

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at the Bonnington Hotel, London,
on Saturday, 8th July 1978, commencing at 2.30 p.m.

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

Hon. Life Members

Messrs. C.J. Clemett, R.J. Crayden, G. James, E. Reay, N.K. Reeve, H. Walker,
E.G. White, A.J.H. Wickens, J. Wright

Vice Presidents

Messrs. J.H. Carrington, W.G. Goldfinch, L.F. Landry, J. McDonnell

Members of National Council

Mrs. P. Archdale, Miss E. Simpson, Mrs. D. Stannard, Miss R.A. Waines.
Messrs. H. Albery, D.J. Barrett, P. Brennan, C.A. Burden, A. Catchpole, A. Drapkin,
M.S. Greatrèx, K.J. Marchant, W. Moran, E.K. Muhr, K.T.O. Ponting, A.M. Ross,
B.J. Rowley, L.J. Smith, B.R.J. Webb, D.I. Whiteside, G. Williamson.

Representatives from the following Counties and Leagues

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

Barnets, Birmingham, Bolton, Bournemouth, Bristol, Bromsgrove, Cheltenham,
Gloucester, Gosport/Fareham, Hull, Ilford, Leighton Buzzard, Lichfield,
Littlehampton, London Civil Service, North Hertfordshire, North Middlesex,
North East Summer, Nuneaton, Reading, Sheffield, Southampton, Stockton, Stratford,
Stroud, Sunderland, Wembley/Harrow, Willesden.

Organisations in Good Standing

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

Directly Affiliated Individuals

Mr. R.D. Beard

Sub-Committee Members

Mrs. E. Carrington, Messrs. P. Charters, J. Freeman, J. McKim, E. Mitchell, M.D. Watts

In Attendance

A.W. Shipley (General Secretary), R.J. Stevens (Administrative Secretary),
R. Sinclair (Administrative Assistant)

The President, Mr. Maurice Goldstein, OBE, took the chair and welcomed all delegates to the meeting. He extended a special welcome to retiring Chairman, Mr. C. Wyles OBE, and congratulated him on his recovery from illness, and then went on to say how pleased he was to see so many of the Vice-Presidents at the meeting. He continued his address by referring to the continuing effects of the World Championships; this, together with increased television coverage, had improved the table tennis image. The game was now taken much more seriously by the sporting world and public alike. The younger element should be encouraged with their new ideas and he felt sure that any possible doubts about there being the right people in our ranks had now been resolved. He concluded by paying tribute to Mr. Wyles and to Mr. Blunn for their dedicated work for the Association over many years.

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1. REPORT OF STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE

Mr. M. Watts (Essex) moved the adoption of the Report. This was seconded by Mr. N. Reeve (Wembley/Harrow) and agreed.

2. STANDING ORDERS

Standing Orders as circulated were adopted.

3. TELLERS

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

4. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Mr. P. Hyde, Mr. A.K. Vint, OBE, Mr. K. Watts (Hon. Life Members) Mr. W. Eyans, Mr. J.P. Mulcahy, Mr. H. Pearce, Mr. D. Tyler, Mrs. N. Vint (Vice-Presidents) Mr. A. Cavell, Mr. K. Chamberlain, Mrs. D. Henderson, Mr. L. Pearce, Mr. A. Ransome, Mr. P. Reid, Mr. H. Stevens, Mr. A. Upton (National Councillors) Mr. R. Bridges (County Championships Administrator), Mr. L. Chatwin (Derbyshire), Mr. G. Owen (Kent), Mr. A. Porter (Lancs), Mr. L. Constable (Cambridge TTL), Mr. J. Killmister (London Civil Service), Southwark, Southwark Federation Catholic Youth Clubs, Trustee Savings Bank (Organisations in Good Standing), Mr. R. Tammadge (Development Officer).

5. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD 9TH JULY 1977

1. Mr. A.W. Shipley (General Secretary) reported that the word 'completed' in minute 13.1. should be amended to 'commence'. Agreed.

