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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Association held at the Imperial Hotel, Russell Square, London WC1 on Saturday 9th July 1977, commencing at 1.00 p.m.

Present: M.Goldstein (President)
C.M.Wyles OBE (Chairman)
G.R.Yates (Deputy Chairman)
T.Blunn (Treasurer)

Hon. Life Members

Messrs. C.J.Clemmett, R.J.Crayden, G.James, E.Reay, N.K.Reeve, K.Watts, E.G.White.

Vice Presidents

Mrs. J.F.Reay, Messrs. J.H.Carrington, W.Evans, L.W.Jones, A.G.Steggall

Members of National Council

Mrs. D. Henderson, Messrs. C.A.Burden, A.Catchpole, K.S.Chamberlain, T.M.Channing, M.Goldstein, M.S.Greatrex, D.J.Moss, E.K.Muhr, K.T.O.Ponting, A.Ransome, A.M.Ross, H.G.Stevens, A.E.Upton, K.Watts, B.R.J.Webb, D.I.Whiteside.

Representatives from the following Counties and Leagues

Avon, Bedfordshire, Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Cambridgeshire, Cleveland, Cornwall, Devon, Essex, Hampshire, Hertfordshire, Huntingdonshire, Kent, Lancashire, Middlesex, Northumberland, Surrey, Sussex, Warwickshire, Wiltshire, Worcestershire, Yorkshire.

Billericay, Bolton, Bristol, Bromley, Cheshunt, Coventry, Folkestone, Harlow, Hastings, Hull, Littlehampton, Liverpool, London Civil Service, Manchester, North Hertfordshire, North Middlesex, Reading, Sunderland, Wembley/Harrow, Willesden, Woolwich

Organisations in Good Standing

English Schools T.T.A., Int. T.T. Club of England

Sub-Committee Members

Mrs. E. Carrington, Mrs. D. Stannard, Messrs. R.G.Bridges, G.M.Daniels, J.Freeman, J.Killmister, J.McKim, S.Parr, M.D.Watts, J.Zenthon

In attendance

A.W.Shipley, (General Secretary), M.J.Lawless, (Director World Championships), R.J.Stevens, (Administrative Secretary), R.Sinclair, (Administration Assistant).

The President, Mr. Maurice Goldstein, took the chair and welcomed all delegates to the meeting. He opened his address by saying what a momentous year this had been with the World Championships being the highlight. These had been a great success, would prove to be of great benefit to us all and everyone must ensure that the great deal of public interest aroused must continue.

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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. M.S.Greatrex (Hampshire) and carried unanimously.

2. ADOPTION OF STANDING ORDERS

Mr. K. Watts (Standing Orders Committee) moved the adoption of Standing Orders. He drew attention to Item 1.4. explaining why this was needed, and apologised for the omission of a motion to be proposed by Bromley and District T.T.A., and asked agreement to add this motion after Proposition No. 13. The adoption was seconded by Mr. M.S.Greatrex (Hants) and carried unanimously.

3. APPOINTMENT OF TELLERS

It was proposed, seconded and agreed that Messrs. D. Wolstencroft and G.Campbell be appointed Tellers for the meeting.

4. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Mr. P.Hyde, Mr. A.K.Vint O.B.E. (Hon. Life Members), Mrs. A.K.Vint (Vice President), Mr. C.C.Hames (Vice President Elect), Mr. A.Cavell, J.M.Wright (National Councillors), Mr. R.D.Beard (Directly Affiliated Individual), Mr. E.J.Mitchell (English Schools T.T.A.), Miss E.Simpson (Derbyshire County T.T.A.), Mr. P.Reid (Leicestershire County T.T.A.), Mr. L.Constable (Cambridge League), Mr. G.Motlow (Western T.T.L.), Police Athletic Association, Southward Federation of Catholic Youth Clubs, Womens Inter-University Athletic Board, Womens Royal Army Corps, (Organisations in Good Standing), Mr. J.Woodford (Press Officer, South).

5. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD 10th JULY 1976

Mr. A.W.Shipley (General Secretary) read out two amendments proposed by A.J.H.Wickens (Hon. Life Member) relating to minute 11.2 and minute 13.

Minute 11.2 after "Since then," insert "satisfactory evidence had been received that"

Minute 13 Delete last sentence and replace with "Not having obtained the two-thirds majority required by Rule 25.8. the Proposition was not carried".

These were agreed and it was proposed by Mr. A.E.Upton (Lancs) seconded by Mr. A.M. Ross (Yorks) that the minutes be signed as a true record. Carried unanimously.

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM ITEM 5

None

7. REPORT OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31st MAY 1977

1. Mr. M. Goldstein (President) 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. Mr. A.E.Upton (Lancs) stated that before proceeding further the meeting should place on record the great appreciation of the long and loyal service that Mr. K.Watts (Hon. Life Member) had given to Table Tennis and to wish him well in his retirement.

3. Paragraph 2. Archives

Mr. A.W.Shipley (General Secretary) stated that the minutes for the 1958 Annual General Meeting were missing from the Archives and asked if anyone could obtain a copy.

7. 4. Paragraph 5. Publicity

Mr. L.F.Landry (Cornwall) commented on the low level normally given to reportage, and went on to say that we could all help to improve this. Mr. L.Hoffman (N.Middx) stated that as long as we acted as gentlemen we would not attract publicity, and only controversy focused attention. Mr. J.M.Killmister (London Civil Service) stated that with the T.V. techniques gained in covering the World Championships there would be interest in televising other first class matches, and members should badger t.v. companies for more cover. In reply Mr. C.M.Wyles (Chairman) said that he had had talks with t.v. representatives on these lines but regretably they were not really interested unless the entertainment and excitement as generated by Asian players was provided. It was also noted that publicity at local level for table tennis was invariably excellent.

5. Paragraph 6. Magazine

Mr. D.I.Whiteside (National Councillor) wished to record the meetings thanks to the Editor, Mr. G.R.Yates (Deputy Chairman) for a first class publication. In reply Mr. G.R.Yates stated that inflation was escalating costs and he anticipated only a break-even position, and after sounding out members views it was agreed not to reduce the quality.

6. Paragraph 8. Coaching and Schools

Mr. A. Ransome (National Councillor) regretted that the North of England had been operating without a National Coach and the problems this had caused. Mr. T. Blunn (Treasurer) replied that the problem was recognised, and a decision would be made soon by the National Council as to the future of Mr. P. Simpson, which might alleviate the position.

7. Paragraph 9. Selection Committee

Mr. A. Shepherd (N.Middx) referred to Para. 9.5. and the fact that Mr. D.Neale was not mentioned as having won the N.U. English Championships for the sixth time, and questioned the omission. Mr. R.J.Crayden (Chairman, Selection Committee) apologised, said that this in no way reflected on Mr. D. Neale, and was merely an oversight.

8. Paragraph 11. Disciplinary

Mr. A. Shepherd (N.Middx) stated that there had been no publicity about Mr. D. Neale's Appeal or about his suspension, and asked what the policy was in these matters. Mr. C.M.Wyles (Chairman) replied that the Officers would take note what had been said and what action might be required in future. Mr. K. Watts (Hon. Life Member) stated that it is for the National Council to decide on statements in appeal matters.

9. Paragraph 12. Umpires and Referees

Mrs. P. Archdale (Bristol) referred to Para. 12.3 and asked why the questionnaire had apparently not been acted upon. In reply Mr. C.J.Clemmett (Hon. Life Member) stated that the chosen shade of blue was only a small refinement and added that the question of new badges was still being considered.

10. Paragraph 14. English Championships

1. Mr. A. Shepherd (N.Middx) referred to Para 14.2 stating that it was incorrect to say that the Junior Championships were successfully staged. Mr. G. Daniels (Championships Committee) replied that whilst not everything was up to standard he thought that it would be better not to enlarge upon the faults. Mr. K. Watts (Hon. Life Member) maintained that if things go wrong we should say so in the Report. Mr. E.G.White (Hon. Life Member) proposed that the word "successfully" be deleted and this was seconded by Mr. A.J.H. Wickens (Hon. Life Member).

