

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION HELD IN THE MIDLAND HOTEL, NEW STREET, BIRMINGHAM ON SATURDAY 3RD JULY 1965, COMMENCING AT 2.30PM

PRESENT	I C Eyles (in the Chair) G James (Deputy Chairman) T Blunn (Hon Treasurer)
Members of National Council:	Mrs F Jarvis, Messrs Clemett, Cook, Davis, Dewar, Game, Greatrex, Goldstein, Lijinsky, Mitton, Reay, Reeve, Reeves, Robson, Scott, Thompson, Watts and Walker
Hon Life Members:	A K Vint, OBE, E G White
Representatives of County Associations:	Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Cheshire, Derbyshire, Durham, Devonshire, Essex, Gloucestershire, Hampshire, Hertfordshire, Kent, Lancashire, Lincolnshire, Leicestershire, Middlesex, Northumberland, Oxfordshire, Staffordshire, Surrey, Sussex, Warwickshire, Worcestershire, Yorkshire.
Leagues:	Ashton-u-Lyne, Barking, Birmingham, Bristol, Bromley, Bolton SSE, Hertford, Insurance Offices, Kidderminster, Leeds, Leicester, Liverpool, London Civil Service, Mid-Cheshire, Norwich, North Acton, Nuneaton, Reading, Salisbury, Scarborough, Slough, Sunderland, Walsall, Wembley & Harrow, West Bromwich, Willesden, Wolverhampton.
Other Organisations: Directly Affiliated	Western Counties
Individuals:	J Corser, M Kriss
In attendance:	D Peter Lowen (Secretary), J H Carrington (Director of Coaching), Mrs N K Reeve (Minutes)
Apologies for absence:	Hon I G S Montagu (President), C Jaschke, L G Adams, A R Bunt, L S Woollard and Dorchester TTL

1 CHAIRMAN'S WELCOMING REMARKS:

Mr Eyles welcomed all delegates present and hoped that the meeting would be a useful and helpful one. He was, however, disappointed with the attendance because at the last AGM delegates had stated that it would be a good idea to move the meetings around the Country which would give the various members of the Association a chance to attend when the meetings were in or near their areas.

2 ADOPTION OF STANDING ORDERS AND REPORT OF STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE

The Standing Orders which had been circulated were adopted. With reference to the Report of the SO Committee the Chairman stated that the main point of substance was whether the AGM wished to appoint the Standing Orders Committee or whether this matter should remain with the National Council. It was proposed, seconded and agreed that in future the Annual General Meeting should elect the members of the Standing Orders Committee on the basis laid down in the Report and that the election for 1965/66 should take place later in this meeting.

3 APPOINTMENT OF TELLERS:

The Chairman proposed that Messrs Vint and White should be appointed. Mr White stated that he did not wish to act in this capacity as he was representing a League and therefore might wish to speak during the meeting. It was proposed, seconded and agreed that Messrs Motlow and Vint should be the Tellers for this meeting. These were confirmed.

(No para 4)

5 REPORT OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31ST MAY 1965

The Chairman stated that he would take the Report, which had been circulated, paragraph by paragraph and if any member wished to raise a point about the work of the Association over the past twelve months, he would like them to do so under the appropriate headings:

Paragraph 4 - County Boundaries It was pointed out that there might be a necessity to provide for a London Area.

Paragraph 6 - European Championships The Chairman stated that the organisation for the 1966 event to be organised by this Association had now been set up.

Paragraph 8 - Master Points Scheme The Chairman stated that this paragraph might be read to infer that Mr Harrower had only been connected with the scheme in its first year. He wished to point out that Mr Harrower

had of course dealt with the Scheme for the whole of its first year and had carried out two-thirds of the work in this connection in the second year. This was duly noted.

Paragraph 12 - Selection and Ranking Mr Wyles (Kent) stated that he was a little worried about the international matches being shown on television. He appreciated that such matches were important from a financial point of view but was of the opinion that this method of dealing with such matches would be detrimental in the long run. He felt that some attempt should be made to stage international matches for a paying public and provide the public with a fine spectacle. The Chairman thought that such matches on television were useful from the game's point of view as the match was shown in so many people's homes, who would not otherwise see them. Mr James also in reply to Mr Wyles, stated that it was not only the money we received from the television company which was important and useful to the Association, but, in this way the players of the Association had the opportunity to take part which was all to the good from an experience point of view. Mr Wyles continued by saying that he appreciated the points made but would like to see other international matches arranged, which were not shown on television. Mr Eyles in reply stated that a letter had been sent to all Leagues and Counties asking for them to give the Association a list of suitable venues for such matches and it might well be that in the near future we might again be able to stage such matches in the way suggested by Mr Wyles. Mr Corser took the opposite view to Mr Wyles, stating that he hoped that more international matches might be shown on television as in this way the leading players' names became household words. Mr Wright (North Acton) hoped that the televised international matches would continue, but he hoped that they could be arranged without clashing with County Championships matches. The Chairman stated that this request would be noted, but clashes unfortunately might always occur in such a congested calendar of events.

Paragraph 14 - Umpires and Referees Mr Wyles asked for information about the League Umpire Scheme, as he had not heard anything about this lately and wondered whether the scheme was still in operation. Mr Clemett in reply stated that the scheme was still in being but recently no enquiries had been made.

