

ENGLISH TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION HELD
IN THE BISHOP PARTRIDGE HALL, CHURCH HOUSE, GREAT SMITH STREET,
WESTMINSTER, SW1 ON SATURDAY 27th JUNE 1964, COMMENCING AT 2.30pm

PRESENT	I C Eyles (in the Chair) G James (Deputy Chairman) T Blunn (Hon Treasurer)
Members of the National Executive Committee (NEC)	Miss M Fry, Mrs F Jarvis, Messrs Clemett, Cook, Goldstein, Jaschke, Jones, Landry, Mitton, Reay, Reeve, Scott, Thompson, Walker, Woollard
Hon Life Members.	G W Decker, A K Vint OBE, E G White
Representatives of: County Associations	Bedfordshire, Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Cheshire, Derbyshire, Devonshire, Durham, Essex, Hertfordshire, Kent, Lancashire, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, Middlesex, Northumberland, Nottinghamshire, Staffordshire, Suffolk, Surrey, Sussex, Warwickshire, Worcestershire, Yorkshire
Leagues	Ashford, Ashton-u-Lyne, Barking, Barnets, Barrow, Beckenham, Birmingham, Bishop Auckland, Blackpool, Bolton SSS, Bromley, Brighton, Bristol, Burton Senior, Central, Cheshunt, Evesham, Deal, Folkestone, Hastings Youth, Hemel Hempstead, Insurance Offices, Isle of Thanet, Lancaster & Morecambe, Leeds, Leicester, London Banks, London Business Houses, London Civil Service, Liverpool, Loughborough, Maidstone, Manchester, Mansfield, Medway Towns, North Acton, Northmet, North Middlesex, North West Kent, Northumberland, Nottingham, Portsmouth, Reading, Romford, Salford, Scarborough, Sittingbourne, Slough, Southampton, Stockport, Sunderland, Swindon, Tonbridge, Tunbridge Wells, Wandsworth, Warrington, Watford, Wellington, Wembley & Harrow, West Ham Youth, Willesden, Wolverhampton, Worcester
Registered Members	L G Adams, V Barna, R J Crayden
Directly Affiliated Individuals	Mrs E Phillips, J Corser
Directly Affiliated Club	Crescent
Players	G C Barnes, P Madge, M Maclaren
In Attendance	D Peter Lowen (Secretary) J H Carrington (Director of Coaching) Mrs N K Reeve (Minutes)
Press	G R Harrower (Daily Telegraph).
Apologies for absence	D W Poupard, Bath & District TTA, Women's Inter-University Athletic Board, Gloucestershire TTA, North West Jewish Youth TTL

1 CHAIRMAN'S WELCOMING REMARKS: Mr Eyles welcomed all delegates present and hoped that the meeting would be a useful and helpful one to all concerned. He was sure that all members present would be pleased to see Mr A K Vint, OBE, present and this was received with acclamation.

2 ADOPTION OF STANDING ORDERS: The Standing Orders as circulated were adopted.

3 MINUTES OF THE AGM HELD ON 6th JULY 1963: These were confirmed.

4 MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 18th JANUARY 1964: These were confirmed.

5 REPORT OF THE NEC FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31st MAY 1964: The Chairman stated that he would take the Report paragraph by paragraph and if any member wished to raise any points he would be pleased if they would do so under the appropriate heading.

Paragraph 7 - Master Points Scheme: Mr Watts (Sussex) stated that objections to the scheme had been raised in his area, by individual players who were not enthusiastic towards the scheme and who wished to opt out when their League had committed them to be members. The Rev Goose (West Ham Youth) enquired as to the position regarding the Junior players and would they be included next season. The Chairman asked the meeting

for permission for Mr Harrower to speak and answer these points, which was agreed. Mr Harrower in reply, taking the second point first, stated that Junior events would be included next season and that details to this effect had already been circulated. With reference to the point made by Mr Watts, Mr Harrower stated that the scheme would be difficult to administer if certain players in a League competition were in the scheme and others were not. It was usual for the whole organisation to join and if the majority of the members of League wished to become members, then he felt that all should be members. After all, the same thing could be said to joining any scheme; in fact the affiliation of a League to the ETTA was an example. The question as to whether it would be practicable to have some members of a League opting out and others being in the scheme, he thought that this would involve more work and the whole idea of the scheme was to operate with the minimum of effort.

