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ENGLISH TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION HELD
AT THE REGENT CENTRE HOTEL, CARBURTON STREET, LONDON, W.1. ON
SATURDAY, 1ST JULY, 1972, 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 (Treasurer)

Hon. Life Members:

C. J. Clemett, M. Goldstein, G. James, F. Milligan,
E. Reay, N. K. Reeve, M. E. Scott.

Vice Presidents:

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

Members of National Council:

Miss K. Waters and Messrs. Briggs, Burden, Cavell, Crickmer,
Dukes, Goldstein, Greatrex, Heffman, Inch, Landry, Marchant,
McKim, Ponting, Reid, Scott, Smith, Stevens, Thompson,
Upton, Watts, Zenthon.

Representatives from the following
County Associations and Leagues:

Bedfordshire, Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Cheshire,
Cornwall, Devon, Durham, Essex, Gloucestershire, Hampshire,
Hertfordshire, Kent, Lancashire, Leicestershire, Middlesex,
Norfolk, Northamptonshire, Shropshire, Staffordshire,
Surrey, Sussex, Warwickshire, Wiltshire, Worcestershire,
Yorkshire.

Birmingham, Brighton, Bristol, Bromley, Bolton,
Burnham-on-Crouch, Castleford/Pontefract, Central,
Cheltenham, Cheshunt, Chesterfield, Crawley, Dagenham,
Harlow, Hastings, Hull, Leicester, Leighton Buzzard,
Liverpool, London Civil Service, Manchester, Newbury,
Newham Youth, North Middlesex, Nuneaton, Redditch,
Salisbury, Slough, St. Albans, Stroud, Sunderland, Thanet,
Wembley/Harrow, West Bromwich, Willesden, Worcester,
Worthing.

Other Organisations:

County Table Tennis Championships
English Schools' Table Tennis Association
International Table Tennis Club
Middlesex Schools Table Tennis Association
Surrey Schools Table Tennis Association

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Directly Affiliated Member:

Mrs. E. Phillips

Sub-Committee Members:

W. G. Goldfinch

K. Mathews

B. D. Wright

In attendance:

D. R. Tremayne (General Secretary)

A. W. Shipley (Assistant 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

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

2. ADOPTION OF STANDING ORDERS

Mr. K. Watts (Standing Orders Committee) stated that there had been no major alteration to the Standing Orders. It was then proposed, seconded and agreed that the Standing Orders be adopted.

3. APPOINTMENT OF TELLERS

It was agreed that Mr. B. Chatterley (Dagenham) and Mr. D. Wolstencroft (Bolton) be appointed Tellers for the Meeting.

4. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

These were received from:

P. Hyde (Life Member), C. Jaschke (Life Member), E. G. White (Life Member), L. C. T. Davis (N.C. for Gloucestershire), E. Fairhead (N.C. for Norfolk), A. J. Hobday (N.C. for Oxfordshire), T. Honey (Cornwall), A. E. Davies (Oxfordshire), Mrs. J. Robinson (Lincolnshire), L. Constable (Cambridge), A. Catherall (London Banks), N. Weston (London Breweries), Mrs. S. Keen (Southport), H. Mathews (Southwark Federation of Youth Clubs), Mrs. B. Nunn (Women's Inter-University Athletics Board), G. Gurney (English Schools Table Tennis Association), J. Woodford (P.O. South), P. Simpson (Staff Coach - North)

The General Secretary read a letter received from the Private Secretary of our Patron, H.M. The Queen, expressing great interest in the activities of the Association.

5. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD 3RD JULY, 1971.

It was proposed, seconded and agreed that the Minutes be signed as a correct record.

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6. MATTERS ARISING FROM ITEM 5

Mr. S. Parr (Nuneaton), pointed out the error on page 73 of the Handbook Supplement in line 3 of rule 10(a)(i) in that 60p should read 74p.

