

ENGLISH TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION HELD  
AT THE BLOOMSBURY CENTRE HOTEL, CORAM STREET, LONDON, W.C.1.  
ON SATURDAY, 3RD JULY, 1971, COMMENCING AT 2.30 P.M.

PRESENT:

A.K. Vint, O.B.E. (President)  
C.M. Wyles (Chairman)  
G.R. Yates (Deputy Chairman)  
T. Blunn (Hon. Treasurer)

HON. LIFE MEMBERS:

C.J. Clemett, M. Goldstein, P. Hyde, G. James, F. Milligan,  
E. Reay, M.E. Scott.

VICE PRESIDENTS:

J.H. Carrington, R.J. Crayden, W. Evans, Mrs. J.F. Reay,  
H. Walker.

MEMBERS OF NATIONAL  
COUNCIL:

Mrs. J. Robinson, Miss K. Waters and Messrs. Briggs, Cavell,  
Crickmer, Davis, Dukes, Goldstein, Greatrex, Harmer, Hoffman,  
Lawson, Marchant, Mitchell, Norman, Ponting, Reid, Scott, Stevens,  
Upton, Watts, Zenthon.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM  
THE FOLLOWING COUNTY  
ASSOCIATIONS AND LEAGUES:

Bedfordshire, Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Cheshire, Derbyshire,  
Devon, Dorset, Durham, Essex, Gloucestershire, Hampshire,  
Hertfordshire, Kent, Lancashire, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire,  
Middlesex, Nottinghamshire, Northumberland, Shropshire, Staffordshire  
Surrey, Sussex, Warwickshire, Wiltshire, Worcestershire and Yorkshire.  
  
Birmingham, Bolton, Brighton, Bristol, Bromley, Burnham-on-Crouch,  
Castleford/Pontefract, Central London, Chesterfield, Coventry,  
Crawley, Dudley, Eastbourne, East Grinstead, Evesham, Halesowen,  
Harlow, Hastings, Hereford, Hull, Leicester, Liverpool, London  
Civil Service, Manchester, Murton, N.A.L.G.O., Newbury, North  
Herts, North Middlesex, N.W. Kent, Nuneaton, Redditch, Salisbury,  
Slough, Sunderland, Thanet, Wembley/Harrow, Worcester, Worthing.

OTHER ORGANISATIONS:

County Table Tennis Championships,  
English Schools T.T.A.  
Essex Schools T.T.A.  
Middlesex Schools T.T.A.  
Surrey Schools T.T.A.

IN ATTENDANCE:

D.R. Tremayne (General Secretary)  
A.W. Shipley (Assistant General Secretary)

The President, Mr. A.K. Vint, O.B.E., took the Chair and welcomed all delegates to the Meeting.

1. CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF REPORT OF STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE

Mr. A. J. H. Wickens (Standing Orders Committee) requested and received the permission of the meeting to amend Paragraph No. 3 as follows:-

Delete the last word 'turn' and add "the order given, unless and until an amendment is carried, in which case no further amendments will be debated."

It was then proposed, seconded and agreed that the Report be adopted.

2. ADOPTION OF STANDING ORDERS

Mr. A. J. H. Wickens (Standing Orders Committee) apologised for a deficiency in Standing Order No. 3 and requested and received the meeting's permission to add the words "or by an Officer or National Councillor" in the following three places:

- (i) after the word 'representative' in the second line of Standing Order 3(a)
- (ii) after the word 'body' in the third line of Standing Order 3(a)
- (iii) after the word 'representative' in Standing Order 3(b)

It was then proposed, seconded and agreed that the Standing Orders as amended be adopted.

3. APPOINTMENT OF TELLERS

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

4. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

These were received from:

E. G. White, L. Woolard (Life Members), E. J. Fairhead (N.C. for Norfolk), A. J. Hobday (N.C. for Oxfords), F. J. Inch (N.C. for Durham), L. F. Landry (N.C. for Cornwall), L. Thompson (N.C. for Bucks.), A. G. Steggall, J. M. Burtenshaw, W. G. Goldfinch (E. T. T. A. Sub-Committee members), L. Constable (Cambridge), Mrs. S. Kent (Heathfield), A. Catherall (London Banks), Mrs. S. Keen (Southport) R. Gargrave (N.A.B.C.), H. Matthews (Southwark Fed. of C.Y.C.).

