

## ENGLISH TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION

### MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION HELD AT THE CORA HOTEL, UPPER WOBURN PLACE, LONDON, WC2, ON SATURDAY 4TH JULY 1970, COMMENCING AT 2.30pm

PRESENT	C M Wyles (Deputy Chairman) (in the Chair) T Blunn (Hon Treasurer)
Hon Life Members:	C J Clemett, F Milligan, E Reay, N K Reeve, A K Vint, OBE, E G White
Vice Presidents:	R J Crayden, J A Leach, MBE, Mrs J F Reay
Members of National Council:	Messrs Barrett, Briggs, Crickmer, Davis, Goldstein, Greatrex, Harmer, Hobday, Hoffman, Landry, Lijinsky, Marchant, Mitchell, Ponting, Pope, Ransome, Reid, Scott, Stevens, Taylor, Thompson, Upton, Walker, Yates and Zenthon
Representatives from County Associations:	Bedfordshire, Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Cheshire, Cornwall, Devon, Durham, Essex, Gloucestershire, Hampshire, Hertfordshire, Kent, Lancashire, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, Middlesex, Norfolk, Northamptonshire, Oxfordshire, Somerset, Staffordshire, Suffolk, Surrey, Sussex, Warwickshire, Wiltshire, Worcestershire and Yorkshire
Leagues	Banbury, Birmingham, Bolton, Brighton, Bristol, Bromley, Burnham-on-Crouch, Central London, Civil Service, Eastbourne, Harlow, Hastings, Hemel Hempstead, Htill, Leicester, Liverpool, London Business Houses, Middlesbrough, NALGO, Newbury, NE Summer, North Middlesex, North Yorks, Nuneaton, Reading, Southampton, Stanley, Sunderland, Sutton, Thanet, Wembley & Harrow, Willesden, Worcester and Worthing
Directly Affiliated Individuals:	W Evans, Mrs E Fletcher, Mrs E Phillips
Other Organisations:	County Table Tennis Championships, English Schools TTA, Essex Schools TTA, International Club, Middlesex Schools TTA, Surrey Schools TTA
In attendance:	D R Tremayne (General Secretary) A W Shipley (Assistant Secretary)

Before the business of the agenda began, the meeting stood for a moment's silence in remembrance of Richard Bergmann, Austin Harrison and John Jaques.

#### 1 CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF REPORT OF STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE

On a proposition from the Chair, the Report was adopted.

#### 2 ADOPTION OF STANDING ORDERS

On a proposition from the Chair, Standing Orders were adopted. At this point Mr Wyles explained that, as Mr C. Jaschke was unable to attend the meeting, he had taken the Chair in accordance with Standing Orders. The General Secretary read a message of goodwill to the Association from our Patron, HM the Queen.

#### 3 APPOINTMENT OF TELLERS

It was agreed that Mr D Wolstencroft (Bolton) and Mr E G White (Life Member) be appointed Tellers for the meeting.

#### 4 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

These were received from the following: C Jaschke (Chairman), P Hyde, G James and L Woollard (Life Members), V Barna (Vice-President), Miss K Walters (NC for Wilts), T Honey (Cornwall), Miss L Rymill (Sussex), J Pike (Staffs), C Darley (Castleford/Pontefract), T Catherall (London Banks), A Whitmore (Nuneaton), Mrs S Keen (Southport).

#### 5 MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 5th JULY 1969

Mr K. Watts (Sussex) pointed out that the Minutes indicated that, in proposing various alterations to Rules on behalf of the National Council, he had spoken the words of the notes appended to each proposed change in support of his case. This was incorrect. The notes were intended to be an unbiased statement giving the effect

of changes, whereas his comments were biased in favour of the proposer, ie the National Council. He proposed that after every National Council proposition should be the words "Mr K Watts moved this proposition on behalf of the National Council" and not the sentences which appeared in the minutes. This was carried and the minutes were then signed as correct.

