

ENGLISH TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION HELD AT THE  
IMPERIAL HOTEL, RUSSELL SQUARE, LONDON WC1, ON SATURDAY, 12th JULY 1975,  
COMMENCING AT 2.30 P.M.

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

Hon. Life Members:

C.J. Clemett, P. Hyde, G. James, E. Reay, N.K. Reeves, K. Watts.

Vice Presidents:

J. Carrington, F. Clay, W. Evans, L.W. Jones, Mrs. J.F. Reay,  
A.A. Wall.

Members of the National Council:

Mrs. D. Henderson, Miss K. Waters and Messrs. D.N. Aldous,  
Barrett, Briggs, Channing, Colclough, Goldstein, Greatrex,  
Harmer, Landry, Marchant, Ransome, Stevens, Smith L.J.,  
Upton, Watts, Whiteside and Wright.

Representatives from the following Counties and Leagues:

Bedfordshire, Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Cleveland, Cornwall,  
Durham, Essex, Gloucestershire, Hampshire, Hertfordshire, Kent,  
Lancashire, Middlesex, Norfolk, Northamptonshire, Northumberland,  
Shropshire, Somerset, Suffolk, Surrey, Sussex, Staffordshire,  
Wiltshire, Warwickshire, Worcestershire, Yorkshire.

Barnets, Bolton, Borehamwood Youth, Brighton, Bristol, Burnham,  
Cheltenham, Cheshunt, Coventry, Gloucester, Harrogate, Harlow,  
Hastings, High Wycombe, Hull, Liverpool, London Business Houses,  
London Civil Service, Lowestoft, Manchester, Medway Towns,  
NALGO (Met), North Herts, North Middlesex, Nuneaton, Redditch,  
Reading, Salisbury, Stockton, Stroud, Sunderland, Wembley,  
West Bromwich, Willesden, Yeovil.

Organisations in Good Standing:

English Schools T.T.A., International Table Tennis Club  
of England.

Directly Affiliated Clubs:

Lensbury Club

Sub-Committee Members:

Mrs. E. Carrington, G. Daniels, J. Heritage, L. Hoffman,  
K. Mathews, A. Ross, Mrs. D. Stannard, A.J.H. Wickens.

In Attendance:

E.R. Taylor (General Secretary)  
M.J. Lawless (Development Officer)  
A.W. Shipley (Administrative Secretary)  
B.G. Burn (Trainer/Coach)

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The President, Mr. Maurice Goldstein, took the chair and welcomed all delegates to the meeting, although he felt the number in attendance was a little disappointing. He felt that the Association was progressing in many ways as would be seen from the National Council Report. One disappointment was the relegation of our team from the Premier Division of the European League, but there were high hopes of regaining the higher status in the next season. Much progress was being made in the plans for the 1977 World Championships, in spite of the fact that last year's meeting declined to approve a financial levy on all members.

1. CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF REPORT OF STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE

Mr. K. Watts (Standing Orders Committee) moved the adoption of the Report and explained the change referred to in paragraph 5 whereby S.O.53 clarified the procedure for treating each paragraph in the National Council Report as a separate item for debating purposes.

The adoption of the report was seconded by Mr. A.E. Upton (Lancs), and carried unanimously.

2. ADOPTION OF STANDING ORDERS

Mr. K. Watts (Standing Orders Committee) moved the adoption of Standing Orders. Mr. J. Killmister (London Civil Service) felt that Item 1.1. should be expanded to include a fifth category, that of a member elected from the floor of the meeting. This was noted, the adoption was seconded by Mr. T. Channing (Surrey) and carried unanimously.

3. APPOINTMENT OF TELLERS

It was proposed by Mr. A.E. Upton (Lancs) and seconded by Mr. S. Parr (Nuneaton) that Messrs. D. Wolstencroft and J. McKim be appointed Tellers for the meeting. This was unanimously agreed.

4. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

These were received from A.K. Vint, O.B.E., E.G. White, L.S. Woolard (Life Members), R. Crayden, W. Goldfinch, C. Jaques, J.A. Leach, M.B.E., H. Walker (Vice Presidents), C. Burden, A. Cavell, L.A. Chatwin, T.R. Grickmer, K. Ponting, Mrs. A.J. Robinson (National Councillors), A. Porter (N.U.R.C.), J. Woodford (Press Officer), Police Athletic Association, Women's R.A.C., Methodist Association of Y.C., Cornwall County T.T.A., Cambridge League, Chesterfield League.

5. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD 13th JULY 1974

It was proposed by Mrs. D. Henderson (Somerset), seconded by Mr. S. Parr (Nuneaton), that the Minutes be signed as a true record. Carried unanimously.

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM ITEM 5

Minute No.7: Mr. J. Killmister (London Civil Service) enquired whether the National Council had discussed the approval of the Nittaku ball. Mr. C. Wyles (Chairman) replied that the Council had fully discussed the situation and a decision had been taken not to add the Nittaku ball to the list of **balls approved** for play in this country.

7. MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 13TH JULY 1974

It was proposed by Mr. E. Mitchell (Redditch) seconded by Mr. R. Habgood (Warwicks), that the Minutes be signed as a true record. Carried unanimously.

8. MATTERS ARISING FROM ITEM 7

None

9. REPORT OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31st MAY 1975

1. Mr. C. Wyles (Chairman) formally moved the adoption of the Report, seconded by Mr. K. Watts (Sussex). The President stated that he would go through the Report, which had been circulated, paragraph by paragraph, and ask members to raise any points under the appropriate headings.
2. Foreword  
The President stated that since publication we had learnt of the death of one of our Life Members, Mr. Frank Milligan, and requested the meeting to stand for a few moments in silence as a mark of respect.
3. Paragraph 4 - Sponsorship  
Mr. L. Hoffman (North Middlesex) asked if there was any sponsorship envisaged which could directly benefit the membership at league and club level. Mr. T. Blunn (Hon. Treasurer) replied that the search for sponsorship was a continuing effort and gave details of the various sponsorships in operation at the moment, the rewards of which went mainly to the participants in the various events. At the present time all of our major events were covered by sponsorship and we were reaching the stage whereby new events had to be created to accommodate further sponsors.
4. Paragraph 8 - Table Tennis News  
Mr. L. Hoffman (North Middlesex) complained that his County was losing the rebate on renewal subscriptions to the magazine as a renewal form was being sent direct to the subscriber rather than to the County agent. Mr. G.R. Yates (Editor) replied that he was aware of this situation but there just was not the staff available to do the necessary sorting of subscriptions. Mr. J. Killmister (London Civil Service) felt that the problem could be overcome by the provision of a space on the subscription form to enable the subscriber to indicate the name of his County agent.
5. Mr. S. Parr (Nuneaton) wished to record thanks to Mr. G.R. Yates and his assistants for the Editorship and production of the magazine. This was greeted with acclaim.
6. Paragraph 11 - National Umpires and Referees Committee  
Mr. L. Hoffman (North Middlesex) asked if any progress had been made on the question of a standard uniform for Umpires. Mr. G. James (Chairman N.U.R.C.) replied that questionnaires had been sent to all Umpires and although replies were still being analysed it seemed that the vast majority were not in favour of any change. Mr. J. Freeman (Reading) queried the need for any change and Mr. James replied that the enquiry was conducted in response to several requests from Umpires and it was believed that these came from members who had the opportunity of seeing the dress of foreign Umpires, the colour of whose blazers was uniform throughout, whereas our adopted navy-blue varied considerably in shade.
7. Mr. K. Buckle (North Middlesex) asked if there had been any discussion on the problem of adjudicating the service law following the adverse publicity in the National Press from the Norwich Union English Championships. Mr. James replied that this difficult subject was continually under discussion and the suggestion for the Umpire to move was fine in theory but if one moved to see the service one could not see many of the other points required by the service law.

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9. REPORT OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31st MAY 1975 (Cont)

8. Mr. B. Webb (Buckinghamshire) asked if the E.T.T.A. was yet in a position to assist financially Umpires officiating at foreign events. Mr. T. Blunn (Hon. Treasurer) replied that this was something which could not be afforded at present but the position would be kept under review.

