the details of how the sponsorship was accepted. Messrs Gallahers had guaranteed the Association £3,500 and the manufacturers of the game's equipment had also made a guarantee, of £1,000, which made a total available to the Association of £1500. Mr Vint continued, stating he knew that Gallahers wished to deal with the question of the sponsorship in a dignified way and in his opinion there would be no exploitation of the Association by the sponsors in the selling of their products. He considered that the question of smoking was one for individuals to consider and decide on and the ETTA could not dictate to their members whether they smoked or not. Gallahers were being most helpful to the Association and in his opinion, the Executive Committee had to act in a business-like way when agreement had been reached and it was all-important that the sponsors realised that once the Association's acceptance had been given then the Association would honour the decision.

Mr Vint stated that a great deal of time and trouble had been taken by the Secretary to find sponsors and it might well be that if we decided at this stage not to accept the sponsorship we might find ourselves in the position of having to notify the European Union that we cannot organise the Championships. Mr Vint said he considered the Association must act in a responsible way once decisions had been reached and gave an assurance to the meeting that the Executive Committee would watch the promotional side of the question very closely in view of the thoughts expressed. Mr Eyles stated he would like to draw the attention of the meeting to the fact that a Fund-Raising Committee had been set up in order to raise further funds. He stated that Mrs Phillips had agreed to act as the organiser for these fund-raising events. He stated he was sure the meeting would applaud Mrs Phillips for her kindness in stating she would act as organiser and expressed the thanks of the NEC, who were very grateful to her.

Paragraph 15 - National Team Competitions Mr Parsons (Oxford) protested at the exclusion of Oxford from the Wilmott Cup Competition during the past season. Mr Parsons gave details of correspondence and other relevant information to the meeting. Mr Clemett, in reply, stated that the Committee had studied most carefully the various aspects of the scratching of Oxford when in fact, this had been made necessary. Mr Clemett stated that it was not a Committee problem that the play-off at the Slough venue had not been completed. The Chairman asked whether Mr Parsons would be satisfied if this matter was referred to the NEC so that the whole matter could be considered much more fully and to this Mr Parsons agreed.

Paragraph 17 - Press and Publicity Mr Grady (Sittingbourne) asked why there had been less publicity for table tennis in the National Press. Mr N K Reeve (Hon Press Officer) stated that it was not for the want of trying that less publicity had been obtained but members must appreciate that table tennis publicity was difficult to sell. He could, however, report that he had maintained close co-operation with the Press during the present season and he would be grateful for any further advice from the members as to how better publicity could be obtained. There being no further discussion the Report was adopted.

#### 6 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MAY 1962

The Treasurer submitted the accounts together with a report which had been previously circulated and a letter from the auditors. There being no discussion the Treasurer's Report was adopted.

#### 7 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO RULES.

The Chairman expressed thanks to the Standing Orders Committee for the excellent work they had performed in preparing the Agenda.

#### SECTION 1 - PROPOSALS DEALING MEMBERSHIP

##### Proposed by Middlesex TTA and Willesden TTL

Rule 3 Delete words in brackets, lines 4 and 5, and insert "provided they have attained the age of 45 years at the time of application or were in direct affiliation prior to the 1st July 1957"

Miss Moss (Middlesex) proposed, seconded and agreed.

##### Proposed by Middlesex TTA and Willesden TTL

Rule 6(c) (Consequential) Delete present rule and substitute "Individuals: £1 1 0 for individuals desiring personal affiliation provided they have attained the age of 45 years at the time of application or were in direct affiliation prior to the 1st July, 1957.

Miss Moss (Middlesex) proposed, seconded and agreed.

#### SECTION 2 - PROPOSALS DEALING WITH COUNTY ARRANGEMENTS

##### Proposed by Kent TTA

Rule 4 After "Any", add "County Association",

Mr Jaschke (Kent) proposed, seconded by Mr Pilfold (NW Kent). Mr James opposed on behalf of the NEC. Motion lost.

##### Proposed by Kent TTA

The following will be taken as one proposal:

Rule 4 At end of rule add "Applicants for membership shall complete such affiliation form as may be required by the National Executive Committee".

Rule 5 Delete whole rule and section heading and renumber all succeeding rules accordingly.

Mr Jaschke (Kent) proposed this alteration on behalf of Kent. He stated that the two rules at the moment were ambiguous and, therefore, there was no need for two rules when the amended one was put on the Order Paper would be much clearer. Kent also wished to take away from the NEC the power not to accept Leagues without reason as they felt it was only fair that all Leagues should be allowed to become members. Seconded by Mr Mitchell (Beckenham). Mr James, on behalf of the NEC, stated that they did not support this alteration. Mr Watts (Sussex) stated that he thought reasons ought to be given when Leagues were not admitted to membership. Mr Blunn stated it must be appreciated that in a voluntary body the Officers of the Association had to accept the legal responsibility and not the Association as a whole and, therefore, any question of libel would have to be answered by the Officers personally. Mr Jaschke (Kent) replied to the debate and, on being put to the vote this proposal was lost.

##### Proposed by Kent TTA

Rule 11(b) After "National Executive Committee" add "or a County Association".  
Mr Jaschke (Kent) asked permission to withdraw the motion, which was agreed.

Proposed by Kent TTA

Rule 18(j) (Consequential) At end of first sentence add "or in the case of Honorary Life Members, a County Association"  
Mr Jaschke (Kent) stated that Kent wished to withdraw this proposal, which was agreed.

Proposed by the NEC

Rule 20(b) Re-word to read "Membership of such County body shall be compulsory on all affiliated Leagues and Directly affiliated Clubs and Individuals in the County, except as provided under Rule 20."  
Mr Clemett (NEC) proposed, seconded by Mr Wickens (Bucks) and agreed.

Proposed by Essex TTA

Rule 20(b) The Constitution and Regulations of each League and any amendments thereto shall not be valid unless approved by the relative County body.  
Mr Eagle (Essex) stated that his County was desirous, with the meeting's permission, to withdraw this proposal. This was agreed.

Proposed by Kent TTA

Rule 20(c) Delete whole paragraph and re-letter subsequent paragraphs accordingly.  
Mr Jaschke (Kent) proposed to take away from the NEC the right to approve the Constitution and Regulations of the County Associations, seconded by Mr Mitchell (Beckenham), who wished to emphasise the fact that Kent did not see why Counties had to be treated in this way, for the Leagues Rules did not have to be approved. Mr Scott (Staffs) stated that Counties were part of the ETTA and it was a matter of help and guidance to Counties that their Rules should be considered by the NEC. In his view, the rule was only in the Constitution from a point of view of guidance and did not give the NEC dictatorial powers. Mr Eyles stated that there had been a case during the past season where two Counties had not been able to agree on certain procedure owing to the fact that one County's rules were, in fact, directed against the other County's members. In his view, the ETTA must have the right to safeguard one County against another and, therefore, it was essential that this Rule was left in the Constitution. Mr Jaschke (Kent) closed the debate on this particular item and on being put to the vote this proposal was defeated by decision of the Chairman on a show of hands. Mr Jaschke demanded a block vote on this item and the result was as follows:

Votes for	2015
Votes against	2915

The Chairman therefore declared the proposal lost.

Proposed by Essex TTA

Rule 20(f) Add "In the event of a dispute arising between a Club and the League to which it is affiliated, the club shall have the right to appeal to the County body in which the League is in membership for arbitration, and the decision of the County body shall be binding upon both Club and League. In the event of a dispute arising between a League and a County body in which the League is in membership, the League shall have the right to appeal to the National Executive Committee for arbitration.

Mr Eagle (Essex) proposed, seconded by Mr Scott (Staffs). Mr Eyles, on behalf of the NEC, stated that the Committee sympathised with the idea put forward by Essex but wondered whether these disputes could not be settled amicably at County level. Mr Abrahamson (Hull) stated that he had for some years been a member of Yorkshire County's Appeal Committee and from his experience by so serving on this Committee, disputes had been amicably settled at County level and he did not see any reason why such disputes had to be referred to the ETTA. Both Mr Corser (Watford) and Mr Watts (Sussex) supported the Essex proposal which, being put to the vote, was carried.