The General Secretary read messages of goodwill to the Association from our Patron, H.M. The Queen, and our Life Vice-President, The Hon. Ivor Montagu.

5. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD 4th JULY, 1970

The name of Mr. K. Watts (N.C. for Sussex) was added to the list of those present at the Meeting.

Mr. D. Lomas (English Schools) requested the inclusion of a statement made at the meeting by Mr. T. Blunn to the effect that the E.T.T.A. acknowledged the contribution made to the sport by the E.S.T.T.A. and that they would be borne in mind in future negotiations for sponsorship.

These alterations were agreed and the minutes were then signed as a correct record.

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM ITEM 5

None.

7. REPORT OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31st MAY 1971

In moving the adoption of the Report, Mr. C. Wyles (Chairman) said that 1970/71 was an eventful season, the climax of which was the visit to China, and occasion which had enhanced the standing of the Association. He also thanked all the many voluntary

officials without whose help the season's programme could not have been completed.

The President stated that he would go through the Report, which had been circulated, paragraph by paragraph and asked members to raise any points under the appropriate heading.

Paragraph 8. The Editor of 'Table Tennis News' was complimented on the excellent quality of the magazine and it was felt that ways should be found to increase the circulation.

Mr. Vint endorsed the views expressed and stated that the magazine was highly respected in the international field. He said that Mr. Yates devoted most of his spare time to the magazine and that a debt of gratitude was owed him and Mrs. Yates for their industry and asked the meeting to help in stimulating interest and increasing the circulation of the magazine in order to pay back the efforts involved.

The statement was greeted with acclaim.

Paragraph 9. Comment was made on the late issue of the Handbook Supplement but it was pointed out that the lateness of information from Leagues was again the main reason for the late publication.

Paragraph 11. Mr. G. James (Chairman of N.U.R.C.) gave details of the Umpires' Conference to be held in Leicester on September 11/12th and stated that although this had initially been restricted to County Umpires Secretaries and National Umpires there were still a few vacancies for interested umpires.

Mr. Vint praised the Handbook for Referees and Competition Organisers which had been compiled by Colin Clemett on behalf of the I.T.T.F. (Copies from E.T.T.A. Office)

Attention was drawn to the unfortunate attitude in sport of questioning the decisions by Umpires and Referees, for he felt that this feeling was increasing within table tennis. He requested that steps be taken by Coaches and Captains to eradicate this tendency and that attention also be paid to the teaching of legal service actions.

Paragraph 12. Mr. D. Mitchell (Kent) proposed that the words 'of an adequate standard and' be deleted from the Report as the National Council had agreed that the seal of approval could only apply to the legality of table tennis rackets.

The meeting agreed to the deletion of the words proposed by Mr. Mitchell.

Paragraph 13. A discussion ensued on the methods of grading tournaments and it was agreed that tournament organisers should be informed of any adverse reports received by the Tournaments Committee and that unsuccessful applicants for 3 - Star status should be given specific reasons for failure.

It was pointed out that the Report contained an implication that the Middlesex Open would again be a 3-Star tournament in 1971/72 but this was not so. Noted.

The President thanked all members for their comments on the subject of tournaments and that the points raised would be noted.

Paragraph 14. Attention was drawn to the inadequate washing and changing facilities at the English Open Championships venue. The General Secretary replied that alternative arrangements for next year's event would be explored.

The Chairman gave an assurance that in future any prizes given at the English Open would be worthy of the occasion.

Paragraph 16. It was agreed that the future zoning of entries to the National Club Championships would be studied.

Paragraph 17. Thanks were recorded to Mr. John Wright for his refereeing of the European Youth Championships.

Paragraph 18. Criticism was voiced at the Selection Committee's policy on juniors in regard to tournament play.