7. REPORT OF NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31ST MAY, 1972.

Mr. C. Wyles (Chairman) formally moved the adoption of the Report. The President stated he would go through the Report, which had been circulated, paragraph by paragraph and ask members to raise any points under the appropriate headings.

Foreword

Mr. J. Wright (Middx) pointed out that in the second paragraph it should read that relegation was escaped by a single game, not by a single set as stated.

Paragraph 6

Mr. J. Wright (Middx) congratulated the Editor of the Handbook Supplement upon its early publication.

Paragraph 7

Mr. I. Crickmer (Archivist) reported that our Life Vice-President, Ivor Montagu, had donated all his papers collected over a life time in table tennis to the Association and it had now been arranged that these would be housed in Greenwich Public Library and, therefore, available to the general public.

Paragraph 8

Mr. C. Wyles (Chairman) said that the statement regarding disappointing coverage in the national press did not apply to the Daily Telegraph.

Paragraph 12

Mr. J. Wright (Middx) commented on the fact of only one make of celluloid ball, i.e. Halax, having been approved and asked if it was likely that another make of celluloid ball would be approved for the coming season. Mr. C. Wyles (Chairman) explained that the only other make of celluloid ball that had applied for approval was the Nittaku but owing to a clause in our contract with the English manufacturers, the giving of approval depended upon reciprocal approval being given in the country of origin, in this case, Japan. Negotiations were in hand involving the Japanese Table Tennis Association and it was hoped to be able to give a decision on the matter in the near future.

Paragraph 13

Mr. J. Wright (Middx) expressed strong disapproval that the first date allocated to the County Table Tennis Championships clashed with the date of the Final Junior Assessment Camp. Mr. C. Wyles (Chairman) regretted this clash of dates and gave an assurance that due consideration would be given to similar situations in the future.

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Paragraph 19

Mr. I. Crickmer (Worcs) regretted that a Girls' Cadet team had not been entered in the European Youth Championships and requested to know the reasons for this decision.

Mr. R. J. Crayden (Selection Committee) replied that it was a combination of finance and the low standard of ability of the players available.

It was seconded and agreed that the Report be adopted.

The President expressed the thanks of the Association to all members who had performed the tasks contained in the Annual Report. He expressed his own pleasure at working with the Officers and included in his appreciation all members of sub-committees, voluntary helpers and the paid staff.

8. STATEMENT OF RESULT OF ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR SEASON 1972/73

The Secretary read the following results which had been circulated:

<u>CHAIRMAN</u>	C. M. Wyles	Unopposed	ELECTED
<u>DEPUTY CHAIRMAN</u>	G. R. Yates	Unopposed	ELECTED
<u>TREASURER</u>	T. Blunn	Unopposed	ELECTED

9. STATEMENT OF RESULT OF ELECTION OF NATIONAL COUNCILLORS FOR SEASON 1972/73

<u>No.</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Councillor</u>
1	Bedfordshire	P. E. Harmer
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

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27	Oxfordshire	A. E. Davies
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 nomination
37	Wiltshire	Miss K. Waters
38	Worcestershire	I. R. Crickmer
39	Yorkshire	F. Briggs

The Returning Officer, Mr. A. J. H. Wickens, proposed a vote of thanks for the efficient manner in which the Scrutineers, Mr. F. Milligan and Mr. J. Wright, had carried out their task. The President also thanked Mr. Wickens for his work as Returning Officer in the election.

10. REPORT OF THE TREASURER, REPORT OF THE AUDITORS AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MAY, 1972.

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

Mr. Blunn pointed out that although the Chinese tour had resulted in a profit of over £6,000, this had resulted in a more generous attitude to many of the projects undertaken by the Association's Sub-Committees. For the coming season, the increased affiliation fees would bring in an added £4,000 but this still left a deficit of £2,000 on the current season and it was hoped that other sources of income would arise.

Mr. Blunn commented on the need for us to create a successful international team as success would attract sponsors and television. This was a vital factor as television fees had been steadily deteriorating.

