

ENGLISH TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION HELD AT THE REGENT CENTRE HOTEL, CARBURTON STREET, LONDON W.C.1, ON SATURDAY, 13TH JULY 1974, COMMENCING AT 2.15 p.m.

Present: M. Goldstein (President)
C.M. Wyles, O.B.E. (Chairman)
G.R. Yates (Deputy Chairman)
T. Blunn (Treasurer)

The attendance of members was identical to that recorded for the Annual General Meeting.

1. ADOPTION OF STANDING ORDERS

Mr. N.K. Reeve (Life Member) proposed and Mr. M. Watts (Essex) seconded that the Standing Orders be adopted. This was agreed.

2. APPOINTMENT OF TELLERS

Mr. G.R. Yates (Deputy Chairman) proposed, seconded by Mr. M. Watts (Essex), that Messrs. D. Wolstencroft and G. Campbell be appointed Tellers for the meeting.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

These were received from (repeat of A.G.M. Minutes)

4. PROPOSED ALTERATIONS TO RULES

Proposition No. 1 (Proposed by the National Council)

Amend Rule 31.2.2. by inserting "not fewer than" between "of" and "eight" and by inserting "nor more than fifteen" between "eight" and "persons".

Mr. K. Watts moved the Proposition on behalf of the National Council and it was seconded by Miss I. Moss (Middlesex). On being put to the vote the Proposition was carried unanimously.

Proposition No. 2 (Proposed by the National Council)

Delete Rules 28.1., 28.2.1. and 28.2.2. and insert as follows:

28.1. County Boundaries

28.1.1. For the purposes of this Rule the word "County" shall mean a County area shown as such on the Association's official map.

28.1.2. A Boundary on the official map may be altered, including the creation or abolition of a County, but only by resolution of the National Council.

28.1.3. There shall be no County of London.

28.1.4. There shall be a County of Middlesex consisting of the London Boroughs of Barnet, Brent, Camden, Ealing, Enfield, Hackney, Hammersmith, Haringey, Harrow, Hillingdon, Hounslow, Islington, Kensington and Chelsea, Tower Hamlets and Westminster and the City of London.

4. (Continued)

28.1.5. The London Boroughs of Bexley, Bromley, Greenwich and Lewisham shall be part of Kent.

The London Boroughs of Barking, Havering, Newham, Redbridge and Waltham Forest shall be part of Essex.

The London Boroughs of Croydon, Kingston-upon-Thames, Lambeth, Merton, Richmond-upon-Thames, Southwark, Sutton and Wandsworth shall be part of Surrey.

28.2. Formation of County Association

Where a majority of Local Leagues in any County agree a County Association shall be set up for that County.

In Rules 28.3.2.3., 28.3.2.2., 28.3.3.1. and 28.3.3.2. delete the word "geographical" wherever it appears.

In Rule 28.3.3.2. after "Rules 28.3.2.2. or 3.," insert "or because there have been County boundary changes since it first affiliated".

In Rule 28.3.4. delete "continuously" and for "since before 18th January 1964" substitute "on 31st March 1974".

Mr. K. Watts moved the proposition on behalf of the National Council and it was seconded by Mr. A. Ransome (North Yorks).

Mr. Ransome spoke in support of the Proposition and related how the formation of a Cleveland County Association would benefit his own area.

Mr. Kilminster (London Civil Service) stated that he took exception to the proposed rule 28.1.2. as it took away the power of the A.G.M.

Mr. E. Mitchell (Redditch) asked whether leagues had had an opportunity to make amendments to these Propositions. In reply, Mr. A. Wickens (Secretary of Rules Committee) stated that there was no procedure laid down for amending propositions at Special General Meetings, but if any league had written to the Association prior to the meeting, amendments could have been included.

After further discussion on the technicalities of accepting amendments to propositions made at a Special General Meeting it was proposed by Mr. N.K. Reeve (Life Member) and seconded by Mr. M. Greatrex (Hampshire) that the Motion now be put. On being put to the vote this Proposition was carried.

The Chairman then called for a show of hands on Proposition No. 2 and it was carried by a vote of 50 votes for and 4 against.

Proposition No. 3 (Proposed by the National Council)

Amend Rule 17.5. by inserting after "vacant" "or a new seat being created".

Mr. K. Watts moved the proposition on behalf of the National Council and it was seconded by Mr. C. Burden (Kent). On being put to the vote the proposition was carried unanimously.

There being no other business, the Special General Meeting closed at 2.45 p.m.