Proposed by Kent TTA

Rule 20(i) The annual subscription in respect of Local Leagues affiliated to a County body, under Rule 20, shall be paid by the County Association.  
Mr Jaschke (Kent) stated that his County were desirous of deferring this matter until after discussion had taken place regarding the financial proposals. The meeting agreed that discussion should take place on the proposal after the Kent financial proposals had been taken.

Proposed by Kent TTA

Rule 20A (New) Insert after present Rule 19 and re-number succeeding Rules accordingly  
COUNTY CONFERENCE.

- (a) A County Conference shall be convened annually in March or April on a date decided by the NEC, who shall give at least 28 days' notice to all County Secretaries.
- (b) All County Secretaries shall be entitled to attend the Conference, and in addition each County may at its discretion send a second representative, whose name shall be notified in writing to the Secretary of the ETTA by the County concerned.
- (c) All members of the NEC shall be entitled to attend the Conference.
- (d) The NEC shall decide if all or part of the County representatives' expenses are to be borne by the ETTA.
- (e) The NEC shall draw up the agenda of the Conference, taking due consideration of items which Counties request to be included.
- (f) The NEC shall present to the Conference a verbal or written report on the current season's activities, included in the agenda.
- (g) At the commencement of the meeting the Counties present shall choose a Chairman to conduct the meeting. If there is more than one nomination, the Chairman shall be chosen by a poll of the Counties present, each County having one vote,
- (h) The Chairman shall at his discretion, take a poll of the Counties present on any matter under discussion. The voting in any poll thus taken shall be for the purpose of guidance and shall not be binding on the NEC or on the Counties.
- (i) A report of the proceedings of the County Conference shall be submitted to the Annual General Meeting. This may be included in the Annual Report of the NEC or may be given separately to the AGM, in writing, by the NEC.
- (j) The County Conference shall be an advisory and consultative assembly and not a policy making body.

Alternative proposal:

As above but delete second sentence in (h), delete (j) and substitute new paragraph (j) as follows.  
"Any decisions arrived at by a majority of Counties in the poll, shall be referred to the NEC for consideration and the NEC shall report to the subsequent AGM on the action taken.

Before asking Kent representatives to move this proposal the Chairman asked Mr Jaschke (Kent) how they wished to treat the alternative proposals which were on the Order Paper. Mr Jaschke replied, stating that his County preferred the meeting to consider the main proposition without the alternative proposals and the Chairman asked for the meeting's agreement to this suggestion. This was given. Mr Jaschke then proposed the motion stating that County Secretaries' Conferences were not new for a certain number had been arranged already during past seasons. In Kent's view the County Secretaries' Conferences were most valuable and in view of this fact they were suggesting that one should be held annually. Mr Betts (Folkestone) seconded the motion.

FIRST AMENDMENT

Proposed by London Civil Service TTL

Rule 20A(b) Add further sentence as follows: For the purpose of this Rule any specially affiliated body representative of 5 or more Leagues exempted from County affiliation under Rule 20(a)(vi) shall be deemed to be a County.

Mr Kilmister proposed the first amendment on behalf of the London Civil Service League and stated the reason for this proposal was that in the London area a number of affiliated Leagues had joined together to form the London Table Tennis Federation. In the London Civil Service League's view, representatives of the London Table Tennis Federation should be invited to attend County Secretaries Conferences in view of the fact that they would speak for a number of Leagues in the London area. He stated that there was no attempt on the part of the London Civil Service League to form a London County body but his League did feel that they should be represented with the others in the London Table Tennis Federation at meetings of County bodies. This amendment was duly seconded by Mr Crane (Insurance Offices) and finally, on being put to the vote, this amendment was carried.

SECOND AMENDMENT

Proposed by Sussex TTA

Rule 20A(e) Add: Any items submitted by a County Association, which the NEC decide not to include, shall

form a supplementary agenda and the Conference shall decide whether to allow the items to be discussed.

Mr Watts (Sussex) proposed this amendment and stated that Sussex wished this item to be included just in case the NEC decided not to include in the Agenda any item which the County who proposed same thought was vitally necessary. This amendment was seconded by Mr Jaschke (Kent) and on being put to the vote was carried. The Chairman now stated that the meeting had before them, as a substantive motion, the original proposal by the Kent TTA together with the first and second amendments. Mr Scott (Staffs) stated that if this Rule became operative then the ETTA would have to foot the bill for the arrangements for the Conferences. This, as the meeting would appreciate, would mean an extra item of expense for the Treasurer and the meeting should carefully consider this motion from the financial point of view.

Mr Eyles stated that in his first year as Chairman of the Association he wished members to know that he was going to make a special effort to visit all parts of the country in order to discuss with local County and League Representatives their views regarding many aspects of the work of the Association. He thought that the tour he proposed to make would be more useful at this stage than a County Secretaries' Conference and he therefore asked the Kent representatives to leave this matter in his hands for the time being and if they were not satisfied with what he did during the coming year then the matter could be raised again at the next AGM. In reply to the debate, Mr Jaschke (Kent) stated that his County preferred this matter to become a Rule and although he appreciated all that Mr Eyles had said they still wanted to put the matter to the vote. On being put to the vote the proposal, together with the first and second amendments, was carried.

The Chairman, at this stage, stated that the proposals as suggested by Kent would therefore fall to the ground.

### SECTION 3 - PROPOSALS DEALING WITH FINANCE

#### Proposed by NEC

Rules 6(a) Delete the whole of these Rules and insert the following:

- & 6(b)
- (a) (i) Local Leagues (other than Youth and Schools Leagues) - 10/- for each club in membership with the League and 1/- per team place for each team in the League. For this purpose the number of places in a team shall be taken as equal to the minimum number of players required to fulfil a fixture in accordance with the Rules of the League.
  - (a) (ii) Youth Leagues (ie Leagues consisting entirely of clubs certified to be bona fide Youth Clubs by the Local Education Authority Youth Committee at the commencement of the season or other Youth Clubs at the discretion of the NEC - 1/6d for each Club in membership with the League and 6d per team place (as defined in Rule 6 (a) (i)
  - (b) (i) Clubs - £1 1 0 for each Club affiliated directly, whether members of a Local League or not, other than as provided in Rule 6 (b) (ii).
  - (b) (ii) Clubs - 5/- for each club affiliated directly, whether a member of a Local League or not, certified to be a bona fide Youth Club by the Local Education Authority Youth Committee at the commencement of each season or approved as a Youth Club by the NEC.

Mr Blunn, in proposing this motion on behalf of the NEC, gave the meeting details of the Association's finances during the past season. He also mentioned that during the past five years much money had been received from outside sources and it was his opinion that the financial arrangements of the Association should not be continued on a basis that money might be obtained from television, special grants, etc. He was of the opinion that the Association should budget properly for the money they wished to spend and acquainted the meeting with the reasons as to why the proposition before them dealt with affiliation fees for "Clubs" and fees for "a team place". He gave the reasons also why the Association were now suggesting that the "Club fee" should cover the expenses of the Administration Account and the "team place fee" the working Account. This motion was seconded by Mr Scott (Staffordshire).

### FIRST AMENDMENT

#### Proposed by Leeds & District TTL

Rule 6 (a) (i) Local Leagues (other than Youth and Schools Leagues) - 6/- for each Club in membership with the League and 1/6d per team place for each team in the League. For this purpose the number of places in a team shall be taken as equal to the minimum number of players required to fulfil a fixture in accordance with the Rules of the League".

In moving this amendment, Mr Farrar stated that his League were very much in agreement with the fact that money was required by the ETTA but they had views that the money should come from individuals rather than Clubs. They were suggesting, therefore, that the "Club fee" be reduced to that which the NEC were asking and that the "Team place" fee should be increased. This motion was seconded by Mr Wickens (Buckinghamshire).