Mr. Blunn ended his remarks with thanks to Mr. M. Greatrex for his help as Assistant Treasurer throughout the season.

Mr. M. E. Scott (Staffs) paid tribute to the work of Mr. Blunn following which it was proposed, seconded and agreed that the Statement of Accounts be adopted.

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

11. PROPOSED ALTERATIONS TO RULES

Proposition No. 1 (Proposed by the National Council

Amend Rules 17(c) and 22(e) by adding at end "except as provided by Rule 24(h).

New Rule 24(h). Notwithstanding the provisions of Rules 17(c) and 22(e) when a casual vacancy occurs amongst either the Officers

or the National Councillors, the Management Committee may decide to leave that vacancy unfilled until the end of the season. In reaching such a decision the Management Committee shall take into account the functions of the position vacant, the period remaining before the end of the season and the activities foreseen during that period.

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)

Amend Rule 35(a)(iv) by inserting "(if any)" after "consent of the County Association".

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)

Amend Rule 44(a) by substituting "Rules" for "Rule" after "provided by" and inserting "and 45" after "44(b)".

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)

Delete Rule 50 and insert the following:-

"50. At any meeting of the National Council, the Management Committee or a sub-committee appointed by the National Council, a member having a financial interest in a subject under discussion, shall forthwith declare his interest and withdraw from the meeting. He shall not return during that discussion unless unanimously invited by the remaining members present."

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 the National Council)

Delete Rules 5(a)(iv) and 10(d) and in Rule 35(d)(i) delete "Schools Leagues and Directly Affiliated School Clubs".

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 the National Council)

Insert New Rule:

35. (d)(iii) A County Association shall accept into Good Standing every County Association or organisation which is part of or affiliated to a National Association which is in Good Standing with the E.T.T.A.

Before proceeding with this proposition Mr. A. J. H. Wickens (Rules Committee) apologised for the fact that an amendment to this proposition had been duly submitted within the time limit laid down but had been omitted from the Order Paper. It was, therefore, requested that the following amended proposition be the one considered by the meeting:

- 35.(d)(iii) A County Association shall accept into Good Standing every County or regional association or organisation covering the area of jurisdiction of that County T.T.A. which is part of or affiliated to a National Association which is in Good Standing with the E.T.T.A.

Mr. K. Watts moved the proposition as amended on behalf of the National Council. Mr. M. E. Scott (Staffs) asked if there was any scale of fees laid down for regional and national organisations in Good Standing. Mr. Blunn (Treasurer) reported that this was being studied but the basis would be that small organisations would pay a nominal fee but realistic fees would be charged for national organisations.

On being put to the vote the proposition was carried.

Proposition No. 7. (Proposed by National Council)

Delete Rule 22(k)(iv)

Delete Rules 22(m) and (n) and insert as follows:

- (m) The Council shall hold a meeting within 15 days after the Annual General Meeting.
- (n) At its first meeting after the A.G.M. the Council shall
- (i) agree its Standing Orders for the coming period of office;
 - (ii) elect the members of the Management Committee as provided by Rule 25;
 - (iii) appoint the Chairman and members of the Disciplinary Committee under Rule 57.

Amend Rule 54(a) by substituting "Disciplinary Committee" for "National Council" on its second occurrence.

Amend Rule 54(b) by substituting "Disciplinary Committee" for "National Council".

Amend Rule 55 by substituting "Disciplinary Committee" for "National Council" or "Committee" for "Council" in three places.

Delete Rule 57 and insert:

57. Disciplinary Committee

- (a) Allegations of breach of Rule or of any Regulation made made thereunder or of any misconduct shall be dealt with by a standing sub-committee of the National Council called the Disciplinary Committee.

