

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at the Imperial Hotel, London,
on Saturday, 12th July 1980, commencing at 2.30 p.m.

Present: M. Golstein O.B.E. (President)
T. Blunn (Chairman)
G.R. Yates (Deputy Chairman)

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, H. Walker.

Vice Presidents

Mrs. E. Carrington, Messrs. J.H. Carrington, L.R.J. Constable,
W.G. Goldfinch, L.W. Jones, J.M. McDonnell, A.E. Upton.

Accredited Representatives: Counties

Avon (Mrs. J.L. Watts), Bedfordshire (Mr. G. Hammond), Berkshire (Mr. B. Halliday), Buckinghamshire (Mr. B.R.J. Webb), Cambridgeshire (Mr. R. Fox), Cheshire (Mr. M. Freeman), Cleveland (Mr. A.E. Ransome), Cornwall (Mrs. P. Archdale), Devonshire (Mr. K.T.O. Ponting), Dorset (Mr. L.K. Pearce), Essex (Mr. P. Roden), Gloucestershire (Mr. L.J. Smith)*, Hertfordshire (Mr. H.G. Stevens), Kent (Mr. J. Drew), Lancashire (Mr. A.E. Upton), Lincolnshire (Mr. W.V. Moran), Middlesex (Mrs. D. Stannard), Northamptonshire (Mr. K.J. Marchant), Northumberland (Mr. A. Drapkin), Nottinghamshire (Mr. J. Collen), Shropshire (Mr. T. Felton), Suffolk (Mrs. D. Stannard), Surrey (Mr. P. Brennan), Sussex (Mr. B. Fretwell), Warwickshire (Mr. S. Parr), Wiltshire (Mr. D.M. Parsons), Worcestershire (Mr. D.J. Moss), Yorkshire (Mr. A.M. Ross) *Hampshire (Mr. H. Albery)

Accredited Representatives: Non County

London Business Houses (Mr. R. Blower)

Accredited Representatives: Leagues

Barnets (Mr. J.M. Barnes), Central (Mr. H.A. Packett), Harlow (Mr. R. White), London Civil Service (Mr. T.M. Channing), North Herts (Mr. D. Harper), Nuneaton (Mr. S. Parr), Reading (Mr. J. Freeman), Tunbridge Wells (Mr. C. Wright), Wembley/Harrow (Mrs. A.E. Reeve)

Other Members:

Messrs. B.J. Rowley (Sussex), P. Charters (Berkshire), T. Honey (Cornwall), B.P. Lamerton (Hampshire), R.C. Scruton (Cleveland), A. Shepherd (Essex), D. Young (Worcestershire), J. Zenthon (Surrey).

Miss D.L. Moors (London Civil Service), Messrs. M. Close (Wembley), H.T. Edwards (Uxbridge), D.A. Field (Sevenoaks), B.R. Granger (Ilford), D. Hawley (Bromley), M. McGarry (Barnets), J.C. McKim (Liverpool), D.A. Payne (Harlow), B.R.J. Webb (High Wycombe).

In Attendance

Mr. P. Pryce - Table Tennis magazine
A.W. Shipley (General Secretary), M.D. Watts (Deputy General Secretary),
R.J. Stevens (Administrative Secretary), R.E. Oldfield (Development Officer),
R.H. Sinclair (Administrative Assistant).

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The Chairman, Mr. T. Blunn, welcomed all delegates to the meeting and invited the President, Mr. M. Goldstein OBE, to assume the chair.

Mr. Goldstein extended a welcome to everybody and expressed disappointment that the attendance was not larger. He said that the AGM marked the end of the second year of the new management structure. He referred to the magnificent achievement of John Hilton in becoming the European Champion, and his success had put a new spirit and outlook into the game in England. The National League had already proved a tremendous success in its first year, and he felt confident that it would soon become the show-piece of English table tennis. Table tennis had been one of the six sports to be singled out by the Sports Council for special consideration. He concluded by paying tribute to Mr. T. Blunn for his handling of financial problems and congratulated the five vice-chairmen, the professional staff and the sub-committee members on their achievements.

