

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,
7th JULY, 1973 COMMENCING AT 2.30 p.m.

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

Hon. Life Members:

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

Vice Presidents:

E. R. A. Connell, R. J. Crayden, W. Evans, Miss I. Moss,
Mrs. J. F. Reay, L. Thompson, H. Walker.

Members of the National Council:

Miss K. Waters and Messrs. Burden, Briggs, Crickmer, Goldstein,
Greatrex, Harmer, Hoffman, Landry, Lawson, Marchant, McKim,
Ponting, Scott, Smith, Stevens, Thompson, Upton and Watts.

Representatives from the following Counties and Leagues:

Bedfordshire, Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Cheshire, Cornwall,
Devon, Durham, Essex, Gloucestershire, Hampshire, Herefordshire,
Hertfordshire, Kent, Lancashire, Middlesex, Norfolk, Northampton-
shire, Northumberland, Staffordshire, Sussex, Warwickshire,
Wiltshire, Worcestershire, Yorkshire.

Birmingham, Bristol, Bolton, Chelmsford, Coventry, Gloucester,
Harlow, Hastings, Hereford, Hull Leicester, Liverpool, London
Civil Service, Middlesbrough, Newbury, North East Summer,
North Herts, North Middlesex, North Yorks, Nottingham, Nuneaton,
Salisbury, Southend, Stroud, Sunderland, Thanet, Wembley/Harrow,
Willesden, Worcester, Wolverhampton.

Organisations in Good Standing:

International Table Tennis Club
Basingstoke Coaching Association

Directly Affiliated Members:

Mrs. E. Phillips, C. Darley.

Sub-Committee Members:

K. Mathews, A. G. Steggall, B. D. Wright.

In Attendance:

D. Tremayne (General Secretary)
A. W. Shipley (Administrative Secretary)
L. J. Gresswell (Trainer/Coach)
B. R. Merrett (Staff Coach)
J. Myers (Physiotherapist)

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. With regard to the Item that ruled a motion on the Agenda Paper from Yorkshire T.T.A. out of order, it was agreed the representative from Yorkshire should seek the guidance of the Chairman when that part of the Agenda was reached.

2. ADOPTION OF STANDING ORDERS

Mr. A. J. H. Wickens (Standing Orders Committee) stated that there had been no major alterations 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. J. McKim (Liverpool) and Mr. D. Wolstencroft (Bolton) be appointed Tellers for the Meeting.

4. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

These were received from:

L. Woollard (Life Member), C. Jaschke (Life Member), Mrs. D. L. Bunbury (Vice President), A. A. Wall (Vice President), J. H. Carrington (Vice President), W. Goldfinch (Vice President), L. W. Jones (Vice President), Mrs. A. J. Robinson (N.C. for Lincolnshire), F. Inch (N.C. for Durham), L. A. Chatwin (N.C. for Derby), P. Reid (N.C. for Leicestershire), A. Cavell (N.C. for Shropshire), J. Honey (Cornwall), K. Turner (Norfolk), J. Woodford (Regional Press Officer), J. Pike (Regional Press Officer), D. Oldman (Chesterfield), L. Constable (Cambridge), R. Beard (Nottingham), Mrs. B. Nunns (Women's University Athletic Board), H. Matthews (Southwark Federation of C.Y.C.), Capt. R. Patrick (Army Women's T.T.A.), Miss J. Goddard (National Association of Y.C.).

The General Secretary read a letter received from the Private Secretary of our Patron, H.M. the Queen, stating that our Annual Report would be placed before Her Majesty on her return from the Royal Tour of Canada.

5. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD 1st JULY 1972

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

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM ITEM 5.

None.

7. REPORT OF NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31st MAY, 1973

Mr. C. Wyles, O.B.E. (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.

Paragraph 4

Mr. I. Crickmer (Hereford) pointed out that the first line should refer to the 1972 A.G.M. and not to the 1973, as stated.

7. Paragraph 5

Mr. E. G. White (Life Member) felt that editorially and in making a profit the magazine had had a good season, and that all those concerned deserved congratulations. The President praised Mr. G. R. Yates for his Editorship and particularly asked that Mrs. Yates be associated with the congratulations. This was received with acclaim.