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7. 10. 2. Mr. A. Ransome (National Councillor) referred to the report in Para 14.3 stating that Cleveland held a completely opposite view and felt that the Championships were a success. Mr. M.D.Watts (Essex) reported that in fact only 8 countries had been invited. Mr. L.F.Landry (National Councillor) proposed that the wording of para. 14.3 be amended to "were successful with eight countries participating", and this was seconded by Mr. C. Davison (Cleveland). The two amendments were agreed.

11. Paragraph 20. I.T.T.F.

Mr. J.M.Killmister (London Civil Service) requested an explanation of Para. 20.7. and Mr. C.J.Clemmett (Hon. Life Member) explained that this was not an application to enter in Olympic Games but for recognition by the I.O.C. Certain countries could only obtain government grants if the I.O.C. recognised the sport.

12. Appendix

1. Mr. A. Ransome (Cleveland) requested information as to why the World Championships Report was not included, and was informed of the separate Report handed out at the meeting. Mr. C.J.Clemmett (Hon. Life Member) stated that the report of two pages was inadequate and that if each Chairman had contributed, much could have been learnt. Mr. K. Watts (Hon. Life Member) replied that various reports were being prepared by the various committees and presumably a complete report would eventually be issued. Mr. C.M.Wyles (Chairman) stated that if a special meeting is needed to discuss the Final World Championships Report then this will be arranged.
2. Mr. E.Todd (Harlow) raised the question of the Financial position of the World Championships and Mr. T. Blum (Hon. Treasurer) replied that they were not a financial success, but we had embarked upon a new venture after being invited by Birmingham and being encouraged by the Sports Council. He went on to say that escalation of costs during the event and not inflation was the main cause of a deficit. At the beginning he had been optimistic of profit, but although the exact financial position could not yet be established, with the information at hand undoubtedly a serious situation existed. Although the actual gate money was above the estimate, income from other uncontrollable areas was poor - he gave as an example "Sportacus" where the exports had assured us of a £50,000 income, he had budgeted for £25,000 and we had only received £8,000. This entailed spending an additional £5,000 on t.v. advertising to attract attendance. The t.v. impact was good with high viewing figures comparable to Wimbledon Ladies Finals, but here again, the fees were lower than hoped for as the B.B.C.'s costs were far above their estimates and this affected the amount of their fee. The build up estimates were way out, partially because nobody had any experience on costing such a new venture and partly because we could not control or negotiate what happened at the N.E.C. with items such as safety, fire precaution, engineering, etc., and could only accept their figures as time was of the essence. The calculated Contingency Fund of £50,000 went on the build up alone. The Treasurer summed up by saying that at the moment there was a shortfall and not a loss, we are going back to our benefactors, and were disputing and negotiating. The Sports Council were sympathetic and the Minister of Sport had instructed that only after talks should Press figures be given, and only after these final negotiations had taken place, would the question of coming back to the members for assistance be decided. He reiterated that the financial results must not detract from the fact that these were the best World Championships ever staged, praised the enormous effort contributed by everyone, and said that he was prepared to answer questions.

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7. 12. 2. In reply to a question from Mr. R. Hartley (Bronley) he stated that he was not implying anything additional to the three year Guarantee Fund from members.
 Mr. A.M.Ross (Yorks) proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. T. Blunn for his great work in connection with the World Championships Finances, and Mr. Blunn thanked the members for their trust.
 Mr. A.E.Upton (Lancs) moved the adoption of the Report and was seconded by Mr. T.H.Channing (Surrey).

8. STATEMENT OF RESULTS OF ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR THE SEASON 77/78

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.

