

ENGLISH TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION HELD IN THE
CONVOCAATION HALL, CHURCH HOUSE, GREAT SMITH STREET, WESTMINSTER,
LONDON, SW1 ON SATURDAY 2nd JULY 1966, COMMENCING AT 2.30pm

PRESENT I C Eyles (In the Chair)
N K Reeve (Deputy Chairman)
T Blunn (HonTreasurer).

National Council Members: Messrs Crickmer, Dewar, Jaschke, Lijinsky, Mitton, Reay,
Reid, Scott, Thompson, Walker, Watts and Yates

Hon Life Member: E GWhite

Representatives of the following County Associations and Leagues:
County Associations: Bedfordshire, Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Cheshire, Cumberland,
Derbyshire, Durham, Essex, Gloucestershire, Hampshire, Hertfordshire, Kent,
Lancashire, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, Middlesex, Staffordshire, Surrey,
Sussex, Warwickshire, Wiltshire, Worcestershire and Yorkshire

Leagues: Barnets, Bolton SSS, Bracknell, Bristol, Bromley, Hull, Leeds, Leicester,
Leighton Buzzard, Liverpool, London Civil Service, North Acton,
North Middlesex, Scarborough, Slough, Sunderland, Wandsworth,
Wembley & Harrow, Willesden, Wolverhampton and Worcester

Other Organisation: Western Counties League

Directly Affiliated Clubs: Kingston Grammar School Club

Directly Affiliated Individuals: Mrs E Phillips, J Corser

Other Members: R J Crayden, C JWarren

In Attendance: D P Lowen (Secretary), J H Carrington (Director of Coaching)

Apologies for absence: Mrs F Jarvis, Messrs Cook, Goldstein, Leach, Vint, Dorchester League,
Heathfield Youth Centre

1 CONSIDERATION & ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE
Agreed.

2 ADOPTION OF STANDING ORDERS
Agreed.

3 APPOINTMENT OF TELLERS.

It was agreed that Messrs C J Clemett and W Mitton should act as Tellers if block voting was necessary.

4 MINUTES OF AGM HELD 3rd JULY 1965.
These were confirmed.

5 MATTERS ARISING.

Mr Crickmer (Worcs) stated that the Chairman of the Worcester League was present at the last AGM but apparently did not sign the Register. It was agreed to add him to the list of those present.

6 REPORT OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31st MAY 1966

The Report had been circulated and the Chairman apologised for the misprint on the front of the document where the words "Executive Committee" should be deleted and the word "Council" inserted. He stated this was the time when the members present had the right to speak on anything appertaining to the various committees and he would take the paragraphs item by item.

Paragraph 5 - European Championships: Mr Corser (Individual Member) felt that he should make some comment on the organisation of the European Championships especially in view of the fact that he understood it was possible the ETTA were considering organising the 1967 World Championships. He appreciated that many things lacking. In particular, he felt the playing schedules had been poorly organised from the point of view of both players and spectators and there appeared to be a great lack of information generally about play at Wembley. Mr Corser was of the opinion that the Press facilities had been inferior to those which he had experienced elsewhere at this type of Championships. Mr Watts (Sussex) stated he felt the paragraph in the Annual Report did not do justice to the work which the Organiser carried out in this respect. In reply to the

points made by Mr Corser, Mr Jaschke stated he was of the opinion that the Press arrangements were quite adequate and, in fact, he had a letter from the Sports Writers' Association complimenting the ETTA on the way they had dealt with the Press arrangements. He was aware of imperfections in the organisation which had been caused by lack of time, but most of the letters he had received were complimentary and, naturally, of course, better arrangements could have been made had more time been available. Mr White then answered Mr Corser on the question of the playing schedules. He had not received, to date, any complaints from the players and so far as he knew, no other officials had been approached with complaint regarding this item. Mr Corser's was the first complaint he had had to deal with and he explained the reasons for certain actions being taken which were necessary. Mr White did not quite understand the point made by Mr Corser about the lack of information because from the very beginning of play the Programme gave details of the times of matches on the various days which was all that was necessary from an information point of view. Mr Reeve stated that the arrangements he had made for the Press were made in conjunction with the Sports Writers' Association. He appreciated that some of the tables and chairs at Wembley were not as comfortable as one would have liked but this was all that Wembley had and the ETTA had to accept this. The Sports Writers' Association had actually agreed to the rooms which had been used and Mr Reeve wondered if Mr Corser would be a little more specific on this particular matter because he felt that his complaint could not really deal only with the furniture and rooms used. Mr Eyles stated that in his opinion, the organisation of the Championships was very good, certainly as good as any other Championships he had attended in various parts of the world. There was now no question of the ETTA organising the 1967 World Championships as these had now been allocated to Sweden. He then read to the meeting the contents of a letter received from the Sports Writers' Association. In conclusion, the Chairman stated that he felt it only right that he should thank the many hundreds of people who helped in the organisation of the event which, frankly, could not have been run without their most valuable assistance.