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 Messrs. M.W.J. Lewis and S. Parr be appointed Tellers for the meeting.

4. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. L.F. Landry, A.K. Vint OBE, K. Watts, J.M. Wright, C.M. Wyles OBE (Hon. Life Members), Messrs. I.R. Crickmer, G.M. Davies, G.A. Owen, D.N. Tyler, Mrs. N. Vint (Vice Presidents), Mr. R. Beard (Directly Affiliated Individual), Mr. D. Lomas (English Schools), Mr. D.D. Plowes (British Aerospace), Mr. D.R. Tremayne (Sports Council), Mrs. C. Wright.

5. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD 14TH JULY 1979

(Doc. 406/31/RJS)

Mr. W.G. Goldfinch proposed and Mr. A.E. Upton seconded that the minutes be signed as a true record. Agreed.

6. MATTERS ARISING

None.

7. REPORT OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31ST MAY 1980

Mr. M. Goldstein (President) at this point handed over the chair to Mr. T. Blunn (Chairman).

7.1. The Chairman referred to the obituary report and asked the meeting to stand in tribute to those mentioned:

Miss Ann Stevens, Mr. Ivor Eyles and others whose deaths had been sadly recorded.

- 7.2. Mr. E.G. White apologised for minor errors in the printing of the report, and asked members to make the following corrections:

7.2.1. Insert the word "were" after the word 'Championships' in paragraph 6.2.

7.2.2. Delete the word 'within' after the word 'progress' in paragraph 11.1. and substitute the word "with".

7.2.3. Delete letter 'E' from the name of "Ivor Montagu" in paragraph 25.1.

7.3. Selection and Coaching

Mr. A. Shepherd (Essex) referred to the ranking policy of taking the results of the National League into consideration, but not those of County Championships: he felt that this policy had created a lot of resentment. In reply Mr. R.J. Crayden (Vice Chairman) stated that unlike County Championships, where top players played in different divisions, the National League involved all the top players in the same division, and their results were a fair basis for consideration.

7.4. Competitions

In reply to questions from Mr. A. Shepherd (Essex) and Mr. L.W. Jones (Manchester) regarding the alteration of long established tournament dates, Mr. M.D. Watts (Calendar Working Party) explained some of the difficulties involved in allocating dates. Summarising the discussion, the Chairman commented that there would always be problems because of a crowded calendar, but complaints would be looked at sympathetically.

- 7.5. Mr. S. Parr, on behalf of the County Championships Committee, reported that the Leslie Forrest Memorial Trophy for the 1979/80 season had been presented to Mr. P. Reid (Leicester).

7.6. The Chairman explained that the word 'club' was being dropped from the title of "National Club League".

7.7. Mr. G. James (Chairman, NURC) reported that 17 candidates had recently taken the ITTF International Umpire examination and was pleased to report that 16 had passed.

7.8. Tournaments

Mr. A.J.H. Wickens reported that the revised tournament regulations would be available by the end of July.

7.9. Finance

In reply to a question from Mr. P. Brennan (Surrey) Mr. Blunn confirmed that he would assume overall financial control for at least two years in order to allow the new Treasurer time to assimilate.

7.10. Adoption of Report

Mr. A.E. Upton (Lancashire) moved and Mrs. P. Archdale (Cornwall) seconded the adoption of the National Council Report.

8. 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. He referred to the resignation of Mr. M.S. Greatrex and the subsequent bi-election resulting in the election of Mr. A. Drapkin as Honorary Treasurer. He invited Mr. A. Drapkin to take his place alongside the officers and Mr. Drapkin accepted to acclaim.

9. REPORT OF APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMEN FOR SEASON 1980/81

9.1. The Chairman felt that he had been exceptionally lucky over the last two years to have had five men of such high calibre serving under him. Mr. E.G. White (Administration) had asked to be relieved of his position, but would still be doing considerable work as Secretary to the Management Committee and National Council, if Council agreed. His remaining duties had been distributed and so the position of Vice Chairman (Administration) would remain vacant for the present.