2. Mr. A.J.H. Wickens (Hon. Life Member) referred to Minute 2 and felt that it should be recorded what change Mr. Watts had been drawing attention to. This was agreed and the minute was amended to read "He drew attention to paragraph No. 4 and explained that it was feared that there may have been irregularities in the procedure for adopting alterations to Laws and Motion "A" was intended to legalise these. An alteration to Rules would be proposed to ensure that in future the procedure would be in order. "

These were agreed and it was proposed by Mr. N. Reeve (Wembley/Harrow), seconded by Mr. P. Brennan (Surrey) that the minutes be signed as a true record. Agreed.

6. MATTERS ARISING

Mr. C. Davison (Cleveland), referring to minute 7.10.2., expressed the opinion that corrections in the National Council Report should appear in the following Annual Report and not just in the minutes.

7. MINUTES OF SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING HELD 4TH MARCH 1978

It was proposed by Mr. A. Ross (Yorks) and seconded by Mr. I. Whiteside (Essex) that the minutes be signed as a true record. Agreed.

8. MATTERS ARISING FROM ITEM 7

None

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9. REPORT OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31ST MAY 1978

1. Paragraph 2 Archives

Mr. E.G. White (Life Member) stated that a person was needed with expertise in the library field who could advise on the system to be used in classifying for the Archives. He hoped a volunteer would come forward.

2. Paragraph 5 Publicity

1. Mr. I. Whiteside (Essex) asked if contact had been made with the television companies regarding coverage of the next World Championships and in reply Mr. T. Blunn stated that the whole question of television coverage in North Korea was being discussed by the I.T.T.F.
2. Mr. A. Shepherd (North Middlesex) referred to paragraph 5.2. and questioned that excellent coverage was given by the "quality" papers. He gave as an example that the Final of the Wilmott Cup, which included Desmond Douglas, had received only a small paragraph in the Daily Telegraph, and in reply Mr. G. Yates said that it was difficult to persuade Editors to print more. The event was on a date outside the main winter season, and this added to difficulties.

3. Paragraph 7 Development

Mr. M. Watts (Essex) asked what was the current position of Regional Development and Mr. Blunn replied that this subject was on the agenda for the next National Council meeting later this month.

4. Paragraph 10 Rules

The President paid tribute to Mr. K. Watts (Hon. Life Member) for his nine years' service as Chairman of the Rules Committee.

5. Paragraph 15 County Table Tennis Championships

Mr. I. Whiteside (Essex) referred to para. 15.4. and at the request of the County Championships Conference complained that inadequate detail was given about support by Ascot Sports (Sussex) Ltd. The Hon. Treasurer said that the support consisted of the supply of 3-dozen TSP balls per team for this last two seasons along with annual sponsorship fees of £300 and £330 respectively. Some members, however, felt that this information should have been in the Council's Annual Report and a motion to refer this paragraph back was accepted by the Chair.

6. Paragraph 16 National League Championships

Mr. L. Hoffman (North Middlesex) complained that only a small paragraph had appeared in the magazine, and in reply Mr. G. Yates stated that as the Championships still had not been concluded and were too drawn out this made it difficult to include more.

7. Paragraph 18 National Under 14 Singles Championships

Mr. B. Rowley (Sussex) referred to paragraph 18.2. and questioned the wording that the championships had been most successful as there had been several complaints regarding the Finals.

9. REPORT OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL (Continued)

8. Paragraph 23 Obituary

The President announced that regrettably another name had to be included, that of Mrs. Jean Reay, who had recently passed away, and expressed the meeting's sympathies with Mr. Edgar Reay.

9. Mr. M. Watts (Essex) moved the adoption of the National Council Report and was seconded by Mr. R. Crayden (Hon. Life Member).

10. REPORT ON THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 1977

Mr. C. Wyles (Chairman) submitted the report and congratulated its author, Mr. T. Blunn. This was endorsed by Mr. G. Yates (Deputy Chairman) who explained that as the Director of the World Championships had resigned Mr. Blunn had undertaken the report on a personal basis.