Paragraph 7 - Lottery Mr Eyles considered that the running of this Lottery had been a great effort and the money received had helped both the ETTA and the members who took part. Mr Wright (North Acton) felt that the ETTA should not take the result of this season's Lottery as being any guide as to what might happen in the future because he considered this Lottery had been well supported this time because of the connection with the European Championships. He thought the Lottery might not be so successful in future years. Mr Blunn hoped the point made by Mr Wright was not the general feeling of the members present as the ETTA were sorely in need of the money which had been received on this occasion. Mr Hayes (Leic) felt that the Lottery could be applied to run in conjunction with the English Championships on future occasions and the various souvenirs could be produced just as easily for English Championships as for the European. This point was noted. Thanks were expressed to Mr & Mrs Jaschke for the work involved in running this Lottery.

Paragraph 8 - Master Points The Chairman thanked Mr & Mrs Mitton for their work in this connection.

Paragraph 11 - Selection and Ranking Mr Reeve stated that as Chairman of the Senior Selection Committee he would like to publicly state his thanks to the two non-playing Captains, Messrs Crayden and Leach, for the work they had done during the season and for the time they had spent in making various arrangements and in considering many difficult points. Mr Wright (North Acton) wondered whether the results as printed in the Annual Report could in future be printed to show all the Men's results together, all the Women's results together and all the Mixed results together.

Paragraph 14 - Victor Barna Award The Chairman stated it was regretted that the Committee dealing with this item had not been able to recommend anyone for the 1965/66 season as the worthy recipient of this Award. This was duly noted.

Paragraph 15 - County Championships Mr Wright stated there were two inaccuracies in the printing and explained that 2nd Division Midland was won by Warwickshire 1st team and the Midland Division by Warwickshire 2nd team.

Paragraph 17 - ITTF On the question of the new proposals for service. Mr Wright (North Acton) wondered whether these were due to take effect as from the beginning of the 1966/67 season. Mr Eyles stated that this matter would be discussed at the next meeting of the National Council. Mr Wickens (Slough) stated that anything to do with an alteration to Laws of the game needed the approval of the AGM but the Chairman stated that these changes were not actual changes but purely experiments for the time being. It was proposed, seconded and agreed that the National Council should be given power to put these new service rules idea into operation as an experiment for the coming season if they so desired.

Paragraph 18 - Magazine Mr Jaschke (Kent) stated he had been asked by the National Council to comment on the change which would occur between now and the new season with reference to the Publishers of the Table tennis Magazine. Walthamstow Press would not publish the Magazine in future - the ETTA would become the new joint Publishers under an arrangement which was now being made and it was hoped that the Magazine in future would be a much better publication. The various arrangements were still under discussion and Mr

Jaschke could not give any further information at the present time.

Paragraph 19 - Office The Chairman stated that as yet no success had been achieved regarding obtaining an Administrative Secretary and he was of the opinion that it might be necessary to appoint the Organising Secretary first in the hope that he could then arrange the Office staff.

Paragraph 20 - President Mr Eyles explained the position with reference to Ivor Montagu's resignation as President of the ETTA. He gave the members the reasons why he had accepted the President's resignation and further stated that the National Council had invited Mr A K Vint, OBE, to allow his name to go forward to the AGM for election as our President. Mr Vint had been unable to do this at the present time owing to his many business commitments. The Chairman stated he had sent out a letter to the country asking the members to support an "Ivor Montagu and Peter Lowen Testimonial Fund" and he hoped members would contribute to same. Any donations should be clearly marked for either the "Ivor Montagu or Peter Lowen Testimonial Fund".

Paragraph 21 - Acknowledgements Mr Eyles stated that much of the work of the Association could not have been done without the great help given by the ladies. He wished to take this opportunity of thanking them all most sincerely.