9.2. Document 545/31/RJS dated 24th April 1980 was noted.

10. REPORT OF ELECTION OF NATIONAL COUNCILLORS FOR SEASON 1980/81

10.1. Mr. A.J.H. Wickens (Returning Officer) reported that the election of the Councillors for Derbyshire, Isle of Wight and Lincolnshire had now been fully documented. Official documentation had now been received from Northumberland TTA and Mr. T.A. Morpeth had been elected Councillor for Northumberland. These reports modified Document 567/47/AW dated 26th June 1980, which was noted.

10.2. The Chairman looked forward to welcoming new Councillors individually a fortnight later. He thanked those Councillors who had retired for all their hard work, and hoped that they would continue to offer their services at County or local levels:

Miss R.A. Waines (Oxon), Mr. D.J. Barrett (Suffolk), Mr. C.A. Burden (Kent) and Mr. D.L. Morley (Derbys)

11. REPORT OF THE TREASURER, REPORT OF THE AUDITORS AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 1980.

Mr. T. Blunn (Chairman) at this point handed over the chair to Mr. M. Goldstein OBE in order to participate in discussion.

11.1. Mr. T. Blunn commented that in 21 years as Treasurer he had never had to make such an unhappy report. He recounted the sequence of events from the time when Mr. M.S. Greatrex took up the post of Treasurer, to his resignation in the Spring of 1980 and subsequently the action taken to complete the 1978/79 accounts. Mr. T. Blunn stressed that as Mr. Greatrex had been Assistant Treasurer for 6 years he had had no initial doubts about him being competent. In fact Mr. M. Greatrex had seriously underestimated the amount of work involved, and although refusing repeated offers of help, he had allowed the accounts to become hopelessly in arrear. Mr. T. Blunn invited questions on the accounts for year ending 31st March 1979 (Appendix 9 NC Report).

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11. REPORT OF THE TREASURER, REPORT OF THE AUDITORS AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 1980 (continued)

11.1. (continued)

Mr. J. Drew (Kent) questioned the clarity of the Balance Sheet. In reply Mr. T. Blunn stated that this was the normal balance sheet as prepared by a Chartered Accountant. In reply to a question from Mr. W. Moran (Lincs) Mr. T. Blunn stated that there had been no recommendations by the Auditors. Mr. A.E. Upton (Lancs) proposed and Mr. W. Moran (Lincs) seconded that the accounts for 1978/79 be accepted. Carried nem con.

11.2. Mr. T. Blunn then turned to the 1979/80 Accounts which, following the resignation of Mr. Greatrex, he had personally prepared and completed (with help from the Hastings staff) over a busy ten days at Hastings. There had been no VAT returns for twelve months, no bank reconciliation for twelve months and the book entries were well behind. The figures showed a loss of about £38,000. He had immediately taken the following important steps, in consultation with the Management Committee: writing to the Sports Council for assistance and advice: agreeing an immediate Bank overdraft: writing to Birmingham Corporation to request a deferment of the £10,000 debt repayment due 1st August: arranging a meeting with the VAT inspectors at Hull to obtain their agreement not to press for payment of existing estimated assessments: the transfer of the bank account from Southampton to Hull. He had met with sympathy and understanding of the immediate problems, and was hopeful of a favourable response to his appeals. The present cash flow situation was critical as income during the summer period was low, but outgoings continued. He hoped that all Leagues would assist by paying their affiliation fees promptly. The Management Committee accepted full responsibility for the present situation, and had taken steps to ensure that this could never occur again. Most of the routine work had been taken away from the Treasurer to the office, who would now prepare all cheques and pass on for second signature and despatch. All records would be fed to a computer and this would greatly improve budgetary control reports.