#### 15 ELECTION OF HONORARY LIFE MEMBER

Mr Wyles received the permission of the meeting to bring this item forward as the nominee had to leave the meeting early. He went on to propose, on behalf of the National Council, the recommendation of the Life Members and Vice-Presidents Committee that Geoffrey Harrower be elected an Honorary Life Member of the Association. This was carried unanimously and Mr Wyles asked Mr A K Vint, OBE to make the presentation. Mr Vint spoke of the tremendous amount of time and effort that Geoffrey Harrower had devoted to the cause of table tennis, especially in the post-war years. He was a founder member of Middlesex TTA and of the County TT Championships, originator of the Master Points Scheme and an organiser of World Championships. As a journalist his advice and wise counsel was sought and was always readily given. Mr Vint stated that it was a privilege to present the Life Member's badge to Geoffrey Harrower and this he did to prolonged acclaim from the meeting. Mr Harrower thanked the membership for the honour bestowed upon him and said he would wear the badge with pride and would continue to do all he could to help the sport of table tennis. (Applause)

#### 6 MATTERS ARISING FROM ITEM 5

None.

#### 7 REPORT OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31st MAY 1970

Mr Wyles stated that he would go through the Report, which had been circulated, paragraph by paragraph and asked members to raise any points at the appropriate moment.

Paragraph 2 Mr N K Reeve (Wembley & Harrow) found it regrettable that the Chairman of the Association was not present to answer for his stewardship of the past year, and although he did not wish to embarrass the Officers present, he wished to know the present position with regard to Coca-Cola, for the sponsorship agreement with this company was announced in a wave of publicity which led the membership to believe financial security had arrived but it now seemed that this was not so. The General Secretary replied, stating that negotiations with Coca-Cola were still in hand and no final decision had yet been reached but it was already clear that Coca-Cola would not take up the option for the full £10,000 per year. Mr J Wright (English Schools TTA) expressed his disappointment that none of the money from Coca-Cola had been used to help the Schools Association. Mr D. Mitchell (Kent) asked for clarification of the statement that Coca-Cola were interested in activity "at local level". The Secretary replied that Coca-Cola had conducted a press cutting scheme with local newspapers; this had made them aware of the extensive publicity given to table tennis at local level and this was of interest to them. Mr J Blackman (Hemel Hempstead) asked if Leagues could approach Coca-Cola direct and the Secretary replied that this might be possible through the local Bottling Companies. In summing up, Mr T Blunn (Hon Treasurer) emphasised that the Coca-Cola agreement was negotiated in all good faith and that it was clearly understood by both sides that, after the first year of £5,000, a re-appraisal would take place and that Coca-Cola would always have the final word. There was no attempt to hide anything, and the Association was always aware that only the first year was secure.

Paragraph 15 Mr Wyles thanked Team Manager Johnny Leach for his work over the past year in which he had set a high standard.

Paragraph 18 Mr J Wright (Middlesex) requested an indication of Championship venues for the coming season. In reply, the Secretary stated that venues were still being negotiated and the following were subject to confirmation: English Open - Brighton; English Closed - Crystal Palace; English Junior Open - Folkestone, English Junior Closed - a holiday camp at Easter. Mr E G White (Life Member) and Mr D Tyler (Sussex) both expressed views on the unsuitability of Crystal Palace for our major tournament, the English Open. Mr Wyles agreed with the remarks made, but previously agreed arrangements to provide cushions and for there to be no swimming activity during the finals were overlooked by the Crystal Palace staff.

Paragraph 19 Mr L Pilditch (N Middlesex) noted the lower entry for the Wilmott Cup but requested more leniency in administering the closing date for entries, especially where Leagues were regular entrants. Mr M Goldstein and Mr L Davis of the National Team Competitions Committee spoke of the difficulties caused by late entries and emphasised that exceptions could not be made. Mr J Wright (Middlesex) quoted examples of other occasions where late entries were a problem, but felt that organisers should show some degree of leniency.