Addendum: The Chairman explained what he had in mind which had prompted him to add the Addendum to the Report on this particular occasion. In the Chairman's view, it would during the next few years at least, be essential that the ETTA, including all members of the Association, should co-operate to the full with the Regional Sports Councils at regional level. His suggestion was that it might be necessary to commence Regional Table tennis Councils and from these area bodies the members of the Management Committee might well be elected. He had purely put this Addendum on the Report to show members the way he felt the game should move. Mr Wickens (Slough) gave the meeting details of the Southern Region Sports Council of which he had some detailed knowledge. Discussion ensued on the part that table tennis might be able to play in these Regional Sports Councils but it was noted that not every sport was represented on these bodies but that certain indoor sports people who were elected represented not only their own sport but the other indoor sports who were interested. Mr White was of the opinion that the discussion which had just taken place was very useful because the organisation of table tennis during the years had developed from within. To commence with, there had been only Leagues; then the Counties had come along and now it appeared that movement from outside in a certain direction might well affect the Association and members must be careful not to miss such changes and also be aware of the dangers which might occur if the Table tennis voice was not heard on these new Regional Sports Bodies. It was proposed, seconded and agreed that the Addendum and discussion which had taken place should be remitted to the National Council for their consideration.

Paragraph 11(b) - Selection and Ranking As this paragraph appeared to have slipped past unnoticed it was proposed that the thanks extended to Messrs Crayden and Leach should also be accorded to Laurie Landry for the part he had played as the Junior non-playing Captain.

The Report was adopted.

7 REPORT OF THE TREASURER, REPORT OF THE AUDITORS & STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MAY 1966

Mr Blunn commenced his Report by thanking the Auditors for the speed with which they had carried out the work once again and stated that they had given their certificate to the Accounts although one point remained to be cleared to their satisfaction. They had not completed the Accounts for the European Championships but were satisfied with the figure regarding this item which was inserted on the Balance Sheet, Dealing with individual items, he stated that members would note that the Master Points Scheme had continued and he expected to receive the sum of £450 for the past season in respect of this item. He hoped that the Scheme would continue at its present rate. With regard to Affiliation fees which, during this past season had been paid on a team place basis, the receipts had not come up to his expectations; he had hopes for an increase of some £1,000 but his expectations had not been realised by some £500. The European Championships had lost money and although the exact figure was not known, members would see that the item quoted on the Balance Sheet was \$4,561 17 7. He had to report that a further £100 had been received today from Ferranti's Ltd. There were still a number of items outstanding regarding the European Championships, one being that no final account had yet been received from Wembley. He pointed out that held in reserve for a loss on the European Championships was the profit gained from the Lottery and the Chinese and Japanese Tours of the previous season. However there would be a reduction in the Accumulative Fund for this season and he was of the opinion that something definite must be done to stabilise this item. Certain of the European Souvenirs were still on sale and he hoped the members would endeavour to buy them from the ETTA. A number of items appeared in his Report which would probably be of interest to the members and if anyone present wished to raise any queries he would be pleased to endeavour to answer. Mr White(London Civil Service) stated that in his opinion the increase in the Umpires Committee's expenses was very high and he could not understand why

this should be. The second point about which he was interested was to know whether the European stocks were included in the stock figures on the Balance Sheet and he could not understand the item in the Working Account regarding the new time clocks which showed an expenditure last season of £60 and yet no expenditure this season. He was of the opinion that further time clocks had been purchased for the European Championships. In reply, Mr Blunn stated that the expenses of the Umpires' Committee included a now set of test papers and badges. The European stock figures were not included in the stock shown on the Balance Sheet and the time clocks bought for the European Championships had been written off to that item. Mr Scott (Staffordshire) enquired about the Grant from the Department of Education & Science and wondered whether the ETTA had any commitment to return to China in view of the Chinese visit last year. Mr Blunn gave details of the present position regarding the Grant and stated that there was no commitment to return to China. Mr Hartley (Bromley) stated that from the Treasurer's remarks he had gathered that Mr Blunn was suggesting that some Leagues were only paying for three team places when they should be paying for four or five. Mr Blunn stated he thought that some Leagues may be paying less than they should be but he had no evidence to support this. Mr Forrest (Wandsworth) was of the opinion that if the Treasurer was correct then some evidence should be furnished to the ETTA about Leagues regarding lists of their players. Mr Blunn stated that the only evidence the ETTA had at the present time was a note of the number of players shown on the Affiliation Forms. He suggested that usually these figures were an estimate. After further discussion, Mr White (London Civil Service) moved the adoption of the Treasurer's Report stating that thanks should be given to Mr Blunn for all the work he had carried out during the past season. This was seconded and agreed. The Statement of Accounts less the Auditors Certificate was duly received.