Mr. R. Crayden (Chairman of Selection Committee) stated that the Junior Captain had attended a number of junior tournaments and so had other members of the Selection Committee. In addition, detailed results from all tournaments were received and noted by the Selectors. Mr. Crayden gave an undertaking to inform tournament organisers in advance of the Selection Committee member who would be in attendance.

Paragraph 20. The meeting congratulated Mr. Wyles for his handling of the tour of China and for the publicity gained thereby.

The President said that the Association were fortunate to have the man at the top available on this occasion and made special mention of the part played by Mr. G. Yater, the Deputy Chairman, for in the often difficult sphere of international relations these two officers more than upheld the traditions of the E. T. T. A.

This statement was received with acclaim.

A request was made for an explanation of the circumstances which led up to our two top players not participating in the Commonwealth or World Championships.

Mr. Wyles replied, stating that two days before departure a telephoned invitation had been received from Japan inviting the English team to stay in Japan for an extra three days and to play an international in Sendai. They had indicated that this was in return for the hospitality received by them during their tour of England earlier in the season and this fact made it important that we should accept.

The travel arrangements at the time were for the party to return to England on Good Friday and acceptance of the invitation would delay the return until Easter Monday, and it would therefore not cause most of the members to require extra time away from their employment. Arrangements had been made for the team members to meet in the hotel on the eve of departure at 8 p.m. and by 10 p.m. all players except Barnes and Neale had arrived. After consultation with the Deputy Chairman, the Chairman placed the invitation before those present and all agreed to extend their stay in Japan.

Barnes and Neale arrived at the hotel after the Chairman had retired and it was not until the following morning that the position was put to them. Both players stated that they did not wish to stay for the extra period as they had contracts to play in England over the Easter period. The Chairman offered to contact their employers to obtain their release but the two players refused the offer. Barnes and Neale also requested payment to compensate them for the extra period in Japan but this the Chairman refused to authorise.

Mr. Wyles stated that both he and the Deputy Chairman tried to reason with the two players but as the air tickets only allowed for group travel the Chairman gave the players a choice of either accompanying the party for the whole tour, including the extra days, or remaining in England. The players chose to stay and therefore the remainder of the party departed for Singapore and immediate steps were taken to arrange for the reserve, Tony Clayton, to travel to Singapore.

Mr. Vint said that this had been a difficult situation but the matter had been fully discussed at the Management Committee and National Council and both bodies had endorsed the action of the Chairman.

On a motion by Mr. J. Ford (Bristol) the actions of the Chairman were endorsed and his explanation of the incident accepted.

Paragraph 23. The President explained that the plan referred to in the Report was the

second 5-year Plan and thanks were due to Mr. T. Blunn and Mr. J. Popham for the work involved in the production of the document.

It was confirmed that the Super League as mentioned was in fact going ahead.

Appendix 2. It was reported that Ormesby had won the final of the National Club Championships for men.

The winners of the Women's Doubles at the English Open should be recorded as Maria Alexandru and Eleonora Mihalca of Rumania.

Appendix 3. It was noted that the name of A. Ransome should have appeared as having represented England.

It was noted that S. Hamilton should have been annotated as a new international junior player.

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

8. STATEMENT OF RESULT OF ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR SEASON 1971/72.

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

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR SEASON 1971/72

The results of the elections are as follows:-

<u>CHAIRMAN:</u>	C.M. WYLES	Unopposed	ELECTED
<u>DEPUTY CHAIRMAN:</u>	G.R. YATES	137 votes	ELECTED
	L.C.T. Davis	19 votes	not elected
<u>TREASURER:</u>	T. BLUNN	Unopposed	ELECTED