Paragraph 21 Mr A Upton (Lancashire) wished to record the meeting's appreciation of the efforts by George Yates in his editorship of the magazine. Noted.

Paragraph 22 Several members requested an earlier publication of the Handbook Supplement. The Secretary explained the several causes for delay appertaining to the 1969/70 edition but noted the feeling of the meeting. Unless Leagues and Counties sent in the information required by the date requested, the previous season's information would be included.

Paragraph 23 Mr Wyles thanked Ian Crickmer for his work in maintaining our archives. The meeting felt that every effort should be made to obtain possession of the material held by Mr L Woollard. Noted.

Paragraph 26 Mr E G White (Life Member) wished it recorded that Colin Clemett, who had been a very able Secretary of the Umpires and Referees Committee, had resigned owing to taking up employment in the USA. Noted.

General Mr Wyles thanked everybody who had contributed to the work of the past year, making special reference to Derek Tremayne, Albert Shipley and the two voluntary workers who had given valuable assistance in the office, Harry Walker and Bert Meyern.

Appendix 1 It was suggested that this should include the names of those members serving on ITTF and ETTU Committees.

Appendix 2 It was agreed that the results of the National Club Competitions should also be recorded in future.

Appendix 3 In section 5, the last three matches were for girls' teams. In section 7 the name of Miss L Bashford should be added.

Mr Wyles moved the adoption of the report and this was carried unanimously.

## 8 STATEMENT OF RESULT OF ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR SEASON 1970/71

The Secretary read out the following results, which had been circulated:

Chairman	C M WYLES	unopposed	ELECTED
Deputy Chairman	G R YATES	82 votes	ELECTED
	L Hoffman	61 votes	not elected
	A G Steggall	33 votes	not elected
	L C T Davis	14 votes	not elected
Treasurer	T BLUNN	unopposed	ELECTED

Mr Blunn then invested Mr Wyles with his badge of office, saying that once again the Association were lucky to have found the ideal man at the right time. Unfortunately, Mrs. Wyles was indisposed and unable to be present but the meeting sent her best regards and sympathies. Mr Blunn also recorded a farewell tribute to our Chairman for the past two years, Conrad Jaschke, from whom we had learnt a great deal and to whom went our best wishes for the future. Mr Wyles replied, saying that to-day was a milestone in his life, that he was proud of the honour of Chairmanship bestowed upon him, and he thanked everybody for their support. He also congratulated George Yates and Tom Blunn upon their election.

## 9 STATEMENT OF RESULT OF ELECTION OF NATIONAL COUNCILLORS FOR SEASON 1970/71

1 Bedfordshire	P E Harmer	21 Lincolnshire	Mrs J Robinson
2 Berkshire	A M Lijinsky	22 Middlesex	L Hoffman
3 Buckinghamshire	L Thompson	23 Norfolk	E J Fairhead
4 Cambridgeshire	J D Cornwell	24 Northamptonshire	K J Marchant
5 Cheshire	J K Kennerley	25 Northumberland	H S Lawson
6 Cornwall	L F Landry	26 Nottinghamshire	E Taylor
7 Cumberland	R Rigg	27 Oxfordshire	A J Hobday
8 Derbyshire	P Norman	28 Rutland	no County Ass'n
9 Devon	K T O Ponting	29 Shropshire	A J Cavell
10 Dorset	no nomination	30 Somerset	D Pope
11 Durham	F J Inch	31 Staffordshire	M E Scott
12 Essex	P Dukes	32 Suffolk	D J Barrett
13 Gloucestershire	L C T Davis	33 Surrey	J Zenthon
14 Hampshire	M S Greatrex	34 Sussex	K Watts
15 Herefordshire	no County Ass'n	35 Warwickshire	M Goldstein
16 Hertfordshire	H G Stevens	36 Westmoreland	no County Ass'n
17 Huntingdonshire	S. E. Roberts	37 Wiltshire	Miss K Waters
18 Kent	D N Mitchell	38 Worcestershire	I R Crickmer
19 Lancashire	A E Upton	39 Yorkshire	F Briggs
20 Leicestershire	P Reid		