8 PROPOSED ALTERATION OF RULES.

Proposition No 1 (proposed by National Council)

Add new rule:

- 7(d) The procedure laid down by Rules 7(a) to (c) shall, unless resolved otherwise by the National Council, apply only to a first application for affiliation; renewal of affiliation shall be effected by sending the appropriate form direct to the ETTA General Secretary and payment of the appropriate Affiliation Fees in due course.

This motion was proposed by Mr Blunn, duly seconded and agreed.

Proposition No 2 (proposed by National Council)

Add to Rule 9(a), after sub-rule (iii),

- (iii+) For each club not participating in the League competition a fee calculated as follows:
The fee laid down by Rule 9(a)(i) multiplied by the lowest number of players required by the rules of that League to constitute a full team"

Mr Blunn proposed this motion which was seconded and agreed.

Proposition No 3 (proposed by the National Council)

Add new Rules:

- 31(g) (iii) A Rebate of 20% of the fees paid by 31st March by all Registered Members whose application forms were countersigned on behalf of such County Association.

This proposition was proposed by Mr Blunn. He pointed out that the National Council took the view that if a Rebate was given to the Counties for the Registered Members who played in their County's area then this might mean extra income to the Association, bearing in mind that the Counties knew of the people earning money from table tennis in their area far better than did the ETTA. Mr Scott (Staffs) seconded this motion, stating that he felt this was an extremely good idea. He also thought that a letter might go to the various Education Authorities throughout the country stating that if they were employing table tennis coaches then they should point out to them that they should become Registered Members before taking up the employment. Mr Carrington (Director of Coaching) stated that everything possible was being done in this connection and that the Sports Council were aware of the position. This proposition was agreed.

Proposition No 4 (proposed by Essex TTA)

Amend Rule 32(ii) by deleting "and the number of players required to make up a team in that League"

Mr Walker (Essex) proposed this motion on behalf of his County which was duly seconded. On being put to the vote this proposition was lost.

Proposition No 5 (proposed by the National Council and seconded by Kent TTA)

Amend Rule 13(a) by deleting "annually". Add new rule: 13(aa) The President or a Vice-President shall be elected for a term of three years, but shall be eligible for re-election at the end of such term.

Amend Rule 28(e) (x) by deleting "for the ensuing year" and inserting "(if appropriate)"

Mr Blunn proposed this motion which was seconded by Mr Jaschke (Kent). On being put to the vote this was duly agreed.

Proposition No 6 (proposed by Kent TTA)

Add new Rule:

HONORARY LIFE VICE-PRESIDENT

- 13A (a) The Association may elect a Life Vice-President, but only past Presidents of the Association shall be eligible.
(b) The distinction shall be conferred only at an Annual General Meeting.
(c) Candidates shall be nominated only by the National Council.
(d) The distinction shall carry with it the right to attend all General Meetings of the Association and the right to the Official Pass.

Mr Jaschke (Kent) proposed this new rule, stating that the person they had in mind for this particular honour was, of course, Ivor Montagu. This motion was duly seconded and was put to the meeting for discussion. Mr Corser (Individual Member) stated that he was in favour of the proposal because a case had been made out for Ivor Montagu. However, he was a little worried about the wording for future years and thought the meeting should realise that the rule at the present time was being framed for one person and one person only. Miss Moss (Middlesex) stated that her Committee were going to vote against this proposal, not because they did not like the idea of honouring Ivor Montagu but because the title suggested a demotion for Mr Montagu and not a promotion. Mr Jaschke (Kent), in conclusion, spoke of the various points which had been raised and on being put to the vote the proposition was agreed.

Proposition No 7 (proposed by Essex TTA)

Delete Rule 15(c) and insert: The National Council shall have the power to fill casual vacancies.

Mr Walker (Essex) proposed this motion on behalf of his Committee, which was duly seconded. Mr Wickens (Slough) said his League were against the proposal because, in their opinion, the Essex proposition was making out a case for the abolition of election of the Officers. In his League's opinion, if the Officers were elected in a certain way then casual vacancies must be filled in the same way. They also felt that if the casual vacancy was filled by the National Council then anyone who had received the Officership in this way would have a head start over any other person when it came to a proper election at the beginning of the new season. Mr Blunn stated that the National Council were opposed to this alteration and on being put to the vote the proposition was lost.

Proposition No 8 (proposed by National Council)

Amend Rule 16(a) by deleting "at least 60 days before" to the end" and inserting "not later than 16th April"

Amend Rule 20(a) by deleting "at least 30 days before" to the end, and inserting "not later than 16th May"

Mr Blunn proposed this alteration which was duly seconded and agreed.