Paragraph 17 - National County Championships Mr Wright (North Acton) stated that at the last AGM of that body, the name had been changed to County Table Tennis Championships. This was noted. Mr Eyles also stated that at the County Championships AGM the members present had decided not to dissolve themselves and become part of the ETTA but to remain as a sovereign body.

Paragraph 18 - ITTF Mr Eyles stated that members would note the changes of the Laws of the Game etc which had been agreed in Yugoslavia at the last World Championships. These changes were for an experimental period of 2 years from 1st July 1965. Mr White(London Civil Service) stated that the proposed changes had been agreed in the Spring and yet no mention was made of them on the Agenda so that this meeting could agree or not whether to accept these changes for play in England. Mr Eyles explained that the changes were purely those of experimentation, the actual laws would not be changed until experience showed that they were for the common good and therefore this was why no mention. On the question of the "Pen-Hold" type of bat, Mr Wright(North Acton) stated that a certain manufacturer appeared to be producing such a bat with a shiny surface on the "wooden" side of the racket. It was agreed that this matter should be taken up with the manufacturers concerned. Returning to the question of the experimental period with reference to the changes in the laws, it was agreed that the members would be asked for their experiences before the Association gave its views to the ITTF. A referendum would be taken. After further discussion it was agreed to carry out the proposed experiments for the 2 years. However, these items should be discussed at the next AGM so that the Association would get some idea from the membership how the experiments were working.

Paragraph 21 - ETTA Lottery The Chairman stated that he hoped all Counties would give their support as the financial side of the Lottery would be vital for the 1966 European Championships which the Association had undertaken to organise. He also stated that Mrs Jaschke had agreed to take over the organisation of this lottery from her husband, so no other person was required to assist at the present time. A vote of thanks was proposed to Mrs Jaschke and this was received with acclamation.

Paragraph 22 - ETTA Office The Chairman stated that the Officers had recently attended on the new Government Sports Council. Many matters had been discussed which it was hoped would bring further Grant Aid to the Association.

Paragraph 23 - Conclusion Mr Eyles again thanked the various ladies who had helped the Association during the past 12 months. Without their assistance the work of other members would have considerably increased. No words could express his gratitude to these ladies. Mr Clemett stated that the words "National Executive Committee" on the Report were incorrect. These words should have read "National Council". The adoption of the Report was proposed, seconded and agreed.

6 HON TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr Blunn commenced his statement saying how much he appreciated the work of the Auditors in dealing with

the Association's accounts in such a short time. He mentioned the notes which he had inserted on the Balance Sheet dealing with the Master Points Scheme and the Japanese and Chinese Tours and he felt that the £400 put down regarding the former item was probably about correct. Mr Mitton was now finalising his figures. The question of the Japanese and Chinese Tours was not yet nearly settled but he thought that the profit would be in the region of £2,000. However, members must remember that this was a non-recurring item. Members would note, continued Mr Blunn, that over the past 2 years the Accumulated Fund had reduced by approximately £800. and he would suggest in due course when the profits from the Japanese and Chinese Tours were known that part of this money was put back to the Accumulated Fund in order to keep this figure in a healthy position. Two future items in which he thought the meeting might be interested were, firstly, the lottery which had been mentioned earlier in the meeting and also a new scheme which had been agreed with the manufacturers. The manufacturers had agreed to set up a Fund where 1d. in the £ on all Home Sales would be paid to the ETTA, with certain other manufacturers who would have difficulty in arriving at their table tennis sales (such as clothing manufacturers) paying a donation to the Fund. The Fund would probably provide £1,500 next season and would be retrospective from July 1964, but no ball rebate would be received which would make the difference of approximately £1,000 to commence with. The money would not go into General Funds but would be acquired for specific purposes when the ETTA asked for it. The Master Points Scheme still showed increased interest and Mr Blunn hoped that income from this source would rise next season. Mr Blunn also stated that more might be done from the sales of publications and badges etc. He hoped that a Promotional Department might be set up next season to deal exclusively with this item. Mr Blunn also hoped that the discussions held with the members of the Sports Council might lead to further aid being received from them, which would assist the development of a number of ideas which were now in mind. With reference to the European Championships 1966, financial plans would be made known in the near future and he hoped that all members would do their utmost to help and assist in every possible way. Members asked various questions on the accounts which Mr Blunn answered to their satisfaction. The report of the Hon. Treasurer was adopted.

7 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO RULES

Proposition No 1 (proposed by National Council)

Add new Rule as follows:

- 4(a)(12a) Season The period commencing the day after completion of an Annual General Meeting and ending on the day when the next Annual General Meeting is completed.

Mr Blunn proposed this alteration on behalf of the National Council. It was purely one of tidying up. On being put to the vote this alteration was agreed.

Proposition No 2 (proposed by National Council)

Delete Rule 7 and insert:

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- (a) Every applicant for affiliation to the Association shall complete the current affiliation form and shall sign it on behalf of himself or of the League or Club for which application is being made.
 - (b)
 - (i) Such form shall then be submitted to the appropriate County Association (if any) which shall indicate whether the application is approved or not.
 - (ii) If approval of the application be not given or refused by the County Association within 28 days it shall be deemed to be refused.
 - (iii) If approval of the application be refused or deemed refused the applicant may apply to the National Council for the approval of the County Association to be dispensed with. If such application be refused, the applicant may appeal to the Board of Appeal.
 - (iv) In the event of any application or appeal as mentioned in Rule 7(b)(iii) the County Association concerned shall provide a written statement of its reasons for not approving the application. If such statement is not provided the application or appeal shall forthwith be granted or allowed.
 - (c)
 - (i) Every application for affiliation approved by a County Association (if appropriate), or for which such approval shall have been dispensed with, shall be granted or refused by the Management Committee which shall have the power to refuse without giving reasons.
 - (ii) An applicant may appeal to the National Council against refusal by the Management Committee.