- (b) The Disciplinary Committee shall consist of 5 persons appointed by the Council as provided in Rule 22(n)(iii), one of whom shall be designated Disciplinary Committee Chairman by the Council.
- (c) Members of the Disciplinary Committee shall (unless they resign) serve until the end of the season in which they are appointed and thereafter until their successors are appointed.
- (d) Casual vacancies shall be filled by the Council.
- (e) Any member having an interest in the matter under discussion may be required to withdraw.
- (f) In the event of disqualifications under Rule 57(e) leaving less than three members as required by Rule 57(h), the Management Committee shall appoint sufficient temporary members to make up such number, such members serving only for the particular matter for which they are appointed.
- (g) The decisions of the Disciplinary Committee shall be published forthwith.
- (h) A decision may be taken by not less than three members all of whom must have been present throughout the Hearing (if any).
- (i) The Disciplinary Committee shall follow the procedure laid down by the National Council as included in Appendix 'E' to these Rules.
- (j) The Disciplinary Committee Chairman shall have the power to impose suspension covering the period from the alleged breach or misconduct until the procedure under Appendix 'E' shall have been carried through.

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 the National Council)

Delete present Rule 66 and insert:

66. (a) The English Open Championships may be held once every season and when so held
- (i) The date and venue shall be fixed and notice of same circulated as in Rule 31(b) not later than December 31st.
 - (ii) Seven Championships shall be held as follows:
Men's Singles, Men's Doubles, Women's Singles,
Women's Doubles, Mixed Doubles, Men's Veterans'
Singles, Women's Veterans' Singles.

- (iii) In addition to the Championships, Men's and Women's Consolation Singles events may be held for competitors eliminated in the first two played rounds of the Singles Championships. A walk-over but not a bye shall count as a played round.
 - (iv) All matches shall be best of five games with the exception of Veterans' and Consolation events which shall be best of three games.
- (b) The English Junior Open Championships may be held once every season and when so held
- (i) The date and venue shall be fixed and notice of same circulated as in Rule 31(b) not later than December 31st.
 - (ii) Five Championships shall be held as follows:
Junior Singles (Boys), Junior Doubles (Boys),
Junior Singles (Girls), Junior Doubles (Girls),
Junior Mixed Doubles.
 - (iii) In addition to the Championships, Junior Boys' and Junior Girls' Consolation Singles events may be held for competitors eliminated in the first two played rounds of the Singles Championships. A walk-over but not a bye shall count as a played round.
 - (iv) All matches shall be best of three games.

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 the National Council)

Amend Rule 19(i) by deleting all words after "circulated" and inserting "as in Rule 19(a) by a date to be decided by the National Council (not being later than 1st May nor earlier than 23rd April)".

Delete present Rule 23 and insert:

23. (a) Between 1st May and 15th June each year the Management Council/Committee of each County Association shall elect the National Councillor to represent the County for the following season, after considering all nominations submitted to them by members of that Association.
- (b) The County Association shall send a copy of the Management Council/Committee Minute recording the election certified by the General Secretary of the County Association and one other responsible officer to reach the E.T.T.A. General Secretary by 22nd June.

Amend Rule 24(h) by deleting "either" and "or the National Councillors".

Mr. K. Watts moved the proposition on behalf of the National Council. Several League representatives spoke against the proposition, all indicating that they wished to retain their right to nominate a National Councillor. On a show of hands the Chairman declared the proposition carried but Mr. F. Briggs (Yorkshire) requested a block vote. The block vote resulted as follows and confirmed the Chairman's declaration:

FOR	9,737
AGAINST	3,894

Proposition No. 10 (Proposed by the National Council)

Amend Rule 35(f) by substituting "2p" for "1.25p".

Mr. K. Watts moved the proposition on behalf of the National Council (with a motion that this alteration to Rule shall take effect from the commencement of the 1972/73 season). On being put to the vote the proposition was carried.

Proposition No. 11 (Proposed by the National Council)

Amend Rule 67(a) by substituting "may" for "shall" after "Consolation Singles".

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

Proposition No. 12 (Proposed by the Hull and East Riding T.T.A.)

Amend Rule 26 by substituting "31st March" for "31st May".