Paragraph 8

Mr. A. J. H. Wickens (Bucks) pointed out that the first sentence of the second paragraph should refer to "articles of association" and therefore the word 'the' should be deleted.

Paragraph 9

Mr. A. Ransome (North Yorks) expressed concern and dissatisfaction with the results and the method of training and selection of our National Teams. At the request of his County he had produced a written report which was discussed and forwarded to the E.T.T.A. Officers. It was his view that unless there were a major number of alterations we would not make progress in the International field.

Mr. H. Robinson (North East Summer) asked the National Council to seriously reconsider the appointment of L. Gresswell as Trainer/Coach.

Mr. M. Watts (Essex) stated that his County were not satisfied with the lack of harmony between players and officials.

Mr. N. Taylor (North Herts) felt that his son, Trevor, had been victimised and gave a summary of events concerning Trevor's playing record throughout the season. Mr. Taylor ended his remarks by stating that Trevor was unwell at the time of the World Championships, and this fact accounted for his performance and behaviour.

Mr. J. Myers (E.T.T.A. Physiotherapist) refuted the suggestions regarding the fitness of Trevor Taylor as he had paid special attention to Trevor, both on the outward flight and during the early period of the Championships.

Mr. R. Sewell (Bristol) asked how soon would Mr. Ransome's document be discussed in view of the remarks made during the Meeting.

Mr. R. Crayden (Chairman, Selection Committee) expressed concern at the fact that much of the criticism was of a personal nature and went on to reply to many of the points put by Mr. Taylor.

As Chairman of the Coaching and Selection Co-ordination Committee, Mr. T. Blunn also replied to many of the points made, reminding the Meeting that Mr. Gresswell was given the task to instil training methods and discipline into the National teams. His initial appointment was for a period of one year, and this term had not yet expired. However, he gave an assurance to the Meeting that the document prepared by Mr. Ransome would be discussed by the Management and Selection Committees and that before any renewal of Mr. Gresswell's contract, a meeting would be held at which the three officers, the Chairman of Yorkshire, the Chairman of the Selection Committee, Mr. Ransome and Mr. Gresswell would all meet to discuss the situation fully, taking into account the remarks made at the Meeting.

7. Paragraph 9 (Cont.)

THE President thanked all Members for airing their views, and he knew that the Officers were concerned at the situation, and he was glad to hear that the people involved were getting together and hoped that the matter would be speedily and satisfactorily resolved.

Paragraph 10

Mr. R. J. Crayden (Chairman, Selection Committee) explained that the formation of Junior Squads within each coaching region was a separate issue to the assessment of young players for purposes of going forward to an assessment camp. The training sessions held with the Junior Squads was only another opportunity for the Staff Coach to form an assessment of ability.

Mr. M. Scott (Staffordshire) said that the statement in the report that he had retired from his position as Vice Chairman of the Coaching Committee was incorrect as he had not been re-appointed to the position that he had held for many years. The President expressed sympathy with Mr. Scott and said that it was regrettable that the report had put it in this form.

Paragraph 11

Mr. E. Reay (Durham) queried the position regarding Juniors to go forward to one of the assessment camps, as his County were unaware of any players so chosen. Mr. R. J. Crayden (Chairman, Selection Committee) explained that each Staff Coach had been requested to produce an overall ranking list of the players in his area, and there would be a meeting on the day after the A.G.M. to select the 64 players for the Intermediate Assessment.

Paragraph 13

The President stated that the I.T.T.F. were grateful to Mr. C. J. Clemett for his help on Laws and Rules. Congratulations were due to Mr. Clemett on being elected as Chairman of the I.T.T.F. Rules Committee.

Paragraph 15

Mr. A. J. H. Wickens (Bucks) pointed out that, at the English Junior Open, English successes were recorded in two of the doubles events and not only the girls doubles as recorded in the report.

Paragraph 19

Mr. T. Blunn made the presentation of the Ivor Montagu Award for 1973 to Mr. I. R. Crickmer for his work as the Organiser of the Under-13 Singles Championships and as the Association's Archivist. The Trophy was presented with acclaim, and Mr. Crickmer suitably replied.