11. REPORTS OF ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN, DEPUTY CHAIRMAN AND TREASURER AND APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMEN

1. Mr. T. Blunn (Chairman-elect) spoke of the partnership that had existed between the three Officers during the eight years that Mr. Wyle had been Chairman. His period of office was second only to that of Mr. Ivor Montagu in duration. The highlight of his term of office was the "Ping-Pong Diplomacy" with China, and the World as well as table tennis had cause to be grateful for Charles Wyles, the right man at the right time in the right place. He concluded by saying that Mr. Wyles had agreed to stay in office until the World Championships had been cleared up, and the tremendous amount of work involved had left him mentally and physically drained. His infectious laughter and humour would be missed but he hoped to see him at future meetings. Mr. Blunn then called upon Mr. Yates to present the gift of a portable coloured television set, and with mixed feelings of pleasure and sadness Mr. Yates made the presentation to applause.

2. Mr. Wyles spoke of the pleasure he had received and the many friends he had made through table tennis, and expressed his good wishes to Mr. Blunn and his new colleagues in what he felt sure would be a successful new era of table tennis.

3. Mr. C. Davison (Cleveland) then paid tribute to Mr. Wyles and stated that he would be remembered as the Chairman who had brought the hierarchy of table tennis back into contact with the ordinary member.

4. The Chairman elect thanked members for the indication of support he had been given. He had learnt a great deal from the five Chairmen he had served under and hoped that he could follow in the steps of his predecessor. He assured the new Treasurer of his full support and wished him good luck in his new office.

5. The meeting then discussed the Reports and Mrs. P. Archdale (Avon) requested an explanation from Mr. A. Wickens (Returning Officer) as to the difference between a unit and a vote, and Mr. Wickens replied as to why he had used this wording. Mr. A. Shepherd (North Middlesex) stated that it was a sad commentary on attitudes that two thirds of the member leagues had not bothered to vote for the important position of Chairman. The adoption of the reports was proposed and agreed.

12. REPORT OF ELECTION OF NATIONAL COUNCILLORS FOR SEASON 1978/79

The adoption of the report was proposed and agreed.

13. REPORT OF THE TREASURER, REPORT OF THE AUDITORS AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 1978.

1. Mr. T. Blunn (Hon. Treasurer) opened his remarks by saying that when the Accumulated Fund had a balance of £10,000 only four years ago he considered that this was the ultimate, and yet now the balance stood at £44,000 and this was largely due to the generosity of the Sports Council. The Auditors were satisfied that the report was correct according to the books that had been examined by them. Two corrections of figures in the report were required:

- 1. In the summary of the English Championships the figures for the Junior Closed and Open should be reversed.
- 2. The figure given for the umpires and referees' expenses at the Wayfarers' Junior Closed should read £165, not £765.

Mr. Blunn commented that the V.A.T. element on affiliation fees would almost certainly be cancelled for the season 78/79, and that discussions were still taking place about the debt to Birmingham Corporation.

- 2. Mr. A. Ross (Yorkshire) observed that the difference between League and Sports Council contributions was getting wider and asked whether steps were being taken to redress this. Mr. Blunn replied that the imbalance would be seriously looked at next year.
- 3. Mr. M. Watts (Essex) proposed the adoption of the report and this was seconded by Mr. C. Burden (Kent). Agreed.

AT THIS POINT THE MEETING ADJOURNED FOR THE SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING, the time being 4.05 p.m. and reconvened at 4.15 p.m.

Mr. M. Goldstein (President) stated that he would like to hand over the chair to Mr. C.M. Wyles (Chairman). In accepting, Mr. Wyles thanked the President for conducting the proceedings so ably.