9. Paragraph 12 - Open Tournaments

Mr. D. Whiteside (Essex) felt that the penultimate paragraph should have mentioned the change of regulation concerning the height of lighting as agreed within the National Council. Mr. A.J.H. Wickens, speaking as Chairman of the Tournaments Committee, apologised if the sentence was misleading but the item referred to the type of lighting rather than the height; the present position was that objections to fluorescent lighting were lessening. He felt that it would not have been politic to mention in the Annual Report the change in the Regulation dealing with height of lighting.

10. Mr. L. Hoffman (North Middlesex) asked for a clarification on the role of a 3 Star Tournament. In reply, Mr. Wickens gave a brief outline of the National Council policy in having five tournaments which had to provide first-class conditions in return for which they would have the privilege of a clear week-end for the tournament and were given an undertaking that international squad players would be entered. If the number of 3 Star Tournaments was increased there would be great difficulty in carrying out the undertaking in view of the heavy international programme of Championships and training camps. Mr. G. James (Middlesex) felt that there might be room at the beginning of the season for a further 3 Star tournament to be accommodated without clashing with other events and requested that this matter be investigated. In reply Mr. Wickens said he was told that many top players were still under contract during the early part of the season.
11. Mr. B. Chatterley (Dagenham) stated that the Dagenham Open had clashed with an E.S.T.T.A. event last season and requested that the Calendar Working Party look into this for the coming season.

12. Paragraph 13 - Championships

Mr. K. Buckle (North Middlesex) felt that the entry for the Norwich Union English Championships was disappointing and wondered whether the times of play could be reviewed. In reply, Mr. G. Daniels, Chairman of the English Championships Committee, stated that the playing schedule was amended as an experiment to alleviate the pressure on players and to obtain better Press coverage. A change of venue for the coming season was already envisaged.

13. Paragraph 14 - Ascot/Butterfly National Leagues Championships

Mr. K. Buckle (North Middlesex) asked that the position of this event in the Calendar be examined so that the finals did not clash with school examination times. Mr. M. Goldstein, as Chairman of the National Team Competitions Committee, gave an assurance that this would be taken into account for the future.

14. Mr. H. Webb (North Middlesex) complained that no refreshments were available to spectators at the venue in Derby.

15. Paragraph 15 - Stiga National Club Championships

Mr. K. Buckle (North Middlesex) felt that more publicity should have been given to the finals of this event as there were very few spectators present.

9. REPORT OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31st MAY 1975 (Cont)

16. Paragraph 16 - Cor du Bay Under-13 Championships  
Mr. A. Dines (Reading) stated that he did not agree with the proposal to change the age category of these Championships from Under-13 to Under-14. Mr. E.J. Mitchell (Redditch) pointed out that if the age category was changed there would be two National Championships in the Under-14 age bracket, the second one being the Under-14 event in the Wayfarers English Junior Closed Championships.
17. Paragraph 17 - Sunday Times Super League  
Mr. K. Buckle (North Middlesex) asked if this event was continuing under the sponsorship of the Sunday Times and, if not, had a replacement sponsor been found. Mr. C. Wyles, O.B.E. (Chairman) replied that it was regretted but the Sunday Times had withdrawn their sponsorship of this event and no alternative sponsor had yet been found.
18. Paragraph 21 - Ivor Montagu Award  
Mr. T. Blunn made the presentation of the Ivor Montagu Award for 1975 to Mr. G. Daniels for his work as Chairman of the English Championships Committee. The trophy was presented with acclaim and Mr. Daniels suitably replied.
19. Paragraph 23 - World Championships 1977  
Mr. K. Buckle (North Middlesex) asked for the proposed date of these Championships and the General Secretary replied that they were to be from 26th March to 5th April 1977.
20. Mr. C. Wyles, O.B.E. (Chairman), gave the following report on the progress made in preparation for the World Championships:  
When it was found that Wembley would not be suitable for staging the Championships we went, on the advice of the Government, to Birmingham to look at the possibility of holding the event in one of the complex of halls making up the National Exhibition Centre, the largest of its kind in Europe.
21. We finally opted for hall No.5 with its gross space of over 25,000 sq. metres. Although this space is far in excess of what is required for the Championships, it does give us the opportunity of mounting concurrently an International Trades Fair, the income from which will be necessary to partially offset the vast sums of money required to make the 34th World Championships an event to be remembered.
22. It is not, of course, possible for each of you to have copies of brochures and plans of the Exhibition Centre and the proposed layout of the arena and the exhibition, but these will be available for inspection afterwards.
23. All players and team officials will be housed and will take breakfast and dinner at Birmingham University where it is hoped we can also accommodate event officials.
24. All the larger hotels in Birmingham have been provisionally booked and our travel agents are currently preparing package deals for visitors.
25. A working party of representatives of the information media has met several times to discuss the facilities required. Up to 500 representatives of the media, including technicians, are likely to be there.
26. Detailed arrangements with the B.B.C. on coverage have yet to be finalised but discussions show that extensive exposure is envisaged. Plans for 'build-up' programmes will guarantee public awareness of the Championships.
27. We have been promised financial support from the Birmingham Local Authority. The Lord Mayor of Birmingham visited the Calcutta Championships and was able to gain an impression of what the staging of the 1977 event in Birmingham will mean to the city.

