

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at the Bonnington Hotel,
London, on Saturday, 14th July 1979, commencing at 2.30 p.m.

Present: M. Goldstein O.B.E. (President)
T. Blunn (Chairman)
G.R. Yates (Deputy Chairman)
M.S. Greatrex (Treasurer)

Vice Chairmen

E.G. White (Administration), C.J. Clemett (Competitions),
A.E. Ransome (Development), N.K. Reeve (Public Relations),
R.J. Crayden (Selection/Coaching).

Hon. Life Members

Messrs. P. Hyde, G. James, E. Reay, A.J.H. Wickens, J.M. Wright, C.M. Wyles, OBE.

Vice Presidents

Messrs. R. Billson, J.H. Carrington, W.G. Goldfinch, J. McDonnell, G.A. Owen,
H.E. Pearce, A.E. Upton.

Members of National Council

Mrs. A.P. Archdale, Mrs. D. Stannard, Miss R.A. Waines, Messrs. H. Albery,
C.A. Burden, K.C. Chamberlain, J. Collen, T. Felton, M. Goldstein, B. Halliday,
G. Hammond, K.J. Marchant, W. Moran, D.L. Morley, D.J. Moss, E.K. Muhr,
D.M. Parsons, L.K. Pearce, K.T.O. Ponting, A.E. Ransome, A.M. Ross, L.J. Smith,
H.G. Stevens, A.E. Upton, M.D. Watts, B.R.J. Webb.

Representatives from the following Counties and Leagues

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

Barnets, Billericay, Birmingham, Bolton, Brighton, Bristol, Central, Cheltenham,
Gloucester, Harlow, Hull, Leicester, Liverpool BH, London BH, London Civil Service,
Milton Keynes, North Herts, North Middx, North East Summer, Norwich, Nuneaton,
Ormesby, Reading, Southampton, S.W. Middlesex, Stockton, Stroud, Thanet,
Tunbridge Wells, Uxbridge, Wembley/Harrow, York.

Sub Committee Members

Mrs. E. Carrington, Messrs. T.M. Channing, J. Freeman, J.C. McKim, M.D. Watts,
J. Zenthon.

In Attendance

A.W. Shipley (General Secretary), R.J. Stevens (Administrative Secretary),
R.D. Tammadge (Development Officer), R.H. Sinclair (Administrative Assistant).

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The Chairman, Mr. Blunn, welcomed all delegates to the meeting. He extended a special welcome to Mr. C. Wyles, OBE, and congratulated him on his miraculous recovery from his severe illness. He then handed the meeting over to the President, Mr. M. Goldstein, OBE, who took the chair.

Mr. Goldstein extended a welcome to everybody and said how pleased he was to see so many attending. He said that the past year had seen intense activity. Although the new Management system had taken a little time to settle down, the few teething troubles had been largely overcome. The sport of table tennis had now entered a new professional era, with professional players and outside promoters. He concluded by paying tribute to the elected officers and the five vice chairmen for their achievements during the year.

1. REPORT OF STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE

Mr. E.G. White (Vice Chairman) moved the adoption of the Report.
Agreed.

2. STANDING ORDERS

Standing Orders as circulated were adopted.

3. TELLERS

It was proposed, seconded and agreed that Mrs. J. Wright and Mr. T.M. Channing be appointed Tellers for the meeting.

4. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Mr. L.F. Landry, Mr. A.K. Vint OBE, Mr. H. Walker, Mr. K. Watts, Mr. L.S. Woollard (Hon. Life Members), Mr. A.D. Brook, Mrs. D.L. Bunbury, Mr. W. Evans, Mr. J.P. Mulcahy, Mrs. N. Vint (Vice Presidents), Mr. A. Porter (Lancs), Mr. M. Shaffner (Yorks), Mr. D. Young (Worcs), Mr. R.G. Bridges (County Championships Administrator), Mr. R. Beard, Mr. K. Turner (Directly affiliated individuals), St. Albans TTL, Wilmslow TTL, Wolverhampton TTL, Mr. D. Lomas (English Schools), Methodist Association of Boys Clubs, National Association of Boys Clubs, Warners Holidays (Organisations in Good Standing).

5. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD 8TH JULY 1978

Mr. C. Burden (Kent) proposed that the minutes be signed as a true record.
Agreed.

6. MATTERS ARISING

Mr. E.G. White (Vice Chairman) referred to Minute 9.5. regarding the National Council Report for 1977/78 and the non-inclusion of Ascot sponsorship details. He went on to say that whilst Council believed that every sponsor should be given the widest publicity in return for his help, it did not think it to be in the interest of either the E.T.T.A. or the sponsor to publish financial figures in every case. The paragraph challenged was drafted in pursuance of this policy, and Council asked that the A.G.M. should continue to allow the National Council to exercise discretion in matters of this kind. If there was an automatic obligation to put detailed figures into public documents, valuable sponsors might be driven away.

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7. MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING HELD 8TH JULY 1978

Mr. E.G. White (Vice Chairman) proposed that the minutes be signed as a true record. Agreed.

8. MATTERS ARISING

None.

9. REPORT OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31ST MAY 1979

9.1. The President expressed the apologies of the Management Committee for the late circulation of the Report, and for its shortcomings. He assured the meeting that the Management Committee had noted the lessons to be learnt. Mr. A.J.H. Wickens (Hon. Life Member) emphasized the difficulties which arose when the meeting had to deal with unnumbered paragraphs in unnumbered sections printed on a succession of unnumbered pages.

9.2. Selection and Coaching

Mr. J.M. Killmister (London Civil Service) referred to the proficiency award scheme; he felt that coaches, particularly at holiday camps, were inadequately provided with answers to questions about the scheme. In reply Mr. J. Carrington (Senior Coaching Officer) stated that all coaches were fully briefed and had a good supply of brochures.

9.3. Competitions

Mr. J.M. Wright (Hon. Life Member) questioned if there was still an I.T.T.F. Prize limit, and in reply Mr. C.J. Clemett (Vice Chairman) said that this limit applied only to Open Tournaments

9.4. Mr. A.M. Ross (Yorks) requested a better geographical distribution of venues for major National Tournaments, as four out of five were held in the south last year. The President replied that this matter was already being discussed by the Management Committee.

9.5. Administration

Mr. J.M. Wright (Hon. Life Member) congratulated Mr. E.G. White (Vice Chairman) on the production of the 1978/79 Handbook, and hoped that a further edition would soon be provided.

9.6. In reply to a question from Mr. N. Graver (Norfolk) Mr. E.G. White reported that the Rules Committee were making progress with County Rules and final approval would soon be given to several counties.

9.7. Victor Barna Award

The Chairman announced that the Victor Barna Award for 1978/79 was to Mrs. Jill Hammersley, and he took the opportunity to express congratulations to her on the recent award of the M.B.E. The meeting agreed that congratulations on the honour should be sent to Mrs. Hammersley on behalf of the delegates.

9.8. Obituary

The President announced that regrettably another name had to be included, that of Mr. F.C. Amies (Yorkshire).

9. REPORT OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31ST MAY 1979 (continued)

9.9. Statistics

Mr. E.G. White (Vice-Chairman) reported that since the Report was compiled there had been one further meeting of the Management Committee, with all members present.

Mr. G. James (Chairman N.U.R.C.) requested that the number of meetings recorded for the National Umpires and Referees Committee be increased from five to seven.

9.10. Mr. M.D. Watts (Essex) moved the adoption of the National Council Report and was seconded by Mr. C. Davidson (Cleveland).

10. REPORT OF ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN, DEPUTY CHAIRMAN AND TREASURER

Mr. T. Blunn (Chairman) on behalf of his fellow officers thanked members for their confidence and support.

11. REPORT OF APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMEN FOR SEASON 1979/80

Document 328/31/RJS dated 31st May 1979 was noted.