Mr Blunn stated that in his opinion the proposition as put by the NEC was the correct one. Mr Hoddy

(Northmet) asked the meeting to think back over the past two or three years when they would remember that the members had asked the NEC to find a fee structure which was fair to all. He felt that in the past twelve months the NEC had given the matter great thought and had obtained all the facts necessary to come to the proposal which was now before the meeting. He considered that justice could be seen to be done under the NEC proposal but this could not be said of the Leeds amendment. Mr Hartley (Bromley) stated he did not like the manner in which the money received by the ETTA was spent and suggested that the NEC should have not put forward any proposals regarding finance to this meeting but should have awaited the Development Commission's report to see what they were suggesting as a new basis of payment of fees. Mr Farrar (Leeds) replied to the debate and the amendment, on being put to the vote, was lost.

## SECOND AMENDMENT

### Proposed by Chalfonts & District TTL

Rule 6(a) (i) Delete 10/- and insert 8/6d.

As a Chalfonts & District League representative was not present, the proposition was proposed by Mr G Owen (London Civil Service) and duly seconded. Mr Owen stated he was alarmed at the high rate of the NEC proposals and in view of the fact that the ETTA were now suggesting that they required more money during next year, this was of great concern to him and he felt that the Chalfonts amendment should be carefully considered. Mr Blunn stated that the meeting would remember that last year the NEC increased the rebate to Counties and this had accounted for £300. Therefore, the increased amount which the ETTA were now asking only restored the amount lost last season and he considered that the Chalfonts proposal was not what the Association required. On being put to the vote this amendment was lost.

The Chairman now returned to the original proposition of the NEC and asked for discussion. Mr Jaschke (Kent) stated that his County objected to the method of collection of fees as this was much too complicated. However, the main objection was the amount of money which the NEC stated they now required and in his opinion, the Committee on this occasion had gone too far. He was of the opinion that the Players' Levy was a "once and for all" affair which was intended to build up the Accumulated Fund of the Association but if the members present now looked at the proposal of the NEC, the NEC were now asking for more money than the present affiliation fees plus the Players' Levy. He did not object to the Levy when it was collected because he appreciated that additional expenses were being paid out on behalf of the Director of Coaching and in his view this was a worthwhile service to the Association, but in view of the amount now involved under the NEC proposal he urged everyone present to vote against.

Mr Mitchell (Beckenham) stated his County's main objection was the amount to be collected. He was of the opinion that the NEC did not appear to appreciate that they were asking for this much money. He knew that the members had voted for the Players' Levy some seasons ago because the Accumulated Fund had been reduced and this had to be reinstated, but once this had been done the fees, in his opinion, should have been reduced and now the meeting had before them an increase of fee to which he objected strongly. He stated that the NEC should appreciate that the income of the Association should be a fixed amount and the expenses should be made to fit the income. Mr Corser (Watford) asked how the expenses could be cut down as, in his opinion, the Association must improve all the time and in view of the current trend of expenses to increase, it was impossible for the income to be fixed with expenses on the rise all the time. Mr Kilmister (London Civil Service) thought that the proposition before the meeting was a good one but that the income to be received had been pitched rather too high. Mr Grady (Sittingbourne) asked how the increased fee would benefit a League. He stated that if his League paid the extra money then some benefit should come from the increased fees which they paid.

Mr Ellis (Notts) stated that in his view the fee should be decreased as several Leagues in his area were unable to affiliate because of the high fees now being asked by the ETTA. He thought that if lower fees were charged more people would affiliate and therefore, more money would be available although lower fees were charged. At this stage Mr Wickens proposed the question be now put and this was duly seconded and agreed. Mr Blunn replied to the debate and the motion, on being put to the vote, was declared carried on a show of hands. At this stage Mr Jaschke (Kent) asked for a block vote to be taken the result of which was:

Votes for: 3713, Votes against: 2035

The Chairman then declared the motion lost.

### Proposed by the NEC

Rule 20(c) Reword to read "The Constitution and Regulations of each County Association and any amendments thereto shall not be valid unless approved by the NEC".

Mr Eyles proposed, seconded by Miss Moss of Middlesex and agreed.

At this stage the Chairman declared a recess in the meeting so that members could have tea.

Declaration on the result of the ballot on the proposition by the NEC on Rules 6(a) & 6(b) was given as above.

Proposed by Kent TTA

Rule 6 Delete paragraphs (a), (c) and (f) and insert

a) County Associations

(i) £5 0 0 for each Local League affiliated to the County Association;

(ii) 6/3d for each club in membership with each affiliated Local League

(b) Local Leagues not affiliated to a County Association: £5 0 0 plus 6/3d for each club in membership with the Local League".

Re-letter paragraphs (b), (c) and (d) accordingly.

1st Alternative: In 6(a) and 6(b) above, for £5 0 0 substitute £1; for 6/3, substitute 10/-.

2nd alternative: Delete 6 (a) and 6 (b) in above proposal and substitute

(a) County Associations: 11/- for each club in membership with each Local League affiliated to the County Association.

(b) Local Leagues not affiliated to a County Association: 11/- for each club in membership with the Local League.

3rd alternative: For 11/- for each club in 2nd alternative substitute "5/3d for each TEAM.

Mr Jaschke (Kent) proposed and stated that in his County's view this amendment was most important because they had taken into account the views expressed at the last AGM. They considered that the easiest method of collection was for all Counties to collect fees on behalf of the ETTA as this would simplify the method of collection of fees from the Leagues and would save the ETTA Office work in collecting from some 300 odd Leagues. This proposal was seconded by Mr Grady (Sittingbourne). Mr Scott (Staffs) stated that there was a strong point of principle involved in this proposal. He could see many snags if the ETTA fees were collected by County bodies and instanced the fact that in Staffs at the present moment they did not have an Hon Treasurer, and if this sort of thing happened County-wise what would happen to ETTA fees if they were collected by a County and could not be passed on? The worst that could happen here was that the payment of ETTA fees would be delayed but in his opinion, this was a bad method of collection, especially when there were a number of Counties which were inefficient. Mr Scott stated that there was a very good system of collection of ETTA fees in operation through the HQ in London and he asked the meeting why change an efficient and tried method for an untried method which probably would be inefficient. Mr N K Reeve (Wembley & Harrow) stated that his League could not support the Kent proposal. He stated that in his view more money should be available to the Association and he gave three instances where the money could be spent.

(1) Better Office accommodation.

(2) Expenditure on Junior players.

(3) Additional money on Coaching.

Mr Wright (North Acton) stated that as the Counties were members of the ETTA and do not pay any affiliation fees, how could they pay? Mr Forrest (Wandsworth) stated as the Counties were part of the ETTA they could therefore collect the money on behalf of the ETTA and he was in favour of Kent's proposal because the operative thing in his view was that one fee and one fee only should be collected. Mr Browning (Aldershot) stated that he wished to further the point made by Mr Scott. So far as he was aware, there would be no difficulty experienced by a County collecting the ETTA fees and in fact this method of collection might be better for the ETTA owing to the fact that the Leagues usually paid the County earlier than the ETTA and therefore if the County collected the ETTA money then the ETTA would probably receive the Leagues' fees earlier in the season than they do now.

Mr Grady (Sittingbourne) stated he agreed with the Kent proposal. The Treasurer, Mr Blunn, stated that he agreed with the points made by Mr Reeve most whole-heartedly. He also reminded members present that the vote just taken on the NEC proposals had almost voted the ETTA the money required and he asked the members present not to forget this. He also referred to the fact of a County being responsible for the ETTA fees of the Leagues in its area and stated that the Counties would be expected to pay the Leagues' fees irrespective of whether the Leagues had paid the County or not. He also stated that in his view many of the County Treasurers were very much overworked and he instanced this fact by stating that many County Treasurers were late in sending in their County Rebate forms and in some cases, these County Rebate Forms had not been received for the last season. He stated that the ETTA Secretary collected the fees in a responsible way and if fees were outstanding the ETTA Secretary was instructed by the NEC how to proceed to collect the money. He could not see any objection to the present system of collection because this had been proved to be a workable scheme.

Mr Hartley (Bromley) stated that if there were some weaknesses in the Kent proposal then the Rules

Committee had not carried out their job properly as they had agreed to point out to the proposers of the various motions any snags seen whilst they were in the draft stage. In view of the fact that the Rules Committee had not pointed out any snags to Kent he felt that the Rules Committee could not have seen any. Therefore, the motion was reasonable as now on the Agenda. Mr Harris (Bristol) stated his League had set up a special Committee to consider the Kent proposals and he was pleased to state that they were in agreement. Mr Mitchell (Beckenham) stated that the Counties, in his view, were the local branches of the ETTA and in this connection they should do their job in carrying out the collection of the ETTA fees from their member Leagues. He considered that the Kent proposal was the best method of dealing with this matter. Mr Abrahamson (Hull) moved that the question be now put and this was seconded by Mr Wickens (Bucks) and agreed.