9. STATEMENT OF RESULT OF ELECTION OF NATIONAL COUNCILLORS FOR SEASON 1971/72

ELECTION OF NATIONAL COUNCILLORS FOR SEASON 1971/72

LIST OF PERSONS ELECTED

<u>No.</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Councillor</u>
1	Bedfordshire	G.L. Bebb
2	Berkshire	R. Smith
3	Buckinghamshire	L. Thompson
4	Cambridgeshire	J.D. Cornwell
5	Cheshire	J.C. McKim
6	Cornwall	L.F. Landry
7	Cumberland	R. Rigg
8	Derbyshire	L.A. Chatwin
9	Devon	K.T.O. Ponting
10	Dorset	J.J. Dickinson
11	Durham	F.J. Inch
12	Essex	P. Dukes
13	Gloucestershire	L.C.T. Davis
14	Hampshire	M.S. Greatrex
15	Herefordshire	No County Association
16	Hertfordshire	H.G. Stevens

17	Huntingdonshire	S. E. Roberts
18	Kent	C. A. Burden
19	Lancashire	A. E. Upton
20	Leicestershire	P. Reid
21	Lincolnshire	Mrs. A. J. Robinson
22	Middlesex	L. Hoffman
23	Norfolk	E. J. Fairhead
24	Northamptonshire	K. J. Marchant
25	Northumberland	H. S. Lawson
26	Nottinghamshire	E. Taylor
27	Oxfordshire	A. J. Hobday
28	Rutland	No County Association
29	Shropshire	A. J. Cavell
30	Somerset	D. Pope
31	Staffordshire	M. E. Scott
32	Suffolk	D. J. Barrett
33	Surrey	J. Zenthon
34	Sussex	K. Watts
35	Warwickshire	M. Goldstein
36	Westmorland	No County Association
37	Wiltshire	Miss K. Waters
38	Worcestershire	I. R. Crickmer
39	Yorkshire	F. Briggs

The President recorded thanks to the Councillors for the past season's work and to the three officers who were continuing to serve the Association.

Mr. L. Hoffman (Middx) wished to draw attention to the apparent apathy of Leagues in electing Councillors as only 15 Councillors were effectively nominated by their Leagues.

10. REPORT OF THE TREASURER, REPORT OF THE AUDITORS AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MAY 1971

Mr. Blunn read out a letter from the Auditors giving a clearance of the Statement of Accounts for the Annual General Meeting.

In dealing with the Accounts, Mr. Blunn drew attention to the fact that the international activities had made a substantial profit, as there had been criticism in the past on the amount spent on this aspect.

The high figure of debtors was offset by an even higher figure of creditors. The debtor's figure was mainly due to the late issue of the last two issues of the magazine and the consequent late payment of advertising revenue.

In the figure for creditors at the end of May 1970 two items have not materialised. One was an amount of £218 from a member League in respect of an international match and this was now in the hands of Solicitors. Also, the repayments by the former officer, W. Mitton, had only amounted to £125 and there was a further £175 to come.

The Report of the Treasurer was adopted.

Mr. D. Mitchell (Kent) requested a breakdown on the fields of activity for coaching and information on the amounts recovered. Mr. Blunn replied that recoveries amounted to £2,382 and these came from coaching rallies for coaches, for players, School Centres and supervision of courses for educational bodies. In addition, the Staff Coaches conducted the free sessions for Leagues.

In reply to Mr. Dukes (Essex), the Treasurer confirmed that most figures, especially expenditure, were shown in a 'net' state.

Mrs. J. Watts (Bristol) asked how much time was spent by the office administration on

international aspects and whether or not a charge was allocated for this to that section in the accounts. Mr. Blunn replied that the whole of the office expenditure was shown under administration and that he would guess a figure of nearly 25% of the office time was spent on international affairs. The English Open was shown differently as we wished to impress the cost on any sponsor.

The Statement of Accounts was adopted with a vote of thanks to Mr. Blunn for the vast amount of detailed work involved.

Mr. F. Briggs (Yorks) stated that several Leagues in Yorkshire were still owed their rebates in Lottery sales for the 1968/69 season.

In reply, Mr. Blunn assured Mr. Briggs that the rebate had been paid to the then Secretary of Yorkshire, Mr. W. Mitton, but the amount involved had been added to the E.T.T.A. claim against Mr. Mitton upon his default.

At this point Mr. C. Wyles (Chairman) took over the Chair from the President and thanked him for so ably conducting the proceedings.