REPORT OF

12. ELECTION OF NATIONAL COUNCILLORS FOR SEASON 1979/80

12.1. Mr. A.J.H. Wickens (Returning Officer) reported that confirmation of minutes had now been received from the five counties which had been outstanding.

12.2. Document 360/47/AW dated 26th June 1979 was noted.

Mr. M. Goldstein (President) at this point handed over the chair to Mr. T. Blunn (Chairman). In accepting, Mr. T. Blunn thanked the President for conducting the proceedings so ably.

13. REPORT OF THE TREASURER, REPORT OF THE AUDITORS AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 1979

Mr. M.S. Greatrex (Hon. Treasurer) opened by apologising for the lack of properly audited accounts. He had failed to appreciate the considerable amount of work involved in producing these accounts, and had not started preparatory work early enough. An audited set of accounts would be circulated as soon as possible. He invited any questions on the basis of the interim financial statement he had provided. The Chairman thanked the meeting for its indulgence and paid tribute to Mr. M.S. Greatrex.

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

14.1.1 AFFILIATION FEES

Before discussing Proposition No. 1, the Chairman asked Mr. Wickens to tell the meeting how Motion A came into being. Motion A, in the name of the Dewsbury Table Tennis League, provided that:

This meeting directs the National Council to prepare for submission to the 1980 Annual General Meeting a Proposition to increase the fees covered by Rules 7.2.1.1. to 7.2.1.5. and 7.2.2.1. to 7.2.2.3. by 50% to the nearest whole penny above to come into effect for the season 1980/81, and a further proposition for increases of similar amount to come into effect for the season 1981/82.

14.1. AFFILIATION FEES (continued)

14.1.1. (continued)

Mr. A.J.H. Wickens (Rules Committee Secretary) explained that a letter had been received from the Dewsbury T.T.L. on the closing day for receipt of amendments or alternative proposals, but the wording for the Propositions had not been provided, and there had been no time to resolve this in consultation with the Dewsbury T.T.L. The Standing Orders Committee, in order to assist Dewsbury, had put their views in the form of Motion A and informed Dewsbury. Motion A would be put to the meeting if Proposition No. 1 was rejected. The Chairman asked if a representative from Dewsbury was present at the meeting, and it was established that no representative was present.

14.1.2. Proposition No. 1

- Amend Rule 7.2.1.1. by substituting "50p", "50p", "1.50" and "£2" for "21p", "21p", "63p" and "84p" respectively.
- Amend Rule 7.2.1.2. by substituting "25p" for "10¹/₂p" in two places
- Amend Rule 7.2.1.3. by substituting "25p" for "10¹/₂p" in two places
- Amend Rule 7.2.1.4. by substituting "50p" for "21p"
- Amend Rule 7.2.1.5. by substituting "5p" for "2p" in two places
- Amend Rule 7.2.2.1. by substituting "£3.50" for "£1.50"
- Amend Rule 7.2.2.2. by substituting "£1.20" for "50p"
- Amend Rule 7.2.3. by substituting "£3.50" for "£1.50"

Note: This increases the amount of fees for all types of affiliation with effect from 1980/81 season.

Mr. Blunn asked the President to take over the chair so that he could himself move this proposition in view of its great importance. Mr. Blunn referred to his document explaining the need for the increases, which had been sent to all leagues. The National Council had been reluctant to propose an increase whilst the World Championships Guarantee fund levy was being collected, but the level of inflation and the rise in the cost of living meant that the increase, long overdue, needed to be a very large one. Some of the support received from the Sports Council recently was not being repeated. Moreover, the Sports Council had pointed out how small the proportion of the Association's costs financed by membership contributions had become and the present relationship of this share to the size of the grant-aid the E.T.T.A. now received. For every £1 contributed by the membership the Sports Council contributed £3, and they were looking to see this disparity corrected. He concluded by saying that table tennis was still a very cheap sport, and even after the increase, the affiliation amounted to only a penny per week per person. Discussion was then thrown open, and, following detailed debate, Mr. Blunn replied to the discussion. A Block Vote was requested and taken, and there were 15,758 votes for to 1,678 against the Proposition, which the President declared carried.