Mr. A. M. Ross (Hull) moved the proposition by saying that its effect would be to give a longer period of time between the closing of the Accounts and the A.G.M., thus allowing more time for audit. Mr. N. K. Reeve (Wembley & Harrow) said that whilst sympathising with the motives behind the proposition, he felt it would devalue the Statement of Accounts as they would only refer to nine months of the year under consideration. On being put to the vote the proposition was carried.

12. MOTIONS None

13. ADOPTION OF LAWS FOR 1972/73 SEASON

The Chairman proposed the following Resolution:

This meeting approves the Laws of Table Tennis for the season 1972/73 being the same as for the season 1971/72. On being put to the vote the Resolution was carried.

14. ELECTION OF VICE-PRESIDENTS

The Chairman stated that although the President had another year to serve he wished to take this opportunity of thanking Mr. A. K. Vint, O.B.E., for his past year's contribution to the Association of good advice without interference. This statement was received with acclaim.

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Mr. T. Blunn (Treasurer) moved the election of three Vice Presidents:

Miss Iris Moss
Mr. W. G. Goldfinch
Mr. A. A. Wall

giving details of their services to table tennis.

The proposal was seconded and the meeting elected all three persons with acclaim.

Mr. Goldfinch had a suitable reply on behalf of the three new Vice Presidents.

15. ELECTION OF HON. LIFE MEMBERS

Mr. T. Blunn moved the election of Mr. K. Watts and Mr. G. R. Yates as Life Members of the E.T.T.A.

In seconding the proposal, the President spoke first of the work of Mr. G. R. Yates at League and County level over many years but more specifically as the Editor of our very successful magazine, "Table Tennis News".

Mr. Yates was elected to acclaim.

The President then spoke of Mr. K. Watts, detailing his services to table tennis over the past 40 years, working through League and County to National level where he had performed yeoman service on the Rules Committee.

Mr. Watts was also elected to acclaim.

16. ELECTION OF SCRUTINEERS FOR 1972/73 MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE ELECTION

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

17. ELECTION OF ONE MEMBER OF STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE

The Chairman stated that Mr. W. G. Goldfinch had relinquished his position on this Committee and it was, therefore, proposed, seconded and agreed that Mr. E. G. White be elected.

18. ELECTION OF AUDITORS

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

Mr. K. Watts proposed a vote of thanks to the Auditors, having seen the amount of work carried out in connection with our Annual Accounts.

19. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

Mr. D. Mitchell (Bromley) requested the latest position on the arrangements for holding the 1977 World Championships in this country. The Chairman replied that every effort was being made to find a suitable venue and that through contacts with the Sports Council we were being advised of every purpose-built sports complex to be built by 1977.

The President displayed to the meeting a small trophy which had been donated to the Association by our Life Vice President, Ivor Montagu, to be awarded to a person who had contributed considerably each year on the administrative side of the Association. The Cup had been won in 1929 by the Dowager Lady Swaythling at a table tennis tournament aboard a cruising liner and Mr. Montagu wished it to pass into the possession of the E.T.T.A. In announcing the first holder of this trophy as Mr. K. T. O. Ponting of Exeter, Mr. G. R. Yates (Deputy Chairman) spoke of the excellent work carried out by Mr. Ponting in connection with the National Team and Club Championships.

In reply, Mr. Ponting paid tribute to his family for their tolerance in the amount of time he was able to devote to table tennis.

The Chairman drew attention to a magnificent silver trophy on display which had been won by our team in the recent Guernsey Invitation Tournament and which now became the sole property of the E.T.T.A. He assured the meeting that a suitable event would be found for which the trophy could be awarded annually.

The Chairman referred to the sad loss of one of our Vice Presidents, Victor Barna. A Memorial Service had been held and it was proposed to publish a book in Victor Barna's memory as an everlasting memento of a great man.

The meeting closed at 4.45 p.m. with a vote of thanks to the Chairman for his able conduct of the meeting.