Mr Jaschke (Kent) in reply, stated that he wished with the meeting's agreement, to insert the second alternative with the original proposal and the Chairmen asked for the meeting's agreement to this procedure. This was agreed and, therefore, the proposition before the meeting was the original proposal by Kent with the second alternative. Mr Jaschke (Kent) replied to the debate stating that in his view the Kent proposition was the simplest of all and although the meeting might vote against the proposal now before them, he thought that this idea must come about some time in the future. He agreed that Mr Blunn's thoughts were quite correct in some cases and in the initial seasons some money might be lost. However, in his view the principle was all important and he hoped the meeting would vote in favour of the Kent proposition. On being put to the vote the motion was lost.

#### Proposed by Kent TTA

Rule 20(i) The annual subscription in respect of Local Leagues affiliated to a County body, under Rule 20, shall be paid by the County Association.

Mr Jaschke (Kent) asked the meeting's agreement to the withdrawal of this motion and this was given.

#### Proposed by the NEC

Rule 6(c) Introduce new Rule to read as follows: Schools Leagues and School Clubs shall be affiliated without subscription.

Mr Blunn proposed, seconded by Miss Moss (Middlesex). Mr Watts (Sussex) stated that in his work he dealt with School accounts and had never noticed any shortage of money with regard to School activities. He wondered therefore, whether this proposal was really necessary. Mr Lipman (Hull Schools League) stated that in actual fact the boys themselves in his area anyway, had to pay for their own equipment and as the age of the schoolchildren concerned was between 12 and 17 years, they could barely afford to pay for the equipment necessary to play the game. He was of the opinion that the Association ought to encourage table tennis in schools as if youngsters played the game while at school they were likely to carry on playing the game after they left. Mr Wyles (Hastings) thought that the proposition was a good one because this would help the furtherance of children playing the game. However, he would suggest that this free subscription related only to schools and certainly not to Youth Clubs as this was a different matter altogether. Mr Blunn replied to the various questions raised and this motion, on being put to the vote, was carried.

#### Proposed by NEC

Rule 6 (Consequential) Renumber existing (c), (d), (e), (f) to read (d), (e), (f), (g)

Mr Blunn moved, Mr L W Jones (Manchester) seconded and agreed.

#### Proposed by Kent TTA

Rule 6(d) Add at end of sentence "who may levy special fees."

Proposed by Mr Jaschke (Kent), seconded Mr Wickens (Buckingham) and agreed.

#### Proposed by London Banks TTL

Rule 6 (e) Members' Levy: A levy of 6d per player shall be paid in accordance with Rule 7. The calculation of the number of players in a League shall be based on the number of teams competing in the League multiplied by the normal number of players in a team plus 2 players for each club. The levy shall be collected from each League regardless of a member being in membership with more than one League but the levy is not to apply to members playing only for Youth Clubs or School Clubs in Youth or School League.

Miss Woollaston (London Banks) proposed this motion explaining that some Leagues who were affiliated with the ETTA did not have a registration scheme and in her League's view the proposition now before the meeting was a fairer way of dealing with the Players' Levy than at the present moment. This was seconded by Mr Kilmister (London Civil Service). Mr Blunn stated that the NEC were in sympathy with the London Banks

over this matter but in view of the fact that the NEC's financial proposition had not been agreed he could not accept this alteration to rule because it would again reduce the income of the Association. On being put to the vote this proposition was lost.

Proposed by NEC

Rule 6(g) Add new Rule 6(g) to read as follows: Any League not affiliated to a County Association shall pay an additional subscription as laid down by Rule 20(a)(vi).

Mr Blunn proposed, seconded by Mr L Jones (Manchester) and agreed.

**RESOLUTION**

Proposed by the NEC

That Rule 6(e) shall be applicable for the 1962/63 season.

Mr Blunn proposed, seconded by Miss Moss (Middlesex) and on being put to the vote was carried.

Proposed by Kent TTA

Rule 7 Delete "31st October" and insert "15th November".

Mr Jaschke (Kent) proposed, seconded Mr Grady (Sittingbourne) and agreed.

Proposed by Kent TTA

Rule 7 Delete second sentence. Alternative: Delete "Affiliated Local Leagues, Clubs or individuals," and insert "All members"

Mr Jaschke proposed, seconded by Mr Mitchell (Beckenham) and agreed.

Proposed by Kent TTA

Rule 8 Delete "Affiliated Club" and insert "member".

This motion was proposed by Mr Jaschke (Kent) and seconded by Mr Grady (Sittingbourne). Mr Jaschke stated that it was a motion to tidy up the wording of the Rules but after discussion the Kent representative asked permission to withdraw this amendment to Rule on the basis that the NEC agreed to look into the wording of this particular Rule and to come back to the next AGM with a proposal. This was agreed.

Proposed by Kent TTA

Rule 20(h) Delete whole paragraph.

Mr Jaschke stated that he wished to withdraw this proposed alteration to Rule and this was agreed by the meeting.

Proposed by NEC

Rule 20 (h) Delete existing rule and insert the following: "County Associations shall be entitled to a rebate, to be claimed on the official form by 31st March in each year, in respect of subscriptions paid to the Association by that date by Leagues and Directly Affiliated Clubs in membership with them".

Mr Blunn proposed, seconded by Mr Reay (Sunderland). Mr Wickens (Buckingham) asked the Hon Treasurer whether the alteration to Rule would provide the same amount of money to County Associations and Mr Blunn stated that this was so. The Chairman stated that there was an amendment to this Rule proposed by the NW Kent TTA which read as follows:

Proposed by NW Kent TTA

Rule 20(h) Delete 17½% and substitute 25%

The NW Kent TTA's representative stated that he wished to withdraw this amendment and this was agreed by the meeting. The Chairman then put the original motion to the meeting and this was agreed.

Proposed by Beckenham & District TTL

Rule 20(h) (i) For "6d per team" substitute "9d per team"

(ii) For "1/6d per team" substitute "2/- per team"

(iii) For "1/- for each Directly Affiliated Club" substitute "5/- for each Directly Affiliated Club.

These three proposals to be voted on separately.

The representative of the Beckenham & District TTL stated they wished to withdraw this amendment and the meeting agreed to this being done.

Proposed by Buckingham TTL

Rule 20(h) Add 20(h)(iv) A sum equivalent to one-fifth of the competitors' fees paid to the Association in respect of tournaments played in the area of the County concerned.

Mr Wickens (Buckingham) in proposing this motion stated that it was tidying up the Rules and that the wording came direct from the present Rule 27(c). This motion was seconded by Mr Wright (North Acton) and, on being put to the vote, was agreed.

**RESOLUTIONS**

Proposed by Hull & East Riding TTL

1 That the ETTA instruct all Leagues to hold a referendum amongst their players concerning the standardisation of the racket. This to be directed by the ETTA and organised by each League at the commencement of season 1962-63. The referendum is to decide:

- (a) Whether players are for or against standardisation of the racket blade covering.
- (b) If in favour of standardisation, whether it should be effected on (1)pimpled rubber as described in rule 4a of the Laws of Table Tennis or (2) sandwich as described in rule 4b of the Laws of Table Tennis or (3) any other surface.

2 That should the referendum show a majority in favour of a change in the present Laws of Table Tennis the NEC shall decide ways and means of implementing this decision.

Mr Abrahamson (Hull) gave reasons which had lead the Hull Association to propose a referendum be held to obtain the views of the players in this country as to the standardisation of some kind of. the racket. Mr Abrahamson asked for support for the motion because in his view this would give the players a chance to say whether they wanted standardisation of the racket or not. He was not suggesting a standardisation by pimped rubber for the country could say that they preferred standardisation by the sandwich racket, but in Mr Abrahamson's view it would be a right and proper thing to ascertain from the players just what they really wanted. This resolution was seconded by Mr Mitton (Scarborough).