Mr. Blunn (Chairman) returned to the chair and said that, as explained earlier, Motion A would not be taken as Proposition 1 had been carried.

14.2. PROPOSITION No. 2 (Proposed by Bristol and District T.T.A.)

14.2.1. Amend Rule 19 by adding a new sub-rule:-

- 19.1.3. No person shall be appointed to serve on any sub-committee for a continuous period exceeding five years.
- Mr. C. White (Bristol) formally proposed.

14.2. (continued)

14.2.2. Amendment No. 1 to Proposition No. 2 (Proposed by Avon County T.T.A.)

19.1.3. No person shall be appointed to serve on a sub-committee who has served on the equivalent sub-committee continuously for the previous five years. At the conclusion of five years continuous service there shall be a gap of not less than one year before that person shall be elected to serve on that sub-committee.

Mr. D. Andrews (Avon County T.T.A.) proposed that the wording of the new sub-rule be as stated in this amendment.

14.2.3. Mr. E.G. White (Vice Chairman) said that the National Council recommended rejection of this Proposition in either form. There were a number of committees where there was need for specialist skill or experience, or for continuity, whose work would be impaired if an arbitrary limit of this kind were to be imposed. After discussion, the Avon representative declined the right of reply and on a show of hands the amendment was lost, only one being shown in favour.

14.2.4. In the light of the discussion and vote on the amendment, Mr. C. White (Bristol) asked leave to withdraw the original Proposition No. 2, and this was agreed.

14.3. Proposition No. 3 (Proposed by Avon County T.T.A.)

Amend Rule 19 by adding a new sub-rule:

19.1.4. National Umpires and Referees Committee: This sub-committee shall be appointed annually and shall contain one member for each of the regions, who shall nominate and elect their own member.

and Amendment 1 to Proposition No. 3 (Proposed by Bristol & District T.T.A.)

19.1.4. National Umpires and Referees Committee: This sub-committee shall be appointed annually and shall contain one member for each of at least five regions (or such other number as may be determined by the National Council) who shall nominate and elect their own member. Procedure for election and area covered by each region to be determined by the National Council.

Mr. D. Andrew (Avon) and Mr. C. White (Bristol) asked to withdraw both the Proposition and the amendment in the light of the outcome of Proposition 2. This was agreed.

14.4. Proposition No. 4

Delete Rule 26.5.12.

Mr. E.G. White (Vice-Chairman) moved the proposition removing reference to scrutineers for Management Committee elections, a deletion overlooked when such elections were abolished in 1978. Carried nem con.

14. 14.5. Proposition No. 5

Delete the first sentence of Rule 26.8. and substitute the following:

" A resolution relating to the Rules of the Association or the Laws of Table Tennis shall be carried only if at least two thirds of the votes cast are in favour."

Mr. E.G. White (Vice Chairman) moved the proposition. Carried nem con.

14.6. Proposition No. 6 (Proposed by Barnets & District TTL)

Amend Rule 29.1.4. by deleting "Barnet"

Amend Rule 29.1.5. by adding at end: "The London Borough of Barnet shall be part of Hertfordshire"

Note: This would move the London Borough of Barnet out of the table tennis County of Middlesex into the table tennis County of Hertfordshire.

Mr. J. Barnes (Barnets) moved the proposition and, at the Chairman's request, Mr. A. Wickens (Secretary Rules Committee) explained the position that would exist if the proposition was carried.

Mr. G. James (Middlesex) regretted the need for the meeting to discuss what seemed a domestic matter, and spoke against the proposition. The Barnets League had been Middlesex members for many years, and there were other Middlesex member leagues with numerous clubs in the London Borough of Barnet. A full discussion followed and Mr. J. Barnes (Barnets), replying to this, agreed that it might have been more appropriate to limit the change to the one-time Urban District of Barnet, instead of the whole London Borough of Barnet, but his league felt strongly that they should be allowed to join Hertfordshire, and at the recent A.G.M. of Barnets and District T.T.L. the voting for transfer had been 48 votes for, none against and one abstention. The proposition was put to the vote and on a show of hands there were 17 accredited representatives for the motion and 15 against. The Chairman proceeded to take a Block Vote which resulted in 7,975 votes for and 7,439 votes against the proposition. Under Rule 26.8. the Chairman accordingly declared the motion not carried. Some members felt that nevertheless further thought should be given to the Barnets League wish to transfer to Hertfordshire, and Mr. White (Vice Chairman) undertook that efforts would be made to arrive at an acceptable solution within E.T.T.A. Rules.