Mr Watts (Sussex) thanked Mr Harrower for his comments but stated that he would like to be able to persuade people that the scheme was a good thing. However, by saying to people that unless you take part in the MPS you cannot enter the competition at all, was not the ideal way of furthering the scheme. Mr Smith (Swindon) wondered whether the MPS could be charged on a team basis. As some of the reserves of a team do not play as much as the others in the side, in his opinion this basis would be fairer. Mr Harrower thought that this point had wider issues, but that this idea might well be looked into. He also suggested that a fee of 6d might be considered which would allow a player entry into all events. The Chairman stated that these suggestions would be considered by the new Master Points Scheme Committee. He then informed the meeting that the MPS had made a profit of £285 during the 1963/64 season. He wished to congratulate Mr Harrower on his work, which everyone present he knew, would wish to be associated. Mr James thought it appropriate that Mr Harrower, who had done the bulk of the work should now present the cheque to Mr Eyles and this was carried out. The handing over of the cheque was accompanied by much applause from the members present.

Paragraph 8 - National Team Competitions: Mr Eyles congratulated the winners of the two competitions, Gloucester for the Wilmott Cup and Sutton for the J M Rose Bowl. Mr Yates (Bolton SSS) stated that the publicity for these two events in the Magazine seemed to have been lacking this season as there had been no reports. The Secretary stated that letters had been received in the office on the same subject and without doubt this matter would be raised with the Editor.

Paragraph 10 - Selection and Ranking (Senior): Mr Eagle (Essex) stated he was surprised when he read this paragraph that no mention had been made of the Ranking Meetings and that Chester Barnes had referred to as a good prospect for future table tennis honours. He felt it odd that this should have been said and yet no mention made of his suspension. He asked why the latter item had been omitted. The Chairman explained the position stating that the NEC had earlier in the day decided that an opportunity would be given to Barnes to state his case to an Appeals Committee and he would ensure that the three members of this Committee were not old NEC members but would be three members who had not had anything to do with the previous decision. Barnes would be able to bring a friend with him as he was still a minor. Mr Sailes (North Middlesex) asked whether players were informed that they would be suspended if they did not attend the Ranking Meetings. The reply was No.

Mr Jaschke felt that the NEC should not have been put in an awkward position by the actions of the Senior Selection Committee. He felt the Selectors were wrong in the way they had gone about this whole matter and they should not have put the NEC in a position where the NEC could do nothing but support them. At this stage Mr James stated that he wished it known that Mr Jaschke was speaking personally and not as a member of the NEC. On a request from Mr Wickens (Slough), the Chairman gave the meeting details of the action taken against Barnes and Mr Hoddy (Northmet) felt that the matter now under discussion was much ado about nothing. He gave his views on the players' behaviour both at home and overseas and felt that our Captains were not strong enough in their handling of the players with reference to the time they were to go to bed etc. He felt that the Captain should discipline the players to give of their best, advise them at all times on play and at the same time keep a very rigid control on all their activities. After all, they were selected to play for England and at all times they should give of their best when wearing an England shirt. Mr Hoddy felt that the Captains of the teams always wanted to be popular with the members, whereas in his view, the Captain should be respected by the players and not necessarily popular.

In reply, the Chairman stated that when players were asked to attend the Ranking Meetings they were invited to play and the importance of the meetings stressed, but they were not instructed so to do. However, the Senior Selection Committee had made it clear to all the players that they considered the Ranking Meetings to be of great importance and Barnes was, of course, aware of this fact. Mr Crayden then gave his views as Non-Playing Captain of the ETTA teams with reference to the thoughts expressed by Mr Hoddy. He did not consider it correct that the Captain should rule with an iron hand but in his view, the Captain should always be friendly with his players. He gave details of how other Countries treated their players and felt that our system was as good as any other. Mr Crayden was sure that most players realised that they had a duty to the

Association when they were selected for international play but agreed that the matter might well do with some further thought. Finally, the Chairman stated that he hoped that the arrangement agreed by the NEC earlier in the day would settle the matter in an amicable way.

Paragraph 14 - Official Magazine: Mr Hoffman (North Middlesex) spoke on the circulation figures of the Magazine. He stated that the increase in sales was not as good as he would have liked and he would like this meeting to consider a subscription from every team to include a Magazine. This would increase the affiliation fees by 10/- per team but would have the effect of giving the members of that team something tangible for their extra money. An increase in the circulation of this size would do untold good for the official journal and the ETTA, for he reckoned some £1,400 would come the way of the Association and the advertising income would be increased from the publishers' point of view. With the extra circulation the ETTA could have a better and bigger magazine. The Chairman in thanking Mr Hoffman for his remarks, stated that it was a pity that Mr Hoffman's League had not tabled a motion putting into effect the thoughts expressed by Mr Hoffman which could then have been considered by the members present.

Paragraph 15 - National County Championships: The Chairman stated that members would see that the Leslie Forrest Trophy had this year been awarded to Mr H T Edwards of Middlesex. He also mentioned that at the NCC Annual General Meeting held recently, the members present had decided not to give up their rights as a sovereign body, but would consider this matter again next year after they had seen how the new National Council operated. This was noted.