Results of ballots	Essex (possible 44)	P DUKES	17 votes	ELECTED
		A Shepherd	7 votes	not elected
	Kent (possible 33)	D N MITCHELL	13 votes	ELECTED
		C A Burden	12 votes	not elected

The Chairman welcomed all new Councillors and looked forward to a happy working year. Mr J Wright (Middx) expressed concern at the apparent apathy by Leagues in making Councillor nominations. There was general agreement with this view and Mr Wright went on to ask for a definition of "another responsible officer". It was pointed out that a previous AGM had rejected an attempt to define this requirement but an article on the subject had appeared in "Table Tennis News". Discussion revealed that members would welcome guidance and it was agreed that the Returning Officer and Scrutineers should try to agree a note on the principles followed by the Scrutineers in interpreting the Rule, to be placed at the foot of nomination and voting papers.

#### 10 REPORT OF THE TREASURER, REPORT OF THE AUDITORS AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MAY 1970

Mr Blunn first gave the following alterations to the financial statement, all of which were on the back page:

- (i) International Activities: The profit/loss figures shown under Millom and Preston should be reversed, as it was Millom that had made a profit. The Treasurer apologised to Millom for this error.
- (ii) The match at Felixstowe should be shown as a European League match.
- (iii) The final line should read as a profit, not as a loss.

Mr Blunn paid tribute to the efforts of the Auditors who had worked hard in the short time available to produce a letter expressing satisfaction with the accounts. In dealing with the Accounts, Mr Blunn thanked Mr and Mrs Shipley for their efforts which had produced a significant increase from the fund-raising schemes. On the matter concerning Walter Mitton, the Treasurer reported that he had given full explanations to both the Management Committee and National Council, and that restitution was being made with a full recovery by next February. Mr Blunn also gave a brief outline to the meeting of the sequence of events in the case. After explaining that our contract with Jaques allows us the use and hire of tables to the value of £10,000 over a period of five years, it was necessary to show the full value of the tables as a credit to donations from manufacturers each year and the written-down value of the tables shown as Assets in the Balance Sheet. The Treasurer asked for questions on the accounts as he wished to speak of the future at the end of his report. Mr S Dane (Middx) pointed out that in Note 26 to the accounts, the word "Paraplegics" should replace "Spastics". Noted. Mr N K Reeve (Wembley & Harrow) queried the cash position regarding the depreciation on tables equalling the hire charge, and the sundry debtors' figure of £5,500. Mr Blunn replied, explaining that the depreciation figure also included a charge to the Coaching Scheme for table use. There were no uncertainties in the sundry debtors, for it was made up mainly of amounts owing from advertising, Government grants, international matches, Coca-Cola and £800 of Premium Bonds. The overdraft position was covered by the deposit account. Mr D Mitchell (Kent) felt that the financial position was not as happy as one would have wished and as the World Championships in 1973 would involve considerable expenditure, could the Treasurer give an outline of our possible financial commitment in this respect. Mr Blunn said that the main problem in regard to the World Championships was finding a suitable venue, for each venue considered so far gave a varying budget from £30,000 to £65,000. Taking an optimistic view, one could see an income of £35,000 without an overall sponsor. The deadline for taking up the option to stage the championships had officially expired but we had been allowed an extension to help us in solving the venue problems. Two members felt that the membership at large would be prepared to give financial assistance, which Mr Blunn felt was encouraging and would be remembered if the venue problem was solved. Mr A. Upton (Lancs) proposed the adoption of the Report and Accounts with a vote of thanks to Mr Blunn for his work over the year. Carried unanimously.