9. STATEMENT OF RESULT OF ELECTION FOR NATIONAL COUNCILLORS FOR THE SEASON 77/78

Persons elected:

<u>County</u>	<u>Councillor</u>
Avon	Mrs. D. Henderson
Bedfordshire	*G.Hammond
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	*Miss E.Simpson
Devonshire	K.T.O.Ponting
Dorset	L.K.Pearce
Durham	*K.Taylor
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	*J.A.Fuller
Northamptonshire	K.J.Marchant
Northumberland	*A.Drapkin
Nottinghamshire	H.Taylor
Oxfordshire	*Miss R.A.Waines
Shropshire	A.J.Cavell
Somerset	A.R.E.Richens
Staffordshire	*G.Williamson
Suffolk	D.J.Barrett
Surrey	*P.Brennan
Sussex	*B.J.Rowley
Warwickshire	M.Goldstein
Wiltshire	A.Catchpole
Worcestershire	D.J.Moss
Yorkshire	A.M.Ross

(* Denotes new councillor)

Mr. C.Wyles (Chairman) thanked those retiring Councillors for their services. Continued.../

10. REPORT OF THE TREASURER, REPORT OF THE AUDITORS, AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH 1977

Mr. T. Blum (Hon. Treasurer) apologised for the reduction in size, and added that the report was submitted for observation only as the Auditors had not received all supporting documents due to the Worlds Finances not being completed, and had only approved a Preliminary Audit. He pointed out two amendments to the report:-

- 1) European League - Seniors, Home - against Czechoslovakia, the venue should read Horwich not Norwich
- 2) Cash on deposit should be reduced by £55,000 and this also reduced Worlds Championships Contributions by £55,000

He explained that the second amendment was due to a Bank Internal Transfer error. After explaining the differences in income and expenditure allocations due to the World Championships, he went on to record his thanks to Mr. M.S.Greatrex, Mr. K. Mathews, and Mr. J.Carrington for their valuable assistance, and also the office staff for their continued support. Mr. D.I.White side (Essex) proposed the adoption of the report and this was carried unanimously. At this point Mr. M. Goldstein (President) stated that he would like to hand over the chair to Mr. C.M.Wyles (Chairman) and in accepting, Mr. Wyles thanked the President for conducting the proceedings so ably.

11. PROPOSED ALTERATIONS TO RULES

Proposition No. 1 (Proposed on behalf of the National Council)

Insert new Rule "4.1.2a. casual vacancy: Any vacancy which exists at a time when the normal procedure prescribed by the Rules for filling it cannot operate"

NOTE: This provides a definition for a term which has in the past been the subject of different interpretations.

Mr. K.Watts (Sussex) moved the Proposition and it was seconded by Mr. A.E.Upton(Lancs)

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

At end of Rule 4.1.6. Add "competing against each other"

NOTE: The additional words are to clarify the definition, and no change in meaning results.

Mr. K. Watts (Sussex) moved the Proposition and it was seconded by Mr. A.E.Upton (Lancs). Carried unanimously.

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

At beginning of Rule 7.2.4. delete "Other"

NOTE: No change in meaning results from this

Mr. K. Watts (Sussex) moved the Proposition and it was seconded by Mr. A.E.Upton (Lancs). Carried unanimously.

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

In Rule 8.2 delete "or National Councillor"

NOTE: If this Proposition is carried, it will be for a County Association to decide whether or not a league whose E.T.T.A. fees were unpaid at 1st January may take part in the election of the County's National Councillor

Mr. K. Watts (Sussex) moved the Proposition and it was seconded by Mr. A.E.Upton (Lancs). Carried unanimously.

Proposition No. 5 (Proposed on behalf of the National Council)

In Rule 14.3.2. for "appointed" substitute "designated"

NOTE: No change in meaning results from this alteration

Mr. K.Watts (Sussex) moved the Proposition and it was seconded by Mr. J.M.Killmister (London Civil Service). Carried unanimously.

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

In Rule 15 for "at its discretion have authority to elect" substitute "have power to appoint"

NOTE: This is not intended to alter the procedure for appointment at present followed

Mr. K. Watts (Sussex) moved the Proposition and it was seconded by Mr. D.I. Whiteside (Essex). Carried unanimously.