14. PROPOSED ALTERATIONS TO RULES (Proposed on behalf of National Council unless otherwise stated)

PROPOSITION No. 1

Delete Rule 6 and insert the following:-

6. AFFILIATION

- 6.1. Eligibility: The Normal unit of affiliation shall be the Local League but a club or individual may also be accepted into affiliation.
- 6.2. Application for First Affiliation or Affiliation after lapse
 - 6.2.1. Every applicant for affiliation to the Association for the first time or after a lapse shall complete the current application form and shall sign it on behalf of himself or of the league or club for which the application is being made
 - 6.2.2. The completed application form shall be sent to the E.T.T.A. General Secretary
 - 6.2.3. County Association consultation
 - 6.2.3.1. The General Secretary shall forthwith send a copy of the application form to the appropriate County Association (if any) which shall send its observations to the E.T.T.A. within 28 days
 - 6.2.4. Determination of Application
 - 6.2.4.1. After the expiration of the period of 28 days mentioned in Rule 6.2.3.1. every application for affiliation shall be granted or refused by the Management Committee which shall have the power to refuse without giving reasons.

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- 14. Proposition No. 1.(Continued)
 - 6.2.4.2. An applicant may appeal to the National Council against refusal by the Management Committee, refusal being deemed if the Management Committee has not granted the application within 56 days of its submission
 - 6.3. Renewal of Affiliation
 - Unless the National Council resolve that the procedure laid down by Rules 6.2. to 6.2.4.2. shall apply in a particular case, renewal of affiliation shall be effected by sending the appropriate renewal form direct to the E.T.T.A. General Secretary, and payment of the appropriate Affiliation Fees in due course.
 - 6.4. Cessation of Affiliation
 - 6.4.1. Every Local League, Directly Affiliated Club and Directly Affiliated Individual shall be deemed to remain affiliated until -
 - 6.4.1.1. Affiliation Fees due to the E.T.T.A. are unpaid on the 30th April in any season, or
 - 6.4.1.2. Affiliation is terminated by the Local League, Directly Affiliated Club or Directly Affiliated Individual, or
 - 6.4.1.3. Renewal of Affiliation is refused by the National Council
 - 6.4.2. A Member by virtue of being an official, player or other member of a body mentioned in Rule 5.1., or of a club in membership of or affiliated to such a body shall be deemed to remain a Member until the earlier of -
 - 6.4.2.1. 31st December following the end of the season for which fees or subscription due were last paid by or in respect of him, or during which he was acknowledged by such body to be a member thereof, or
 - 6.4.2.2. the date on which his membership of that body is terminated by specific decision or operation of the Rules of that body.

NOTE: Former Rule 6.1.1. is omitted, the content having already been re-stated in Rule 37A.1.; the difference between normal procedure for renewals and that for new applications and renewals after a lapse is emphasised by re-wording the Rule governing renewal procedure and giving it a separate sub-heading; applications for first affiliation and renewal after a gap are to go direct to the E.T.T.A., the County then being consulted (instead of, as now, going to the E.T.T.A. via the County)

Mr. M.S. Greatrex (Hants) moved the Proposition and it was seconded by Mr. P. Brennan (Surrey). The Proposition was carried on a show of hands, with three against.

PROPOSITION No. 2

Amend Rule 11.4.: after "Association" for" and" substitute ";" and after "pass" for "." substitute "; and the status of Directly Affiliated Individual" and amend Rule 7.2.3.: after "Individuals" insert "(except Honorary Life Members)" and after "£1.50" add "each"

NOTE: This makes clear beyond doubt that an Honorary Life Member is automatically an affiliated member even if affiliated in no other way.

Mr. M. Greatrex (Hants) moved the Proposition and it was seconded by Mr. A. Catchpole (Wilts). Carried.

PROPOSITION No. 3

Amend Rule 21.3. by inserting at beginning "Except as provided in Rule 21.4.,"
New Rule: "21.4. Fund not immediately required may be invested subject to the place of investment or type of securities purchased having previously been approved by the National Council."

NOTE: This authorises and regulates investment of E.T.T.A. funds
Mr. M. Greatrex (Hants) moved the Proposition and it was seconded by Mr. M. Watts (Essex). Carried.