Mr Blunn addressed the meeting on the future as he saw it financially, saying it was his custom to plan ahead for several years. This was easier when we held firm contracts but with the Coca-Cola agreement in doubt, a possible change in Government policy, and television contracts awaiting confirmation, it was difficult to plan. In addition, next season's match expenses would be different with long-distance away matches, especially the World Championships in Japan and the Commonwealth Tournament in Singapore. However, the Japanese would be touring this country in October, on which it was hoped to make a profit. Up to three years ago the Administration account virtually balanced but it was now running at a deficit of £4,000, a sum which had to be found. Although the fund-raising items were increasing and were vital to our income, something more permanent had to be found. This could possibly be covered by a seal of approval scheme or one may have to turn to affiliation fees. Mr Blunn concluded by saying that there would be a gap between income and expenditure for the next two years and he wished members to be aware of the problems.

## 11 PROPOSED ALTERATIONS OF RULES

### Proposition No 1 (proposed by National Council)

Amend Rule 6 to read as follows

- 6 (pre-a) No person or organisation shall be eligible to apply for affiliation unless playing under the Laws of Table Tennis as approved by the ETTA.
  - (a) The normal unit of affiliation shall be the Local League.
  - (b) Additionally, any club or individual eligible under Rule 6 (Pre-a) may apply for affiliation.

Mr K Watts moved the proposition on behalf of the National Council. On being put to the vote, the proposition was carried.

### Proposition No 2 (proposed by the National Council)

In Rule 14(a), delete "25" and insert "30".

Mr K Watts moved the proposition on behalf of the National Council. On being put to the vote, the proposition was carried.

### Proposition No 3 (proposed by the National Council),

Insert new Rule: 21(c) No person holding a paid appointment with the Association may be an Honorary Officer of the Association or a National Councillor.

Mr K Watts moved the proposition on behalf of the National Council. On being put to the vote, the proposition was carried.

### Proposition No 4 (proposed by the National Council)

Insert new Rule: 17(f) No person may hold more than one office at the same time except that the Honorary General Secretary may also be Treasurer.

Mr K Watts moved the proposition on behalf of the National Council.

### Amendment to Proposition No 4 (proposed by Dagenham & District TTL)

Delete "except that the Honorary General Secretary may also be Treasurer".

Mr P Dukes moved the amendment to the proposition on behalf of Dagenham & District TTL. On being put to the vote, the amendment to the proposition was carried. On being put to the vote, the proposition as amended was carried.

### Proposition No 5 (proposed by the National Council)

Insert new Rule: 19(dd) No person may be a candidate for more than one office at the same time, except the offices of General Secretary and Treasurer.

Mr K. Watts moved the proposition on behalf of the National Council.

### Amendment to Proposition No 5 (proposed by Dagenham & District TTL)

For "No" substitute "Any" and delete "except the Offices of General Secretary and Treasurer".

Mr P Dukes moved the amendment to the proposition on behalf of Dagenham & District TTL. On being put to the vote the amendment to the proposition was defeated. On being put to the vote, the original proposition was defeated.

### Proposition No 6 (proposed by the National Council)

Insert new Rule: 22(bb) No ETTA Officer may represent a County as its Councillor.

Mr K Watts moved the proposition on behalf of the National Council. On being put to the vote, the proposition was carried.

### Proposition No 7 (proposed by the National Council)

Insert new Rule: 23(dd) No person may accept nomination for more than one seat at the same time.

Mr K Watts moved the proposition on behalf of the National Council.

### Amendment to Proposition No 7 (proposed by Dagenham & District TTL)

For "No" substitute "Any", alter "." to "," add at the end "but may not occupy more than one seat at any time".

Mr P Dukes moved the amendment on behalf of Dagenham & District TTL. On being put to the vote, the amendment was defeated. On being put to the vote, the original proposition was carried.

### Proposition No 8 (proposed by the National Council)

In Rule 17(a) delete "seven" and insert "21".