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9. REPORT OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31st MAY 1975 (Cont)

28. In these times of rapid inflation of the nation's economy it is difficult to arrive at an accurate estimate of the cost of mounting the Championships, even though we are less than two years away from the opening day. Even more imponderable is the estimate of income from the Trades Exhibition, gate money, package tours, marketing, etc.
29. We will of course soon have a reasonable idea of the amount of support from Birmingham and the Sports Council, and income from equipment adoption and television fees.
30. It is sad to record that relatively little financial support for the Championships has to date come from the members of our own Association. All that is required is for each member to cover equally this £1 note that I would like to put forward as a voluntary donation to the World Championships Fund.
31. In September in Birmingham we will be making a presentation of the Championships to industry and commerce in the Midlands. We are hopeful that sponsorship agreements will emerge from this presentation, but we must unfortunately also consider that if these do not transpire, we may have to come back to the members to discuss whether or not we can continue with our plans.
32. I conclude by expressing my firm belief that for us to withdraw now would be a severe setback to the development of our sport in this country."
33. Mr. A. Ross (Hull) asked if the disparaging remarks made in the Press on the Lord Mayor of Birmingham's visit to Calcutta were answered. Mr. Wyles replied that regrettably the public relations department of Birmingham Council had not replied, which was regretted in view of the good public relations job that the Lord Mayor did whilst in India. Mr. N.K. Reeve (Life Member) expressed concern over the problem of finding sufficient man-power to organise the Championships.
34. Other Matters  
Mr. A. Dines (Reading) said there was widespread criticism of, and lack of confidence in, the General Secretary. Mr. C. Wyles, O.B.E. (Chairman) regretted that this matter had been raised in open meeting and requested Mr. Dines to put his views in writing to the Officers. The National Councillors of Cornwall, Essex and Yorkshire stated that they did have confidence in the General Secretary. At this point it was proposed, seconded and agreed that the meeting move to the next business.
35. Mr. B. Chatterley (Dagenham) expressed the view that the Annual Report could be produced in a less expensive form and this was noted.

The motion to accept the Report was carried unanimously.

10. STATEMENT OF RESULT OF ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR THE SEASON 1975/76

Mr. E.R. Taylor (General Secretary) read out the Report of the Returning Officer, which stated that the three serving officers, Mr. C.M. Wyles (Chairman), Mr. G.R. Yates (Deputy Chairman) and Mr. T. Blunn (Treasurer) had all been returned unopposed. Mr. Wyles thanked the membership for their continued support.

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11. STATEMENT OF RESULT OF ELECTION OF NATIONAL COUNCILLORS FOR SEASON 1975/76