Paragraph 16 - Victor Barna Award: Mr Eyles stated that the award for the current season had again been made to Miss D.Rowe and. Miss M.Shannon for their great efforts in winning 7 Open National Women's Doubles Titles during the past season. He congratulated them and this was received with acclamation.

Paragraph 17 - ITTF: Mr Hoffman (North Middx.) stated that his Committee had been giving thought to two problems in table tennis. The first was the number of net cords which appear to come about during play and his Committee were now suggesting that the net should be a "solid mass". The other point was regarding doubles play and the fact that the toss of the coin at the commencement of the game gave so much advantage to the winners of the toss. Mr Hoffman asked that the ETTA ask their Rules Committee to look at these two suggestions. The Chairman asked Mr Hoffman to send in his thoughts to the Office and the Secretary would then deal with same through the proper channels.

Paragraph 20 - ETTA Office: The Chairman stated that he would like to add his usual addendum thanking the Secretary for his work during the season for the Association, and also Mr Carrington for his efforts, too, which had brought about further successes to the ETTA. He would also like to thank Mrs N K Reeve for her help regarding the Minutes and these thanks were received with acclamation.

It was proposed, seconded and agreed that the Report of the NEC be accepted.

6 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MAY 1964: Mr Blunn stated that a copy of the accounts to 31st May 1964 and his Treasurer's Report had been circulated. He wished to correct two printing errors of the accounts which were:

Administration Account	Income - Affiliation Fees should read £3742 11 0 and not £3472 11 0
Working Account	Expenditure - Selection Committee Expenses (Junior) Last season's comparative figure should read £48 and not £40. Also one total of £126 should be deleted.

Mr Blunn continued by stating that the Auditors had now cleared the accounts and given him their certificate as to correctness and he would answer any item which any member wished to make to him. There being no discussion on this matter, it was proposed, seconded and agreed that the Accounts to 31st May 1964 and the Hon Treasurer's Report be adopted.

7 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO RULES: Before turning to the motions inserted on the order paper, the Chairman considered that the meeting should discuss the basis of affiliation fees, namely, whether the basis should be on Teams or on Team Places. He stated that this was necessary because of the two types or motions which would be found on the order paper. He asked for a show of hands for or against the idea of Team Place and on the show of hands of those present, he decided that this matter would have to be decided by a Block Vote. At this stage Mr Hartley (Bromley) queried the need for a Block Vote. Mr Wickens (Slough) stated that by doing this, the meeting was departing from the Standing Orders and in his view, there was no need to do so. Mr Watts (Sussex) supported Mr Wickens on this matter stating that what the Chairman was now suggestin was not on the Order Paper. Mr Killmister (London Civil Service) gave the meeting his views, against Messrs Watts and Wickens and in favour of the procedure suggested by the Chairman. He could not see how progress could be made without the block vote. Other members expressed views on this particular matter and finally Mr

Wickens (Slough) proposed that proposition No 2 on the order paper be taken first and this was seconded and agreed.

Proposition No 2 - Proposed by Leeds & District TTL

Rule 8 Add at end "and the number of players required to make up a team in that league"

Rule 9(a) Delete the whole of sub-clauses (i) to (iv) and insert

(i) 2/- per team-place for each team in a league other than a Youth League (ie 4/- for each team playing in a 2-a-side division, 6/- for each team playing in a 3-a-side division and so on pro rata) except as provided in Rule 9(a)(iii).

(ii) 1/- per team-place for each team in a Youth League.

(iii) 1/- per team-place for each Youth Club team which plays in a Local League division membership of which division is restricted to persons under 21 years of age.

(iv) Any local League not affiliated to a County Association shall pay an additional fee of 3d per team-place, as provided in Rule 31a)(vi).

Calculation: The number of team places in a league shall be calculated by adding together the number of team places in each division of that league; the number of team-places in a division shall be calculated by multiplying the number of teams in the division by the lowest number of players required by the rules of the league to constitute a full team.

Rule 31(a) In (vi), delete "1/- per team" and substitute 3d per team place for each team".

Rule 32(ii) Add at end "and the number of players required to make up a team in that League".

Mr Brown (Leeds) spoke to the motion as set down by his League. He stated that he had already spoke on this matter at the Special General Meeting of the ETTA and he wished to speak again on the subject because the "Team Place" was the most logical and equitable method of charging fees. He appreciated that at the SGM the NEC did not have strong feelings about the matter for they wanted an increase in their income and they did not mind which way this was achieved. Mr Brown stated that he appreciated that some people would pay less and some more under this new idea, but he was not worried about this at all; all he wanted to establish was the principle. This proposition was duly seconded by Mr Wright (North Acton).