Mr K Watts moved the proposition on behalf of the National Council. On being put to the vote, the proposition was carried.

### Proposition No 9 (proposed by Gloucestershire TTA)

Delete Rule 24(f) and in Rule 24(g) delete "and past Chairmen".

Mr L C T Davis moved the proposition on behalf of Gloucestershire TTA. On being put to the vote, the proposition was carried.

### Proposition No 10 (proposed by Gloucestershire TTA)

Delete Rule 22(f) and in Rule 22(g) delete "and past Chairmen".

Mr L C T Davis moved the proposition on behalf of Gloucestershire TTA. On being put to the vote, the

proposition was carried.

Proposition No 11

This proposition was not put as it depended upon Proposition No. 10 being defeated.

Proposition No 12 (proposed by Gloucestershire TTA)

Amend Rule 220) by adding at the end "No person shall sit on more than two sub-committees".

Mr L C T Davis moved the proposition on behalf of Gloucestershire TTA. On being put to the vote the proposition was defeated.

Proposition No 13 (proposed by Gloucestershire TTA)

Amend Rule 19(f) by deleting the first sentence and inserting "Each Local League shall be entitled to one vote each team in membership".

Mrs J Watts (Bristol) moved the proposition on behalf of the Gloucestershire TTA. On being put to the vote, the proposition was defeated.

Proposition No 14 (proposed by Gloucestershire T.T.A.)

In Rule 10(a)(i), "plus 2/6 for one reserve place", for "2/6" substitute "3/-", for "7/6" substitute "6/-" and for "10/-" substitute "9/-"

In Rule 10(a)(ii), delete "plus 1/3 for one reserve place" and for "1/3" substitute "1/6"

In Rule 10(a)(iii), delete "plus 1/3 for one reserve place" and for "1/3" substitute "1/6"

In Rule 10(a)(iv), for "2/6" substitute "3/-"

In Rule 10(a)(v), for "3d" substitute "1/-".

Mr L C T Davis moved the proposition on behalf of Gloucestershire TTA.

Amendment to Proposition No 14 (proposed by Buckinghamshire TTA)

In the section dealing with Rule 10(a) (i) for "3/-" substitute "3/6", for "6/-" substitute "7/-" and for "9/-" substitute "10/-".

Mr L Thompson moved the amendment to the proposition on behalf of Bucks TTA. Mr T Blunn gave details of affiliation fees which would be received under these propositions. The original proposition would bring in £800 less and the proposition as amended would bring £700 more. On being put to the vote, the amendment to the proposition was carried. Mr D Mitchell (Kent) spoke against the new amended proposition as it would change a well-established basis of charging affiliation fees. Mr I Crickmer (Worcs) also spoke against the proposition as Worcestershire had introduced the principle of a reserve place and they would not like to see it rejected. On being put to the vote, the proposition was defeated.

Proposition No 15 (proposed by Gloucestershire TTA)

Amend Rule 7(c)(i) by deleting "which shall have the power to refuse without giving reason".

Mr L C T Davis moved the proposition on behalf of Gloucestershire TTA. On being put to the vote, the proposition was defeated.

Proposition No 16 (proposed by Gloucestershire TTA)

Amend Rule 7(c)(i) by adding at end "This ruling will be subject to agreement by the next meeting of the National Council".

Mr L C T Davis moved the proposition on behalf of Gloucestershire TTA. On being put to the vote, the proposition was defeated.

Proposition No 17 (proposed by Essex TTA)

Amend Rule 67(a) by substituting "Ten" for "Five" and inserting, after "Mixed Doubles" "and Junior Singles (Boys), Junior Doubles (Girls), Junior Mixed Doubles" and adding at end "It shall be in the power of National Council to hold Junior Championship events separately from the Senior Championships".