Mr Blunn proposed this alteration on behalf of the National Council.

Amendment to Proposition No 2 (proposed by Sussex TTA)

Amend Proposition No 2 in Rule 7(c) (ii) by adding the following:

For the purpose of this rule refusal shall be deemed if the Management Committee has not accepted or refused within 28 days of the application being made or, if a County Association's consent be necessary, within 28 days of such consent being given or dispensed with.

Mr Watts (Sussex) proposed this amendment stating that his County's views were that this curtailed the amount of time the National Council or Management Committee could sit on a new application. This whole matter had been thought out by his County Committee because of a delay which had occurred during the past season. Mr Blunn stated that the National Council accepted this amendment as being beneficial to all. On being put to the vote this amendment was duly carried. The Chairman then returned to the main proposition which now carried the wording of the amendment by Sussex TTA. Discussion ensued on this proposal and Mr Reeve (Middlesex) asked for an assurance that the new wording would not mean that the County had to collect ETТА fees. Mr Blunn stated that there was no compulsion about this matter. On being put to the vote this proposal was agreed.

Proposition No 3 (to be proposed by Sussex TTA if Proposition No 2 not carried)

Amend Rule 7 as follows:

Add at end "If the Management Committee has made no decision on an application within one month of the date of its receipt by the General Secretary then the applicant shall have the right to appeal to the National Council as if the application had been refused. The meeting agreed to Mr Watts' (Sussex) request to withdraw this proposition.

Proposition No 4 (proposed by Insurance Offices TTA)

Amend Rule 28(a) as follows:

Delete "in the last week" and "the first week"

Mr Crane (Insurance Offices) proposed this motion stating that the AGM of the ETТА always coincided with the Finals of the Wimbledon Championships and as Lawn Tennis was more closely allied to Table Tennis than any other sport, then it would be pleasant if this clash was not always so. Under the proposed amendment put up by his League 8 or 9 Saturdays would be available to the Association as a choice. Mr Wickens (Bucks) stated that under the present rule, 2 Saturdays only were required and it was therefore easier for members to keep these 2 Saturdays free until they had the actual dates, than to keep 8 or 9 free as now suggested. Such an increase of possible dates would make the whole position worse. Mr Blunn stated that the National Council opposed this proposals and supported the point made by the last speaker. Mr Corser (Watford) supported Mr Crane stating that two Saturdays could always be selected at the previous AGM and this would mean that the same dates would not have to be used as was now the current practice. Replying to the debate Mr Crane stated that he felt his League's proposal would be of advantage to all concerned, especially those members who wished to watch the Finals of Wimbledon and were prevented from doing so at the present time year after year. On being put to the vote this proposition was defeated.

Before taking the next propositions, the Chairman thought that to save time the meeting might like to agree whether they wished Disciplinary Rules inserted in the Constitution or not. The Chairman continued by saying that last season a case had arisen which it had been impossible to deal with owing to the fact that no Rules were in existence in the Constitution. After further discussion it was agreed that such Rules were necessary.

Proposition No 5 (proposed by National Council)

Add new Rule 41A as follows:

41A Any player having accepted selection by the Association to attend any international match or other event and without good and sufficient cause either refusing to comply with the arrangements of the National Council or any of its sub-committees for playing the match or event, or failing to attend the same, may be adjudged by the National Council to have been guilty of misconduct, and any member adjudged to have encouraged such player to commit a breach of instruction or rule shall be deemed guilty of a like offence.

Mr Blunn, proposing this motion on behalf of the National Council, stated that he did not think it necessary to say more than that this proposition and the following ones covered all the details regarding disciplinary rules. He did not think it necessary to explain each rule separately as one was consequential on another. Mr Scott (Staffordshire) therefore proposed this motion which was seconded by Mr Reeve(Middlesex). It was pointed out that the heading above the suggested position of these new Rules in the Handbook at the present time was incorrect and that the words Registered Members as a heading related only to a specific Rule and not all following. On being put to the vote this proposition was duly agreed.

Proposition No 6 (proposed by National Council)

Add new Rule 41B as follows:

41B No member of affiliated organisation shall play table tennis with or against or take part in any table tennis function in conjunction with any suspended organisation or member.

This proposition was moved by Mr Reeve (Middlesex) and seconded by Mr Watts(Sussex). Mr Mitchell (Kent) stated that his County supported the general proposals but were concerned about the word "function". He gave

his County's views about the difficulties of enforcing this new rule unless the word "function" was defined. Mr Blunn suggested that the meeting should accept the rule as it was worded at the moment and ask the National Council to look into the question of defining the word "function" during the coming season. On being put to the vote this proposition was agreed.

Proposition No 7 (proposed by National Council)

Add new Rule 41C(a) and (b) as follows

- 41C (a) In the event of any act, statement, writing, conduct or matter not provided for elsewhere which, in the opinion of the National Council is likely to bring the game of table tennis into disrepute, the National Council may request the member responsible for such act, statement, writing, conduct or matter (hereinafter called "the offender" to give a written undertaking not to repeat such act, statement, writing, conduct or matter, nor to do or commit any similar act, statement, writing, conduct or matter. In default of such undertaking being given within seven days from the sending of a written request to the offender, or if such undertaking is given and there is any breach thereof, then such default or breach shall be misconduct.
- (b) The National Council shall have the power to resolve that any such act, statement, writing, conduct or matter as is mentioned in Rule 41C (a) is in itself misconduct and shall be dealt with as such.