Amendment to Proposition No 2 - Proposed by Slough & District TTL

Amend above Proposition in Rule 9(a)(i) by substituting "2/6" for "2/-", "5/-" for "4/-" and "7/6" for "6/-"; in 9(a)(ii) by substituting "1/3" for "1/-"; in Rule 9(a)(iii) by substituting "1/3" for "1/-".

Mr Wickens (Slough) in proposing this amendment stated that it was a simple one of increasing the fees. For instance, the team place fee would become 2/6d instead of 2/-d etc. Mr Jaschke (Kent) seconded this amendment. Mr Randall (Portsmouth) asked the Treasurer how much the change of this amendment would bring in, in total, to the ETTA. Mr Blunn stated that he had prepared a document on this subject which everyone in the room had a copy of. In continuing, Mr Blunn stated that the NEC wanted an increase in the cash available to the ETTA. They were mainly concerned with the extra cash and not really worried about the method. He felt that this meeting should decide the method. He knew that some members favoured an individual subscription from each member and in his view, the team place fee was the first step in this direction. Mr Blunn continued by stating that the expenses of the Association increased each year. We had come out with a loss this year and this state of affairs could not continue. Together with this, the Association could not expand because it was continually limited by finance.

He stated that the Office salaries to the employees should be higher, that costs of the Office would increase when we moved to the new building and although the Ministry had stated they would help, they would not pay the total increase and the Association would have to find extra money. He continued by stating that the money received in affiliation fees was expended on administration whilst the Working Account items were 95% financed by outside cash. Next season, without doubt, the administrative expenses would increase, there would be more costs for the National Council and, therefore, the Association needed more money. The Development Commission had stated that a large increase should be called for :end then it would not be necessary to come to each AGM asking for additional money. The extra money would be kept in reserve until it was needed. Mr Blunn hoped that all members present had now decided on whether they wanted a team basis or a team place basis.

Mr Killmister (LCS) supported the amendment because he was satisfied that the Association wanted extra money. Mr Reeve (Wembley & Harrow) supported the amendment and stated that his League wished it was a greater sum. He suggested that any member present who was against the increase in fees should be outside table tennis circles and although he appreciated that the Government would assist financially, they would certainly not do this if the Association did not help itself. He strongly supported the Slough representative and hoped all present would do likewise. Mr Jaschke (Kent) also supported the Slough amendment; he would not

support 10/ per team but he certainly would add his vote to the 2/6d per team place. Mr Parr (Blackpool) asked whether any alteration made at this meeting would affect the position for the 1964/5 season. The Chairman stated it would take effect immediately. Mr Hayes (Leicester) wondered whether those present and the other members realised this fact. The Chairman stated that this should have been obvious for there was nothing on the Order Paper to suggest that any alteration would come into operation in twelve months' time.

Mr Jones (Manchester) stated that his forms for next season had already gone out with the 8/- per team basis stated as the fee basis. Mr Jaschke agreed with Mr Jones and at this stage, Mr Hoddy thought that the meeting had departed from the Order Paper and that this matter would have to be opposed in any case. Mr White then proposed that the Standing Orders of the meeting be suspended so that a decision could be taken on whether Proposition No.1 and 2 should not take effect until the 1965/6 season. Mr Parr (Blackpool) seconded this and it was agreed that the Standing Orders for the meeting be suspended.

On the question of whether the fee alterations became operative straight away or not until the 1965/0 season, Mr Wickens (Slough) stated that the motion was sent out in time for Leagues to appreciate the position. Mr Robson (Northumberland) however, thought that the Special General Meeting decisions were operative for the 1964/5 season and had not appreciated that alterations at this meeting would affect this. After all the 8/- per team basis had not yet been tried. Mr Corser (Watford) endorsed this remark and stated that if the increases were to be immediate then this should have been made clear on the Order Paper. At this stage, Mr Mayne (London Civil Service) proposed that a vote should be taken on whether any increase in fees should become operative: in the 1964/65 season or await a year and become operative in the year 1965/66 and this was seconded and agreed. The Chairman then asked the members to vote on whether any increase in fees should wait until the 1965/66 season and on the show of hands decided that a block vote should be taken. Various members expressed views on whether this decision really required a block vote, but the Chairmen ruled that this was so.