Proposition No. 7 (Proposed on behalf of the National Council)

In Rule 18.2 for "appointed" substitute "designated"

NOTE: No change in meaning results from this

Mr. K. Watts (Sussex) moved the Proposition and it was seconded by Mr. A.E. Upton (Lancs). Carried unanimously.

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

In Rule 21.3 for "signed by the Treasurer and by either the Chairman or General Secretary" substitute "signed by any two of four authorised signatories, the Chairman, the General Secretary, the Treasurer and one other person designated by name by resolution of the National Council"

NOTE: This removes the requirement for the Treasurer to sign every cheque. It also increases the possible number of authorised signatories of cheques from three to four.

Mr. K. Watts (Sussex) moved the Proposition and it was seconded by Mr. C.A. Burden. Carried unanimously.

Mr. B. Hartley (Bromley) requested and received an assurance that the Treasurer would normally sign all cheques.

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

Delete Rule 28.6 and insert the following:-

28.6.1. Notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 28.4.1. the National Council may decide that a Local League shall not be obliged to affiliate to a County Association, either (i) because no County Association exists in the County concerned or (ii) because membership of the Local League concerned is spread over more than one County.

28.6.2. In a case where Rule 28.6.1. has been applied the Local League shall pay to the E.T.T.A. additional fees as provided by Rule 7.2.1.5. which shall, in case (i) of Rule 28.6.1. if a County Association be formed during the season, be passed to that Association, and otherwise or in case (ii) of Rule 28.6.1. be treated as ordinary E.T.T.A. income

NOTE: No change in effect results from this alteration

Mr. K. Watts (Sussex) moved the Proposition and it was seconded by Mr. M.D. Watts (Essex). Carried unanimously.

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

In Rule 28.8.1. for "Constitution" substitute "Rules"

NOTE: "Constitution" in this Rule has always been interpreted as meaning "Rules" so this alteration will clarify, not change

Mr. K. Watts (Sussex) moved the Proposition and it was seconded by Mr. A.E. Upton (Lancs). Carried unanimously.

Proposition No. 11 (Proposed on behalf of the National Council)

In Rule 28.9.1. delete "complete"

NOTE: No change of meaning is intended; the inclusion of "complete" did not appear to be consistent with the remainder of the Rule and other E.T.T.A. Rules.

Mr. K.Watts (Sussex) moved the Proposition and it was seconded by Mr. A.E.Upton (Lancs). Carried unanimously.

Proposition No. 12 (Proposed by Woolwich and District T.T.A.)

Delete Rules 29.3 and 29.3.1.

NOTE: This abolishes the "Permit Member" and the requirement for a Member to register and pay a fee if he earns money from the game.

Mr. N.Grant (Woolwich) moved the proposition and then went on to apologise for being unable to speak for the Proposition due to lack of knowledge, having only recently been elected, and it was seconded by Mr. P.J.Roden (Essex). Following a very lengthy discussion the Proposition was put to the Vote and was approved by 18 for to 11 against. A Block Vote was requested by Mr. A.E.Upton (Lancs) and the result was 7977 for to 4979 against. Therefore, the Proposition was defeated in accordance with Rule 25.8.

Proposition No. 13 (Proposed by Bromley and District T.T.A. if Proposition No. 12 is not carried)

In Rule 29.3.1. delete "coaching"

NOTE: This removes coaching from the list of activities in respect of which, if he receives payment, a Member must register as a Permit Member and pay the stipulated fee.

Mr. B.Hartley (Bromley) moved the Proposition and it was seconded by Mr. B.J.Rowley (Sussex). After a full discussion the Proposition was put to the Vote and was disapproved by 15 against and 14 for. A Block Vote was ruled for by the Chairman, and the result was against 8395 and 4298 for. Therefore the Proposition was defeated in accordance with Rule 25.8.

13.2. Document 1043/31/AW dated 8.7.77 for insertion after Proposition No. 13 contingent upon neither Proposition 12 or 13 being carried, was now considered. Mr. B.Hartley (Bromley) proposed that this meeting instructs the National Council to exempt from registration as Permit Members for the 1977/78 season, as provided under Rule 29.3.1., all Members who receive payment only for coaching, but as there was no seconder the motion failed.