<u>No.</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Councillor</u>
1	Bedfordshire	P.E. Harmer
2	Berkshire	+ P. Charters
3	Buckinghamshire	+ B.R.J. Webb
4	Cambridgeshire	+ K. Muhr
5	Cheshire	D. Schofield
6	Cleveland	A. Ransome
7	Cornwall	L.F. Landry
8	Cumbria	Miss C.E. Rose
9	Derbyshire	L.A. Chatwin
10	Devon	K.T.O. Ponting
11	Dorset	L.K. Pearce
12	Durham	+ E. Reay
13	Essex	D.I. Whiteside
14	Gloucestershire	L.J. Smith
15	Hampshire	M. S. Greatrex
16	Herefordshire	+ P.G. Peck
17	Hertfordshire	H.G. Stevens
18	Huntingdonshire	K. Chamberlain
19	Kent	C.A. Burden
20	Lancashire	A.E. Upton
21	Leicestershire	P. Reid
22	Lincolnshire	Mrs. A.J. Robinson
23	Middlesex	J.M. Wright
24	Norfolk	D.N. Aldous
25	Northamptonshire	K.J. Marchant
26	Northumberland	H.B. Dignan
27	Nottinghamshire	+ H. Taylor
28	Oxfordshire	A.E. Davies
29	Shropshire	A.J. Cavell
30	Somerset	+ D. Ramsey
31	Staffordshire	R.H. Colclough
32	Suffolk	D.J. Barrett
33	Surrey	T.M. Channing
34	Sussex	K. Watts
35	Warwickshire	M. Goldstein
36	Wiltshire	Miss K. Waters
37	Worcestershire	D.J. Moss
38	Yorkshire	F. Briggs

+ denotes new Councillor

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

12. REPORT OF THE TREASURER, REPORT OF THE AUDITORS, AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH 1975.

1. Mr. T. Blunn commenced his report by apologising for the fact that the last item on the Sundries statement was shown as a "loss", whereas it should read "profit".
2. Mr. Blunn went on to give brief explanations of the various items within the detailed statements, expressing the view that although the loss of £3,700 was not a happy situation, the knowledge that there would be increased revenue from increased affiliation fees and Sports Council grants next season enabled him to accept the situation. Dealing with the Administration Account, Mr. Blunn explained that the increase in salaries had followed changes in the Pelham scale as recommended by the Sports Council, the rising cost of coaching expenses was due mainly

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12. REPORT OF THE TREASURER, REPORT OF THE AUDITORS, AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH 1975 (Cont)

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- ..... to petrol and the slight decrease in revenue in affiliation fees seemed to come mainly from the more populated areas, a situation which would be investigated by the Development Officer; Mr. Philip Reid was to be congratulated on the production of the biography of Victor Barna and it was hoped that expenditure would be recovered on royalties from sales. In summing up the Administration account, Mr. Blunn pointed out that the Sports Council grant provided almost twice as much money as the membership.
3. On the Working account it would be seen that the Norwich Union International Championships provided the highest income from admissions since the event was held at Brighton and this was due to the presence of the Chinese players.
4. The early dates of the World Championships in India meant that these accounts covered a World, Commonwealth and European Championships, an abnormal situation.
5. Manufacturers continued to support us admirably. International activities were again self-supporting and the other items of income were satisfactory. The Treasurer expressed grave concern at the reduction in the accumulated fund over the past two years, a dangerous situation which he hoped to rectify with the co-operation and backing of all members. He also appealed for members to support the World Championships Lottery as it was something from which both the E.T.T.A. and the membership could gain financially. He thanked Mr. L. Hoffman for his efforts on the lottery last season, which resulted in a profit of £5,000.
6. Mr. Blunn ended his report by reading a letter from the auditors giving clearance of the statement of account for the Annual General Meeting.
7. In reply to a question by Mr. E.J. Mitchell (Redditch) as to why the European Youth Championships were so costly, Mr. Blunn explained that the Sports Council did not Grant Aid the full team and hospitality had to be paid for almost half the members of the large team.
8. Mr. N.K. Reeve (Life Member) felt that we should take no pride in the parlous state of our finances, for as a National Sports Association we employ staff from whom we expect loyalty and it was vital therefore that we provide a stable Association. He felt that it was essential that we budget for a surplus of £5,000 next season and wondered whether any future increases in fees should become effective immediately as inflation denied us receiving the full value of any increases being collected 12 months' later. Mr. K. Watts (Sussex) pointed out that the Rules did currently allow for affiliation fee increases to take immediate effect should the particular meeting so decide.
9. Mr. J. Killmister (London Civil Service) felt it was not prudent these days to have a reserve in cash and further suggested that in order to cope with the increasing inflation a method of aligning fees to the Cost of Living Index be operated.
10. After Mr. Blunn had answered several other points of information it was proposed by Mr. L. Landry (Cornwall), seconded by Mr. T. Channing (Surrey) that the Report be accepted with a vote of thanks on everyone's behalf for the work of the Treasurer. This was carried unanimously. In reply, Mr. Blunn paid tribute to the assistance afforded to him by Mr. M. Greatrex.