At this stage a tea interval was taken and on the resumption of the meeting the Chairman gave details of the voting which showed that 3,238 votes had been cast FOR the proposition and 1,359 AGAINST. The Chairman declared that any increase in fees would, therefore, not take effect until the 1965/66 season. It was then proposed, seconded and agreed to resume Standing Orders for the meeting. The Chairman then called for a vote on the Amendment to Proposition No 2 as proposed by Slough, and on being put to the vote, this amendment was carried. The Chairman then asked members to consider Proposition No 2 which now included the details as set out in the Amendment to Proposition No 2. Mr Hartley (Bromley) stated that in his view the financial position of the ETTA was not so desperate as the Treasure. had suggested. Mr Hartley continued by giving facts about teams ;playing 3-a-side and 4 and 5-a-side and he was of the opinion that the current affiliation basis should not be changed. Mr Hoddy (Northmet) stated that he could not agree with the thoughts expressed by Mr Hartley for his facts were not correct and gave details as to why he said this. Mr Killmister (London Civil Service) agreed with Mr Hoddy and thought that the team place basis was the fairest basis of all. The Chairman then asked Mr Brown (Leeds) to reply to the debate. Mr Brown stated that some members present might be against the team place basis because it might mean a little more work. He appreciated that many facts were in favour of a team basis, rut was still of the opinion that the team place basis was the fairest and most equitable to all concerned. He therefore hoped that his League's proposition would receive the support of the members present.

The Chairman then put Proposition No 2 to the vote and on a show of hands declared same carried.

Proposition No 1 - Proposed by Hertfordshire TTA

Rule 9(a) In (i), for "8/-" substitute "10/-"

Mr Game (Hertfordshire) asked permission of the meeting to withdraw his County's proposition. This was agreed.

Amendment No 1 to Proposition No 1 - Proposed by NEC

Add to foregoing proposition "and in Rule 31(g)(i), for "17½%" substitute "20%"

It was agreed that this amendment be withdrawn.

Amendment No 2 to Proposition No 1 - Proposed by NEC

Add to foregoing proposition "and in Rule 9(a)(30, for "4/-" substitute "5/-"

It was agreed that this amendment be withdrawn.

Proposition No 3 (to be proposed by Slough & District TTL. only if Proposition No. 2 passed in amended form)

Rule 31(g) In (i), for "17½%" substitute "20%".

Mr Wickens (Slough) proposed this motion and this was duly seconded by Mr N K Reeve (Wembley & Harrow). Mr Killmister (LCS) asked when this increase in the County Rebate would take effect, would it be for the 1964/65 season or the 1965/66 season. The Chairman ruled that all financial propositions had to keep in

step and, therefore, the extra Rebate would come into effect in the 1965/66 season. On being put to the vote this proposition was duly carried.

Proposition No 4 - Proposed by Staffordshire TTA

In Rules 21(b), 21(e), 22(a), 22(d), 22(f), 22(g), for "four" substitute "six".

Mr Scott (Staffordshire) spoke to the motion and gave his County's views on the question of increasing the number of members for the Management Committee from 4 to 6. His County wished to ensure that the North and Midlands got fair representation on the Management Committee and with the larger number they felt that this would be ensured. This motion was seconded by Mr Parks (Nottingham). Mr Hoddy (Northmet) wished to ask Mr Scott how he thought the larger number of 6 persons would ensure representation from the North and Midlands when the number of 4 would not. In Mr Hoddy's view, there was no guarantee here and it would only increase the costs of the ETTA in this regard. Mr Scott agreed that there was no guarantee. Mr Hartley (Bromley) stated that Kent had put this proposition at the SGM and at that time he had been of the opinion that 6 was a more workable number because there would be more people knowledgeable as to the day to day workings of the Association. However, he could not agree that all the four members elected to the Management Committee would necessarily come from the South and he could, therefore, not support the proposition. Mr Killmister (LCS) opposed the proposition on account of the extra costs. He stated that fee increases had just been put off for a year and he suggested that the number of the Management Committee members should be kept to four until the Association knew what costs were involved. Mr Jaschke (Kent) stated that he would not support the proposition, but if all the Management Committee members came from the South then he would be prepared to think again. Mr Watts (Sussex) stated that he could not support the proposition and he would choose the four best men, irrespective of whether they came from the South, North, East or West. On being put to the vote this proposition was defeated.

Proposition No 5 - (To be proposed by Staffordshire TTA only if Proposition No 4 passed)

Rule 21(e), For "one Officer" substitute "two Officers"

It was proposed, seconded and agreed that this proposition be withdrawn.

Proposition No 6 - (To be proposed by Staffordshire TTA only if Proposition No 4 passed)

Rule 22(7) Add: "Note 1. In order to obtain a reasonably balanced representation the country shall be divided into two sections by a line approximating from Birmingham to The Wash. Not more than three members shall then be elected from each section."

It was proposed, seconded and agreed that this proposition be withdrawn.

Proposition No 7 - to be proposed by Staffordshire TTA only if Proposition No 4 passed

Rule 22(a) Add "Note 1. In order to obtain a reasonably balanced representation the country shall be divided into two sections by a line approximating from Birmingham to The Wash. Not more than two members shall then be elected from each section."