## 11. PROPOSED ALTERATIONS TO RULES.

Before the meeting proceeded with Proposition No. 1, Mr. A.J.H. Wickens, on behalf of the Standing Orders Committee, requested and obtained the permission of the meeting to transpose Amendments Nos. 3 and 4 to Proposition No. 1, with suitable amendments to the provisos.

### PROPOSITION No. 1. (proposed by the National Council)

In Rule 10(a) (i) for "2/6d.", "2/6d.", "7/6d.", and "10/-" substitute, "20p", "20p", "60p" and "80p", respectively.

In Rule 10(a) (ii) for "1/3d" and "1/3d" substitute "10p" and "10p" respectively.

In Rule 10(a) (iii) for "1/3d" and "1/3d" substitute "10p" and "10p" respectively.

In Rule 10(a) (iv) for "2/6d" substitute "20p".

In Rule 10(a) (v) for "3d" and "3d" substitute "2p" and "2p" respectively.

Mr T. Blunn (Hon. Treasurer) outlined the reasons for increased affiliation fees and moved the proposition on behalf of the National Council.

Mr. B. Hartley (Bromley) asked if Proposition No. 1 was linked with the idea of forming a Development Fund. Mr. Blunn apologised for his omission to indicate that the National Council had had second thoughts on the provision of a Development Fund and that they were prepared to support the Amendment by Bromley - No. 4 on the Agenda.

### Amendment No. 1. to Proposition No. 1 (proposed by Buckinghamshire County Table Tennis Association:)

In section dealing with Rule 10(a) (i) for "20p", "20p", "60p" and "80p" substitute "15p", "15p", "45p" and "60p" respectively.

In sections dealing with Rules 10 (a) (ii) and (iii) for "10p" and "10p" substitute "9p" and "9p" respectively.

Mr A.J. Wickens moved the amendment on behalf of Buckinghamshire T.T.A. On being put to the vote the amendment was defeated.

### Amendment No. 2 to Proposition No. 1 (proposed by Northants Table Tennis Association).

In section dealing with Rule 10(a) (i) for "20p", "20p", "60p" and "80p" substitute "15p", "15p", "45p" and "60p".

In sections dealing with Rules 10(a) (ii) and (iii) for "10p" and "10p" substitute "7½p" and "7½p".

In section dealing with Rule 10(a) (iv) for "20p" substitute "15p".

Mr. K. Marchant (Northants) requested and received the permission of the meeting to

withdraw this amendment.

Amendment No. 3. to Proposition No. 1. (proposed by Bromley and District Table Tennis Association)

In section dealing with Rule 10(a) (i) for "20p", "20p", "60p" and "80p" substitute "17½p", "17½p", "52½p" and "70p".

In section dealing with Rules 10(a) (ii) and (iii) for "10p" and "10p" substitute "8½p" and "8½p".

In section dealing with Rule 10(a) (iv) for "20p" substitute "17½p".

Mr. B. Hartley moved the amendment on behalf of Bromley and District T.T.A. On being put to the vote the amendment was defeated.

Amendment No. 4. to proposition No. 1. (proposed by Bromley and District Table Tennis Association).

In section dealing with Rule 10(a) (i) for "20p", "20p", "60p" and "80p" substitute "18½p", "18½p", "55½p" and "74p".

In section dealing with Rules 10(a) (ii) and (iii) for "10p" and "10p" substitute "9p" and "9p".

In section dealing with Rules 10(a) (iv) for "20p" substitute "18½p".

Mr. B. Hartley moved the amendment on behalf of Bromley and District, T.T.A. On being put to the vote the amendment was carried.

This amendment now became the substantive motion and on a show of hands the Chairman declared the proposition carried but Mr. L. Davis (Gloucs.) demanded a Block Vote. The Block Vote resulted as follows and confirmed the Chairmans declaration:

<u>FOR</u>	13,080 votes - 84.8%
<u>AGAINST</u>	2,341 votes - 15.2%

PROPOSITION No. 2 (proposed by the National Council).