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13. PROPOSED ALTERATIONS TO RULES

Proposition No.1 (proposed by Sussex County T.T.A.)

Amend Rule 13.2. by deleting all after "County Association"

Mr. K. Watts moved the Proposition on behalf of Sussex County T.T.A. and it was seconded by Mr. E.J. Mitchell of Redditch. On being put to the vote, the Proposition was carried unanimously.

Proposition No.2 (proposed on behalf of the National Council)

New Rule as follows:

- 16.4. The holding of a paid appointment with the Association shall not oblige a Member to register as a Permit Member.

Amend Rule 29.3.1. by inserting before "no payment" the words "except as provided by Rule 16.4."

Mr. K. Watts moved the Proposition on behalf of the National Council and it was seconded by Mr. T. Channing of Surrey. On being put to the vote, the Proposition was carried unanimously.

Proposition No.3. (proposed on behalf of the National Council)

Amend Rules 17.7. and 19.6. by substituting for "the President" the words "unless also an elected member, the President".

Mr. K. Watts moved the Proposition on behalf of the National Council and it was seconded by Mr. A.E. Upton of Lancashire. On being put to the vote the Proposition was carried unanimously.

Proposition No. 4 (proposed on behalf of the National Council)

Delete Rules 27.1. and 27.2. and insert as follows:

- 27.1. A Special General Meeting shall be convened on a resolution of the National Council, or to take place within 49 days of receipt by the General Secretary of a requisition signed by the authorised representatives of at least one third of the Local Leagues, specifying the business to be placed on the Agenda for such a meeting.
- 27.2. Rule 25 shall apply as for an Annual General Meeting so far as applicable.
- 27.3. Not less than 28 days' notice shall be given.
- 27.4. A Special General Meeting shall transact only business which is contained in the Agenda sent out in accordance with Rule 25.2.

Mr. K. Watts moved the Proposition on behalf of the National Council and it was seconded by Mr. F. Briggs (Yorkshire). On being put to the vote the Proposition was carried unanimously.

Proposition No.5 (proposed by Sussex County T.T.A.)

Amend Rule 28.6. by substituting for the words "of 2p per team place" the words "as required by Rule 7.2.1.5."

Mr. K. Watts moved the Proposition on behalf of Sussex County T.T.A. and it was seconded by Mr. A.E. Upton of Lancashire. On being put to the vote the Proposition was carried unanimously.

MOTION (proposed on behalf of the National Council as Proposition No.5 carried)

The alteration effected by Proposition No.5 shall come into force on the first day of season 1975/76.

13. PROPOSED ALTERATIONS TO RULES (Cont)

Motion (Cont)

Mr. K. Watts moved the Motion on behalf of the National Council and it was seconded by Mrs. D. Henderson of Somerset. On being put to the vote the motion was carried unanimously.

Proposition No.6 (proposed on behalf of the National Council)

Amend Rule 29.1. by inserting after "English Table Tennis Association" the words "or another national Association affiliated to the International Table Tennis Federation,"

Mr. K. Watts moved the Proposition on behalf of the National Council and it was seconded by Mr. A.J.H. Wickens of Buckinghamshire. On being put to the vote the Proposition was carried unanimously.

Proposition No.7 (proposed by Cleveland County T.T.A.)

Delete Rule 29.4.1.

Mr. A. Ransome moved the Proposition which would remove the ban on a player being paid for playing "competitive table tennis". He felt that in every other respect the Association was very professional, employing 13 full-time staff, but no payment was allowed to be made to players for playing in team matches as was common practice on the Continent. He felt that without payment team matches became secondary in consideration by players, thereby causing standards to remain low. Mr. C. Davison (Stockton) seconded the Proposition. Several members expressed their fears of the repercussions of allowing players to be paid for playing in team matches. On being put to the vote the Proposition was defeated by 10 votes for to 30 against.

Proposition No.8 (proposed on behalf of the National Council)

Delete Rules 29.4.2.1. and 29.4.2.2. and insert as follows:

29.4.2.1. Prizes not exceeding £50 in value may be awarded and accepted.

29.4.2.2. In competitions other than Open Tournaments prizes exceeding £50 in value may be awarded and accepted only with the specific permission of the National Council.

