

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Association held at the Imperial Hotel, Russell Square, London W.C.1., on Saturday, 10th July 1976, commencing at 2.30 p.m.

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

Hon. Life Members

Messrs. C.J. Clemett, R.J. Crayden, E. Reay, N.K. Reeve, A.K. Vint, O.B.E.,  
H. Walker, K. Watts.

Vice-Presidents:

Mrs. J.F. Reay, Messrs. J.H. Carrington, F.E. Clay, W. Evans, W.G. Goldfinch,  
L.W. Jones.

Members of the National Council:

Briggs  
Mrs. D. Henderson, Mrs. A.J. Robinson, Messrs. Barrett/Burden, Channing,  
Chamberlain, Charters, Goldstein, Greatrex, Harmer, Landry, Moss, Muhr, Ponting,  
Ransome, Reay, L.J. Smith, Stevens, Taylor, Upton, Watts, Whiteside and Wright.

Representatives from the following Counties and Leagues:

Avon, Bedfordshire, Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Cambridgeshire, Cleveland, Cornwall,  
Devonshire, Dorset, Durham, Essex, Gloucestershire, Hampshire, Hertfordshire,  
Huntingdonshire, Kent, Lancashire, Lincolnshire, Middlesex, Northamptonshire,  
Northumberland, Nottinghamshire, Oxfordshire, Suffolk, Surrey, Sussex,  
Warwickshire, Wiltshire, Worcestershire, Yorkshire.

Barnets, Birmingham, Bolton, Bracknell, Bristol, Burnham-on-Crouch, Cheltenham,  
Cheshunt, Coventry, Gloucester, Harlow, Harrogate, Hastings, Hull, Leicester,  
Liverpool, London Business Houses, London Civil Service, Manchester, North East  
Summer, North Hertfordshire, North Middlesex, Nuneaton, Reading, Redditch, Stockton,  
Stroud, Sunderland, Willesden, Wembley/Harrow.

Organisations in Good Standing:

English Schools' T.T.A., I.M.P.A.C.T., Int. T.T. Club of England, Maldon Sports  
Council - Festival of Sport, N.A.Y.C., Wiltshire Association of Boys' Club and  
Youth Clubs.

Sub-Committee Members

Mrs. E. Carrington, Mrs. D. Stannard, Messrs. R.G. Bridges, J. Freeman, L. Hoffman,  
J. Killmister, J. McKim, S. Parr, A. Porter, A.M. Ross, A.G. Steggall, M.D. Watts,  
A.J.H. Wickens, J. Zenthon.

In Attendance

A.W. Shipley (General Secretary), M.J. Lawless (Director, World Championships),  
Miss C. Scrivens (Administrative Secretary).

The President, Mr. Maurice Goldstein, took the chair and welcomed all delegates to the meeting, saying that he felt the attendance was a little less than anticipated. He added that the force of the nucleus of table tennis in England was present and said that before proceeding further, he would refer to the Association's number one project, i.e., the World Championships next year. All our efforts were geared to making these Championships the greatest success in the history of table tennis and, if possible, the greatest of any sporting event held in the U.K. Arrangements were now well in hand and, financially, we felt more assured now that the country and our members were behind us. The Championships were bound to be an overwhelming success and Mr. Goldstein appealed to the few leagues and members who were hanging back to join in for the good of the game in this country. The President mentioned that he had recently been indisposed and he would, therefore, now leave the conduct of the meeting in the hands of the Chairman of the Association, Mr. C.M. Wyles, O.B.E. Mr. Wyles stated that he was delighted to see Mr. Goldstein at the meeting and trusted that his progress would continue. He wished him well on behalf of the Association.

1. CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF REPORT OF STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE

Mr. K. Watts (Standing Orders Committee) moved the adoption of the Report. This 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. He drew attention to the addition of Item 1.1.5. The adoption was seconded by Mr. N.D. Watts (Essex) 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 R. Habgood be appointed Tellers for the meeting. This was unanimously agreed.

4. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Mr. P. Hyde, Mr. G. James, Mr. E.G. White (Hon. Life Members), Mr. H.E. Pearce (Vice-President), Mr. A. Cavell, Mr. P. Reid, Mr. B.R.J. Webb (National Councillors), Mrs. J. Watts (Avon County T.T.A.), Mr. L. Constable (Cambridge League), Mr. G.E. Motlow (Western Table Tennis League), Miss Stubbs (Hertfordshire Association of Youth Clubs), Police Athletic Association, Southwark Federation of Catholic Youth Clubs, Women's Inter-University Athletic Board, Women's Royal Army Corps.

5. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD 12th JULY, 1975

It was proposed by Mr. T.M. Channing (Surrey), seconded by Mr. A.E. Upton (Lancs) that the Minutes be signed as a true record. Carried unanimously.

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM ITEM 5

None.

7. MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING HELD 24th JANUARY 1976.

It was proposed by Mr. A.E. Upton (Lancs), seconded by Mr. F. Briggs (Yorks) 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 1976.

1. Mr. C.M. Wyles (Chairman) formally moved the adoption of the Report. This was seconded and the Chairman stated that he would go through the Report - which was in members' hands - paragraph by paragraph, and he asked that any points necessary be raised under the appropriate headings.

2. Paragraph 2 - Archives

Mr. R.J. Crayden (Hon. Life Member), stating that he had been asked to collate certain information for the International Table Tennis Federation, asked if he could have access to the Archives. Mr. A.W. Shipley (General Secretary) in reply stated that he was certain there would be no difficulty over this although at the moment some documents were at Hastings and some were being sorted by a voluntary worker at Guildford.

3. Paragraph 5 - Publicity

Mr. B. Yarnold (Coventry) referred to Item 5.5.3., and asked the position regarding the television build-up to the World Championships. In reply, Mr. M.J. Lawless (Director, World Championships) stated that the build-up was likely to be in the region of six programmes and three/four of these would be on a "Pot-Black" basis, varying in length.

4. Paragraph 6 - Table Tennis News

Mr. A.E. Upton (Lancs) wished to record thanks to Mr. and Mrs. G.R. Yates for their work in regard to the production and distribution of the above. This was enthusiastically endorsed by the meeting. Mr. G.R. Yates (Editor) wished to record his appreciation of the work undertaken by Miss Cynthia Scrivens (Advertising Manager) as revenue from this source was vital to the well-being and continuation of the publication.

5. Paragraph 8 - Coaching and Schools

Mr. K. Muhr (Cambs) requested details of coaching in relation to the World Championships. Mr. A.G. Steggall (Chairman, Coaching Committee) stated that numerous proposals had been put forward and it was hoped that some at least of these would be adopted.

Mr. N.K. Reeve (Chairman, Development Committee) stated that a report would shortly be circulated to National Council which contained his Committee's recommendations on this point.

6. Paragraph 11 - National Umpires and Referees Committee

1. Mr. J. Freeman (Reading), referring to Item 11.11.2., asked the position with regard to umpires' clothing at the World Championships. Mr. M.J. Lawless (Director, World Championships) stated that negotiations were in hand with two multiple tailors and early replies were expected. The uniform had been decided upon. Mr. T. Blunn (Treasurer) stated that in regard to the above, although it was hoped to obtain the uniform without charge, a contingency plan was in being.

9. 6. 2. (Paragraph 11 - Continued)  
Mr. J.M. Wright (Middlesex) expressed appreciation of the National Council's decision to make an allocation towards the payment of umpires' expenses when travelling abroad. Mr. T. Blunn (Treasurer) stated that application had been made to the Sports Council for grant in this respect, but payment would be available as it was essential for umpires to have international experience before the World Championships.
3. Mr. R. Scruton (Harrogate) asked if there would be an Umpires' Conference before the World Championships. Following discussion, Mr. J.M. Wright (Referee, World Championships) stated that this was difficult to answer, but umpires would definitely receive a briefing before the event.