This proposition was proposed, seconded and agreed.

Proposition No 8 (proposed by National Council)

Add new Rule 41D as follows:

- 41D Failure of any member without good and sufficient cause to attend the Hearing of any allegation or appeal after having been requested with reasonable notice so to do, or failure without good and sufficient cause to answer any question put to him in connection with such allegation or appeal shall be deemed misconduct.

This proposition was proposed, seconded and agreed.

Proposition No 9 (proposed by National Council)

Delete Rule 42 and insert 42, 42A, 42B, as follows:

- 42 Upon any breach of these Rules or of the Regulations made thereunder or of any misconduct as defined in these Rules being proved to the satisfaction of the National Council, the Council shall have power to order the Member of organisation guilty of such breach or misconduct (the offender)
- (i) to be suspended either indefinitely or for a stated period;
 - (ii) to be fined (either in addition to suspension or not);
 - (iii) to be censured;
 - (iv) to be dealt with in such other manner as the National Council may think fit.
- 42A Any Member or organisation charged with any breach or misconduct shall be furnished with details in writing of such charge and shall have the right to a personal Hearing or to make written representations.
- 42B The procedure for dealing with any allegation of breach of Rule or Regulation or of misconduct shall be determined by the National Council and shall be included in Appendix E to these Rules.

This proposition was proposed, seconded and agreed.

Proposition No 10 (proposed by National Council)

Delete Rule 43 and insert 43 as follows:

- 43 Any Individual or club aggrieved by a decision or action of a local League, or a Committee or Officer of such League, may appeal against such decision or action to the County Association to which such Local League is affiliated, or if there be no such County Association, to the National Council of the ETTA, and the decision of the body to which the appeal is made shall be final and binding on all parties.

This proposition was duly proposed and seconded. Mr Reeve (Middlesex) stated that his Committee felt that it would be desirable for this type of rule to be inserted in County and League Handbooks and this was noted. On being put to the vote this proposition was agreed.

Proposition No 11 (proposed by National Council)

Add new Rule 43A(a) (b) and (c) as follows:

- 43A (a) Any individual, club or Local League aggrieved by a decision or action of a County Association, or a Committee or Officer of such Association, or of the ETTA, or the National Council, or a Committee or Officer of the ETTA, may appeal against any such decision or action to the Board of Appeal of the ETTA, whose decision shall be final and binding on all

parties.

(b) The Board of appeal shall consist of three persons selected by the Management Committee from a panel of eight persons appointed by the National Council but not being members of the Council.

(c) The procedure for matters being dealt with by the Board of Appeal shall be determined by the Board and a copy of the Regulations governing such procedure shall be supplied to every organisation or member against whom a breach of Rule or Regulation or misconduct is alleged, or any organisation or member making any appeal under these Rules.

This proposition was duly proposed and seconded.

Amendment to Proposition No 11 (proposed by Slough & District TTL)

Amend Proposition No 11 by deleting Rule 43A(b) and inserting the following:

43A (b) The Board of Appeal shall consist of three persons, (of whom at least one shall not be a National Councillor) selected by the Management Committee from a panel of eight persons (of whom at least four shall not be National Councillors and none shall be members of the Disciplinary Committee) appointed by the Council.

Mr Wickens (Slough), in proposing this amendment, stated that his League's views in this matter were that more people should be given the chance of being used. This was duly seconded. Mr Blunn in reply stated that the National Council were opposed to this amendment because it was essential that everything was fair, square, and above board and a National Council member might well know the background of the case and be slightly biased. It was essential that the Association had impartial members. On being put to the vote this amendment was lost. Mr Eyles then returned to the original proposition and on being put to the vote this was agreed.

Proposition No 12 (proposed by National Council)

Add new Rule 43 B as follows:

43B Any such appeal shall be made in writing to the General Secretary of the appropriate body within 21 days of the decision or action appealed against, and shall be accompanied by a fee of 10/- in the case of an individual or 22 in the case of an organisation which shall be returned if the adjudicating body consider the making of an appeal to have been justified (whatever the result). Either party to the appeal shall be entitled to be heard by the adjudicating body, either in person or by a representative.

This proposition Was duly proposed and seconded.

Amendment to Proposition No 12 (proposed by Worcestershire TTA)

Amend Proposition No 12 by deleting "either in person or by a representative" and inserting "both in person and, if so desired, additionally by a representative who shall have been nominated in writing when the appeal was lodged".

Speaking to this amendment Mr Crickmer (Worcs) stated that his County were concerned about a person having to make his or her own case and not doing so in the best way. Many people might find it difficult at any enquiry to present the facts in the correct way and this would cause the person concerned not to do justice to his or her own case. It would therefore be better for the person concerned to have someone with them who at the same time would be able to bring out the additional points which the person themselves might overlook owing to being nervous. This amendment was duly seconded and on being put the vote agreed. The Chairman then returned to the proposition of the National Council which now included the amendment just agreed. On being put to the vote this was agreed.