29.4.2.2a. In Open Tournaments no prize may exceed £100 in value or such smaller amount as may be specified in Appendix 'B' to these Rules for a particular class of Tournament.

(NOTE: the limit in Rule 29.4.2.2a. will be reviewed annually.)

Mr. K. Watts moved the Proposition on behalf of the National Council and it was seconded by Mr. T. Channing of Surrey. On being put to the vote the Proposition was carried unanimously.

Proposition No.9 (proposed on behalf of the National Council)

Amend Rule 29.4.2.2a. by substituting "£200" for "£100".

Mr. K. Watts moved the Proposition on behalf of the National Council and it was seconded by Mr. D. Young (Worcester). On being put to the vote the Proposition was carried unanimously.

Proposition No.10 (proposed on behalf of the National Council)

Amend Rule 29.10. by substituting "licensed" for "approved"

Mr. K. Watts moved the Proposition on behalf of the National Council and it was seconded by Mr. A.J.H. Wickens (Buckinghamshire). On being put to the vote the Proposition was carried unanimously.

13. PROPOSED ALTERATIONS TO RULES (Cont)

Proposition No.11 (proposed by Buckinghamshire County T.T.A.)

Insert new Rule:

4.1.13a. "Veteran: a person 40 years of age or over on the preceding 30th June"

Mr. A.J.H. Wickens moved the Proposition on behalf of Buckinghamshire County T.T.A. and it was seconded by Mr. T. Channing (Surrey). On being put to the vote the Proposition was carried unanimously.

Proposition No.12 (proposed by Buckinghamshire County T.T.A.)

Amend Rule 32 by inserting "Veteran" after "Junior".

Mr. A.J.H. Wickens moved the Proposition on behalf of Buckinghamshire County T.T.A. and it was seconded by Mr. E.J. Mitchell (Redditch). On being put to the vote the Proposition was carried unanimously.

Proposition No.13 (proposed by Buckinghamshire County T.T.A.)

Insert new Rule 4.1.2a.:

4.1.2a: "Cadet: a person under 14 years of age on the preceding 30th June"

Mr. A.J.H. Wickens moved the Proposition on behalf of Buckinghamshire County T.T.A. and it was seconded by Mr. B.R. Webb (Bucks). On being put to the vote the Proposition was carried unanimously.

Proposition No.14 (proposed by Buckinghamshire County T.T.A.)

Amend Rule 32 by inserting "Cadet" before "Junior".

Mr. A.J.H. Wickens moved the Proposition on behalf of Buckinghamshire County T.T.A. and it was seconded by Mr. A. Ransome (Cleveland). On being put to the vote the Proposition was carried unanimously.

Proposition No.15 (proposed by Buckinghamshire County T.T.A.)

Amend Rule 32 by altering heading to read:

"32. AGE LIMITS"

and substituting "terms" for "term", "meanings" for "meaning", "them" for "it", "in Rule 4.1." for "by Rule 4.1.8."

Mr. A.J.H. Wickens moved the Proposition and it was seconded by Mr. E.J. Mitchell (Redditch). On being put to the vote the Proposition was carried unanimously.

Proposition No.16 (proposed on behalf of the National Council)

Insert new rule as follows:

"35A COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS"

35A.1. The Association shall each season run a competition for teams representing County Associations which shall be known as "The County Table Tennis Championships".

35A.2. The competition shall be conducted on a league basis.

35A.3. The Championships shall be administered by a Committee (to be known as "The County Championships Committee") appointed by the National Council.

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13. PROPOSED ALTERATIONS TO RULES (Cont)

Proposition No.16 (Cont)

- 35A.4. Regulations: The Championships shall be conducted in accordance with Regulations made by the National Council, which Regulations shall be contained in Appendix 'K' to these Rules. The Regulations the numbers of which are listed in the Schedule to Appendix 'K', and that Schedule itself, may be altered by National Council only in pursuance of a request contained in a resolution of the Annual County Championships Conference.
- 35A.5. Annual County Championships Conference
- 35A.5.1. An Annual Conference shall be held in the first or second week of June each season.
- 35A.5.2. Each County Association which participated during the current season shall be entitled to send one delegate with power to vote. For the purpose of this sub-rule "County Association" shall include a County Association in membership of another National Association.
- 35A.5.3. Additionally every E.T.T.A. County Association shall be entitled to send one observer with right to speak but not to vote.
- 35A.5.4. Members of the Management Committee and of the County Championships Committee shall be entitled to attend with right to speak but not to vote unless also a delegate under Rule 35A.5.2.
- 35A.5.5. Minutes of the Annual Conference shall be submitted to the National Council at its first meeting after the Annual General Meeting."