7. Paragraph 12 - Tournaments

1. Mr. L. Hoffman (North Middlesex) raised the question of Three Star Tournaments, pointing out that the Committee had agreed to increase the number from three to five, but later had reverted to the original figure. Mr. L. Landry (Chairman, Tournaments Committee) stated that although it had been agreed to increase the number to five this had been impossible due, in part, to the difficulty of finding suitable venues for tournaments of this status. Finally, following further questions by Mr. Hoffman, Mr. A.J.H. Wickens (Tournaments Committee) stated that there had been no change of policy by the Committee. He confirmed that five Three Star Tournaments could be accommodated in the calendar, provided the venues and other arrangements were suitable.
2. Mr. P. Charters (Berks), referring to Item 12.12.3., stated that an urgent decision was needed in respect of Junior "Select" Tournaments. Mr. L. Landry (Chairman, Tournaments Committee) in reply confirmed that the Committee had agreed for three tournaments to be given this status and the Selection Committee at its next meeting must decide the policy to be followed in respect of these tournaments.

8. Paragraph 13 - English Championships

Mr. C.M. Wyles (Chairman) stated that sponsorship was available through the Norwich Union for both the "Open" and "Closed" Senior Tournaments and these would be useful as a run-up to the World Championships. In view, however, of the latter, it was probable that the "Open" would need to be on a reduced scale, possibly as an international invitation event, and this would most likely be held in the North or Midlands. Voluntary workers were urgently needed in view of the fact that many of our specialist and experienced officials will be busy with arrangements for the World Championships. The English "Closed" will, most probably, revert to a London area venue as this may well encourage television coverage. The English "Open" would definitely be held on the 6th, 7th and 8th January and Mr. A.E. Ransome (Cleveland) expressed the wish of Cleveland County to stage this event alongside the Cleveland Three Star tournament. In this connection, however, Mr. Wyles stated there was difficulty regarding the equipment contract. Referring to the uncertainty in connection with the Cleveland Three Star dates, Mr. M.D. Watts (Secretary, Tournaments Committee) expressed the view that, if changed, many problems would arise.

9. Paragraph 14 - County Table Tennis Championships

Mr. C.M. Wyles (Chairman) mentioned that these Championships were now held under the auspices of the E.T.T.A., and stated that the transfer had been made without trouble. He referred to the long period of duty by Mr. T. Blunn, who had been connected for twenty-five years, and, in acknowledging his thanks, Mr. Blunn paid tribute to the work carried out by Mr. A.K. Vint, O.B.E., Mr. E. Worsley, Mr. J.M. Wright, and Mr. K. Watts, his successor as Chairman. Mr. N.K. Reeve (Hon. Life Member) proffered congratulations to Mr. J.M. Wright on his long period of service as Administrator.

10. Paragraph 16 - National Club Championships

Mr. L. Hoffman (North Middlesex) asked the reason for these Championships not continuing to finality. Mr. K.T.O. Ponting (Secretary, National Team Competitions Committee) in reply stated that it was because the Ormesby Club had been reinstated following an appeal against a decision by the Committee to scratch them. Upon further questioning, Mr. L. Landry stated that the three other teams, disagreeing with the result of the Ormesby Club's appeal, saw fit to withdraw.

11. Paragraph 18 - Ivor Montagu Award

Mr. T. Blunn made the presentation of this award for 1976 to Mr. A.E. Ransome for his work in table tennis - particularly among younger people. The trophy was presented with acclaim and Mr. Ransome replied suitably. Mr. J.M. Wright (Middlesex) stated that he felt this was unfortunate timing in view of the preceding discussion, but, at the same time wished to pay tribute to Mr. Ransome's enthusiasm for the game and, with this, Mr. Blunn concurred.

12. Paragraph 21 - World Championships, 1977

1. Mr. C.M. Wyles (Chairman) stated that we were now seeing the result of all our efforts and were nearing the apex in regard to this event. He urged all those interested to buy tickets which had been competitively priced, particularly in regard to season ticket rates. Helpers were still needed and anyone with time available was asked to approach the Director, Mr. M.J. Lawless. The entry is expected to be larger than ever before and Mr. Wyles anticipated supporters travelling from all over the globe. The City of Birmingham, the Government, through the Sports Council, and our good friends the equipment manufacturers, are all backing us to the hilt. Mr. Wyles then invited questions.
2. Mr. E. Mitchell (Redditch) asked what would be the position if competing nations later chose not to attend, bearing in mind the state of affairs now arising in regard to the Montreal Olympics. Mr. Wyles, in reply, said that the E.T.T.A. had been in touch with the appropriate Government department and confirmation had been received that all 122 nations affiliated to the I.T.T.F., could, at the moment, obtain visas for entry to the U.K. Whether this position would appertain in March next, no-one could say, but we were taking the matter further with the Minister for Sport and would be in constant touch with the department concerned. As organisers, we will not follow the lead of the Indian Government who, it will be recalled, barred South Africa and Israel. All nations will be welcome at Birmingham.