Proposition No 13 (proposed by National Council)

Add new Rule 43C as follows:

43C The Rules of the Association being sufficient to enable the National Council, as the governing body of the game of table tennis in England, or the Board of Appeal to deal with all cases of dispute, legal proceedings shall be taken only as a last resort, after the full procedure laid down by these Rules and any regulations made thereunder shall have been followed through.

This proposition was duly proposed and seconded. Mr Crane (Insurance Offices) thought that this proposition was really a statement of intent rather than a Rule. Mr Blunn in explaining the new rule suggested that some procedure had to be laid down and followed and Mr Wickens (Bucks) said that the Courts would have more sympathy with any case before them if proper rules were available and proper procedure laid down. Various other members expressed views on this proposition but, on being put to the vote. this was duly agreed.

Proposition No 14 (proposed by National Council)

Add new Rule 43D as follows:

43D The Association shall be entitled to publish in the public Press, or in any other manner it shall think fit, reports of its proceedings, acts and resolutions, whether the same shall or shall not reflect upon the character or conduct of any League, Club or Member, and every such League,

club and Member shall be deemed to have assented to such publication.

This proposition was proposed, seconded and agreed.

Proposition No 15 (proposed by National Council)

Add new Rule 47(d) as follows:

- 47 (d) Unless resolved otherwise by the meeting, any alteration to a Rule dealing with affiliation fees or other revenue, or with the Rebate paid to County Associations shall take effect on the first day of the season next but one after that in which was held the meeting at which it was passed.

This proposition was proposed and seconded.

Amendment to Proposition No 15 (proposed by Wolverhampton & District TTA)

Amend Proposition No 15 by deleting "Unless resolved otherwise by the meeting"

This amendment was proposed by Mr Scott (Staffordshire) but found no seconder. The amendment fell to the ground. The Chairman then returned to the main proposal and this was duly agreed.

Proposition No 16 (proposed by National Council)

Add new Rule 47 (e) as follows:

- 47 (e) Except as provided by Rule 47(d), any alteration to a Rule shall take effect on the first day of the season following that in which was held the meeting at which it was passed, unless resolved otherwise by such meeting.

This proposition was proposed, seconded and agreed.

Proposition No 17 (proposed by National Council)

Add new Rules 49(a) and (b) as follows:

- 49 (a) Any communication to be sent by the Association to any person or organisation shall be properly sent if addressed to such person or to the General Secretary of such organisation at his last known address.
(b) A County Association, Local League or club shall on demand supply to the General Secretary or other Officer of the Association the last known address of any member who is a member of such County Association, Local League or club.

This proposition was proposed, seconded and agreed.

Proposition No 18 (proposed by Lancashire TTA)

Amend Rules 8, 9(a), 31(a)(vi) and 32(ii) to read as at present printed on pages 21/22, 29/30 of the Handbook (and not as amended in accordance with page 34 of the Handbook).

Note: The effect of this is to revert to the "team" basis of charging fees instead of the "team-place" basis which will be in force next season. This proposition was proposed by Mr Upton (Lancs) and duly seconded. Mr Upton spoke of the extra affiliation fees which would be paid by the Leagues in Lancashire if the "team place" basis was continued with after the 1965/66 season. The proposition therefore was designed to put back into operation the fee basis which had operated for the 1964/65 season. Mr White(London Civil Service) opposed this motion, stating that for two years debates had been listened to regarding the fairest basis for charging affiliation fees. The "team place" idea had been deemed to be the fairest and if the Leagues in Lancashire had played the game on the cheap in the past, they should think themselves lucky to have got away with it for so long. It was also foolish to change the method again after one season. Mr Brown (Leeds) stated that they had always been in favour of the "team place" idea and therefore they were against the proposition. On being put to the vote this proposition was defeated.

Proposition No 19 (proposed by Walsall & District TTL)

Amend Rule 12 as follows:

For "Copies" substitute 'A copy' and after "Local League" insert "affiliated club".

This proposition was spoken to by Mr Pritchard (Walsall & District). He said that he had only received about 50% of the Handbooks he needed for his members' clubs and his League felt that all Clubs should at least receive one copy of the Handbook. This proposition was duly seconded. In reply, Mr Blunn gave details of how the Handbook distribution had been made. It had been necessary to cut down on the number printed because of costs. The Rule dealing with this matter had been purposely worded to leave out the number to be sent to each League, but, he had made it clear to the Office that if additional copies were asked for they should be sent to the League concerned. Mr Watts (Sussex) stated that he felt it was essential that every club had a Handbook. He always liked to be able to quote the rules to club's who might be offending against the Rules, and if they did not have a Handbook they could genuinely say that they did not know the Rules. Further discussion ensued of the desirability of the Handbooks being issued to all Clubs and Mr. Pritchard (Walsall) finally agreed to withdraw his proposition so long as he got an assurance that Leagues who requested a definite number of copies would in fact get what they asked. for. The meeting agreed to allow Mr Pritchard (Walsall) to withdraw this proposition on that understanding.

Proposition No 20 (proposed by National Council)

Amend Rule 19 (m) as follows: For "eight" substitute "fifteen"

Mr Blunn proposed this motion on behalf of the National Council. He stated that the change in this rule was purely one to give the National Council a little more time to hold their first meeting after the AGM as this had been found necessary last season. This proposition was duly seconded and agreed.