Mr Eyles, replying to the motion.on behalf of the NEC, stated that if a referendum was taken it could well be that the country might decide that a further type of standardisation was essential or necessary. In his view this could mean that England would once again find that they had to "go it alone" so far as World table tennis was concerned because in his view it would be impossible to get such standardisation through the ITTF. He stated that the game with sandwich now appeared to be superior to that played with pimped rubber and he instanced the fact of the current Juniors who were playing with the sandwich bat stating that in his view their standard of play was much better. He also stated that the Asians had proved that play could be entertaining and interesting with the sandwich bat and because of this fact it would be impossible for England to get "pimpled rubber" standardisation approved internationally. Mr Corser (Watford) stood that the Lawn Tennis racket had not been standardised by a referendum but by its efficiency and in his view the sandwich bat might well standardise the bats throughout the World as it could become the most efficient racket used by the players. Mr Kilmister (London Civil Service) thought that it would be impossible to ask the Leagues to take a referendum for this would be too costly.

Mr Lipman (Hull Schools) stated that the Hull Association were only asking for the referendum to ascertain the country's views. He thought it would do no harm and in his opinion the bat should, be standardised to suit the majority and not a select few who represented England in international matches etc. Mr Reeve (Wembley & Harrow) thought that the referendum could be talked about through the columns of the official Magazine. Mr Carrington, Director of Coaching, thought that it would be difficult to standardise the bat from a sandwich point of view because there were so many variations of the bat used at the present time. Mr Browning (Aldershot) stated that one had to learn to play with and against the various surfaces now being used and he felt this was all to the good as it made the players capable of playing different types of games against different types of surfaces. Mr Abrahamson (Hull) in reply stated that he considered that the players should have the right to decide what surface they really wanted. In his opinion, there was no other sport played at the present time where the surface of the racket varied as it did in table tennis and he maintained that the opportunity should be given to all players to state what in their view was the best for the game. The resolution on being put to the meeting was lost.

**SECTION 4 - PROPOSALS DEALING WITH OFFICERS & NEC**

Proposed by Kent TTA

Rule 9 Delete and substitute "The Honorary Officers of the Association shall be a Chairman, Deputy Chairman, Treasurer and (unless a paid Secretary be appointed as hereinafter provided) General Secretary. In addition, the AGM of the Association may, at its discretion, elect a Press Officer, Director of Coaching, Editor of the Official Magazine, Assistant Secretary and Assistant

Treasurer. All Officers shall retire annually but shall be eligible for re-election. The AGM of the Association shall have power to create and fill any other post which it considers necessary and to remunerate any official who is not appointed on an honorary basis. No honorarium may be paid to an honorary official without the prior approval of the AGM.

Mr Jaschke (Kent) proposed this motion stating that his County did not consider the present arrangement about specific Officers a good one, as in their view these special posts should be agreed by the AGM. Mr Jaschke stated that Kent were in agreement with the amendment proposed by NW Kent which read as follows:

Proposed by NW Kent TTL

Rule 9 Delete "Director of Coaching, Editor of the Official Magazine"

Mr Jaschke stated that his County agreed with the amendment because they realised the Director of Coaching and Editor of the official Magazine were salaried posts. However, with reference to the other posts mentioned in the proposal, Mr Jaschke stated his County thought that it would be more democratic to make these appointments at the AGM rather than allow the NEC to make the appointments on behalf of the Association. With regard to the question of an honorarium, Kent thought that the AGM should vote any such money to the person concerned. The motion was seconded by Mr Mitchell (Beckenham).

Mr Eyles, on behalf of the NEC, stated that if this Rule was passed it would make things very difficult should a certain post be required to be filled during the season as the post would have to remain vacant until the next AGM. Mr Vint at this stage asked the meeting's agreement to the amendment as proposed by NW Kent being included with the original proposal by the Kent TTA and this was agreed. Mr Askey (Sutton) stated that the members elected the NEC and in his view the meeting should be prepared to rely on the NEC appointing these specific people without having to go to the AGM to do so.

Miss Moss (Middlesex) stated that the AGM could in fact appoint a Press Officer who live) in Newcastle but this would not be in the interests of the Association in view of the fact that the Press Officer would have to be dealing with correspondents in Fleet Street, London, and therefore, this was a point which should be closely looked into by the meeting. Mr Senescall (York) stated that if the AGM were to appoint specific people he thought that Kent should have in fact stated they should appoint the NEC as well. In reply to the debate, Mr Jaschke stated that he did not feel the points raised were sufficiently adequate for a vote to be taken against the proposal made by Kent. On being put. to the vote the proposal was lost.

Proposed by Kent TTA

Rule 10 Delete the whole rule and re-number all succeeding rules accordingly.

Mr Jaschke (Kent) asked that this proposal should be withdrawn and this was agreed.

Proposed by Buckingham TTL

Rule 10 Delete "retirement from the position of" and insert "intention not to seek re-election to"

Proposed by Mr Wickens (Buckingham) seconded by Mr Jones (Manchester) and agreed.

Proposed by Kent TTA

Rule 12 Delete paragraphs (a), (b), (g) and (h) and insert

(a) The affairs of the Association shall be managed by a National Executive Committee consisting of

(i) the Chairman, Deputy Chairman, Hon General Secretary (if any) and Hon Treasurer;

(ii) any officer, other than those specified in Rule 12(a)(i) above, who maybe elected by the AGM in accordance with Rule 9;

(iii) ten ordinary members elected annually as hereinafter provided.

(b) The election of the Chairman, Deputy Chairman, Hon General Secretary (if any) and Hon Treasurer shall be conducted as follows:

(i) Nomination forms shall be forwarded to all County and Local League Secretaries at least two months before the date fixed for the holding of the AGM. Each County or Local League Secretary shall be entitled to nominate one person for each vacancy. No nomination will be effective unless nominations from at least two different County or Local League Secretaries for the person nominated are received, by the Secretary of the Association (or such other person approved by the NEC) within one month of the issue of the nomination forms.

(ii) If there is more than one effective nomination for any vacancy, voting shall be by postal ballot, which shall be conducted in such a manner as the NEC may from time to time determine. Each County or Local League Secretary shall be entitled to vote for one candidate for each vacancy to be filled. Each County Secretary shall be entitled to one vote. Each Secretary of a

Local League having 10 or fewer affiliated clubs shall be entitled to 1 vote, 11-25 clubs 2 votes, 26 or more clubs 3 votes.

(c) The election of the ten ordinary members shall be conducted as follows:

(i) Nomination forms shall be forwarded to all County Secretaries at least two months before the date fixed for the holding of the AGM. Each County Secretary shall be entitled to nominate one of his County Association's members. No nomination will be effective unless received by the Secretary of the Association (or such other person approved by the NEC) within one month of the issue of the nomination forms.

(ii) If there are more than ten effective nominations, voting shall be by postal ballot, which will be conducted in such a manner as the NEC may from time to time determine. Each County Secretary shall be entitled to vote for up to ten candidates.

(d) Scrutineers shall be appointed by the NEC to determine any questions as to the validity of nomination forms submitted and to ascertain the result of any postal ballot held under the provisions of this rule.

Re-letter paragraphs (c), (d), (e), (f) as paragraphs (e), (f), (g), (h) respectively.

Rule 12(f) Re-number as above, delete 12 (h) and substitute 12(b)(ii) or 12 (c) (ii) as required.

Mr Jaschke (Kent) stated he considered the present election of the NEC a distasteful business as so many of the members of the regions were elected unopposed. Kent were therefore trying to find a new system which would ensure that people were elected by contest as in his view if there was no ballot it might well be better to have no election. Mr Mitchell (Beckenham) seconded the proposal, stating that he considered that a national body should be elected on a national basis. He considered that the NEC members should always look at the game nationally and not regionally and therefore, an election on a national basis was preferred. He stated that a number of regionally elected people on the NEC were unknown to him and, therefore, he considered a national election far better.