11.3. Mr. T. Blunn then referred to the Report of the Management Committee on the financial statements for the year ended 31st March 1980. In reply to questions he stated that the overspending had been fully analysed. Substantial items (e.g. VAT charges) were inescapable. In addition the background was one of profit made in previous years, coupled with the forthcoming increase in affiliation fees, giving rise to a positive response to expansion ideas. Actions taken had been based upon information given in good faith, and the offers of contracts to players had been necessary to reverse the exodus of top players to Europe. He concluded by reading a letter from the Auditors, dated 10th July 1980, in which they stated that they had examined the working papers and had no questions to ask so far. Mr. A.E. Upton (Lancs) proposed and Mrs. J. Watts (Avon) seconded the adoption of the report. Carried nem con. Mr. T. Blunn thanked members for their support and hoped that they would never be let down again. Mr. A.E. Upton (Lancs) and Mr. G.R. Yates paid tribute to Mr. T. Blunn for the honesty and clarity of his report.

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At this stage the Chairman left the room and the chair was taken by the Deputy Chairman, Mr. G.R. Yates.

12. PROPOSED ALTERATIONS TO RULES (PROPOSED ON BEHALF OF NATIONAL COUNCIL UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED)

12.1. Proposition No. 1

12.1.1. Add new Rule 12.1.a. "A person holding a paid appointment with the Association may not be nominated as an honorary Officer. "

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

12.2. Proposition No. 2

Add at the end of Rule 17.3. "Persons holding paid appointments are debarred under Rule 21.3."

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

12.3. Proposition No. 3

Delete Rule 17.13.3.

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

12.4. Proposition No. 4

Insert new Rule 22a as follows:

"22a. Indemnity

22a.1. An Officer or National Councillor, acting in good faith on behalf of the Association (which shall not include acting on behalf of a constituent County Association), shall be indemnified by the Association in respect of any personal liability arising therefrom.

22a.2. If the assets under the direct control of the Association are insufficient to meet the obligations of the Association so that any Officer and/or National Councillor is obliged to meet from his own resources all or part of any debt or obligation to a third party, then such Officer and/or National Councillor shall be indemnified out of the funds of the County Associations forming part of the Association.

22a.3. Should the aggregate funds of all County Associations exceed the sum required, County Associations shall contribute in proportions corresponding to the totals of Affiliation Fees payable to the ETTA, by the Local Leagues affiliated to each County Association.

22a.4. If the assets of the County Association are insufficient fully to indemnify the Officers and National Councillors, any residual obligation shall be borne by all the Officers and National Councillors in equal shares. "

12.4. (continued)

NOTE: This will record the right of ETTA Officers to be indemnified against the financial consequences of obligations undertaken and acts done in good faith on behalf of the Association - that is, ETTA funds and County Association funds are available to meet claims against individual Officers so that as far as possible they do not suffer financially as a result of accepting Office. If however, the assets of the ETTA (including those of County Associations) are not sufficient to clear the liability, the Rule provides how payment of the balance is to be shared.

Mr. E.G. White (Vice Chairman) moved the proposition and a full discussion followed.

Mr. A.E. Upton (Lancs) regretted the timing of this new rule and spoke against the proposition. In reply to questions from Mr. J. Drew (Kent) Mr. A.J.H. Wickens (Secretary, Rules Committee) stated that as he understood the law the Funds of the County Association could be called upon, but not the private funds of County Officers. Mr. T. Blunn stated that the possibilities of Incorporation had been examined, and would be again, as also Insurance possibilities could be, but there were many problems and this would take time. A Block Vote was requested which resulted in 11,651 votes for and 5,731 against. Under Rule 26.8. the Chairman accordingly declared the motion carried.

Mr. T. Blunn (Chairman) returned to the chair.

12.5. Proposition No. 5

Amend Rule 26.5.6. by substituting "Management Committee" for "National Council".

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

12.6. Proposition No. 6

Amend Rule 30.4.2.3. by inserting after "smaller amount" the words "(but not less than the amount specified in Rule 30.4.2.1.)"