9. 12. 3. (Paragraph 21 - Continued)
- Mr. D. Lomas (Burnham-on-Crouca) questioned the equipment to be used. Mr. Wyles, in reply, stated that this was at present under discussion, that negotiations had reached a very delicate stage, and he could, therefore, say nothing further at the moment. Mr. M.J. Lawless (Director, World Championships) pointed out that we held a contract with Halex Ltd.
4. Mr. M.D. Watts (Essex) stated that he felt everyone would wish to congratulate all concerned on the sponsorship now obtained. Mr. C.M. Wyles (Chairman) expressed his appreciation.
5. Mr. L. Hoffman (North Middlesex) expressed concern at what he thought to be a low major sponsorship figure. He quoted higher figures which he stated had originally been publicised. This was disputed by Mr. T. Blunn (Hon. Treasurer) and Mr. Wyles said that he was prepared to accept some responsibility as he had tried to put a good face on things when selling the World Championships to possible sponsors. Mr. M.J. Lawless (Director, World Championships) stated that figures must be kept in perspective. For the Rowing World Championships and Gymnastics World Championships the sponsorship figures were less than £20,000 in each case. Mr. J.M. Wright (Middlesex) asked for a split of the sponsorship moneys between the World Championships and future national events. Mr. Blunn said this was a difficult question, but stated that £30,000 would be devoted to the World Championships and the remainder would be made up in services.
6. Mr. A.M. Ross (Hull) enquired as to possible advertising in the press. Mr. M.J. Lawless (Director, World Championships) in reply stated that plans had been made for publicity to commence in September next.
7. Mr. S. Parr (Nuneaton) asked if ties and other items would be made available and, in reply, Mr. Wyles stated that, if possible, this concession would be handed to an outside agency.
8. Mr. M.J. Lawless (Director, World Championships) stated that special arrangements had been made with British Rail for reduced fares to be available from any part of the country to the National Exhibition Centre.
9. Mr. J.M. Wright (Middlesex) referred to the issue of pictorial stamps (racket sports) to be issued next January in which table tennis would feature. There would undoubtedly be a big market for both covers and the special issue. He wondered if this point was being looked into and Mr. Lawless confirmed that this was so.
10. Mr. C.M. Wyles (Chairman) pointed out that as 1977 was the Queen's Jubilee Year it would be in order for the Association to incorporate this title when speaking of the Championships. This was considered a very great honour.
11. Mr. A.E. Ransome (Cleveland) felt pleased at the amount of work which had been done in regard to the World Championships since this time last year. The Association had progressed far and he felt that this should be noted. Mr. J.M. Wright (Middlesex) felt credit should be given for the sponsorship obtained. Mr. Wyles, when acknowledging these sentiments, added that he felt that thanks should be passed to all the un-named voluntary workers who had, and were, assisting in the promotion of table tennis.

9. 13. Appendices to Annual Report

Appendix 1.2.

Mr. A.W. Shipley (General Secretary) drew attention to, and apologised for, errors with regard to the figures quoted in respect of National Councillors' attendance at National Council Meetings. These errors are detailed below:-

- Mr. B.R.J. Webb (Bucks) - should read "3", not "2"
- Mr. D.I. Whiteside (Essex) - should read "4", not "3"
- Mr. A.E. Upton (Lancs) - should read "4", not "3"
- Mr. P. Reid (Leics) - should read "4", not "3"
- Mr. J.M. Wright (Middx) - should read "4", not "3"

14. Other Matters

Mr. C.M. Wyles (Chairman) wished to record thanks to Mr. C.J. Clemett for editing this year's National Council Report.

10. STATEMENT OF RESULT OF ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR THE SEASON 1976/77

Mr. A.J.H. Wickens (Returning Officer) stated that the three serving Officers, Mr. C.M. Wyles (Chairman), Mr. G.R. Yates (Deputy Chairman) and Mr. T. Blunn (Hon. Treasurer) had all been returned unopposed. Mr. Wyles, on behalf of the Officers, thanked the membership for their continued support.