#### FIRST AMENDMENT

Proposed by Watford TTL

Rule 12(b) In (ii), delete final sentence and substitute "Each Secretary of a Local League having 15 or fewer teams 1 vote, 16-50 teams, 2 votes and 51 or more teams, 3 votes"

Mr Corser (Watford), in proposing this motion, stated that he was trying to be consistent in suggesting "teams" rather than "clubs" and this was seconded by Mr Forrest (Wandsworth). Mr Kilmister (London Civil Service) stated that he disagreed with the alteration from "clubs" to "teams" as this related to some twelve months ago when the word "teams" was introduced into the rules instead, of "clubs". At this stage, Mr Corser (Watford) stated that he would like to withdraw the amendment and to this the meeting agreed.

#### SECOND AMENDMENT

Proposed by Watford TTL

Rule 12(c) In (i), delete second sentence and substitute "Each County Secretary shall be entitled to nominate two ordinary members, one from his own County Association and one from any other County Association. All County Associations shall be invited to submit one further nomination for a lady within 14 days of the closing date for nominations should none have been received by that date.

Mr Corser (Watford) proposed this amendment, stating that in his view under the Kent proposal, local prejudice could deprive the ETTA of most useful people. Under the Watford amendment he considered that there was a better chance of the ETTA obtaining the most helpful people for their Committee. This was seconded by Mr Crickmer (Worcestershire) and at this stage Mr Jaschke (Kent) stated on behalf of Kent that his County were prepared to accept this amendment. On being put to the vote this was carried.

#### THIRD AMENDMENT

Proposed by Sussex TTA

Rule 12(c) In (i), delete after "nominate one of his County Association's members" and. add after "nominate one" candidate who shall be a member of the ETTA.

Mr Watts (Sussex) stated he wished to withdraw this amendment and to this the meeting agreed.

#### FOURTH AMENDMENT

Proposed by Watford TTL

Rule 12(c) In (ii), delete final sentence and substitute "Voting shall be in accordance with Rule 12(b)(ii) above".

Mr Corser (Watford) asked the meeting's permission to withdraw this amendment and this was agreed.

## EIGHTH AMENDMENT

### Proposed by Watford TTL

Rule 12(c) Add as 12(c)(iii) "Two members shall be elected from each of four areas as shown hereunder:

North: Durham, Lancashire, Northumberland, Yorkshire

Midland: Cheshire, Derbyshire, Gloucestershire, Herefordshire, Huntingdonshire, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, Northamptonshire, Nottinghamshire, Oxfordshire, Shropshire, Staffordshire

Home Counties: Bedfordshire, Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Cambridgeshire, Essex, Hertfordshire, Middlesex, Norfolk, Suffolk

South: Cornwall, Devon, Dorsetshire, Hampshire, Kent, Somerset, Surrey, Sussex, Wiltshire

The remaining places shall go to the two members not already elected above recording the highest number of votes regardless of area, providing that if no lady member is elected one of these two shall be the lady recording the highest number of votes. At least eight Counties must be represented but no County may have more than two members elected. This proviso may not affect the election of the lady member. All members entitled to vote must use their votes in accordance with these stipulations.

Mr Corser (Watford) proposed and stated that if a national vote was going to be agreed by the meeting then it would be better, in his view, for the candidates to come from four different areas. This amendment was seconded by Mr Dale (Cheshunt). Mr Mitchell (Beckenham), stated he was not in agreement with the Watford proposal because in his view it was unworkable. Mr Eyles (NEC) stated he was amazed at the wording of this amendment because the country had always asked for the number of regions to be increased and now before the meeting was an amendment which decreased the number of regions. He suggested that the meeting should await the thoughts of the Development Commission on election procedure and, therefore, asked the meeting to vote against this proposal.

Mr Blunn (NEC) stated that the Watford amendment did not guarantee eight members from different Counties, although Mr Corser had suggested that this was the case. In his view only four Counties might be represented on the eight places available and this, he felt, was not desirable. At this stage Mr Senescall proposed that the question be now put which was seconded by Mr Mitton (Scarborough) and agreed. In reply, Mr Corser (Watford) stated that he could not agree with the thoughts expressed by Mr Blunn and even if his own amendment was not clear at the moment he thought it was just as clear as the existing rule on this particular matter. He stated that in his League's opinion, the ETTA must have the most efficient people serving on the NEC and the amendment was designed to get the best representation.

This amendment, on being put to the vote, was lost.

## NINTH AMENDMENT

### Proposed by London Civil Service TTL

Rule 12 (c) Add further paragraph as follows:

(iii) The Honorary Secretary of any specially affiliated body representative of 5 or more Leagues exempted from County affiliation under Rule 20(a)(vi) shall, on behalf of those Leagues only, have the power to make nominations under (i) above and to vote under (ii) above.

This amendment was proposed by Mr Kilmister (London Civil Service) and seconded by Mr Jaschke (Kent). The Chairman of the meeting asked for clarification on this particular matter as he stated it appeared that the London Civil Service League was endeavouring to obtain representation for the London Table Tennis Federation on the basis that the London Table Tennis Federation was a County body. Mr Watts (Sussex) asked whether the London Table Tennis Federation paid any fees to the ETTA and stated that in his view, if they did not pay then they should not be represented. The amendment was then put to the vote and by a show of hands, the Chairman declared the amendment lost. The London Civil Service representative asked for a block vote the result of which was:

Votes for	2161
Votes against	2772

The amendment was therefore defeated. The Chairman then asked for comments on the Kent proposal and Mr Scott (Staffordshire) stated that most of the regional members elected to the present NEC were County-minded people. In fact, four of the members were Secretaries of their Counties at the present time. Mr Blunn stated that the destroying of the regional ballot was going back some thirty years and in his view was not democratic as at the moment the remote areas of the Country had the right to be represented. Mr Blunn stated that the Annual General Meeting had allways told the NEC that they agreed with regional representation and he considered the basis on which the regions were now dealt with was a fair one. Under Kent's proposal there was no guarantee of a lady member being elected and there was no proviso for co-option. Mr Jaschke (Kent) stated

that he now wished to withdraw the following alternatives:

#### FIFTH AMENDMENT

Proposed by Kent TTA

Rule 12(c) (ii) 1st alternative: For "up to ten" substitute "not less than 5 nor more than 10"

#### SIXTH AMENDMENT

Proposed by Kent TTA

Rule 12(c) (ii) 2nd alternative: "ten, no more and no less".

#### SEVENTH AMENDMENT

Proposed by Kent TTA

Rule 12(c) (ii) 3rd alternative: Add extra sentence "Each County Secretary to have 1 vote if 1-5 Local Leagues affiliated to the County Association, 6-10 2 votes, 11-15 3 votes, more than 15 4 votes."

Mr White (London Civil Service) opposed the withdrawal of the 6th amendment and Mr Blunn opposed the withdrawal of the 7th amendment. After general discussion it was agreed that the 5th amendment be withdrawn, the 6th and 7th amendments should become part of the original motion and the Chairman agreed to this arrangement. At this stage Mr Senescall (York) proposed that the question be now put and this was seconded by Mr Clemett (Surrey). In reply to the debate, Mr Jaschke'(Kent) asked the meeting to discount references made to the Development Commission. He stated that the proposal before the meeting was linked with the County Secretaries Conference proposal which had been passed. In his opinion, now that the County Secretaries Conference proposal had been agreed the meeting should agree the proposal now before them. This proposal; together with the 2nd, 6th and 7th amendments, on being put to the vote, was lost.

#### CONSEQUENTIAL

Proposed by Kent TTA

Rule 18(k) Delete whole paragraph and re-letter subsequent paragraph accordingly.

Mr Jaschke, on behalf of Kent, asked, the meeting for their agreement to withdraw this proposal and this was agreed.

Proposed by Kent TTA

Rule 12(d) After "every member", insert "except the Chairman of the meeting"; delete "second or".

Mr Jaschke, in proposing this alteration on behalf of Kent, stated that they did not feel it right that the Chairman of a meeting should have a vote and also a casting vote and they were suggesting that the Chairman should be limited to one vote only, that of a casting vote. This was seconded by MR Wright (North Acton). Mr James, on behalf of the NEC, stated that he wished to oppose this proposal in view of the fact that the Chairman was elected on the same basis as the other officers and, therefore, should have a vote in his own right. It was also essential that the Chairman should have the casting vote at the time of equality and therefore he advised the meeting to vote against this proposal. On being put to the vote, this proposal was lost.