ADDENDUM

The President paid tribute to the work of Mr. Charles Wyles and congratulated him on behalf of the Association on his being awarded the O.B.E. in the Birthday Honours List. Mr. Wyles thanked everyone who had sent him their good wishes, and said that he had accepted the award on behalf of Table Tennis.

7. APPENDIX 2

Mr. K. T. O. Ponting (Devon) reported that in Section 1 Ormesby had won the National Club Team Championships for Men, and that Gainsford had won the Women's event.

Mr. R. Crayden (Chairman, Selection Committee) pointed out that in Section 3 the winner of the Men's Consolation Event at the English Open, Z. Cordas, was from Yugoslavia and not Hungary as shown.

Mr. J. Wright (County T.T. Championships) pointed out that in Section 6 the name of Essex had been omitted as winners of the Junior East Division.

APPENDIX 3

Mr. B. D. Wright (Middlesex) pointed out that he had also acted as a non-playing Captain to the Senior Teams.

On behalf of the Meeting, the President recorded thanks to Mr. C. J. Clemett for his Editorship of the Report, and thanked also the Members of the National Council for their work over the past twelve months.

8. STATEMENT OF RESULT OF ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR SEASON 1973/74

The Statement, which had been circulated to all members, showed that all three Officers had been returned unopposed.

9. STATEMENT OF RESULT OF ELECTION OF NATIONAL COUNCILLORS FOR SEASON 1973/74

<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	D. Schofield
6	Cornwall	L. F. Landry
7	Cumberland	Miss C. E. Rose
8	Derbyshire	L. A. Chatwin
9	Devon	K. T. O. Ponting
10	Dorset	L. K. Pearce
11	Durham	Seat Vacant
12	Essex	A. Shepherd
13	Gloucestershire	L. J. Smith
14	Hampshire	M. S. Greatrex
15	Herefordshire	I. R. Crickmer
16	Hertfordshire	H. G. Stevens
17	Huntingdonshire	K. Chamberlain
18	Kent	C. A. Burden
19	Lancashire	A. E. Upton
20	Leicestershire	P. Reid
21	Lincolnshire	Mrs. A. J. Robinson
22	Middlesex	J. M. Wright
23	Norfolk	Seat Vacant
24	Northamptonshire	K. J. Marchant
25	Northumberland	H. S. Lawson
26	Nottinghamshire	Seat Vacant
27	Oxfordshire	A. R. Davis

9. (NATIONAL COUNCILLORS)

28	Rutland	No County Association
29	Shropshire	A. J. Cavell
30	Somerset	A. R. E. Richens
31	Staffordshire	M. E. Scott
32	Suffolk	D. J. Barrett
33	Surrey	T. Channing
34	Sussex	K. Watts
35	Warwickshire	M. Goldstein
36	Westmorland	Seat Vacant
37	Wiltshire	Miss K. Waters
38	Worcestershire	D. J. Moss
39	Yorkshire	R. Briggs.

The Returning Officer, Mr. A. J. Wickens, pointed out that the nomination of Mr. F. J. Inch as National Councillor for Durham had not been made at a County Executive Committee meeting, in accordance with the Rules, and therefore the seat was vacant. Mr. E. Reay (Durham) explained that the decision had been taken at the County's Annual General Meeting, and felt that the ruling was ridiculous.

10. REPORT OF THE TREASURER, REPORT OF THE AUDITORS, AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE TEN MONTHS ENDED 31st MARCH 1973.

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

Mr. Blunn pointed out a number of printing errors and apologised for their inclusion, but explained that the printed proof arrived at a time when he was unwell. He reminded Members that the income shown was for a period of ten months, owing to the change in the date of the financial year end. In addition to the twenty-nine points enumerated on page 1 of the Statement of Accounts, Mr. Blunn showed that expense on administration was still £1,000 higher than the income received for this purpose. Government Grants were now almost equal to subscriptions and the Annual turnover was steadily increasing. The Association was becoming more and more professional, and we must continue to employ specialists for certain tasks.