Mr Scott (Staffordshire) asked permission to withdraw this motion, but Mr Wickens (Slough) moved that the withdrawal be not accepted. This was seconded by Mr Parr (Blackpool). Mr Wickens stated that he would like to hear the views of members on this matter and the Chairman agreed that views should be asked for. Mr Brown (Leeds) stated that he did not like the idea of a line from Birmingham to The Wash, because complications might well arise with a member living right on the imaginary border line. Also, why should the line be drawn from East to West and not North to South. Mr Clewer (London Business Houses) stated that in his view, it was up to the National Council to select the best four men for the Management Committee and areas as such should not come into the thoughts on this matter. Mr Scott (Staffordshire) in reply stated that he hoped that the meeting would give support to the basis of the idea which his County had put forward, because they genuinely felt that representation on the Management Committee should cover the whole Country. On being put to the vote this proposition was defeated.

Proposition No 8 - Proposed by London Civil Service TTL

Rule 31(a) In (ii), last sentence, between "London" and ".", insert "but those Leagues which would, but for this provision, be affiliated thereto shall be entitled collectively to elect one Councillor to the National Council".

Mr Killmister (London Civil Service) asked leave to withdraw this proposition but he qualified his remarks here stating that his League wished only to do this if no other London League wished to take over the proposition which his League had formulated. Mr Crane (Insurance Offices) stated that he wished to take over this proposition and this was agreed by the meeting. Mr Crane (Insurance Offices) therefore, speaking to this

motion, stated that there were special circumstances for the London Leagues who in fact played table tennis in their offices directly after work. These London Leagues felt that they should be represented on the National Council in order for their views to be expressed at a national level and he went on to explain the difficulties in which these Leagues found themselves, when their members could come from approximately 10 Counties around the Central London area. They did not wish to form a County of London, all they wanted to do was to have an Association of the London Leagues to play matches (not County Matches) and to have a voice in national affairs. This proposition was seconded by Mr Forrest (Wandsworth). Mr Forrest felt that the suggestion made by Mr Crane was a fair one and the Association should agree as this would be the fairest solution to a difficult problem.

Mr Corser (Watford) was of the opinion that if the players in these London Leagues came from Counties around London, then they were already represented by the Councillor in that County. Mr Hoddy Northmet stated that at the last AGM it was suggested that a representative of these London Leagues should attend the County Secretaries' Conference but at that time it was stated that nothing more was required by these Leagues. Mr Hoddy was of the opinion that the categorical assurance given at that meeting that these London Leagues wanted nothing further was now proved to be incorrect, as now they were asking for a Councillor on the National Council. In Mr Hoddy's opinion, this latest request was quite wrong. Mr Killmister (London Civil Service) stated he had to reply to the thoughts expressed by Mr Hoddy as he made the statement at the last AGM to which Mr Hoddy referred.

Mr Killmister stated that since that time, the Special General Meeting had been held and the whole structure of the ETTA had changed, and the London Leagues were now debarred from representation in national affairs. He had wished to withdraw his League's proposition because his League's AGM had decided that the Leagues should become members of one of the present Counties. Mr Clewer (London Business Houses) stated that he hoped this motion would be defeated. He was of the opinion that the meeting called by the Chairman with representatives of the London Leagues had been very worthwhile and he hoped that the Chairman would bring the parties together again to get some reasonable solution to all. The Rules could then be changed at the next AGM of the Association. Mr Reeve (Wembley & Harrow) stated that the London Leagues appeared to want a representative on the National Council but did not wish to carry out the activities of a County. In his view it would be wrong for these London Leagues to have the same voice at National Council meetings as the other County Associations.

At this stage, the Chairman stated that the National Council and the Officers would be pleased to have a further discussion with the London League representatives if it was felt that such a meeting would help to iron out the points in dispute. Mr Blunn then stated that there were other areas in the Country which could well be considered on the same basis as the London Leagues. He felt that this matter had to be very carefully considered before any relaxation to the present rules could be agreed. Mr Crane (Insurance Offices), replying to the debate stated that he appreciated the various points put forward but he felt that it was clear that there were a number of members who were for his League's ideas. It was also true that the best players in the London Leagues did affiliate through an existing County but the bulk of the players were not so affiliated. Here was a case of the London Leagues fighting to get a Councillor and they had members who he was sure could make a contribution to the game, yet 14 Counties had not troubled to nominate a member to the National Council and he felt that this point should be considered. On being put to the vote this proposition was defeated.