Proposed by London Civil Service TTL

Rule 12(h) Delete the word "teams" and substitute the word "clubs" for every appearance thereof.

Mr Kilmister (London Civil Service) proposed this alteration, stating that last year an error was made and the word "teams" was used instead of "clubs". This, he considered, was wrong and therefore this proposal was a tidying up of the Rules. This amendment was seconded by Mr Corser (Watford) and, on being put to the vote, was carried.

Proposed by Kent TTA

Rule 32 Delete whole rule and substitute: "Should the AGM of the Association, under the provisions set out in Rule 9, create the post of paid National Secretary, then such post shall supersede the office of Hon General Secretary, but only for such period as the AGM shall stipulate. Subject to the provisions set out in Rule 9, the Officers of the Association shall be empowered to enter into a contract relating to the post of paid National Secretary on behalf of the Association".

Mr Jaschke (Kent) asked that this amendment be withdrawn and this was agreed by the Meeting.

#### SECTION 5 - PROPOSALS DEALING WITH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Proposed by Kent TTA

Rule 18(a) Delete "County Association ... Individuals" and insert "members."

Mr Jaschke (Kent) proposed, seconded by Mr Mitchell (Beckenham). Mr James, expressing the NEC's point of view regarding this matter, suggested that this wording should be left until the next AGM and Mr Jaschke, on behalf of Kent, agreed to this arrangement. The meeting agreed to this procedure.

Proposed by NEC

Rule 18(b) Add to the end of the existing Rule the following: "Whichever accredited representative is authorised to exercise his County's, Local League's or Directly Affiliated Club's, votes shall hold the official voting card issued by the ETTA, signed by the General Secretary of his County, Local League or Club. No person may hold the voting cards of more than two Local Leagues."

Mr Blunn (NEC) proposed, seconded by Mr Senescall (York). At this stage, Mr Vint stated that there was an amendment to this proposal from Sussex.

AMENDMENT

Proposed by Sussex TTA

Rule 18(b) Delete all after "or Club". (No person may . . . Local Leagues)

Mr Watts (Sussex) stated that they did not agree with the proposal because of people who had to travel very great distances. He was of the opinion that these people who could not attend the meetings should appoint an accredited representative so that such a representative could make up his mind as to the way to vote after hearing the discussions. As these Leagues had to appoint proxies it meant that they had to make up their minds a month or so before the AGM in order to record their vote which was not a good thing. Mr White (London Civil Service) explained to the meeting that the rule before them now safeguarded the position of one person collecting a number of cards in order to push through an alteration to rule and therefore, he would support the motion. Mr Jaschke (Kent) stated his County were against this amendment because it did not give people time to listen to debate and therefore, he supported the Sussex amendment. In reply to the debate, Mr Watts (Sussex) stated that the points made by Mr White were, in his opinion, illogical and the amendment, on being put to the vote, was carried. The Chairman stated the meeting now had as a substantive motion, the proposal from the NEC duly amended by the amendment from Sussex. This substantive motion, on being put to the vote, was carried.

Proposed by NEC

Rule 18(e) In lines 4 and 5, delete the words "each Directly Affiliated Club shall be entitled to one vote".

Mr Blunn proposed, seconded by Mr Jones (Manchester) and agreed.

Proposed by Kent TTA

Rule 18(c) Delete "one vote for each team" and insert "two votes for each club"

Mr Jaschke (Kent) proposed, seconded by Mr Wickens (Buckingham) and agreed.

Proposed by NEC

Rule 18(f) Delete existing Rule and introduce the following: "Where a County, Local League or Directly Affiliated Club is desirous of exercising its votes though not represented at the meeting, the official voting card shall be returned to the Secretary of the Association not later than 7 days before the date of the AGM, together with details of the items on the Agenda upon which the vote is to be recorded and whether FOR or AGAINST, signed by an Officer of the County, Local League or Club respectively."

Mr Blunn proposed, seconded by Mr Jones (Manchester). Mr Jaschke (Kent) stated that his County disliked this proposal because it did not allow representatives to listen to debate and make up their own minds. Mr Grady (Sittingbourne) agreed with the thoughts expressed by Mr Jaschke (Kent). The motion, on being put to the vote, was lost.

Proposed by Kent TTA

Rule 18(h) Add, before "local League", "County Association".

Mr Jaschke (Kent) asked for the meeting's permission to withdraw this proposal and this was agreed.

SECTION 6 -PROPOSALS DEALING WITH TIE MAKING OF REGULATIONS

Proposed by NEC

Rule 12 Add new paragraph to read as follows

12(i) The National Executive Committee shall have the power to make regulations to cover international contacts, regulation dress and badges and such other matters not specifically dealt

with in these rules as the NEC shall think fit. Such regulations shall be published as Appendices to these Rules"

Re-number existing rules 12(i) and 12(j) to 12 (j) and (k)

Mr Clemett, on behalf of the NEC, proposed the motion. This was seconded by Mr Jones (Manchester) and, on being put to the vote, was carried.

Proposed by Buckingham and District TTL

Rule 23 Re-number present 23 (a), (b) and (c) as 23 (c), (d) and (e) and add new Rules:

23(a) The NEC shall have power to make regulations governing the Conduct of "Registered Members" which regulations shall be included in Appendix A to these Rules.

23(b) As present Registered Members' Regulation 1(a)

Rule 23(f) As present Registered Members' Regulation 1(f)

Mr Wickens (Bucks) proposed, Mr Senescall (York) seconded, motions and stated that the NEC would like to thank Buckingham League for their help in this matter. Mr Kilmister (London Civil Service) stated that his League were in agreement with New Rule 23 (a) and (b) but not with New Rule 23 (f). On being put to the vote all the new Rule 23 was agreed by the meeting.

Proposed by Buckingham and District TTL

Rule 27 Delete present Rule 27 and substitute:

(a) The NEC shall have power to make regulations defining categories of tournaments and governing the conduct and organisation of such tournaments as may be specified. Such regulations shall be included in Appendix B to these Rules.

(b) Every tournament shall come within one of the categories defined by the NEC in Appendix B and the NEC shall have power to decide in which category any particular tournament shall be placed.

(c) No Open or Invitation Tournament shall be held without the sanction of the NEC. Application for running an Open or Invitation Tournament shall be submitted to the appropriate County Association (if any) who shall forward the application to the NEC with their recommendations.

Mr Wickens (Buckingham) proposed, seconded by Mr Senescall (York) and agreed.

Proposed by Buckingham and District TTL

Rule 20(d) Delete Rule 20(d).

Mr Wickens (Buckingham) proposed, seconded by Mr Senescall (York) and agreed.

**SECTION 7 - PROPOSALS DEALING WITH NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Proposed by NEC

Rule 28 Delete heading "NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS" and insert heading "ENGLISH OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS". In line 1, delete present words and insert "The English Open Championships may be held once every year and when so held"

Proposed by NEC

Rule 28(d) Delete "and (g) and insert "(g) and (h)".

Proposed by NEC

Rule 29 Insert new Rule 29 to read as follows:

**ENGLISH CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIPS.**

The English Closed Championships may be held once every year and when so held:

(a) Five Championships shall be held-as follows: Men's Singles, Men's Doubles, Women's Singles, Women's Doubles and Mixed Doubles. In addition a Men's and Women's Consolation Singles shall be held for competitors eliminated in the first two played rounds of the Singles Championships. A walk-over but not a bye shall rank as a played round.

(b) All matches in the Championships shall be best of five games with the exception of the Men's and Women's Consolation Singles events, which shall be best of three games.

(c) Rule 27 Clauses (b), (d), (e) and (f) shall also apply.

Proposed by NEC (Consequential)

Rules 29-33 Re-number subsequent Rules 29-33 to 30-34

Mr Clemett, on behalf of the NEC, stated that he wished to move all the above motions together. He stated that this was putting into the Rules, the current position and this was duly seconded by Mr Senescall. (York). On

being put to the vote all these proposals were agreed.