Proposition No 9 (proposed by National Council)

Amend Rule 28(h) by deleting "at least 28 days" and inserting after "Individual" "not later than 1st June".

Amend Rule 30(b) by adding at end "so far as applicable, at least 28 days' notice being given"

Mr Blunn proposed this alteration which was duly seconded and agreed.

Proposition No 10 (to be proposed by the National Council only if Proposition No 8 carried)

Add new Rule: 20 (j) A list of the National Councillors elected shall be circulated not later than 17th June.

Mr Blunn proposed this alteration which was duly seconded and agreed.

Proposition No 11 (to be proposed by National Council only if Proposition No 8 not carried)

Add new Rule: 20(j) A list of the National Councillors elected shall be circulated not later than seven days before the date fixed for holding the Annual General Meeting.

Mr Blunn asked the meeting's permission to withdraw this alteration which was duly agreed.

Proposition No 12 (to be proposed by National Council only if Proposition No 8 carried)

Amend Rule 20(a) by deleting "and to the Secretary of every County Association"

Amend Rule 20(h) by deleting "Each County Association" to the end Amend Rule 20(e) by deleting "the seat shall remain vacant until the next Council election" and inserting "by the date provided by Rule 20(c)(ii), the ETTA General Secretary shall, not later than 7th June, inform the Secretary of such County Association, which shall then be entitled to nominate a person to be its Councillor for the following seasons, such nomination being effective if received by the ETTA General Secretary in writing not later than 13th June"

Mr Blunn proposed this alteration which was duly seconded and agreed.

Proposition No 13 (to be proposed by National Council only if Proposition No 8 not carried)

Amend Rule 20(a) by deleting "and to the Secretary of every County Association"

Amend Rule 20(b) by deleting "Each County Association" to the end

Amend Rule 20(e) by deleting "the seat shall remain vacant until the next Council election" and inserting

"by the date provided by Rule 20(c)(ii), the ETTA General Secretary shall not later than seven days after such date inform the Secretary of such County Association which shall then be entitled to nominate a person to be its Councillor for the following season, such nomination being effective if received by the ETTA General Secretary in writing not later than thirteen days after such date.

Mr Blunn asked the meeting's permission to withdraw this proposition which was agreed.

Proposition No 14 (proposed by Essex TTA)

Amend Rule 19(n) by inserting after "season" "and the period between one meeting and the next shall not exceed three months"

Mr Walker (Essex) proposed this alteration on behalf of his County which was duly seconded. Mr Blunn (Hull) stated that his League were opposed to this alteration and he asked the Essex representative to answer three or four points on which his League required clarification. His League were of the opinion that the present rule could allow what the Essex County association required without any alteration to rule. In his position as ETTA Treasurer he pointed out that more meetings of the National Council would cost more money and Mr Eyles was of the opinion that if the proposition was carried there would be no need for Management Committee meetings at all. Mr Scott (Staffs) was of the opinion that this motion should be considered very carefully because at the last meeting of the National Council a suggestion was made by certain Council members that the Management Committee had carried out things which were the business of the National Council. He was aware that more meetings of the National Council would cost more money but he thought the point he had made should be considered. On being put to the vote this proposition was lost.

Proposition No 15 (proposed by Kent TTA)

Add new Rule: 19(ee) All past Chairmen of the Association shall be entitled to attend meetings of the Council with the right to speak but not to vote.

Amend Rule 19(f) by inserting "and past Chairmen" after "President".

Mr Jaschke (Kent) proposed this alteration which was duly seconded. After discussion the proposition was put to the vote and agreed.

Proposition No 16 (proposed by Kent TTA)

Add new Rule: 21(ee) All past Chairmen of the Association shall be entitled to attend meetings of the Committee with the right to speak but not to vote.

Amend Rule 21(f) by inserting "and past Chairmen" after "President".

Mr Jaschke (Kent) proposed this motion on behalf of his County which was duly seconded and agreed.

Proposition No 17 (proposed by Kent TTA)

Amend Rules 21(b), 22(a), 22(d), 22(f), and 22(g) in lines 1 and 3 by deleting "four" and inserting "six"

Mr Jaschke (Kent) proposed this alteration, stating that if the National Council in the coming year was a larger body, it was his County's view that the Management Committee should also be enlarged. He stated his County were not pushing this matter to any great extent on this occasion but they felt that the point he had just made was a valid one. This proposition was duly seconded. General discussion took place on the desirability of a larger Management Committee, with some members feeling that a larger number gave better representation and others feeling that the smaller the Committee the better from a point of view of quick decisions. On being put to the vote the proposition was lost.