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PROPOSITION No. 4

New Rule:

"21.5. Subject to the following conditions, the Management Committee may authorise loans to employees of the Association:

21.5.1. The total amount on loan to any employee shall not exceed 25% of his annual salary

21.5.2. The Management Committee shall decide whether interest shall be payable, and if so, at what rate

21.5.3. Loans granted and repayments made, total loans outstanding at year end and any sum written off as irrecoverable shall all be shown in the annual accounts."

NOTE: This authorises and regulates the lending of money to employees.

Mr. M. Greatrex (Hants) moved the Proposition and it was seconded by Mr. M. Watts (Essex).

Mr. A. Wettstein (Bournemouth) stated that he was concerned that there was no fixed interest rate, and in reply Mr. Greatrex said that because of the fluctuating Bank Rate it was better to leave it to the Management Committee to decide. The Proposition was carried on a show of hands, with one against.

PROPOSITION No. 5

New Rule:

"21.6. The Treasurer shall be authorised to borrow in the name of and on behalf of the Association sums up to a maximum at any one time of 50% of the previous season's Affiliation Fees. Any borrowing in excess of this limit shall require specific National Council Approval."

NOTE: This authorises and regulates the borrowing of money for E.T.T.A. needs

Mr. M. Greatrex (Hants) moved the proposition and it was seconded by Mr. D. Barrett (Suffolk). After discussion the Proposition was carried.

PROPOSITION No. 6

New Rule:

"29.4.3. Play abroad: A player or team competing as E.T.T.A. Members in an event under the jurisdiction of another National Association shall observe the provisions of Rule 29.4.1. in addition to relevant rules of the host Association.

29.4.4. The restrictions imposed by Rules 29.4.1. to 29.4.3. shall not however apply to Members in respect of competitive play under contract within the jurisdiction of another National Association provided that the contract has been authorised under Rule. 29.6.2."

NOTE: This clarifies the application of restraints upon payment for competitive play when the competitive play in question is under the jurisdiction of another National Association

Mr. M. Greatrex (Hants) moved the Proposition and it was seconded by Mr. M. Watts (Essex). Carried.

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PROPOSITION No. 7

Amend Rule 29.4.1. by inserting ",29.4.5." after "29.4.2."

New Rule:

"29.4.5. The National Council shall have power to licence a specified competition to operate on the basis of players being paid, subject to such conditions as the Council may deem appropriate."

NOTE: This enables the National Council to approve a professional competition whilst leaving otherwise unaltered the existing restrictions upon competitive play for money.

Mr. M. Greatrex (Hants) moved the Proposition and it was seconded by Mr. I. Whiteside (Essex). Carried.

PROPOSITION No. 8

Amend Rule 29.5. by deleting "and" after "badges" and inserting "and uniform" after "colours"

NOTE: This allows uniforms to be given to players in the same way as badges and colours may be already.

Mr. M. Greatrex (Hants) moved the Proposition and it was seconded by Mr. W. Moran (Lincs) Carried.

PROPOSITION No. 9

New Rule:

"29.11.1a.1. A Member who accepts an invitation made on behalf of the Association to be a member of a team or squad or to participate in organised training coaching or trials may be required to enter into a form of contract or given a written undertaking but shall in any case be deemed to have accepted the duty of obedience to such officials as the Association may appoint.

29.11.1a.2. No such Member shall make adverse comment in public or to the press without permission from the authorised official until after completion of the whole event or events"

NOTE: This identifies restraints of discipline and public relations to be accepted by Members participating in activities directly under E.T.T.A. auspices whether as players or otherwise.

Mr. M. Greatrex (Hants) moved the Proposition and it was seconded by Mr. C. Burden (Kent).

Mr. Shipley (General Secretary) pointed out that in line four the word "given" should read "give".

Mr. A. Shepherd (North Middlesex) felt it to be unreasonable to accept amateurs to sign a contract with indefinite terms, and a full discussion ensued. Mr. G. White (Life Member) stated that different undertakings might be needed for different classes of persons, e.g. Coaches might be different from an international team, but the words would be definite in each case and the individual would have every opportunity to read before signing. The signatory was in general securing a benefit, and to provide this was spending Government and Association money. It was therefore desirable to have some assurance that the individual would behave responsibly. There was in his view no significant difference between "written undertaking" and "contract" in this context, but it had been felt helpful to include both expressions. The Proposition was put to the vote and was approved on a show of hands by 24 for to 8 against.