11. STATEMENT OF RESULT OF ELECTION OF NATIONAL COUNCILLORS FOR SEASON 1976/77

Mr. A.J.H. Wickens (Returning Officer) made the following points:-

1. With regard to Document 839/48/AW (28.6.76.), he apologised for quoting the Yorkshire National Councillor as being Mr. F. Briggs, when, in fact, Mr. A.M. Ross's name should have appeared.
2. He referred to Document 840/47/AW (28.6.76.). At the time of preparation, he had not received satisfactory notice of election from Bedfordshire and Nottinghamshire. Since then, Nottinghamshire had elected a Councillor in accordance with rules, but Bedfordshire had not carried out an election within the proper time limits - as a result, the seat remains vacant.
3. He confirmed that an amended list of National Councillors would be circularised as soon as convenient.
4. Details of persons elected are shown below:

<u>County</u>	<u>Councillor</u>
Avon	Mrs. D. Henderson
Bedfordshire	
Berkshire	P.A. Charters
Buckinghamshire	B.R.J. Webb
Cambridgeshire	K. Muhr
Cheshire	D. Schofield
Cleveland	A. Ransome
Cornwall	L.F. Landry
Cumbria	Miss C.E. Rose
Derbyshire	L.A. Chatwin
Devon	K.T.O. Ponting
Dorset	L.K. Pearce
Durham	E. Reay
Essex	D.I. Whiteside
Gloucestershire	L.J. Smith
Hampshire	M.S. Greatrex

Herefordshire	P.J. Kimber
Hertfordshire	H.G. Stevens
Huntingdonshire	K. Chamberlain
Kent	C.A. Burden
Lancashire	A.E. Upton
Leicestershire	P. Reid
Lincolnshire	Mrs. A.J. Robinson
Middlesex	J.M. Wright
Norfolk	D.N. Aldous
Northamptonshire	K.J. Marchant
Northumberland	H.B. Dignan
Nottinghamshire	H. Taylor
Oxfordshire	R. Hart
Shropshire	A.J. Cavell
Somerset	A.R.E. Richens
Staffordshire	R.H. Colclough
Suffolk	D.J. Barrett
Surrey	T.M. Channing
Sussex	K. Watts
Warwickshire	M. Goldstein
Wiltshire	A. Catchpole
Worcestershire	D.J. Moss
Yorkshire	A.M. Ross

12. REPORT OF THE TREASURER, REPORT OF THE AUDITORS, AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 1976.

1. Mr. T. Blunn (Hon. Treasurer) apologised for the fact that in the Report and Financial Statement (Page Four, Juniors - Home) there was a printing error. This should read, "Net result of home matches" and not, "Net cost".
2. The Treasurer, in his opening remarks, pointed out that a year ago the financial position of the Association was much depressed. A surplus of £5,000, the target for the year ending the 31st March last, had been virtually achieved and he referred to the support given him by the National Council and the Management Committee.
3. He was pleased to report a record profit on the Lincoln Lottery. This made a material contribution towards the year's surplus and was achieved with the participation of only one-third of the leagues in membership. If everybody would only participate, our problems would be largely solved.
4. Referring to (2) above, it should be borne in mind that although our accumulated fund now stands at £10,000, when allowance is made for inflation, it should stand at a minimum of £15,000 and £2,000 profit should be our minimum objective by the end of next season.
5. With regard to the World Championships, Mr. Blunn stated that independent accounts were kept for this and next year the Association's Balance-Sheet would be produced in the usual way, hopefully showing a further increase in the balance of not less than a further £2,000.
6. Mr. Blunn pointed out that whereas the two previous years had shown a reduction in affiliations, he was pleased to report that after adjusting for this season's increase in fees, the income therefrom showed an increase of 1.5%. This was most encouraging.
7. Mr. Blunn ended his report by stating that he had received a letter from the Auditors giving clearance to the Statement of Accounts and that all that remained to be done was to certify in respect of the Association's assets and to check the wages and salaries book.