Proposition No 18 (proposed by National Council)

Amend Rule 42 by adding at end "There shall be no appeal against such decision" and amend Rule 43A(a) by inserting, after "Officer of the ETTA", "(except a decision under Rule 42)"

Mr Blunn proposed this alteration which was duly seconded. Mr Wickens (Slough) clarified the position and on being put to the vote the motion was agreed.

Proposition No 19 (proposed by National Council)

Amend Rule 43A(a) by deleting "whose decision shall be final and binding on all parties."

Add new Rule: 43A(d) The decision of the Board shall be final and binding on all parties.

Mr Blunn proposed this alteration which was duly seconded and agreed.

Proposition No 20 (proposed by National Council)

Amend Rule 43(A)(b) by deleting "three persons selected by the Management Committee from a panel of"

Add new Rule: 43A(d) Each appeal shall be determined by three members of the Board of Appeal selected by the Management Committee, who shall also designate one of the three as Chairmen".

Mr Blunn proposed this alteration which was duly seconded and agreed.

Proposition No 21 (proposed by National Council)

Add new Rule: 43A(e) The Board shall decide the appeal, except that, where the appeal would be upheld on a technicality only, or due to a procedural irregularity by the body appealed against, then the Board may remit the matter to be dealt with afresh by the body

appealed against, with a direction regarding the technicality or procedural irregularity.

Mr Blunn proposed this alteration which was duly seconded and agreed.

Proposition No 22 (proposed by National Council)

Add new Rule: 43A(f) Where the appeal is against disciplinary action the Board shall have the power to vary the punishment imposed.

Mr Blunn proposed this alteration which was duly seconded and agreed..

Proposition No 23 (proposed by National Council)

Add new Rule: 43A (h) The decision of the Board shall be published forthwith and a written Minute of the decision shall be sent to the appellant and all other parties to the appeal.

Mr Blunn proposed this alteration which was duly seconded and. agrees:.

Proposition No 24 (proposed by National Council)

Amend Rule 43B by inserting after "any such appeal" "(as provided for by Rules 43 and 43A)"

Mr Blunn proposed this alteration which was duly seconded and agreed.

Proposition No 25 (proposed by National Council).

Add new Rule: 43BB Whilst any appeal is pending the decision against which the appeal has been made shall not have effect.

Mr Blunn proposed this alteration which was duly seconded and agreed.

9 MOTION

That this meeting accepts the necessity of increasing affiliation fees if it fails to suggest practicable alternative means of increasing the revenue of the Association.

This motion was proposed By Mr Eyles. He stated that the National Council would like to hear from those present how the Association should in future endeavour to raise income for the ever-extending activities of the ETТА and he asked Mr Blunn to speak on this particular matter. Mr Blunn stated he had already mentioned in his Report that income from affiliation fees for the past season had not come up to his expectations and although the Department of Education & Science were generous in their Grant Aid to the Association, it was very obvious from the discussions held with the persons concerned that unless the Association could contribute more money to its activities, then Government aid would not be forthcoming. It was a question of the ETТА contributing a pound if the Government were also giving the ETТА a pound. He continued by stating that it might well be that the County Rebate of 20% was too high. A reduction in this figure would give the ETТА more money. There was also the possibility that the newly appointed Fund Raising Committee would come up with some ideas which would raise money for the Association but, in his opinion, the basic income was what was worrying the National Council. Mr Hoffman (North Middlesex) suggested that by compulsory purchase of the official Magazine by each team in the country a profit of some £2,400 per year could be obtained for the ETТА. Mr Dewar (Lincs) stated that in his opinion the extra money could be obtained by the ETТА by altering the basis of affiliation to that of an individual affiliation. He, therefore, proposed that the National Council should be given powers to examine an individual registration basis of affiliation and Mr Scott (Staffs) seconded this proposal. Mr Forrest (Wandsworth) stated that in his opinion there could be a number of difficulties on the proposition just made. He mentioned that certain Leagues did not have lists of registered players and that there were many players who were registered in Leagues at the present time who played very little and it seemed unfair to charge these players the same amount of fee as those players who took part in many of their Club matches during the season. Mr Corser (Individual Member) felt that the suggestion made by Mr Hoffman was preferable to that made by Mr Dewar. His point was that under Mr Hoffman's suggestion the players in a team would see some tangible benefit from the extra money they were paying in the way of a Magazine whereas under the suggestion of an individual basis of affiliation no such benefit would be apparent. Mr Motlow (Western Counties) gave the meeting details of the arrangements recently made in Wales and his thoughts were duly noted. Mr Jaschke, speaking personally, supported the suggestion of an individual player's basis of affiliation. Mr Hayes (Leics) stated it was always best to charge extra money direct rather than deal with the matter in a back-handed sort of way. Mr Wickens (Slough) stated that before agreement was reached on an individual player basis various points would need to be cleared. These were:

- 1 Should the fee be 2/6d per player?
- 2 Should the players playing in more than one League pay 2/6d to each League?
- 3 Should the money be collected from each player or should it be levied on the League who could then raise the money in any way they wished?

Mr Carrington (Director of Coaching) stated he had always favoured an individual basis of affiliation. He stated it was quite possible there might be a drop in the membership to commence with but in due course the membership figure would build up again to the present level. Mr Reay (Durham) stated that an individual registration basis was used in Durham and worked very satisfactorily. He could not see why such a basis

should not work on a national basis. Mr Crickmer (Worcs) asked if the principle of an individual registration was accepted, whether it would be linked in with the Master Points Scheme. Mr Hartley (Bromley) said he would like to hear from those League representatives present who opposed such a scheme and who did not have a list of players registered with their Leagues. He thought it might be a good idea to have an individual basis of registration but with a maximum number per Club or per League. He also felt that the point made by Mr Crickmer was a good one because if the Master Points Scheme was of interest to the players and brought more people into organised Table tennis then it was a scheme which should be automatic and not one which had to be paid for over and above the normal affiliation fees. Mr Scott (Staffs) stated he was speaking for Mr Goldstein (Warwickshire Secretary). Mr Goldstein had told him that at a recent meeting of the Warwickshire Association the suggestion of an individual player's basis of affiliation had been discussed and there was no opposition whatsoever. Mr White (London Civil Service) thought the important point to consider regarding an individual basis of affiliation was the act of giving something back to the players concerned. He stated that his League had recently changed to a personal fee basis and they were giving a Handbook free to each registered player. Mr Corser (Individual Member), carrying on with what Mr White had said, stated that the Magazine needed revitalising and, therefore, one way of doing this and meeting Mr White's point would be to give a free copy to each team. Mr Jaschke (Kent) stated that one big point to be considered with an individual basis of affiliation was that the players should get a card which stated that they were members of the English Table tennis Association. At this stage Mr Dewar (Lincs) reminded the meeting that he had made a proposal on this question which had been seconded. Mr Hoffman, therefore, stated he wished to propose an amendment that the National Council should look into the question of increasing the income of the ETTA through the compulsory purchase of the Magazine. On being put to the vote the amendment was defeated and the proposal of Mr Dewar, coupled with the fact that the fee should be based on 2/6d per player, was agreed. Mr Eyles then asked the meeting's permission to withdraw the motion as set out on the Order Paper and this was agreed.

10 ELECTION OF PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENTS

The Chairman, bearing in mind paragraph 20 of the annual Report, asked the meeting to agree whether the position of President should be left vacant for the 1966/67 season or whether they would prefer to make Mr Vint the President-Elect. Mr Jaschke (Kent) proposed that the position of President should be left vacant for the ensuing year with the hope that Mr Vint might be able to see his way clear to becoming the President in the 1967/68 season. This was agreed. Mr Eyles then moved the re-election of the Vice-Presidents mentioned in the official Handbook of the ETTA en bloc with the addition of Mr John Jaques. This was agreed.

11 ELECTION OF HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

Mr Eyles stated that the National Council recommended to this meeting the names of Messrs C J Clemett, C Jaschke and N K Reeve for the position of Honorary Life Members through their services to the Association regarding the European Championships. The meeting agreed to these members becoming Life Members and Mr Eyles made the necessary presentations to the three members.

12 ELECTION OF SCRUTINEERS FOR THE 1966/67 MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE ELECTION

Mr Eyles proposed that Messrs Shipley and White should act as scrutineers for this election and this was agreed.

13 ELECTION] OF ONE MEMBER OF STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE

Mr Eyles stated that Mr White was due to retire this year from the Standing Orders Committee but that he was eligible for re-election. He, therefore, had the pleasure of proposing the re-election of Mr White and this was agreed. At this stage Mr Blunn mentioned that in his opinion the AGM should elect the Hon I Montagu as a Life Vice President. The Chairman ruled that the National Council must recommend this but if this meeting agreed and the Council endorsed same at its first meeting Ivor Montagu would be elected.