Proposition No 9 - (To be proposed by London Civil Service TTL only if Proposition No 8 not passed)

Rule 31(a) In (ii), delete whole of last sentence (ie "There shall be no County of London")

Mr Killmister (London Civil Service) asked leave to withdraw this proposition and this was agreed.

Proposition No 10 - Proposed by Swindon & District TTL

Rule 4(a) In (13), after "a club", delete "the membership of which is restricted to persons under 21 years of age and" and in Rule 4(a)(14), after "A league", insert "the membership of which is restricted to persons under 21 years of age and "

Mr Smith (Swindon) proposed this proposition which was duly seconded by Mr Wright (North Acton). On being put to the vote this proposition was duly carried.

RESOLUTION - Proposed by Liverpool & District TTL

That in order to spread the financial cost of League representatives attending Annual or Special General Meeting the following be put into effect:

Any League wishing to claim travelling expenses for its representative or representatives (maximum 2) attending an ETTA Annual General or Special General Meeting shall submit its claim to the ETTA Treasurer. Within 28 days after the date of the meeting the total amount claimed shall be divided by

the number of Leagues represented at that meeting and each of the Leagues debited with the resultant amount; the amount claimed and the amount levied on each League could be debited or credited to that League's account for the following season".

Mr Upton (Liverpool) speaking on this resolution, stated that his League felt that Annual General Meetings of the Association should be well supported. His League were of the opinion that members did not attend because of the cost of so doing. This resolution was duly seconded by Mr Parr (Blackpool).

Amendment No 1 to Resolution - Proposed by Leeds & District TTL

Insert "Local" before "League" in all places.

Mr Brown (Leeds) stated that this amendment was one of tidying up. This was seconded by Mr Wickens (Slough) and being put to the vote was duly carried.

Amendment No 2 to resolution - Proposed by Leeds & District TTL, seconded by Warrington & District TTL

Delete "or representatives (maximum 2)"

Mr Brown (Leeds) proposed this motion which was seconded by Mr Fackrell (Warrington). On being put to the vote this amendment was duly carried.

Amendment No 3 to resolution - Proposed by Leeds & District TTL

For "Leagues represented at that meeting" substitute "Local Leagues affiliated to the Association".

Mr Brown (Leeds) proposed this amendment stating that in the view of his League the costs should be spread amongst the whole of the membership. Mr Wright (North Acton) seconded this motion. On being put to the vote this amendment was duly carried.

Amendment No 4 to Resolution (To be proposed by Warrington & District TTL if Amendment No 3 not passed)

Between "number of Leagues" and "represented" insert "personally"

Mr Fackrell (Warrington) asked for this amendment to be withdrawn and this was agreed.

Amendment No 5 to resolution - Proposed by London Civil Service TTL

Mr Killmister (London Civil Service) stated that if this Resolution was passed a separate charge would have to be made on all Leagues. His League therefore felt that this charge should be included in the affiliation fees. Mr Wickens (Slough) seconded this amendment. Mr Wickens was of the opinion that to share the costs over the whole of the Leagues in the country would be the fairest way of dealing with this matter. Mr Hoddy (Northmet) stated that the question of travelling expenses could not be accepted here. Members, if they knew that their fares would be paid, might well travel 1st class and put in extra expenses if others were paying for same. Again, should the AGM be held in the North and all the Leagues in the South be represented, then the Leagues in the North might find themselves saddled with a great expense which obviously was a point which had not been taken into account in the Liverpool resolution. Mr Blunn was horrified at the suggestion that the expenses of Leagues travelling to the AGM should be paid out of ETTA Funds. He stated that it had taken five years to get an increase in fees and now the members present were suggesting that travelling expenses to the AGM should come out of this income. The amount of money involved could well reach £5,000 and to suggest that this amount of money came out of ETTA Funds was really quite ridiculous. On being put to the veto this amendment was defeated.

Amendment No 6 to Resolution - (To be proposed by Warrington & District TTL if Amendment No 5 not passed)

Delete from "the amount claimed" to end of Resolution.

Mr Fackrell (Warrington) asked for this amendment to be withdrawn and this was agreed.

The Chairman then reminded members that they had to consider the Liverpool Resolution which had now been amended by Amendments 1, 2 and 3. Mr Jaschke (Kent) stated that in his view the present arrangement was not fair and he suggested that the AGM should be taken round the country, which would make it reasonable for all to attend at some time over a period of years. Mr Atkinson (Lines) stated that he would oppose this Resolution as there was no mention in the form of words of the type of travel involved. If Leagues knew that their expenses would be paid they would all turn up, whereas, at the moment the most interested people did attend and those were the persons really wanted at those meetings. Mr Watts (Sussex) stated that in his view the people who were not at the AGM were not present, not because of finance but because of lack of interest. Mr Mayne (London Civil Service) agreed with Mr Watts, stating that this was made very obvious when the AGM was held in Manchester. Most of those present in Manchester came from the South. In reply, Mr Upton

(Liverpool) thought that if the AGM was taken around the country this would be a very good thing for the Association. Together with this, he did not think people would overcharge with reference to their expenses as everyone at the moment tried to attend the meetings at the lowest possible cost. On being put to the vote this resolution was defeated.