Amend Rule 67(b) by deleting "Men's and Women's Consolation Singles event" and substituting "Junior Singles (Boys), Junior Singles (Girls), Junior Doubles (Boys), Junior Doubles (Girls), Junior Mixed Doubles and Consolation events".

Mr A Shepherd moved the proposition on behalf of Essex TTA. On being put to the vote, the proposition was carried.

Proposition No 18 (proposed by Essex TTA)

Amend Rule 67(a) by substituting "Twelve" for "Ten" and adding at the end of the first sentence "and Men's and Women's Veteran Singles".

Amend Rule 67(b) by inserting after "Junior Mixed Doubles" "Veterans".

Mr A Shepherd moved the proposition on behalf of Essex TTA. On being put to the vote, the

proposition was carried.

Proposition No 19 (proposed by National Council)

Insert new Rule: 4(a) 7(a) Junior: A person under 17 years of age on the preceding 30th June.

Insert new section: Junior Age Limit

64A In all competitions run by or approved by any affiliated body the term "Junior" shall have the meaning assigned to it by Rule 4(a) 7(a). Mr K Watts moved the proposition on behalf of the National Council. On being put to the vote the proposition was carried.

Proposition No 20 (proposed by National Council)

Insert new Rule: 40(vi) The Association shall consist of all Local Leagues, Directly Affiliated Clubs, Directly Affiliated Individuals, Schools Leagues and School Clubs within the area of the County, in accordance with the Rules of the ETTA (except such as shall be given exemption by the ETTA), all being duly affiliated to the ETTA.

Mr K Watts moved the proposition on behalf of the National Council. On being put to the vote, the proposal was carried.

Proposition No 21 (proposed by National Council)

Insert new Rule: 40(vii) In the event of the winding up or dissolution of the Association, any surplus assets shall automatically vest in the ETTA, who shall for a period of six years hold them in trust for any organisation set up with identical or similar objects to those of this Association (the ETTA during such period making every endeavour to promote and encourage the formation of such an organisation) and thereafter for the general purposes of the ETTA.

Mr K Watts moved the proposition on behalf of the National Council. On being put to the vote, the proposition was carried.

Proposition No 22 (proposed by National Council)

Amend Rule 34(b) to read: There shall be no County of London, but for the purpose of these Rules the Greater London area shall be divided as follows:

- (i) The London Boroughs of Bexley, Bromley, Greenwich and Lewisham shall be part of Kent.
- (ii) The London Boroughs of Barking, Havering, Newham, Redbridge and Waltham Forest shall be part of Essex.
- (iii) The London Boroughs of Croydon, Kingston-upon-Thames, Lambeth, Merton, Richmond-upon-Thames, Southwark, Sutton and Wandsworth shall be part of Surrey.
- (iv) The London Boroughs of Barnet, Brent, Camden, Ealing, Enfield, Hackney, Hammersmith, Harringey, Harrow, Hillingdon, Hounslow, Islington, Kensington and Chelsea, Tower Hamlets, and Westminster, and the City of London shall constitute the County of Middlesex.

Mr K Watts moved the proposition on behalf of the National Council. On being put to the vote, the proposition was carried.

Mr L Thompson (Bucks) pointed out that Staines had for many years been part of Middlesex. It was agreed that the Rules provided for them to continue to affiliate to Middlesex but the situation would be considered by the Rules Committee next season.

Proposition No 23 (proposed by National Council)

Amend Rule 44(a) by deleting the last sentence "Application of ... televising".

Mr K Watts moved the proposition on behalf of the National Council. On being put to the vote, the proposition was carried.

Proposition No 24 (proposed by the National Council)

Amend Rule 60(c) by adding at end "and to any Respondent to any such appeal".

Mr K Watts moved the proposition on behalf of the National Council. On being put to the vote, the proposition was carried.

## 12 MOTIONS

Motion (A) (proposed by National Council)

That on and after 15th February 1971 any sum of money to be paid to the ETTA. by a Member or an affiliated body which on conversion to decimal currency includes a fraction of a new penny shall be paid to the next whole new penny above.