14.7. Proposition No. 7

Amend Rule 29.8.1. by inserting after "retrospective" the words "to the date of the meeting which passed them provided that application for approval is made within 21 days after the meeting, and in any other case. "

Mr. E.G. White (Vice Chairman) moved the proposition and it was carried nem con.

14.8. Proposition No. 8

Amend Rule 30.1. by substituting "permission" for "sanction" and inserting after "County Secretary concerned" the words "or of the National Council "

Mr. E.G. White (Vice Chairman) moved the proposition and it was carried nem con.

14. ALTERATIONS TO RULES cont..

14.9. Proposition No. 9

Amend Rules 30.4.2.1. and 30.4.2.2. by substituting "£200" for "£60"

Mr. C.J. Clemett (Vice Chairman) moved the proposition and it was carried nem con.

14.10. Proposition No. 10

Amend Rule 30.4.2.3. by substituting "£350" for "£250"

Mr. C.J. Clemett (Vice Chairman) moved the proposition and it was carried nem con.

14.11. Proposition No. 11

Amend Rule 30.7. by substituting "any person present" for "a member"

Mr. E.G. White (Vice Chairman) moved the proposition and it was carried nem con.

14.12. Proposition No. 12

Delete Rule 30.9.

Mr. C.J. Clemett (Vice Chairman) moved the proposition and it was carried nem con.

14.13. Proposition No. 13

Amend Rule 32.5. by inserting after "21 days of" the words "notification of"

Mr. E.G. White (Vice Chairman) moved the proposition and it was carried nem con.

14.14. Proposition No. 14

Amend Rule 32.6. to read "Either party to the Appeal shall be entitled to require a Hearing before the adjudicating body. Any party may be represented at a Hearing provided that the Board is notified in advance in writing of the intention to be represented. "

Mr. E.G. White (Vice Chairman) moved the proposition and it was carried nem con.

14.15. Proposition No. 15

Amend Rule 36.1.2. by substituting "Five" for "Seven" and deleting "Mens Veterans' Singles, Women's Veterans Singles"

Mr. C.J. Clemett (Vice Chairman) moved the proposition and it was carried nem con.

14.16. Proposition No. 16

Amend Rule 36.2.2. by substituting "Four" for "Five" substituting "." for "," after "(Girls)" and adding "may be held" after "Junior Mixed Doubles".

Mr. C.J. Clemett (Vice Chairman) moved the proposition and it was carried nem con.

14. ALTERATIONS TO RULES cont.

14.17. Proposition No. 17

Amend Rule 37.1. by substituting "Twelve" for "Ten", substituting ",," for "and" after "Junior Doubles (Girls)", substituting ",," for ",," after "Junior Mixed Doubles", inserting "Veterans' Singles" before "and Women's Veterans' Singles" and deleting "may be held" after "Women's Veterans' Singles"

Mr. C.J. Clemett (Vice Chairman) moved the proposition and it was carried nem con.