Mr. M. Scott (Staffordshire) asked if the more of the E.T.T.A. Office to Hastings was still showing a saving of approximately £1,000 per annum, and Mr. Blunn replied in the affirmative giving details of how this was being achieved.

Tribute was paid to the work of Mr. Blunn and it was proposed, seconded and agreed that the Statement of Accounts be adopted.

At this point, Mr. C. Wyles, O.B.E., Chairman, took the chair from the President, and thanked him for so ably conducting the proceedings. Mr. Wyles also took the opportunity to pay tribute to Mr. Vint and the past three years of his Presidency of the Association, and called upon Mr. Blunn to make a presentation on behalf of the Membership. Mr. Blunn spoke of Mr. Vint's work over the past forty years, and presented Mr. Vint with a Gift Voucher to enable him to purchase a permanent memento of the English Table Tennis Association. Mr. Vint suitably replied, including a personal tribute to the work of Mr. Blunn.

11. PROPOSED ALTERATIONS TO RULES

Proposition No. 1 (Proposed by the National Council)

Re-number Rule 35(b) as 35(b)(i)

New Rule 35(b)(ii) - Where a Local League has, by the provisions of Rules 35(a)(iii) or (iv), affiliated to a County Association other than that to which it would be required to affiliate under Rule 35(a)(ii), it may apply to the National Council to transfer to the County Association to which it would have affiliated under Rule 35(a)(ii). The National Council shall, in deciding such application, take into consideration the views of the Local League, the County Association to which it is presently affiliated and any County Association in whose geographical area any of the Local League's member clubs is situated.

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 35(b), second sentence, insert between "Local League" and "and of every County Association", "the County Association to which it is presently affiliated"

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)

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1. There shall be not more than four trustees of the Association.
 2. The first trustees shall be appointed by the National Council.
 3. All freehold and leasehold property of the Association shall be vested in them to be dealt with by them as the Council shall from time to time by resolution direct.
 4. The trustees shall be indemnified against risk and expense out of the property of the Association.
 5. The trustees shall hold office until death or resignation or until removed from office by a resolution of the Council which may for any reason which may seem sufficient to a majority of members present and voting remove any trustee or trustees from the office of trustee.
 - 6.1. Where by reason of any such death, resignation or removal it shall appear necessary to the Council that a new trustee or trustees shall be appointed or if the Council shall deem it expedient that an additional trustee or additional trustees shall be appointed, the Council shall by resolution nominate the person or persons to be appointed as the new trustee or trustees.
 - 6.2. For the purpose of giving effect to such nomination the Chairman is hereby designated as the person to appoint new trustees of the Association within the meaning of section 36 of the Trustees Act 1925 and he shall by deed duly appoint the person or persons nominated by the Council as the new trustee or trustees of the Association and the provisions of the Trustee Act 1925 shall apply to any such appointment.
 - 7.1. Any statement of fact in any such deed of appointment shall in favour of a person dealing bona fide and for value with the Association or the Council be conclusive evidence of the fact as stated.
 - 7.2. A minute signed by the Chairman and General Secretary shall be conclusive evidence of a resolution of the Council.

11. PROPOSED ALTERATIONS TO RULES

Proposition No. 3 (Cont)

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 34(b)(i) delete "for the time being" and insert "as recognised by the Association at the 31st March 1974 and recorded on the Association's official map"

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 Rule 67(c)

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)

In Rule 65(c) delete second sentence (Application ,.....recommendations) and insert:

"Application to run an Open or Invitation Tournament shall be submitted to the County Association (if any) to which the organising body is affiliated, which shall forward the application to the National Council with its recommendation. If the venue is situated in the area of jurisdiction of another County Association, the organising body shall notify that other County Association at the same time as sending the Application to its own County Association, which shall indicate to the National Council whether or not it approves the use of that venue and the date".

Mr. K. Watts moved the proposition on behalf of the National Council.
Mr. J. Wright (Middlesex) pointed out that the word 'which' was in the wrong context as it should qualify 'other County Association' and not as it appeared in the wording to qualify 'own County Association'. Mr. Watts agreed that this was so and requested that the proposition remain as stated with an assurance that any interpretation by the Rules Committee would be for the correct definition as pointed out by Mr. Wright, and that a re-wording would be placed before next year's Annual General Meeting. On being put to the vote the proposition was carried.