Proposition No 21 (proposed by National Council)

Amend Rule 20 (a) as follows: After "Rule 11(a))" insert "and to the Secretary of every County Association" and amend Rule 20 as follows: Add at end "Each County Association shall be entitled to nominate a person to be its National Councillor but such nomination shall be valid only if there been no effective nomination otherwise"

Mr Blunn again proposed this motion on behalf of the National Council. He stated that this rule had been framed in an attempt to get all Counties represented on the National Council as it was obvious from the last two elections that certain of the Leagues were not carrying out their duties in this connection. This proposition was duly seconded. Mr Watts (Sussex) thought that this Rule would have to be looked at again in the future, as he was sure that this wording would not solve the problem. Mr Blunn in reply thought that the wording before the meeting would certainly help the position and on being put to the vote was agreed.

Proposition No 22 (proposed by National Council)

Amend Rule 20 as follows: After Rule 11(a) insert "which is affiliated to a County Association".

Mr Blunn proposed this motion, stating that some Local Leagues were not members of County Associations. This wording was purely to make provision for these Leagues. This proposition was duly seconded. On being put to the vote this was agreed.

Proposition No 23 (proposed by National Council)

Amend Rule 20(b) as follows: Delete all words after "County" and insert "Association of which such Local League is in membership".

On moving this motion, Mr Blunn stated that the new wording gave a more correct definition. This was duly seconded and agreed.

Proposition No 24 (proposed by National Council)

Amend Rule 20(f) as follows: Delete "in any County, there shall be a postal ballot of the Leagues in that County" and insert "to represent any County Association, there shall be a postal ballot of the Local Leagues in membership of that County Association".

Mr Blunn stated that this proposition made it clearer than at present that any member of one County could stand to represent another if the other County so desired. This was duly seconded and agreed.

Proposition No 25 (proposed by National Council)

Amend Rule 31 as follows: Delete (a)(i), (ii), (iii), (iv) and (v) and insert as follows:

- 31(a) (i) The Administrative area of a County Association shall be defined primarily by the geographical boundaries of the County in force for the time being.
- (ii) There shall be no County of London, but for the purpose of these Rules the Greater London area shall be divided as follows:
The boroughs of Barking, Hackney, Havering, Newham, Redbridge and Waltham Forest shall be part of Essex.
The boroughs of Croydon, Kingston, Lambeth, Merton, Richmond-on-Thames, Southwark, Sutton and Wandsworth shall be part of Surrey.
The boroughs of Bexley, Bromley, Greenwich and Lewisham shall be part of Kent.
The Boroughs of Barnet, Brent, Camden, Chelsea, City, Ealing, Enfield, Hammersmith, Haringey, Harrow, Hillingdon, Hounslow, Islington, Kensington, Tower Hamlets and Westminster shall constitute the County of Middlesex.
- (iii) A Local League shall affiliate to the County Association in whose geographical area the majority of its member clubs are situated, except as provided in (iv) or (v) below.
- (iv) A Local League operating near or across the boundaries of two or more Counties may select to which of the County Associations concerned it shall affiliate, subject to the approval of those County Associations and of the National Council.
- (v) A Local League continuously affiliated to a County Association other than that defined by Rule 31(a)(iii) since before 18th January 1964 shall have the

right to continue to affiliate to that Association.

The Chairman stated that the National Council wished to withdraw item "Delete (a)(i)" and this was agreed. Mr Clemett proposed this proposition on behalf of the National Council. He stated that the County Boundaries sub-committee had been asked to deal with the changes in the Greater London area and what was stated on the order paper was the best way to break down the new London boroughs with reference to boundaries of the existing Table Tennis County Associations. It had been agreed by Essex and Middlesex that Hackney should go into Middlesex but this had been done after the proposition for this meeting had been circulated. Mr White stated that it was not possible to alter the proposition now as Leagues and Counties had received no notice of such alteration. Mr James in reply stated that this alteration affected only Essex and Middlesex and if there was any substance in this alteration then those two Counties only were concerned. Mr Clemett had stated the two Counties had already agreed between them that the alteration was satisfactory and necessary. The meeting agreed to the alteration being made. Mr Clemett continued by giving details of the position regarding the Staines League which had brought about the wording of item (v). This proposition was duly seconded.

Amendment No 1 to Proposition No 25 (proposed by Northumberland TTA)

Amend Proposition No 25 in Rule 31(a)(iv) by deleting "subject to the approval of those County Associations and of the National Council".

Mr Robson (Northumberland) proposed this amendment because his Association felt it unfair that one County Association could stop a League from joining another County if it so desired. This was duly seconded. Mr Watts(Sussex) and Mr Thompson(Bucks) both opposed this amendment on the basis that Leagues near the boundaries of a County could yearly if they so desired alter their allegiance from one County to another. Also Counties would not be able to keep control over these border Leagues as neither would know to which County the League concerned was going to join next. On being put to the vote this amendment was defeated.

Amendment No 2 to proposition No 25 (proposed by Insurance Offices TTA)

Amend Proposition No 25 by adding at end of Rule 31(a)(ii) the following: "However, an Association covering the Central London area formed by the postal districts of EC, WC, SW1 and SE1 shall have County Association status. This Association shall not be eligible to compete in the inter-County Championships".