14 ELECTION OF AUDITORS

It was agreed that Spain brothers should be re-elected as the Auditors of the Association.

15 REPORT OF THE ELECTORAL REFORM SOCIETY ON THE ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN, DEPUTY CHAIRMAN AND TREASURER

The Secretary of the Association reported as follows:

Chairman:	I C EYLES	Unopposed
Deputy Chairman:	An election had taken place with the following result:	
	N K REEVE	89 votes

G James 47 votes

C Jaschke 35 votes

Mr N K Reeve had, therefore, been declared elected as Deputy Chairman.

Hon Treasurer: T BLUNN Unopposed

16 REPORT OF THE ELECTORAL REFORM SOCIETY ON THE ELECTION OF NATIONAL COUNCILLORS.

The Secretary read the document which had been sent to Local Leagues and which gave the following information:

1 Uncontested seats: For each of the following counties, only one candidate has been validly nominated.

The candidate named in each case is accordingly elected unopposed.

<u>County</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Name</u>
Bedfordshire	P E Harmer	Lincolnshire	K W Dewar
Berkshire	A M Lijinsky	Norfolk	E Fairhead
Buckinghamshire	L Thompson	Northumberland	D M Robson
Cumberland	G R Yates	Nottinghamshire	E Taylor
Derbyshire	M Allsop	Oxfordshire	A J Hobday
Devonshire	Mrs F Jarvis	Somerset	A Richens
Essex	H Walker	Staffordshire	M Scott
Gloucestershire	L C T Davis	Suffolk	D J Barrett
Hampshire	M S Greatrex	Surrey	C J Clemett
Hertfordshire	D Game	Sussex.	K Watts
Kent	C Jaschke	Wiltshire	A D Ward
Lancashire	N Cook	Worcestershire	I R Crickmer
Leicestershire	P Reid	Yorkshire	W Mitton

2 Contested seats: For Cheshire and Middlesex, two candidates each had been validly nominated.

3 No nomination: No nomination at all was received in respect of the following Counties:

Huntingdonshire, Cornwall, Shropshire, Dorset

4 No valid nomination: No candidate was validly nominated in respect of the following Counties:

Cambridgeshire, Durham, Warwickshire

With regard to the contested seats in Middlesex and Cheshire, the results of the elections had only just come to hand and had not yet been verified by the Scrutineers. He would be sending the details to the Scrutineers on the following Monday. The results of the elections as received from the Electoral Reform Society showed the following position:

Cheshire	G Fackrell	3 votes
	J Kennerley	3 votes
Middlesex	L Hoffman	8 votes
	L Landry	7 votes

The Secretary continued by stating that no nomination had been received from four Counties and no valid nominations had been received from three others. This was duly noted. Mr Eyles stated that if the Scrutineers agreed with the details received from the Electoral Reform Society then it would appear that a further election was necessary in Cheshire. With regard to the election of Mr Hoffman as the Middlesex Councillor, Mr Eyles quoted a regulation from the Regulations for Registered Members stating that any person serving on a Committee of the ETTA and who was gainfully employed in table tennis matters might be asked to leave meetings of the National Council if any member requested that this should be so. He asked Mr Hoffman if he was prepared to accept this position and Mr Hoffman stated he was. Mr Eyles continued by saying that it would be noted that certain Counties would still not be represented on the National Council for the 1966/67 season. He was of the opinion that the meeting wished full representation of all Counties on the National Council because they had just passed a rule dealing with this particular matter. He wondered, therefore, if the meeting would be prepared to adopt the new rule which had just been passed for the next election immediately which would ensure representation of all Counties on the National Council for the coming season. Mr Scott (Staffs) agreed this was a most desirable thing and the Secretary was instructed to write to the seven Counties concerned asking that the Secretaries of the County Associations should forward the name of their Councillors so that they could attend the meeting on 16th July 1966.

17 ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

Mr Eyles stated that no progress had yet been made regarding the appointment of an Administrative Secretary of the Association or an Organising Secretary. With reference to the latter position, application forms would be

available in the near future for anyone interested and he asked the members present to inform their members who might be interested in the position that they should contact Mr Blunn, the Hon Treasurer. Mr White (London Civil Service) pointed out that the meeting should be aware that rule 15(e) would become operative directly Mr Lowen left the services of the ETTA. This was duly noted.

Mr Scott (Staffs) proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman for conducting the meeting in such an efficient way. This was received with acclamation.

The meeting closed at 6.15pm.