Proposition No. 7 (Proposed by the National Council)

Amend Rule 67(a) by substituting "Ten" for "Twelve", by inserting "and" before "Junior Mixed Doubles" and "." after, by deleting "and" before "Men's and Women's Veteran Singles", by adding "s" to "Veteran" and by inserting "may be held" after ".....Veterans' 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. 8 (Proposed by the National Council)

New Rule: 14(aa) The President shall serve for a term of one year, but shall be eligible for re-election.

In Rule 14(b) delete "The President or a" and add "s" to "Vice-President".

11. PROPOSED ALTERATIONS TO RULES

Amendment to Proposition No. 8 (Proposed by Yorkshire Table Tennis Association)

Amend Proposition No. 8 in Rule 14(aa) by substituting "three years" for "one year", and by deleting the full stop at the end and adding "for one further, not necessarily consecutive, three year term, and shall be a person who has contributed with distinction to the game of table tennis".

Mr. F. Briggs moved the amendment on behalf of Yorkshire Table Tennis Association stating that his County felt strongly that a President should come from within the ranks of people who had contributed to the game of Table Tennis. After a short discussion, the amendment was put to the vote, and although lost by sixteen votes to fifteen on a show of hands, a subsequent block vote resulted in 8,297 votes for and 6,550 against, which meant that the amended proposition became the substantive motion.

A show of hands indicated 19 votes for and 15 votes against the amended proposition, but on a block vote the figures were, For 9,821, Against 5,026. As this did not achieve the required two-third majority, the proposition was lost. This meant that Rule 14(b) remained unaltered, but an assurance was given that the principle of choosing Presidents from within the ranks of table tennis would be followed.

Proposition No. 9 (Proposed by the National Council)

In Rule 22(e) delete all after "applicable" and in Rule 24(h) delete "and 22(e)".

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 the National Council)

In Rules 66(a)(iii), 66(b)(iii) and 67(a), amend "first two played rounds of the Singles Championships" to "first two played rounds of the Men's Singles and Women's Singles Championships".

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

Proposition No. 11 (Proposed by the National Council)

Amend Rule 23(b) by inserting after "E.T.T.A. General Secretary", "or such other person as may be appointed for the purpose by the Management Committee".

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 Yorkshire Table Tennis Association)

That this meeting directs the National Council to include in its Standing Orders an instruction to the effect that every motion and amendment, and the names of the proposer and seconder (if there be one) of every motion and amendment be recorded in the Minutes of the National Council, and that in the event of a vote or votes being cast against any motion or amendment the number of votes cast both for and against the motion or amendment and the number of abstentions be recorded in the Minutes of National Council, except that in the case of a formal motion from the Chairman against which no votes be cast, the foregoing shall not be mandatory.

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12. MOTIONS

Motion (A) (Cont.)

Mr. A. M. Ross (Yorkshire) acknowledged the fact that the Standing Orders Committee had ruled this motion out of order, but he sought the permission of the meeting to replace the word 'direct' with 'recommend'. This was seconded and agreed by the Meeting, and on being put to the vote the motion as amended was carried.

It was agreed to accept the supplementary motion proposed by the National Council as follows:

This Meeting approves that for the season 1973/74 Value Added Tax in respect of Affiliation Fees payable to the E.T.T.A. shall be paid out of the Association's funds (one eleventh of the amount of Affiliation Fees collected) and shall not be charged to Local Leagues as an addition to the present rate of Affiliation Fees.

Mr. T. Blunn moved the motion on behalf of the National Council. On being put to the vote the motion was carried.