Mr Crane (Insurance Offices) proposed this amendment. He gave the meeting his League's views on the question of the special area of the country, Central London, where members played the game but were already affiliated to the ETTA in probably 9 or 10 different county areas around London. He felt that it was impossible for his League to become members of one of the existing Home County Associations as not all members would have allegiance to that County and therefore he was suggesting that this central area of London should have their own National Council member. This amendment was duly seconded. Mr Blunn stated that the National Council opposed this motion because what Mr Crane had now said was nothing more than AGMs had been told by him in the past. Mr Crane had said nothing new although he had clarified the position a little more. The worry about this matter was that if a special rule was designed for these London Leagues the same thing would possibly happen in other areas in the Country. Mr Mitchell (Kent) stated that his County had a certain amount of sympathy for Mr Crane's case as they thought that many of these London Leagues would eventually be forced to join Middlesex, which would make Middlesex an extremely strong County. This was not desirable. Further discussion took place with Mr Crane replying to the debate, but on being put to the vote this amendment was defeated. The Chairman then returned to the original motion which on being put to the vote was agreed.

Proposition No 26 (to be proposed by Insurance Offices TTA only if Proposition No 25 not carried)

Amend Rule 31(a)(ii) as follows: Delete final full stop and add "but an Association covering the Central London area formed by the postal districts of EC, WC, SW1 and SE1 shall have County Association status. This Association shall not be eligible to compete in the inter-county Championships.

Mr Crane (Insurance Offices) asked the meetings permission to withdraw this proposition and this was agreed.

Amendment to Proposition No 26 (proposed by Worcestershire T.T.A)

Amend Proposition No 26 by deleting "inter-County Championships" and inserting "National County Championships"

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

8 MOTION PROPOSED BY THE LANCASHIRE & CHESHIRE TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATIONS

"That this meeting views with extreme concern that clashes which have occurred between major tournaments organised by the Lancashire Table Tennis Association and other events, which has caused discouragement to the officials of three northern tournaments this season; and that this meeting directs that the National Council shall review the calendar of fixtures to ensure that such clashes do not occur in future, if necessary reducing the number of events authorised by the ETTA."

Mr Yates (Bolton SSS) spoke of the clash last season with the Essex Open and hoped that this clash would not occur again this coming season. Mr Mitton, speaking on behalf of the Tournaments Committee, stated that he was not dealing with this matter last season but for next season he hoped that the clashes would be non-existent. Essex and Lancashire had again applied for the same dates, and at the moment Lancashire had been given the date they had applied for and Essex had been given an alternative. Mr Mitton knew that Essex would wish this matter raised at the next meeting of the National Council and he hoped that a way would be found to get over this difficulty. Further discussion ensued on this subject and in reply to the debate Mr Yates stated that he hoped that the National Council would be able to find a way to save the clash between the Essex and Lancashire Opens next season. The Chairman stated that the National Council would definitely look at this matter of their meeting on the 17th July.

9 ELECTION OF PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENTS:

The Chairman stated that he had much pleasure in nominating the Hon I G S Montagu as President for the 1965/66 season. He also stated that Mr Montagu had informed him that he wished soon to be relieved of this post as he wished to retire as he felt younger people should bring more vigour into the administration. Mr Eyles stated that the National Council would have to look into this matter during the coming season. All agreed that Mr Montagu should be re-elected as President of the ETTA for the ensuing year and this was received with acclamation. Mr Eyles proposed the re-election of all Vice-Presidents detailed in the Handbook en bloc. This was duly agreed with the exception of Mr Oliver Tarrant, who had died some years ago.

10 ELECTION OF HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS:

The National Council had no nominations for this meeting which was duly noted.

11 ELECTION OF SCRUTINEERS FOR THE 1965/66 MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE ELECTION

The Chairman proposed that Messrs Vint and White should be asked to carry out this task. This was duly agreed.

12 ELECTION OF STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE

Mr James proposed that Messrs White, Wickens and Watts should be elected. This was duly seconded and agreed.

13 ELECTION OF AUDITORS

Mr James proposed the re-election of the present auditors, namely Spain Bros & Co (Chartered Accountants). This was duly seconded and agreed.

14 REPORT OF THE ELECTORAL REFORM SOCIETY ON THE ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN, DEPUTY CHAIRMAN AND TREASURER FOR THE 1965/66 SEASON

The Secretary read the letter from the Electoral Reform Society which stated that Mr I C Eyles had been returned unopposed as Chairman of the Association. A contest had been held for the position of Deputy Chairman which had resulted in a win for Mr G James over Mr A J H Wickens by 85 votes to 29. Mr Blunn had been re-elected Hon Treasurer unopposed. These details were duly noted.

15 REPORT OF THE ELECTORAL REFORM SOCIETY ON THE ELECTION OF NATIONAL COUNCILLORS FOR THE 1965/66 SEASON

A report had been received from the Electoral Reform Society and the following details had been prepared by the Scrutineers: Having scrutinised the Nomination Papers received from the Electoral Reform Society (to whom they were sent by the nominators), we find as follows:

1 Valid Nominations:

The following are validly nominated and, there being only one validly nominated candidate in each case, become the National Councillors for the Counties named:

<u>County</u>	<u>Councillor</u>	<u>Nominating Leagues</u>
Berkshire	A M Lijinsky	Bracknell, Didcot, Reading
Buckinghamshire	L Thompson	Aylesbury, Slough
Cornwall	A R Bunt	W Cornwall (single nomination suffices; only one League in County membership)
Cumberland	G R Yates	Carlisle, Whitehaven
Devon	Mrs F Jarvis	Exeter, Exmouth, Plymouth
Dorset	D J Meech	Dorchester, Poole