## SECTION - PROPOSALS DEALING WITH DISCIPLINE

### Proposed by Buckingham & District TTL

Rule 29 New Rule 29 (to replace present Rule 29): Any breach of these Rules and the Regulations made thereunder shall render the offending Local League, Club, player, member or official liable to suspension and/or fine, as may be decided by the NEC. Such breach may be substantiated by duly verified documentary evidence, provided that any Local League, Club, player, member or official against whom such breach is alleged shall have the right to plead his or its case before the NEC.

Mr Wickens (Buckingham) proposed, Mr Senescall (York) seconded the motion, stating that the NEC supported this proposal which was agreed.

### Proposed by Buckingham & District TTL

Rule 12(i)(iv) Delete present Rule 12 (i) (iv) and substitute "Decide all questions under Rule 29".

Mr Wickens (Buckingham) proposed, seconded by Mr Senescall (York) and agreed.

## RESOLUTION

By NEC That the NEC shall be authorised to re-number Rules of the Association with the object of securing a more orderly sequence, provided that the wording of the Rules is not changed.

Mr Clemett (NEC) proposed, seconded by Mr Senescall (York) and agreed.

At this stage in the meeting, Mr Jaschke stated that on behalf of his County he would like to thank Messrs Hoddy, Wickens and White for their services to the Association in preparing the Agenda for the AGM and requested that the Association ask these three members to again serve as the Standing Orders Committee. On being put to the vote this was agreed.

## 7 REPORT OF THE ELECTORAL REFORM SOCIETY

The Secretary stated that copies of the Report of the Electoral Reform Society had been circulated. Details were as follows:

Officers	Chairman	Mr I C EYLES	Unopposed
	Deputy Chairman	Mr G JAMES	Unopposed
	Hon Treasurer	Mr T BLUNN	Unopposed
NEC	2 National Members:	In all, 138 papers were returned. Of these, 136 were valid, and the votes recorded were as follows:	
		LANDRY, L F	60 Elected
		WOOLLARD, L S	43 Elected
		Bateman, F H	36
		Yates, G R	28
		Mitton, W	23
		Wickens, A	19
		Robinson, T G	18
		Watts, K	16
		Edwards, H T	13
		Eagle, G	8
		Owen, G A	<u>8</u>
		272	Total valid vote
	1 Woman Member:	In all, 139 papers were returned. Of these, 137 were valid, and the votes recorded were as follows:	
		FRY, Miss M	84 Elected
		Rowe, Miss D	35
		Benson, Miss K M.	<u>18</u>
		137	Total valid vote.
	Regionally elected Members:		
	Region 1 (North)	Mr E REAY	Unopposed
	Region 2 (Yorkshire)	Mr J SENESCALL	Unopposed
	Region 3 (Lancashire)	Mr N COOK	Unopposed
	Region 4 (N Midlands)	Mr L W JONES	Unopposed
	Region 5 (West)	14 papers returned, out of a possible 33. The votes recorded were as follows;	

	SCOTT, M E	10	Elected
	Crickmer, I R	<u>4</u>	
		14	Total valid vote
Region 6 (Midland)	Mr GOLDSTEIN		Unopposed
Region 7 (Eastern)	Mr H WALKER		Unopposed
Region 8 (N Thames)	Mr L THOMPSON		Unopposed
Region 9 (London 1)	Mr N K REEVE		Unopposed
Region 10(London 2)	Mr C J CLEMETT		Unopposed
Region 11(South West)	No effective nomination received.		
Region 12 (South)	Mr C JASCHKE		Unopposed.

The Chairman stated that the members would note that no effective nomination had been received in Region 11 but that the NEC would deal with this matter at their first meeting. Mr Vint stated that the members would also note that certain changes had occurred in the NEC for the 1962/63 season, one of which was that Mr Mannooch would not be serving next season. Mr Vint stated he was sure members would wish him to express on their behalf the debt of gratitude which the Association owed Mr Mannooch, who had been a member of the NEC for a great many years. Mr Vint stated that the NEC had recorded their appreciation to Mr Mannooch at the meeting held prior to the AGM. This was received with acclamation. The Chairman also stated that Mr Bateman had been defeated in a national poll and would like the members to know the great service Mr Bateman had rendered to the Association during the past twelve months. He knew that the AGM would wish him to thank Mr Batemen publicly for his help and this was also received with acclamation.

At this stage Mr Eyles stated that they had come to a point where the members would appreciate that Mr Vint was no longer the Chairman of the Association. He would like to thank Mr Vint on behalf of the AGM for all his helpful advice which had been invaluable to all members of the Association over so many years. Mr Eyles stated that many members could not appreciate that Bill Vint would no longer be present at meetings but the NEC had had to realise the point which the Chairman had made when he said the he could no longer continue actively with the organisation of the game in this country. He knew that the AGM would like to show their great appreciation for the help and valuable advice Mr Vint had given over so many years and this was received with acclamation. The members present gave a standing ovation in appreciation of the wonderful service which A K Vint had given to the Association since 1931.

Mr Vint, in reply, thanked Mr Eyles for his extremely kind remarks and stated that he would have many happy memories of his work with table tennis over the past thirty years. Naturally, of course, table tennis had become a very important factor in his life and the little contribution he had made to the game in this country might, he hoped, have been of some value. He said he would always be willing to assist and help the Association in any way possible in the coming years if this was desired, and he hoped to be able to carry on, if it was the wish of the ETTA, his duties as Hon Treasurer of the ITTF. He also was gratified that he had been elected to serve on the European Championships 1964 Committee but he stated that there had to come a time when a person had to slow down and this was his real reason for having made the decision that he would not seek re-election. It was also important in Mr Vint's view that the Association should have a change in leadership from time to time and he had thought it time for him to give up the reins and allow fresh blood to become available. Mr Vint also, stated that he was grateful for the mention made in the addendum Q the Annual Report about his wife, Nora; she had been of great help and assistance to him over the years and he appreciated very much the coupling of his wife's name with his own in connection with the thanks expressed by the Association.

In conclusion, Mr Vint stated that he would like to wish Mr Eyles, Chairman, and Mr James, Deputy Chairman, the very best of good fortune in the years to come and he asked the members present to be tolerant at all times as this would help the work of the Association and be of assistance to the new members who were taking on the onerous tasks as Officers of the Association. He felt the meeting today had been an encouraging climax to his association with the ETTA and again thanked the members most sincerely for their kind appreciation. Mr Scott (Staffs) stated the meeting now had a Chairman who, in the old days, was a rebel. Mr Scott stated that he was pleased to see how Mr Eyles had worked his way to the top position in the Association and stated that it was up to the members present to give Mr Eyles their loyal support throughout the coming years. Mr Woollard stated that he was very pleased to again be elected back on to the NEC although, of course, he was sorry that he had displaced Mr Bateman. He knew that all members of the NEC and the Association would miss Mr Vint considerably and he paid a special personal tribute for the help Mr Vint had given him over many years.

#### 8 ELECTION OF PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENTS and AUDITORS.

The following appointments were agreed:

(a) President	Hon I G S Montagu		
(b) Vice-Presidents	F A Amies	C Kichenside	J Siddron
	H M Bunbury	K Mackenzie	Miss A Stevens

Mrs D L Bunbury  
E F Christopher  
R C Hurford  
Spain Bros & Co

D W Poupard  
D S Purr

O W Tarrant  
J Thompson

(c) Auditors

#### 9 NOMINATION OF HON LIFE MEMBERS

The Chairman stated that the NEC had no nominations to make on this particular occasion but stated that the NEC wished to present the Awards to the Hon Life Members who were present at the meeting. Mr Vint then presented the Awards to Messrs Decker, Eyles, Goldstein, Mannoch, Reay, White and Woollard. Mr Eyles then presented the Award to Mr Vint. The Secretary reported that he and the President had made the presentation of the Hon Life Member Award to the Dowager Lady Swaythling at her home and stated that a suitable time would be found to present the Award to the President of the Association later in the season.

#### 10 ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

Mr Vint stated that on behalf of the meeting he knew they would wish him to convey to the Tellers their grateful thanks for the work they had carried out during the meeting and at the same time he expressed to all members present his thanks for their attendance. The meeting closed at 8.45pm.