Mr K Watts proposed the motion on behalf of the National Council. On being put to the vote, the motion was carried.

Motion (B) (proposed by Gloucestershire TTA)

That the National Council take steps through a reputable Insurance Society to insure all players at all levels, en bloc, against accident or death during travelling to and from table tennis matches and during the playing periods. Mr L C T Davis proposed the motion on behalf of Gloucestershire TTA. The Secretary gave details received from an insurance company which quoted a premium of 2/6 per player. It was felt that better terms could be obtained by each individual covering for personal accident and for organisations to take out a third party insurance themselves. On being put to the vote, the motion was defeated.

#### 13 ADOPTION OF LAWS FOR 1970/1971 SEASON.

No action was required as there were no changes in the Laws for next season.

#### 14 ELECTION OF PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENTS

The Chairman asked the meeting to accept the nomination of A K Vint, OBE, as President of the Association, recalling Mr Vint's services to table tennis dating back to 1927. The nomination was carried unanimously and Mr Wyles invested Mr Vint with the badge of office whilst the meeting gave a standing ovation. Mr Vint thanked the Chairman for his kind words and for the way the meeting had received him. He was pleased to be associated with the present Officers and was confident in their ability, for he felt the role of President should be decorative rather than being involved in policy but he was willing to help in any way.

The Chairman proposed the election of four Vice-Presidents, Mrs Ann Jones, Mr W Evans, Mr C Jaques and Mr E Mynn, giving details of their connections with the sport. The proposition was carried unanimously and Mr W Evans replied on behalf of all four elected.

The Chairman proposed the election of the Hon. Ivor Montagu as the first Life Vice-President of the Association, an office open only to past Presidents. This was also the unanimous wish of the meeting and so a message of good wishes was read out from Mr Montagu, who was unable to be present.

#### 16 ELECTION OF SCRUTINEERS FOR 1970/1971 MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE ELECTION

It was proposed, seconded and agreed that A J H Wickens and J M Wright be elected.

#### 17 ELECTION OF ONE MEMBER OF STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE

The Chairman stated that Mr A J H Wickens was due for retirement from this Committee but he was eligible for re-election. It was proposed, seconded and agreed that Mr Wickens be re-elected.

#### 18 ELECTION OF AUDITORS

Mr K Watts proposed that the present Auditors, Messrs Spain Bros, Jukes and Co be re-elected. Agreed.

#### 19 ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

Mrs J Clay (Sutton) asked if the date of the AGM could be arranged so as to avoid finals day at Wimbledon.. The Chairman pointed out that the date was governed by rule but that the problem would be studied. Mr A Shepherd (Essex) spoke on what he felt was an anomaly in the policy of dealing with misbehaviour of players, quoting two cases which had occurred both concerning Essex junior players. In one case, a player misbehaved and he was withdrawn from an international match by the ETTA and no action was considered necessary by the County. In the other case, the County suspended a player for misbehaviour and reported the matter to the ETTA yet no action was taken. The Secretary stated that, in the first case quoted by Mr Shepherd, he had observed the incident and reported to the Team Manager who took action. In the second case, the Association only received a copy of the letter sent to the player with no information or request for action. Mr Blunn, speaking as Chairman of the Selection Committee, said that the first case was sufficiently bad to warrant ETTA action even though the County took no action but, in the second case, the matter had been dealt with by the County who had informed the ETTA in accordance with the Rules without request for further punishment. The Referee at the time of the incident spoke to the player and also gave his view that no further action was required. Therefore, said Mr Blunn, there was no case for action by the ETTA. Mr P Dukes (Essex) conceded that his County's action had been inadequate but he still felt that the ETTA could have made further enquiries of the County upon receipt of the copy letter.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 7pm with a vote of thanks to the Chairman, proposed by Mr A Upton (Lancs), for his splendid conduct of the meeting.