15. MOTION B Proposed by Essex County T.T.A.

This Annual General Meeting directs the National Council to convene a Special General Meeting before 31st December 1979 for the purpose of considering the following changes to Rules:

- (a) Amend Rule 12.1. for "appointed under Rule 16" substitute "elected under Rule 16"
- (b) Amend Rule 15.2. by adding "(The Vice Chairman being elected in the manner laid down in Rule 16)"
- (c) Amend Rule 15.8. by deleting "on the recommendation of the Chairman elect or the Chairman as appropriate"
- (d) Delete the whole of Rule 16 and insert:

"ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMEN

- 16.1. 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")
- 16.2. The election of each Vice Chairman shall be conducted separately.
- 16.3. 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.
- 16.4. 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)
- 16.5. The Deputy Chairman may concurrently hold office as a Vice Chairman.
- 16.6. No person, other than those nominated by the Chairman elect, will be effectively nominated unless named on at least two papers.
- 16.7. Each member of the National Council present must vote for one, and only one, person for each of the departmental Vice Chairmen.
- 16.8. 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.

15. MOTION B (continued)
Election of Vice Chairmen (continued)

- 16.9. 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.
- 16.10. 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.
- 16.11. 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 26.5.14. by deleting "and appointment".

Note: This alters the method of appointment of 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.

- 15.1. Mr. E.G. White (Vice Chairman Administration) explained that Essex T.T.A. had resubmitted their proposition from the last A.G.M., but their letter had not reached the General Secretary. The circumstances had been discovered too late for the Essex proposals to be put on the Agenda as rule amendments, but to enable the issue to be reviewed as Essex desired, it had been agreed to place their proposition on the Agenda in the form of Motion B.
- 15.2. Mr. M. Watts (Essex) reported that it had been the unanimous decision of his committee to resubmit their proposition, and he moved the proposition.
- 15.3. A full discussion followed, in which Mr. E.G. White (Vice Chairman) stated that National Council felt that the current system was working well, and on a show of hands there were 8 accredited representatives for the motion and 29 against. The Chairman accordingly declared the motion not carried.

16. ADOPTION OF LAWS FOR 1979/80 SEASON

16.1. Motion A

That the E.T.T.A. adopt the I.T.T.F. Laws of Table Tennis, as amended at the 1979 Biennial General Meeting, for the season 1979/80.

Mr. C.J. Clemett (Vice Chairman) referred to document 373/76/CJC dated 4th July 1979 which listed the provisional wording of amendments to the I.T.T.F. Laws of Table Tennis, and moved the proposition.

Mr. J. Killmister (London Civil Service) referred to paragraph 1.4. Delete "For doubles" and delete "permanent marking of the centre line on the playing surface shall not invalidate the table for singles play", and questioned the need for these deletions. Discussion followed, and it was agreed on a show of hands not to adopt this particular I.T.T.F. amendment. On a further show of hands, the Laws of Table Tennis, as amended by the I.T.T.F., were, with this/exception adopted.

Note: The accepted ^{one} amendments to the Laws of Table Tennis as published in the E.T.T.A. Official Handbook for 1978/79 are set out in Appendix A to these minutes.

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16. ADOPTION OF LAWS FOR 1979/80 SEASON (continued)

16.2. Motion B

That competition organisers be authorised to conduct experiments with the appointment of a "service judge", in accordance with the recommendation of the I.T.T.F.

Mr. C.J. Clemett (Vice Chairman) moved the proposition and after discussion it was carried nem con.

Mr. J. Wright (Hon Life Member) felt that Tournament Organisers should be informed as soon as possible.

17. ELECTION OF PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENTS

17.1. The Chairman proposed on behalf of the National Council that Mr. M. Goldstein O.B.E. be elected President for a further three year term. Agreed with acclamation. Mr. Goldstein indicated his pleasure to be able to give continuing service to the Association.

17.2. The Chairman proposed, on behalf of the National Council, the re-election, for a further three year term, of the following existing Vice Presidents:

Mrs. A. Jones, M.B.E., Mrs. N. Vint, Messrs. J. Carrington, W. Evans, C. Jaques, P. Marks, A.G. Steggall, D.N. Tyler and E. Worsley. Agreed.

17.3. The Chairman proposed on behalf of National Council the election, for a first term of three years, of the following:

Mrs. E. Carrington, Messrs. L. Constable, I. Crickmer, P. Smith and M. Shaffner. Agreed.

18. ELECTION OF HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

The Chairman reported that there were no nominations on this occasion.