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PROPOSITION No. 10

Delete Rule 31.2.1. and substitute:

"31.1a. Any individual, club or Local League aggrieved by a decision or action of a County Association or a Committee, Officer or official of such Association (except the determination of an Appeal) may appeal against any such decision or action to the E.T.T.A. Board of Appeal

31.1b. Any individual, club or Local League aggrieved by a decision or action of the E.T.T.A., or the National Council, or a Committee, Officer or official of the E.T.T.A. (except a decision under Rule 29.11.6.) may appeal against any such decision or action to the E.T.T.A. Board of Appeal"

Amend Rule 31.2.2. by substituting "there shall be a Board of Appeal consisting" for "The Board of Appeal shall consist"

Amend Rule 31.3. by substituting "31.1a and 31.1b" for "31.2." and substituting "County Association or E.T.T.A. as appropriate" for "appropriate body".

NOTE: This Proposition makes no substantive change in the Rules (the insertion of "or official" in 31.1b. is a correction of an error in the 1977/78 Rule Book); it separates appeals against County Associations from appeals against E.T.T.A. into two sub-rules and takes them out of the Rule dealing with the Board of Appeal. When next re-printing, re-numbering will be carried out to move the present sub-rules 31.3. to 31.7. out of the Rule dealing with the Board of Appeal into the Rule on Appeals.

Mr. M. Greatrex (Hants) moved the Proposition and it was seconded by

Mr. A. Ross (Yorks). Carried.

PROPOSITION No. 11

New Rule:

"31.1c. A member may not appeal in respect of selection or non-selection by the E.T.T.A. or in respect of inclusion in or removal from any team or squad, training, coaching or trials whether as player or otherwise"

Amend Rule 31.1b. by inserting after "Rule 29.11.6." "or as provided by Rule 31.1c"

NOTE: This places selection and non-selection outside the range of matters which may be the subject of appeals.

Mr. M. Greatrex (Hants) moved the Proposition and it was seconded by Mr.

P. Brennan (Surrey). Carried.

PROPOSITION No. 12

Amend Rule 36.4. by substituting "Schedule 'A'" for "the schedule"

NOTE: This rectifies a fault in the existing Rule; there being several schedules, it is necessary to specify which one.

Mr. M. Greatrex (Hants) moved the Proposition and it was seconded by

Mr. C. Burden (Kent). Carried.

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PROPOSITION No. 13

Amend Rule 36.1. by adding at end "or such other name including the words County Table Tennis Championships as the National Council may approve"

NOTE: This will enable a name chosen by a sponsor to be included in the name or the competition.

Mr. M. Greatrex (Hants) moved the Proposition and it was seconded by Mr. W. Moran (Lincs). Carried.

PROPOSITION No. 14 (Proposed by Essex County T.T.A.)

(a) Amend Rule 12.1.: for "appointed under Rule 19A" substitute "elected under Rule 20".

(b) Amend Rule 19.2. by adding "(The Vice Chairmen being elected in the manner laid down in Rule 20)"

(c) Amend Rule 19.9. by deleting "on the recommendation of the Chairman elect or the Chairman as appropriate"

(d) Delete the whole of Rule 19A and insert: ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMEN

20.1. Election of Vice Chairmen (except Finance) shall be conducted by secret ballot of the National Council at its meeting in April (hereinafter referred to as "the election meeting").

20.2. The election of each Vice Chairman shall be conducted separately.

20.3. Not later than 14 days before the election meeting each National Councillor shall be informed in writing of the person whom the Chairman elect intends to nominate for election to manage each department (except Finance) for the following season. This list shall be accompanied by such explanatory statement as the Chairman elect may provide; if the Deputy Chairman is nominated to manage a Department, the list shall contain a sixth nomination for appointment as a Vice Chairman without departmental responsibility.