In Rule 39 (i) for "20%" substitute "12½%".

Insert new rule as follows;

12A Development Fund

- (a) 7½% of all fees paid under Rules 10(a), (b) and (c) shall be transferred to a fund to be known as "The Development Fund" which may be used only for the purposes specified hereafter.
- (b) The National Council shall have power to make a grant from the Development Fund to any Local League or to any club in membership of a Local League to assist in the development of Table Tennis by the provision or improvement of assets of a permanent nature.

Mr. T. Blunn moved the proposition on behalf of the National Council

Amendment No. 1 to Proposition No. 2. (proposed by Bromley and District Table Tennis Association).

In section dealing with Rule 39(i) for "12½%" substitute "13½%".  
Delete section creating new Rule 12A.

Mr. B. Hartley (Bromley) moved the amendment on behalf of Bromley and District T.T.A. On being put to the vote the amendment was carried.

On being put to the vote, the proposition as amended was carried.

PROPOSITION No. 3 (proposed by the National Council)

In Rule 12(a) after "Local League" insert "which is" under suspension by the E.T.T.A. or".

Delete Rule 12(b) and insert "(b) No Local League from or in respect of which any Affiliation Fees are due to the E.T.T.A. but unpaid on 1st January shall be entitled to nominate or vote in any election of Officers or National Councillors held between 1st January and the end of that season".

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).

In Rule 31(a) delete "the last week in June or" and insert "or second" between "first" and "week".

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

On being put to the vote, the proposition was carried.

PROPOSITION No. 5 (proposed by National Council)

In Rule 19(a) for "9th March" and "23rd February" substitute "16th March" and "2nd March" respectively.

In Rule 23(a) for "30th April" and "16th April" substitute "7th May" and "23rd April" respectively.

In Rule 23(i) for "17th June" substitute "24th June".

In Rule 23(j) for "7th June" and "13th June" substitute "14th June" and "20th June" respectively.

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

On being put to the vote, the proposition was carried.

PROPOSITION No. 6 (proposed by National Council).

Delete Rules 31(g), (h) and (i) and insert as follows:

- (g) Motions relating to the Rules of the Association or the Laws of Table Tennis as approved by the Association may be proposed only by the National Council or by a County Association or by a Local League.
- (h) On every motion the Chairman shall test the feeling of the meeting by a show of hands of Accredited Representatives, and shall declare the number of hands shown for and against.  
Unless a Block Vote is demanded under Rule 31(i) or the Chairman himself decide to proceed to a Block Vote, he shall declare the motion carried or lost according to the show of hands, each Accredited Representative, having one vote.
- (i) The Chairman shall accept a demand for a Block Vote (i) in case of a motion as specified in Rule 31(g) from any Accredited Representative or (ii) in the case of any other motion from not less than 5 Accredited Representatives, or may himself decide to proceed to a Block Vote on any motion.

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

Amendment to Proposition No. 6 (proposed by Buckinghamshire County Table Tennis Association).

In section dealing with Rule 31(i) for "5" substitute "6".

Mr. A.J.H. Wickens moved the amendment on behalf of Buckinghamshire T.T.A.  
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. 7 (Proposed by National Council).

Insert new rule as follows:

- 35A No person or body may affiliate to a County association unless affiliated to the E.T.T.A., but a club or individual may affiliate direct to the County Association without affiliating direct to the E.T.T.A. provided that it or he is affiliated to the E.T.T.A. through a Local League or Directly Affiliated Club.

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

PROPOSITION No.8 (proposed by National Council).

Delete Rule 40 and amend Rule 36 by inserting "(a)" between "36 and "The Constitution" and by adding new rule as follows:

36. (b) The Rules of a County Association shall contain such matters as the Council shall from time to time decide as specified in Appendix 'J' to these Rules.