Proposition No. 14 (Proposed on behalf of the National Council)

In Rules 29.4.2.1. and 29.4.2.2. for "£50" substitute "£60"

NOTE: This increases the value of prize which may be awarded without obtaining permission from the National Council.

Mr. K.Watts (Sussex) moved the Proposition and it was seconded by Mr. A.E.Upton (Lancs). Carried unanimously.

Proposition No. 15 (Proposed on behalf of the National Council)

In Rule 29.4.2.3. for "£200" substitute "£250"

NOTE: This increases the maximum value of prize permissible in an Open Tournament to an amount nearer the present I.T.T.F. limit which is expressed in Swiss francs.

Mr. K.Watts (Sussex) moved the Proposition and it was seconded by Mr. A.E.Upton (Lancs). Carried unanimously.

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

In Rules 31.1. and 31.2.1. for "Committee or Officer" substitute "Committee, Officer or official"

NOTE: This brings the wording of the Rule into line with its past interpretation.

Mr. K. Watts (Sussex) moved the Proposition and it was seconded by Mr. A.E.Upton (Lancs). Carried unanimously.

Proposition No. 17 (Proposed on behalf of the National Council)

In Rule 31.2.2. for "fifteen" substitute "twenty five"

NOTE: This increases the maximum number of members of the Board of Appeal

Mr. K.Watts (Sussex) moved the Proposition and it was seconded by Mr. A.E.Upton (Lancs). Carried unanimously.

Proposition No. 18 (Proposed on behalf of the National Council)

In Rule 31.2.4. for "determined" substitute "adjudicated"

NOTE: No change in meaning results from this alteration

Mr. K.Watts (Sussex) moved the Proposition and it was seconded by Mr. A.E.Upton (Lancs). On being put to the Vote the proposition was carried by 18 votes for and 6 against.

Proposition No. 19 (Proposed on behalf of the National Council)

Amend Rule 37.1 by deleting "and the Laws of the Game as approved by the Association"

Insert new rule as follows:-

37A APPROVED LAWS OF TABLE TENNIS

- 37A.1. All competitive play under the jurisdiction of the Association shall be under the Laws of Table Tennis as approved by the Association (hereinafter referred to as "the approved Laws") unless the National Council allows otherwise.
- 37A.2. The approved Laws may be changed only by decision of a General Meeting.
- 37A.3. Proposals for such changes to be considered by the next Annual General Meeting shall be submitted in writing to reach the General Secretary not later than the last day of February. All proposals so received shall be circulated to all County Associations and Local Leagues during March and amendments or alternative proposals dealing with the same subject matter shall be accepted for consideration by the Annual General Meeting if submitted in writing and received by the General Secretary not later than the last day of April.
- 37A.4. Proposals for such changes to be considered by a Special General Meeting shall be submitted to the General Secretary in writing with the demand for that Special General Meeting.
- 37A.5. Any changes in the Laws of Table Tennis passed by the I.T.T.F. Congress after the last day of February which the National Council wish to propose at the A.G.M. following as changes in the approved Laws shall be circulated as part of the A.G.M. Agenda and, if carried, shall remain in force for one season (the procedure under Rule 37A.3. being followed for such changes in time for the A.G.M. in the following season).
- 37A.6. In the event of the exact wording of a Law amended by I.T.T.F. Congress not being available at the A.G.M., it shall be competent for that meeting to adopt the principle of the amended Law, which shall be published in such form of words as the National Council may decide until the official I.T.T.F. wording is available.

NOTE: This alters the procedure for changing the "Laws of Table Tennis as approved by the Association" to enable the Annual General Meeting to approve the principle of a law change when the exact wording is not yet available or was not available in time to be circulated.

Mr. K.Watts (Sussex) moved the Proposition and it was seconded by Mr. T.M.Channing (Surrey). Carried unanimously.