20.4. Nominations may also be made by members of the National Council present at the election meeting, each member of the Council being entitled to one nomination for each departmental Vice Chairman (except Finance)

20.5. The Deputy Chairman may concurrently hold office as a Vice Chairman.

20.6. No person, other than those nominated by the Chairman elect, will be effectively nominated unless named on at least two papers.

20.7. Each member of the National Council present must vote for one, and only one, person for each of the departmental Vice Chairman.

20.8. The person receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected Vice Chairman for the appropriate department. If an equality of votes results so that no person has a clear majority over the other candidates a fresh ballot shall be held for which those candidates who totalled the highest votes shall be eligible.

20.9. If the Deputy Chairman has been elected as a Vice Chairman, a further election shall take place in accordance with the foregoing sections of this rule for a Vice Chairman without departmental responsibility.

20.10. Scrutineers shall be appointed by the Annual General Meeting to determine any question as to the validity of nomination and voting papers and ascertain the result of the ballot.

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14. Proposition No. 14 (Continued)

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20.11. A Chairman elect shall be entitled to attend any meeting of the National Council at which any person is to be elected to manage a Department during that Chairman elect's term of office as Chairman.

(e) Amend Rule 25.5.14. by deleting "and appointment" "

NOTE: This alters the method of appointment of the Vice-Chairmen, making it by ballot of the National Council instead of confirmatory resolution as at present, allowing nominations to be made by Councillors in addition to those made by the Chairman-elect.

Mr. I. Whiteside (Essex) moved the Proposition, and explained that this was not a slight on the present Officers but was a proposal to return to what he considered to be the democratic way of electing as in the past. Mr. A. Shepherd (North Middlesex) seconded the Proposition. After discussion the Proposition was defeated on a show of hands, with 9 for and 21 against.

15. ADOPTION OF LAWS FOR 1978/79 SEASON

The Chairman moved the adoption and this was agreed.

16. ELECTION OF PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENTS

Mr. T. Blunn proposed, on behalf of the National Council, that Mr. R. Billson, Mr. A. Brook, Mr. G. Owen and Mr. A. Upton be elected as Vice-Presidents of the E.T.T.A. Agreed with acclamation.

17. ELECTION OF HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

Mr. T. Blunn proposed, on behalf of the National Council, that Mr. L.F. Landry be elected as an Honorary Life Member. He has given exceptional service over very many years to the sport, both as a player and as a member of various committees. This was agreed with acclamation. In reply Mr. Landry thanked everyone for the honour bestowed upon him.

18. ELECTION OF ONE MEMBER OF STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE

It was proposed by Mr. T. Blunn and seconded by Mr. N. Reeve (Wembley/Harrow) that Mr. J. Wright (Midx) be elected. Carried.

19. ELECTION OF AUDITORS

It was proposed by the Chair that Messrs. Spain Bros, Jukes & Company be re-elected. Carried.

20. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

1. MALCOLM SCOTT AWARD

Mr. M. Goldstein (President) presented this award to Mr. T. Blunn and paid tribute to the period of over twenty years he had served as Honorary Treasurer. The presentation was greeted with acclaim and Mr. Blunn expressed his gratitude.

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2. IVOR MONTAGU AWARD

Mr. T. Blunn presented this award to Mrs. D. Stannard (Middlesex) and paid tribute to her service in the umpiring field. Mrs. Stannard suitably replied and the presentation was applauded.

3. LESLIE FORREST AWARD

Mr. T. Blunn explained that this award was to have been presented to the late Mrs. Jean Reay, and he called upon Mr. G. Yates to present the award posthumously to Mr. Edgar Reay. Mr. Reay responded appropriately.

4. GEOFF HARROWER TROPHY

Mr. L.F. Landry presented the International Table Tennis Club award to Mr. C. Wyles, who suitably replied.

5. VICTOR BARNA AWARD

Mr. T. Blunn announced that the award would be presented to Desmond Douglas at the first suitable opportunity.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 6.00 p.m.