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 National Council)

Delete Rules 43 to 46 and insert as follows:

43. Permit Members
- (a) No payment other than expenses shall be made to or received by any member for playing, coaching, umpiring, writing, filming, broadcasting, televising, or for exhibitions or in relation to equipment unless he has been duly registered as a Permit or has received specific exemption from registration from the National Council.
- (b) Any affiliated association or club making a payment in excess of expenses must, if required by the E.T.T.A. General Secretary, or by the General Secretary of the appropriate County Association, report the payment, specifying the amount and the services rendered with 14 days of such a requisition being received.
- (c) The National Council shall have power to make regulations governing the registration and conduct of Permit Members which regulations shall be included in Appendix 'A' to these Rules.
- 44.
- (a) Except as provided by Rule 44(b) No affiliated player shall be paid or receive any remuneration other than expenses (return fare, hotel accommodation and meals), or reward (other than permitted prizes) for playing in any competitive Table Tennis event, that is an event in which the player is playing for his Club, League, County or Country against another Club, League, County or Country, or in an Open, Invitation, Closed or other Tournament. Trial matches organised by Club, League, County or the Association for the purpose of selecting representative teams shall be deemed competitive events.
- (b) (i) Subject to the consent of the National Council (which in the case of an Open Tournament

shall be implied on consent being given to hold the Open Tournament) prizes not exceeding £25 or to a value not exceeding £25 may be awarded and accepted.

- (ii) Prizes exceeding £25 but not exceeding £100 in value (or not exceeding such lesser sum as the National Council may stipulate) may be awarded and accepted only with the specific permission of the National Council.
- (iii) No prize may exceed £100 in value.
- (iv) For the purpose of this Rule "prize" means the total of all awards won by a player in one event.

45 Notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 44 badges and colours may be awarded and accepted for participation in representative matches.

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

PROPOSITION No. 10 (proposed by National Council).

In Rule 55 between "(b)" and "In the event" insert "(i)"  
Add new rule as follows:

55(b)

- (i) Sub-rule (i) shall not apply in the case of writing by a professional journalist in the course of his profession.

Mr. Wyles moved the proposition from the Chair.  
On being put to the vote the proposition was defeated.

12. MOTIONS.

None.

13. ADOPTION OF LAWS FOR 1971/72 SEASON

The Chairman proposed the following resolution:

This meeting approves the Laws of Table Tennis for the season 1971/72, being the same as for the season 1970/71 except that, in Law 3.1. (E.T.T.A. number3), the words "or yellow" shall be inserted after "white".

On being put to the vote, the resolution was carried.

The Chairman then proposed the following motions for consideration by the meeting:

- A That this meeting is of the opinion that any organisation wishing to use the yellow ball should be required to seek prior permission of the Association.
- B That this meeting requires the National Council to consider whether it should direct all affiliated organisations that only one colour of ball may be used in any one competition, and for this purpose a complete League Programmes should be considered as "one competition".

On being put to the vote, both motions were defeated.

14. ELECTION OF VICE-PRESIDENTS

Mr. T. Blunn (Hon. Treasurer) moved the election of Mr. L.W. Jones, outlining the long service given by Mr. Jones at League, County and National level. Mr. S. Parr (Nuneaton) seconded the proposal and the meeting elected Mr. Jones with acclaim.

15. ELECTION OF HON. LIFE MEMBER

Mr. T. Blunn moved the election of Mr. C.M. Wyles as a Hon. Life Member of the E.T.T.A. In seconding the proposal, the President spoke of Mr. Wyles' record of 40 years

in the table tennis administration and his cheerful disposition which endeared him to many. The highlight of his work was undoubtedly achieved in the historic visit to China, where he had acted as a true statesman.

Mr. Wyles was elected to generous acclaim.

16. ELECTION OF SCRUTINEERS FOR 1971/72 MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE ELECTION

It was proposed, seconded and agreed that F. Milligan and J. M. Wright be elected.

17. ELECTION OF ONE MEMBER OF STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE

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

18. ELECTION OF AUDITORS.

It was proposed, seconded and agreed that Messrs. Spain Bros., Jukes & Co. be re-elected.

19. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

Mr. J. Wright (Middx. Schools) requested that consideration be given to the National Council allowing an observer from the English Schools T.T.A. to attend Council Meetings. Noted.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 7.20 p.m.