13. ADOPTION OF LAWS FOR 1973/74 SEASON

Motion (B)

That for the coming season this meeting adopts the Laws of Table Tennis as for last season except as follows:

Law 4 - The racket

The racket may be of any size, shape or weight. The blade shall be of wood, continuous, of even thickness, flat and rigid, and each side shall be uniformly dark-coloured and matt. If a side of the blade used for striking the ball is covered, this covering, which shall extend over the whole striking surface, shall be either ordinary pimped rubber, with pimples outwards, having a total thickness including adhesive of not more than 2mm. or "sandwich" rubber, consisting of a layer of cellular rubber surfaced with ordinary pimped rubber, with pimples inwards or outwards, having a total thickness including adhesive of not more than 4mm. If a side of the blade used for striking the ball is not covered the wood shall be dark-coloured, either naturally or by being stained, not painted, in such a way as not to alter the frictional characteristics of the surface.

The part of the blade nearest the handle and gripped by the fingers may be covered with material such as cork for convenience of grip and is to be regarded as part of the handle. A side of the blade never used for striking the ball may be painted or covered with any material provided that the surface is uniformly dark-coloured and matt; a stroke with such a surface would, however, be illegal and result in a lost point. Minor variations of shade, due to wear or ageing of the surface, should not be regarded as infringing the requirement for uniformity, which is intended to prevent the use of basically different colours on a single side of the blade.

Law 12 - a Match

A match shall consist of one game or the best of three or of five games. Play shall be continuous throughout except that any player is entitled to claim an interval of not more than five minutes between the third and fourth games of a match and of not more than one minute between any other successive games of a match.

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13. ADOPTION OF LAWS FOR 1973/74 SEASON
Motion (B)(Cont)

Mr. C. J. Clemett moved the motion on behalf of the National Council. On being put to the vote the motion was carried.

MOTION (C)

That this meeting approves an experimental alteration to Law 4 for the season 1973/74 and 1974/75, allowing the material of the blade to be other than wood, e.g. plastics, metal, etc. (The necessary amendment is the deletion of the words "of wood" in the second sentence of Law 4; there is no consequential change to the restrictions on the material of the striking surface, which remain as stated.)

Mr. C. J. Clemett moved the motion on behalf of the National Council. On being put to the vote the motion was carried.

14. ELECTION OF PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENTS

Mr. T. Blunn, as Chairman of the Life Members and Vice Presidents Committee, formally proposed on behalf of the National Council, Mr. Maurice Goldstein of Birmingham as the President of the E.T.T.A. This statement was received with acclaim, and Mr. Blunn asked the retiring President, Mr. Vint to hand over the Badge of Office. Mr. Vint paid tribute to the work of Mr. Goldstein who had been Secretary of the Birmingham League since 1930, on the National Executive of the E.T.T.A. since 1933, and County Secretary of Warwickshire since 1937.

Mr. Vint felt it a privilege to hand over to someone whom he knew would always have the best interest of the Association at heart. Mr. Goldstein was invested with the Badge of Office to a standing ovation.

Mr. T. Blunn moved the re-election en bloc of the Vice-Presidents whose term of office had expired.

In addition, to fill the one vacancy, Mr. Blunn proposed the name of Mr. Paul Marks, of Halex Table Tennis Limited, as a Vice President of the E.T.T.A.

These proposals were seconded and carried.

15. ELECTION OF HON. LIFE MEMBERS

Mr. T. Blunn stated that the National Council had no recommendations to make for the appointment of any Life Members this season.

16. ELECTION OF SCRUTINEERS FOR 1973/74 MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE ELECTION

It was proposed, seconded and agreed that Mr. K. Mathews and Mr. A. J. H. Wickens be elected.

17. ELECTION OF ONE MEMBER OF STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE

The Chairman stated that the currently senior member of this Committee, Mr. A. J. H. Wickens was due to retire by rotation at the end of this A.G.M. As he was eligible for re-election, it was proposed, seconded and agreed that Mr. A. J. H. Wickens be re-elected.

18. ELECTION OF AUDITORS

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

19. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

Mr. L. Hoffman (Middlesex) informed the Members that he had been appointed Chairman of a Committee to raise funds for the 1977 World Championships, and appealed for the support of the Membership to any requests for assistance that may be made.

Mr. L. Hoffman (Middlesex) informed the Meeting that a Super League would be organised during the coming season, and that the matches would take place at four of the Three Star Tournaments, and at the English Closed Championships.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 6.30 p.n.