8 REPORT OF THE NEC REGARDING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION REPORT: This document, written by the Chairman of the Association, was duly noted.

9 REPORT OF THE ELECTORAL REFORM SOCIETY ON THE ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN, DEPUTY CHAIRMAN, TREASURER & MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL: The Chairman stated that all members present would have before them the details of the elections for the 1964/65 season. He wished to thank the Scrutineers (Messrs A K Vint and E G White) on behalf of all the members for their work in connection with the elections. He wished to say at this stage that Miss Fry, Messrs Jones and Landry had not been returned and wished to thank them all for their great efforts for the ETTA over the past many years. They would be very much missed and this statement was received with acclamation. Mr Eyles continued by stating that it would be seen that 14 Counties would not be represented on the National Council and at this stage he wished to read to the meeting the Report of the Electoral Reform Society.

After this had been carried out, Mr Ellis (Mansfield) stated that the nomination form for his League had been sent in by the proper time but had apparently arrived too late. This nomination form must have been delayed in the post. Mr Eyles stated that it was appreciated that this state of affairs was very unsatisfactory and he would refer the whole question to the first meeting of the National Council to see what could be done. Mr Jaschke (Kent) asked whether the meeting wished to do anything about the Counties who had not nominated anyone to the National Council. A further election might be considered but Mr Killmister (London Civil Service) stated that although he was in sympathy with the thoughts expressed, the SGM had agreed that nothing should be done if persons were not elected to the National Council. He reminded the meeting that Middlesex had tabled a motion at the SGM stating that this situation might arise and covering the matter very reasonably, but the SGM had voted against this suggestion and, therefore, matters should remain as they were. After further discussion it was agreed that the whole matter should be referred to the National Council for their further consideration.

10 ELECTION OF PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENTS & AUDITORS

President On behalf of the NEC Mr James proposed that the Hon I G S Montagu should be re-elected. This was agreed.

Vice-Presidents Mr James on behalf of the NEC proposed the re-election of the following persons:

F A Amies	R C Hurford	D S Purr
H M Bunbury	C Kichenside	J Siddron
Mrs D L Bunbury	K Mackenzie	Miss A Stevens
E F Christopher	D W Poupard	J Thompson

These were agreed.

Mr James also proposed on behalf of the NEC consideration of the following persons for Vice-Presidents of the Association:

Mr W G Allen	V Barna
Austin Harrison	A W C Simons
A A Haydon	J P Mulcahy
J A Leach	R Williams

These were agreed.

Auditors Mr Blunn proposed the re-election of Spain Bros on behalf of the NEC and, this was agreed.

11 NOMINATION OF HON LIFE MEMBERS

The NEC had no nominations to make this year for Hon Life Members. This was duly noted.

12 ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

(a) Scrutineers for Management Committee Elections. The meeting agreed that Messrs A K Vint and E G White should be elected as the Scrutineers and both members stated their willingness to serve in this connection.

(b) Mr Burtenshaw of Kent asked whether the Coaching Sub-Committee could have a Diploma Coach added to their number. The Chairman stated that this matter would be referred to the National Council.

(c) Mr Clewer (London Business Houses) asked whether the National Council would look into the question of

adding a rule in the constitution which would state that amendments to Financial Rules, if passed, would not become operative until the following season. Mr Jones (Manchester) also asked if the National Council would look into the question of holding AGMs in April each year, as this would mean that the ETTA AGM would be held before League AGMs. The Chairman stated that he would refer both these points to the National Council.

(d) Mr Killmister (London Civil Service) asked if the Rules Committee could be asked to look into the matter of procedure being inserted in the Rules. The point at issue in his opinion was whether amendments to Rules should have a simple or a 2/3 majority and also if the proposer of an amendment should have the right of reply or not. The Chairman stated that this point would also be considered by the National Council.

(e) Mr Hayes (Leicester) asked whether the circulation of the amendments to Rules etc., could be sent out in triplicate. Mr Eyles stated that this matter would be considered.

(f) The Chairman asked members present whether they would like the AGMs of the Association to go round the country. The members agreed that this would be a good idea.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting, thanking the members for their attendance. At this stage, Mr Vint proposed a vote of thanks to Mr Eyles for conducting this AGM in such an efficient manner and this was received with acclamation. The meeting closed at 6.17pm.