Durham Co.	E Reay	Murton, Sunderland
Essex	H Walker	Barking, E London, Ilford, Rumford, W Ham Youth
Gloucestershire	L C T Davis	Bristol, Gloucester
Kent	C Jaschke	Bromley, Canterbury, Folkestone, NW Kent, Tunbridge Wells, Woolwich
Lancashire	N Cook	Ashton-u-Lyne, Bolton SSS, Liverpool, Salford
Leicestershire	P Reid	Leicester, Loughborough
Lincolnshire	K Dewar	Grimsby, Lincoln
Middlesex	N K Reeve	N Acton, Wembley & Harrow
Nottinghamshire	E Taylor	Mansfield, Nottingham
Oxfordshire	A J Hobday	Banbury, Oxford
Somerset	A Richens	Bath, Bridgwater
Staffordshire	M E Scott	Dudley Temp, Potteries, Stone, Wolverhampton
Sussex	K Watts	Eastbourne, E Sussex
Warwickshire	M Goldstein	Birmingham, Nuneaton
Worcestershire	I R Crickmer	Evesham, Halesowen, Hereford, Kidderminster, Malvern, Worcester
Yorkshire	W Mitton	Bradford, Castleford, Dewsbury, Northallerton, Ryedale, Scarborough

2 Single Nominations which are invalid

One nomination paper each was received for the following; these nominations are therefore invalid;

<u>County</u>	<u>County Nominee</u>	<u>Nominating League</u>
Bedfordshire	L S Woollard	Bedford
Cheshire	J K Kennerley	Mid-Cheshire
Derbyshire	W A Reeves	Matlock
Hampshire	M A Greatrex	Southampton
Hertfordshire	D Game	Hertford
Middlesex	L Landry	N Middlesex
Norfolk	E J Fairhead	Norwich
Northumberland	D M Robson	Northumberland
Wiltshire	A S Ward	Salisbury

3 Other Nominations which are invalid

Cambridgeshire: Two nominations of W J Rogerson received, both signed by the same two persons, one naming the nominating organisation as "Cambridge" and the other as "Cambs". Only one of these two nominations can be accepted, a County not being entitled to nominate. So the nomination fails for want of a second valid nominator. In this we dissent from the Electoral Reform Society report, which had recorded the nomination as valid.

Surrey: One nomination for C J Clemett received in time from Guildford; a second one received postmarked 27 May from Leatherhead. The second is too late to be acceptable and the nomination is (as recorded by ERS) invalid.

Suffolk: One nomination only for E J W Peake received postmarked 27 May, unacceptable for lateness. No second nomination. Nomination invalid.

4 Other Invalid Nomination Form

Buckinghamshire: A nomination form received in time for L Thompson on behalf of "Slough and Bucks" is declared invalid - no such League entitled to nominate. Valid nomination for L Thompson nevertheless remains - see 1 above.

We understand that a copy of the nomination paper was sent to each County Association for information. It seems that in two cases such copies may have been incorrectly used, probably through misunderstanding. We therefore recommend that any "information copies" of nomination forms which may be issued in future should be prominently marked across the nomination panel "for information only", to prevent misunderstand and possible abuse.

A K Vint, E G White.

The Secretary then gave details about two missing Nomination Papers which had not been received by the Electoral Reform Society which would have given Messrs Kennerley and Ward the two valid nominations which they required. He also mentioned the position regarding the Surrey Councillor, Mr C J Clemett, whose second nomination had arrived late at the offices of the Electoral Reform Society. The Leatherhead and Epsom League which had sent in Mr Clemett's second nomination had stated that the late arrival of the nomination had been caused through the peculiarities of their part of the country so far as the posting conditions were

concerned. The Chairman thanked the Scrutineers for their report and said he was sorry to see that a number of good Councillors had been lost for the coming season because they had not received the necessary 2 nominations. He appreciated that in future Counties would be able to nominate but even this might not improve the position and he thought that a new Rule would have to be introduced into the Constitution so ensuring that every County was represented on the National Council. One or two suggestions were made regarding this suggestion by the Chairman as follows:

- (a) Do away with double nomination.
- (b) If no one else nominated existing person remains.
- (c) Allow Councillors to be appointed for a number of years.
- (d) Allow Counties to elect their own Councillor and do away with the Leagues nominating and voting.

Mr White (London Civil Service) stated that in most cases the non-representation of Counties would have been obviated if there had been a single nomination. If therefore no valid nomination came from the Leagues then a County nomination afterwards could stand. Mr Eyles agreed that this matter presented a problem and promised the meeting that the Council would look into this during the coming season.

15 ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

The Chairman moved a vote of thanks to Mrs N K Reeve for her work in connection with the Minutes, not only or this meeting but during the season.

The Secretary reported a letter received from Mr Williamson of the West Bromwich TTL. Mr Williamson had suggested that a "suggestion box" be made available at the AGM of the Association. It was agreed that the Council should look into this matter.

Mr Mitchell (Kent) queried whether the Council would be looking into the question of gambling by certain of the players at events staged during the season. Mr Mitton stated that the Tournaments Committee were currently looking into this matter and the wording of a new regulation would be sent around the Country in the near future.

The Chairman then stated that he wished to thank all those persons who were members of the National Council last season but who had failed to be elected again this year. All these people had rendered a great service to the game and they would be missed.

Mr Vint proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman, Mr I C Eyles, for the way in which he had conducted the business of the meeting and made it possible for the meeting to close so early. This was received with acclamation.

The meeting closed at 5.55pm.