12. 8. Mr. J. Killmister (London Civil Service) referred (as in 1975) to his opinion that it was unwise to build up a large reserve in cash these days. Mr. Blunn pointed out that the accumulated fund did not represent cash, but was a balancing figure, i.e. the difference between assets and liabilities.
9. Mr. T.M. Channing (Surrey) proposed and Mr. E.J. Mitchell (Redditch) seconded that the Treasurer's Report be accepted and this was carried unanimously. The Chairman expressed thanks for all the work carried out by the Hon. Treasurer and Mr. Blunn paid tribute to the assistance afforded him by Mr. M.S. Greatrex (Assistant Treasurer) generally, and Mr. K. Mathews in respect of grant aid.

13. PROPOSED ALTERATIONS TO RULES

Proposition No. 1 (proposed on behalf of National Council)

Delete Rule 28.11 (including 28.11.1. - 28.11.3.)

Mr. K. Watts (Sussex) moved the proposition on behalf of the National Council and it was seconded by Mr. A.E. Upton (Lancs). On being put to the vote, it was approved by 22 for to 2 against.

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

Amend Rule 28.6 by deleting "Money so received in case (ii) shall be divided in such manner as the National Council may decide among the County Associations in whose areas the Local League concerned operates".

Mr. K. Watts (Sussex) moved the Proposition on behalf of the National Council and it was seconded by Mr. T.M. Channing (Surrey). Following a general discussion, the Motion was put to the vote and was approved by 21 for to 8 against. A Block Vote was requested by Mr. M.D. Watts (Essex) and the result was 11,493 for to 4,340 against, and, as a result, the Proposition was carried.

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

Delete Rule 29.4.1. and insert new Rule as follows:-

"29.4.1. Subject to the restrictions contained in Rule 29.6. and to registration, Under Rule 29.3., except when acting under the direct instructions of the E.T.T.A., as its representative a Member may accept compensation in any form, payment, reward, travelling or hotel expenses for playing the game in any tournament, match or competition, giving an exhibition, or coaching, only provided that:

29.4.1.1. Permission to pay such expenses shall have been previously obtained by the Member from the National Association in whose territorial jurisdiction the event may take place or the payment is made by such Association.

29.4.1.2. Permission to receive such expenses shall have been previously obtained by the Member from the E.T.T.A.

29.4.1A. A Member may not procure any pecuniary reward, or compensation of any kind whatsoever, save travelling and "broken time" expenses and hospitality, for playing Table Tennis in the World Championships, Swaythling Cup and Marcel Corbillon Cup competitions in any circumstances whatsoever. "

Mr. A.E. Ransome (Cleveland) moved the Proposition on behalf of the National Council and it was seconded by Mr. P. Charters (Berks). Following a very lengthy discussion the Proposition was put to the vote and was approved by 25 for to 13 against. A Block Vote was requested by Mrs. D. Henderson (Avon) and the result was 9,506 for to 6,234 against. Therefore, the Proposition was defeated in accordance with A.G.M. Standing Orders.

13. Proposition No. 4 (proposed by Willesden & District T.T.L.)

Delete Rule 29.8.

Mr. L. Landry (Willesden) requested permission to withdraw this Proposition as its full implications and the fact that it conflicted with I.T.T.F. Rules had not previously been realised. This was agreed.

Proposition No. 5 (proposed by North East Summer T.T.L.)

Delete Rule 7.3. and insert new Rule as follows:-

"All affiliation fees shall be paid to the General Secretary of the Association not later than 15th November each season except fees from summer leagues which shall be paid by 15th May. "

Mr. A.E. Ransome (North East Summer League) moved the Proposition and this was seconded by Mr. C. Davison (Stockton). Following discussion, the Proposition was put to the vote and was approved by 24 for to 9 against. A Block Vote was requested by Mr. A.J.H. Wickens (Bucks) and the result was 9,326 for to 5,449 against. Therefore, the Proposition was defeated.

Proposition No. 6 (proposed by North East Summer T.T.L.)

Amend Rule 8.2. by adding:-

"except in the case of summer leagues who shall lose all their voting rights if their fees are unpaid by 1st July."

Mr. A.E. Ransome (North East Summer T.T.L.) requested permission to withdraw the Proposition and this was agreed.

14. ADOPTION OF LAWS FOR 1976/77 SEASON

MOTION "A"

That for the 1976/77 season this meeting adopts the Laws of Table Tennis, as amended at the 1975 Biennial General Meeting of the I.T.T.F.