Proposition No. 20. (Proposed on behalf of the National Council)

In Rule 37.4. delete "or with the rebate paid to County Associations"

NOTE: This removes mention of the now non-existent "County rebate"

Mr. K.Watts (Sussex) moved the Proposition and it was seconded by Mr. A.E.Upton (Lancs). Carried unanimously.

12. ADOPTION OF LAWS FOR 1977/78 SEASON

Mr. C.J.Clemmett moved the Motion and it was seconded by Mr. L.F.Landry (Cornwall) On being put to the vote, the motion was carried.

13. ELECTION OF PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENTS

1. The President, Mr. H. Goldstein, had now completed his second year of his second three-year term of office and the meeting expressed their appreciation.
2. Mr. T.Blunn proposed, on behalf of the National Council, that Mrs. E.F.Betts, Mr. G.M.Daniels, Mr. C.C.Hames, Mr. L.F.Landry and Mr. J.McDonnell (Norwich Union) be elected as Vice-Presidents of the E.T.T.A.
3. Mr. T.Blunn also proposed the re-election en bloc, of these Vice-Presidents whose term of three years had expired.
4. These proposals were all seconded and carried unanimously.

14. ELECTION OF HONORARY LIFE MEMBER

Mr. T.Blunn proposed on behalf of the National Council one new Life Member, Mr. J. M.Wright. He has given exceptional service over very many years to the sport, and as the Referee of the World Championships had carried out this responsible duty in a first class manner. In reply, Miss G. Scrivens, his fiancée, apologised for his absence due to unavoidable professional commitments, and thanked everyone for the honour bestowed upon him.

15. ELECTION OF SCRUTINEERS FOR 1977/78 MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE ELECTION

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

16. ELECTION OF ONE MEMBER OF STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE RE-ELECTION

The currently senior member of this Committee, Mr. K.Watts, ^{was} now due to retire by rotation at the end of this A.G.M. It was proposed by Mr. E.G.White (Hon. Life Member) and seconded by Mr. M.S.Greatrex (Hants) and agreed that Mr. Watts be re-elected.

17. ELECTION OF AUDITORS

It was proposed by the chair that Messrs. Spain Bros. Jukes and Co. be re-elected This was carried unanimously.

18. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

1. MALCOLM SCOTT AWARD

Mr. M. Goldstein (President) presented this award to Mr. K. Watts (Hon. Life Member) and paid tribute to the long service Mr. Watts had devoted to the game. The presentation was greeted with acclaim and Mr. Watts expressed his gratitude.

18. 2. IVOR MANTAGUE AWARD
Mr. M. Goldstein presented this award to Mr. M.D.Watts (Essex) and paid tribute to the high merit of the recipient. Mr. Watts suitably replied and the presentation was applauded.
3. Mr. T. Blunn announced the presentation of the Queens Silver Jubilee Medal to Mrs. E.F.Betts (Folkestone) and Mrs. J.F.Reay (Vice-President), and the meeting added their congratulations.
4. Mr. J.M.Killmister (London Civil Service) requested that every League should be sent a copy of the Laws of Table Tennis and Mr. A.W.Shipley (General Secretary) replied that this would be done when the revised edition kindly provided by Norwich Union was available.
5. Mr. R.J.Crayden (Hon. Life Member) requested a different venue for the A.G.M. next year due to poor accoustics.
6. Mr. A.M.Ross (Yorks) requested a new edition of the E.T.T.A. Handbook, and Mr. C.M.Wyles (Chairman) replied that this would be done if financially possible.
7. Mr. A. Shepherd (N.Middx) questioned the position regarding the possibility of a document for all Squad Players to sign, and in reply Mr. R.J.Crayden (Chairman, Selection Committee) stated that there was no progress at the moment.
8. 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, and Mr. A.E.Upton (Lancs) expressed the meetings thanks to the chair.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 5.20 p.m.

ERRATUM

- Page 1 - Add name of A.J.H.Wickens to those Life Members in attendance.
- Page 6 - Item 11 - Proposition No.1. was carried unanimously.
- Page 11 - Item 18.2. Heading to read:
"IVOR MONTAGU AWARD"