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

12.7. Proposition No. 7

Delete Rules 30.11. and 31. and substitute:

30.11. Any player having accepted selection by the Association to attend any international match or other events shall, unless he has good and sufficient cause not to, attend the same and comply with the arrangements of the National Council or any of its sub-committees for playing the match or event.

30.12.1. 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 give 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.

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12. PROPOSED ALTERATIONS TO RULES (PROPOSED ON BEHALF OF NATIONAL COUNCIL UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED) (continued)

12.7. Proposition No. 7 (continued)

- 30.12.2. 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.
- 30.13. A Member shall not encourage another Member to commit a breach of Rule or Regulation.
- 30.14. A Member shall not do or cause to be done anything deliberately harmful to the Association nor likely to bring the Association or the game of Table Tennis into disrepute
- 30.15. A Member shall not without good and sufficient cause absent himself from the Hearing of any allegation or appeal after having been requested with reasonable notice to attend, and shall answer any question put to him in connection with such allegation or appeal.
- 30.16. Breach of an Undertaking given under Rule 31.11.4. shall be deemed a breach of Rule and upon such breach the offender shall additionally be liable to an alternative penalty in respect of the original breach.
- 31. Disciplinary Committee
 - 31.1. There shall be a standing sub-committee of the National Council called the Disciplinary Committee, appointed as provided in Rule 17.13.2., consisting of 5 persons one of whom shall be designated Disciplinary Committee Chairman by the Council.
 - 31.2. Members of the Disciplinary Committee shall (unless they resign) serve until the end of the season in which they are appointed and thereafter until their successors are appointed.
 - 31.3. Casual vacancies shall be filled by the Council.
 - 31.4. Any member having an interest in the matter under discussion may be required to withdraw.
 - 31.5. In the event of disqualifications under Rule 31.4. leaving less than three members as required by Rule 31.7. the Management Committee shall appoint sufficient temporary members to make up such number, such members serving only for the particular matter for which they are appointed.
 - 31.6. The decisions of the Disciplinary Committee shall be published forthwith.
 - 31.7. A decision may be taken by not less than three members, all of whom must have been present throughout the hearing (if any).
 - 31.8. The Disciplinary Committee shall follow the procedure laid down by the National Council as included in Appendix 'E' to these Rules
 - 31.9. Every formal allegation of breach of Rule or Regulation must be made in writing to the General Secretary specifying the Rule or Regulation alleged to have been broken, the name of the Member or organisation alleged to be in breach and the approximate date of the alleged breach. Every allegation so made shall be dealt with by the Disciplinary Committee.
 - 31.10. Any Member or organisation charged with any breach of Rule or Regulation shall be furnished with details in writing of such charge and shall have the right to a personal Hearing or to make written representations.
 - 31.11. If a formal allegation is proved to their satisfaction the Disciplinary Committee shall have power to impose on the Member or organisation guilty of such breach (the offender) one or more of the following penalties:

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12. PROPOSED ALTERATIONS TO RULES (PROPOSED ON BEHALF OF NATIONAL COUNCIL UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED) (continued)

12.7. Proposition No. 7 (continued)

31.11. (continued)

- 31.11.1. That he be suspended either indefinitely or for a stated period
- 31.11.2. That he be fined
- 31.11.3. That he be censured
- 31.11.4. That he give an Undertaking in such terms as the Committee may decide
- 31.11.5. That he be dealt with in such other manner as the Disciplinary Committee may think fit.
- 31.12. If an Undertaking required under Rule 31.11.4. is not given within seven days of a written request the Committee may impose an alternative penalty. The Committee shall have the power to decide such alternative penalty at the same time as requiring the Undertaking, but if they do so shall not be obliged at such time to make known the alternative penalty.
- 31.13. The Disciplinary Committee Chairman shall have the power to impose suspension covering the period from the alleged breach of Rule or Regulation until the procedure under Appendix 'E' shall have been carried through.
- 31.14. There shall be no appeal against a decision of the Disciplinary Committee or of its Chairman under Rule 31.13.