Mr. T.M. Channing (Surrey) moved the Motion and it was seconded by Mr. A.E. Upton (Lancs). On being put to the vote, the Motion was carried.

MOTION "B"

That for the 1976/77 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.J. Clemett moved the Motion and it was seconded by Mr. E.J. Mitchell (Redditch). On being put to the vote, the Motion was carried.

15. ELECTION OF PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENTS

1. The President, Mr. M. Goldstein, had now completed his three-year term of office and Mr. T. Blunn (Hon. Treasurer) thanked Mr. Goldstein for his support and advice over the past three years. He had carried out his duties in an absolutely first-class manner and his wife, Gladys, had supported him nobly. Mr. Wyles endorsed these remarks. Mr. Blunn stated that the National Council had nominated Mr. Goldstein for a further term of office and Mr. Wyles indicated his complete approval.

15. 2. Mr. T. Blunn (Chairman, Life Members and Vice-Presidents Committee) referred to the fact that last year it had been recommended that Sir Roger Bannister, Mr. D.R. Tremayne and Mr. E. Jones be elected Vice-Presidents. In view of the individual connection of these gentlemen with the Sports Council in various ways, they had not been able to accept the honour, but in every case expressed appreciation.
3. Mr. Blunn proposed, on behalf of the National Council that Mrs. A.K. Vint, Mr. F. Newell, Mr. A.G. Steggall, Mr. D. Tyler and Mr. E. Worsley be elected Vice-Presidents of the E.T.T.A.
4. Mr. Blunn also proposed the re-election, en bloc, of those Vice-Presidents whose term of three years had expired.
5. These proposals were all seconded and carried unanimously.
6. Mr. Blunn also referred to the fact that the Association was arranging for a special medal to be struck for Vice-Presidents and all holding this honorary position would be invited to Birmingham to be decorated at the time of the World Championships.

16. ELECTION OF HON. LIFE MEMBER

Mr. T. Blunn proposed on behalf of the National Council one new Life Member, Mr. A.J.H. Wickens, who was present. He had served Buckinghamshire in numerous capacities for many years past and had given invaluable legal advice to the Association for some fifteen years. He was also well-known as a member of various standing committees. This proposal was carried with acclaim and Mr. Wickens acknowledged the presentation suitably.

17. ELECTION OF SCRUTINEERS FOR 1976/77 MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE ELECTION

It was proposed, seconded and agreed that Mr. E.J. Mitchell (Redditch) and Mr. A.J.H. Wickens (Ducks) be elected.

18. ELECTION OF ONE MEMBER OF STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE

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. It was proposed by Mr. K. Watts, seconded by Mr. C. Burden (Kent) and agreed that Mr. Wickens be re-elected.

19. ELECTION OF AUDITORS

It was proposed by Mr. E. Reay (Durham) and seconded by Mr. S. Parr (Nuneaton) that Messrs. Spain Bros, Jukes & Co. be re-elected. This was carried unanimously.

20. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. Malcolm Scott Award

Mr. M. Goldstein (President) presented this award to Mr. C.M. Wyles (Chairman). He remarked on the Chairman's long service to the game and the indebtedness of all members to Mr. Wyles. The presentation of the award was greeted with acclaim and Mr. Wyles replied suitably.

2. Mr. J.M. Wright (Middlesex) asked for clarification of the position regarding the selection of players for the European Youth Championships. Mr. A.E. Upton (Chairman, Disciplinary Committee) pointed out that as this matter was sub judice nothing could be said at the moment. Mr. P. Charters (Berks) asked when further information could be given and the Chairman stated that the matter could be raised at the next National Council meeting to be held on the 24th July, 1976.

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20. 3. Mr. D.I. Whiteside (Essex) referring to Part One of the E.T.T.A. Handbook, commented that a new edition was urgently required. Mr. Blunn (Hon. Treasurer), agreeing, stated that cost was the drawback, but every endeavour would be made to include this item in the budget for the coming year.
4. Mr. C.M. Wyles (Chairman), on behalf of the Officers and Members of the Association, expressed thanks to all staff for their loyalty and hard work during the past twelve months.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 6.05 p.m.

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