19. ELECTION OF ONE MEMBER OF STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE

It was proposed by Mr. E.G. White (Vice Chairman) that Mr. A.J.H. Wickens, the retiring member, be elected. Agreed.

20. ELECTION OF AUDITORS

Mr. M.S. Greatrex (Hon. Treasurer) proposed that Messrs. Spain Bros, Jukes and Company be re-elected. Agreed.

21. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

21.1. Ivor Montagu Award

The Chairman presented this award to Mr. T. Ross (Yorks) and paid tribute to his service. Mr. Ross suitably replied and the presentation was applauded.

21.2. Leslie Forrest Award

The Chairman announced that this award had been made to Mr. A. Shepherd (Essex) for his outstanding work in the County field. The award was accepted on his behalf by a representative from Essex.

21.3. Malcolm Scott Award

The President presented this award to Mr. E.G. White and paid tribute to his long service and particularly to the additional work he had undertaken over the last two years. The presentation was greeted with acclaim, and Mr. White expressed his gratitude.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 5.50 p.m.

APPROVED LAWS OF TABLE TENNIS

Provisional wording of amendments passed by the I.T.T.F. General Meeting in April 1979 and adopted by the E.T.T.A. at its 1979 Annual General Meeting.

The number for the rules amended relate to the laws of table tennis (1977-79) as printed on pages 7 - 16 of the E.T.T.A. Handbook 1978/79.

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- 1.2. Delete "preferably of medium bounce"
- 1.3. Delete "preferably dark green"
4. Insert new sub-paragraph after 4.2.:
- "4.2.1. The racket blade shall be regarded as being of wood provided that at least 85% of the blade by thickness is of natural wood and that no adhesive layer, which may include reinforcement with fibrous material such as carbon fibre, glass fibre or compressed paper, is thicker than 7.5% of the total thickness or 0.35mm, whichever is the smaller. "
- 4.8. Delete existing sub-paragraph and substitute:
- "4.8. Before using a racket for the first time in a match a player shall allow the umpire and his opponent to examine it."
- 5.10. Insert new sub-paragraph:
- "5.10. The "Umpire" is the person appointed to decide the result of each rally. "
- 5.11. Insert new sub-paragraph:
- "5.11. Anything that a player "wears or carries" includes anything that he was wearing or carrying at the start of the rally."
- 7.6. After "the umpire" insert "or other nominated match official"
- 7.6.1. Delete "because his view is obstructed by the server or his partner or for any other reason,"
- 9.1.5. Delete existing sub-paragraph and substitute:
- "9.1.5. it has touched any person or object other than the playing surface, the net or its supports, the racket hand below the wrist or the racket held in the racket hand;"
- 9.1.6. Delete existing sub-paragraph, and renumber remaining sub-paragraphs 9.1.7. to 9.1.10. to read 9.1.6. to 9.1.9.
- 10.1.3. Delete existing sub-paragraph and substitute:
- "10.1.3. if, in the opinion of the umpire, a player's ability to make a good service or a good return or otherwise to comply with the Laws has been affected by a disturbance outside his control;"

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10.1.7. Insert new sub-paragraph:

"10.1.7. if the conditions of play have been disturbed in a way which, in the opinion of the umpire, is likely to affect the outcome of the rally."

17.1.)

17.1.1.) Delete existing sub-paragraphs and substitute:

17.2.)

"17.1. If, by mistake, the players have not changed ends when they should have done so, play shall be interrupted and the players shall change ends unless a game has been completed since the error occurred, when the error shall be ignored and no correction shall be made."

"17.2. If, by mistake, a player serves or receives out of turn, play shall be interrupted and shall continue with those players serving and receiving who should have been server and receiver respectively at the score that has been reached according to the sequence established at the beginning of the match and, in doubles, to the order of serving chosen by the pair having the right to serve first in the game during which the error was discovered."

NOTE: The 1979 A.G.M. of the E.T.T.A. also gave authority for competition organisers to conduct experiments with the appointment of a "service judge" in accordance with a current I.T.T.F. recommendation.

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