Amend Rule 32.3. by inserting after "30.11.7." "or 31.13.)"

Mr. E.G. White (Chairman) moved the proposition and replied to questions. Carried nem con.

12.8. Proposition No. 8

This proposition was withdrawn as proposition No. 7 was carried.

12.9. Proposition No. 9

Amend Rule 39.3. by inserting after "February" "The General Secretary shall send a written acknowledgment of each such proposal not later than 8 days after receiving it" and by inserting after "April" "The General Secretary shall send a written acknowledgment of such amendment or alternative proposal not later than 8 days after receiving it".

Amend Rule 39.4. by adding at end "The General Secretary shall send a written acknowledgment of each such proposal not later than 8 days after receiving it".

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

12.10. Proposition No. 10.

Amend Rule 42.2. by inserting after "February" "The General Secretary shall send a written acknowledgment of each such amendment or alternative proposal not later than 8 days after receiving it".

Amend Rule 42.3. by adding at the end: "The General Secretary shall send a written acknowledgment of each such proposal not later than 8 days after receiving it."

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

12. PROPOSED ALTERATIONS TO RULES (PROPOSED ON BEHALF OF NATIONAL COUNCIL UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED) (continued)

12.11. Proposition No. 11 (Proposed by Hertfordshire County TTA)

Amend Rule 29.1.4. by inserting after "Barnet" "(except the part known as a postal district as Barnet Hertfordshire which shall be in the County of Hertfordshire)"

Mr. J. Barnes (Herts) moved the proposition. The Chairman advised that the National Council had made no recommendation either way.

Mr. G. James (Middx) regretted that no approach had been made to Middlesex TTA either to discuss or advise. Further discussion followed and Mr. J. Barnes (Hunts), replying to this, apologised to Middlesex TTA that an approach had not been made this year. A Block Vote was requested which resulted in 5,657 votes for and 3,810 against. Under Rule 26.8. the Chairman accordingly declared the motion not carried.

13. ADOPTION OF LAWS FOR 1980/81 SEASON

13.1. Motion A

That the ETTA adopt the ITTF Laws of Table Tennis, as printed in the current ITTF Handbook, for the season 1980/81.

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

13.2. Motion B

That competition organisers be authorised to conduct experiments with the appointment of a "Service Judge", in accordance with the recommendations of the ITTF.

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

14. ELECTION OF PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENTS

14.1. The Chairman explained that as M. Goldstein OBE had been elected for a three year term in 1979, there was no election for President on this occasion.

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

Mrs. E. Betts, Messrs. F.E. Clay, E.R.A. Connell, G.M. Daniels, H. Flinton, C.C. Hames, L.W. Jones and J.M. McDonnell.
Agreed.

14.3. The Chairman proposed, on behalf of National Council, the election for a term of three years, of the following additional Vice Presidents:

Messrs. H. Edwards, T. Honey, D.D. Plowes, K.T.O. Ponting
Dr. D. Ryde MB BS and Mr. D.R. Tremayne.

Agreed.

Messrs. Edwards, Honey and Ponting were present to accept their badges from the President.

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15. ELECTION OF HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

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

16. ELECTION OF ONE MEMBER OF STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE

It was proposed by Mr. E.G. White (Vice Chairman) that Mr. K. Watts, the retiring member, be elected. Agreed.

17. ELECTION OF AUDITORS

Mr. A. Drapkin (Northumberland) proposed that Messrs. Spain Bros, Jukes and Company be re-elected. Agreed.

18. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

18.1. Ivor Montagu Award

The Chairman presented this award to Mr. P. Charters for his extreme hard work as Chairman, Selection Committee. Mr. Charters suitably replied and thanked in particular Mr. R. Crayden (Vice Chairman) for his guidance.

18.2. Malcolm Scott Award

The President presented this award to Mr. A.E. Ransome, whose ideas and enthusiasm had greatly contributed to the Association's present high standard. The presentation was greeted with acclaim, and Mr. Ransome expressed his gratitude.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 6.10 p.m.