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

Mr. C. Wyles expressed the thanks of the Officers to all those involved in the embodiment of the County Table Tennis Championships within the structure of the E.T.T.A.

14. ADOPTION OF LAWS FOR 1975/76 SEASON

MOTION "A"

That for the 1975/76 season this meeting adopts the Laws of Table Tennis, as amended at the 1975 Biennial General Meeting of the I.T.T.F.

Mr. C. Clemett moved the motion and it was seconded by Mr. A.E. Upton. On being put to the vote the Motion was carried unanimously.

MOTION "B"

That for the 1975/76 season this meeting adopts the experimental rule for the colour of playing clothing, under which any uniform colour other than white or yellow would be permitted.

Mr. C. Clemett moved the Motion and it was seconded by Mr. D. Young (Worcester). On being put to the vote the Motion was carried.

Mr. J. Wright (Middlesex) asked if the E.T.T.A. were to adopt a policy of encouraging manufacturers to confine different colouring of hems and cuffs on shirts to the one centimetre allowed by international regulations. Mr. L. Hoffman (North Middlesex) pointed out that as far as manufacturers were concerned the shirts were not made exclusively for table tennis purposes.

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15. ELECTION OF PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENTS

The President, Mr. M. Goldstein, still had one more year to serve of his 3-year term of office and Mr. C. Wyles (Chairman) thanked Mr. Goldstein for his support and advice over the past season.

Mr. T. Blunn, the Chairman of the Life Members and Vice-Presidents Committee, proposed, on behalf of the National Council, that Mrs. S. Barna, the wife of the late Victor Barna, be elected a Vice-President of the E.T.T.A. Mr. Blunn also proposed that Mr. H. Pearce be elected a Vice-President of the E.T.T.A. Mr. Pearce had assisted the E.T.T.A. greatly from his former position as Secretary of the Lensbury Club within the London Business Houses League. Mr. Blunn also proposed the re-election en bloc of those Vice Presidents whose term of three years had expired.

These proposals were all seconded and carried unanimously.

16. ELECTION OF HON. LIFE MEMBERS

Mr. T. Blunn proposed, on behalf of the National Council, two new Life Members, neither of whom were able to be present. These were Mr. H. Walker, who had served Essex in the capacity of Secretary for many years and his service included long periods on the National Executive Committee and the National Council, and in later years he had rendered invaluable assistance within the E.T.T.A. offices. The second nominee for Life Membership was Mr. R.J. Crayden, who had served as Chairman of our Equipment and Selection Committees but would perhaps be best remembered for his Captaincy of the English Women's team at the time of capturing the World and European honours.

These proposals were seconded and carried with acclaim.

17. ELECTION OF SCRUTINEERS FOR THE 1975/76 MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE ELECTION

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

18. ELECTION OF ONE MEMBER OF STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE

The currently senior member of this Committee, Mr. E.G. White, was due to retire by rotation at the end of this A.G.M. It was proposed by Mr. K. Watts seconded by Mr. A.E. Upton and agreed that Mr. E.G. White be re-elected.

19. ELECTION OF AUDITORS

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

20. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The President displayed to the meeting a silver salver presented by the Staffordshire County T.T.A. to be presented as an award in memory of the late Mr. Malcolm Scott. The Terms of Reference for the presentation were simply for distinguished service to table tennis at the discretion of the President of the E.T.T.A. Mr. Goldstein expressed difficulty in making a choice from the many people who qualified under this category, but he felt that the person most deserving of being the first recipient of the award was the Hon. Treasurer of the E.T.T.A., Mr. T. Blunn. The presentation was made to Mr. Blunn and greeted with acclaim. Mr. Blunn replied by saying that he was greatly honoured to receive the award, especially in view of his long friendship with Malcolm Scott.

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