

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at the Regent Centre Hotel,
London, on Saturday, 11th July 1981, commencing at 2.30 p.m.

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

Vice Chairmen

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

Hon. Life Members

Messrs. G. James, E.G. White, A.J.H. Wickens.

Vice Presidents

Mrs. E. Carrington, Messrs. J.H. Carrington, H.T. Edwards, W.G. Goldfinch,
L.W. Jones, J.M. McDonnell, J.P. Mulcahy, G.A. Owen, H.E. Pearce,
K.T.O. Ponting, P.W. Smith, A.E. Upton.

Accredited Representatives - Counties

Avon (Mrs. J.L. Watts) Bedfordshire (Mr. G.G. Hammond) Berkshire (Mr. B.R.
Halliday) Buckinghamshire (Mr. B.R.J. Webb) Cambridgeshire (Mr. E.S. Day)
Cheshire (Mr. P. D'Arcy) Cleveland (Mr. A.E. Ransome) Cornwall (Mrs. A.P.
Archdale) Derbyshire (Mr. C. Hartland) Devonshire (Mr. K.T.O. Ponting)
Essex (Mr. R.F. George) Gloucestershire (Mr. L.J. Smith) Hampshire (Mr. H.
Albery) Hertfordshire (Mr. R.G. Bridges) Kent (Mr. C. Burden)
Lancashire (Mr. A.E. Upton) Leicestershire (Mr. P.W. Smith)
Lincolnshire (Mr. W.V. Moran) Middlesex (Mr. G. James) Northamptonshire
(Mr. K.J. Marchant) Northumberland (Mrs. O. Drapkin) Nottinghamshire
(Mr. J. Collen) Oxfordshire (Mr. J.A. Denbow) Shropshire (Mr. T.G. Felton)
Staffordshire (Mr. G.C. Williamson) Suffolk (Mrs. J.D. Love) Surrey (Mr. P.
Brennan) Sussex (Mr. B.G. Fretwell) Warwickshire (Mr. S. Parr) Wiltshire
(Mr. D.M. Parsons) Worcestershire (Mr. D.J. Moss) Yorkshire (Mr. A.M. Ross)

Accredited Representatives - Leagues

Barnets & District (Mr. J.M. Barnes) Bromley (Mr. D. Hawley) Bromsgrove
(Mr. J.E. Barber) Canterbury (Mr. D.L. Bates) Coventry (Mr. G. Taylor)
Harlow (Mr. D.A. Payne) Liverpool Business Houses (Mr. J. McKim)
London Civil Service (Mr. J.M. Killmister) Nuneaton (Mr. S. Parr)
Reading (Mr. J. Freeman) Tunbridge Wells (Mr. C. Wright) Sheffield & District
(Mr. J.C. Hatfield) Sheffield Works S.A. (Mr. G.A. Rodgers) Wembley/Harrow
(Mrs. A.E. Reeve) Weston Super Mare (Mrs. A.P. Archdale)

Other Members

Mrs. K. Burden (Kent) Mrs. D.M. Stannard (Middlesex) Messrs. F. Briggs (Yorkshire)
C. Burden (Kent) M. Freeman (Cheshire) D. Harris (Avon) B.P. Lamerton (Hampshire)
M.W.J. Lewis (Avon) H.G. Stevens (Hertfordshire) D.A. Young (Worcestershire)

Mrs. D. Harmer (Leighton Buzzard) Miss D.L. Moors (London Civil Service)
Messrs. R.F. George (Waltham Forest) B.R. Granger (Ilford) P. Harmer
(Leighton Buzzard) R. Harper (N. Herts) P.M. Lauder (Romford) A.B. Lillcrap
(Leicester) B. Roddis (Mansfield) G. Walsh (Wembley/Harrow) D.T. Waite
(Brighton) H.J. Webb (Worthing) T. Wilson (Ellenborough)

In Attendance

A.W. Shipley (General Secretary) M.D. Watts (Deputy General Secretary)
R.J. Stevens (Administrative Secretary) R.E. Oldfield (Development Officer)
Mrs. M. Goosey (Regional 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 pleasure at the good attendance. He said that he sensed a different atmosphere in the room from the last A.G.M., emanating from the recovery of financial stability, for the achievement of which he paid personal tribute to Mr. T. Blunn. He added thanks to the new Treasurer, Mr. A. Drapkin, whose contribution had greatly helped, and congratulated the rest of the Management team, the professional staff and the Sub-Committee members on their achievements.

1. REPORT OF STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE

Mr. A. Drapkin (Treasurer) moved the adoption of the report (Document 754/31/AW). Agreed.

2. STANDING ORDERS

Standing Orders as circulated (Document 755/31/AW) were adopted.

3. TELLERS

It was proposed, seconded and agreed that Miss D.L. Moors and Mr. F. Briggs be appointed Tellers for the meeting.

4. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. L.F. Landry, E. Reay, A.K. Vint OBE, K. Watts, L.S. Woollard, J.M. Wright (Hon. Life Members) Mrs. N. Vint, Messrs. A.D. Brook, L.R.J. Constable, I.R. Crickmer, T.M. Honey, D.R. Tremayne, D.N. Tyler (Vice Presidents), Mr. D. Lomas (Public Relations Committee) Mr. P.J. Roden (Tournaments Committee) Messrs. E.J. Mitchell, M. Vickers (English Schools) Mr. R.D. Beard (Directly Affiliated Individual) British Railways Staff Association, London Borough of Sutton and National Federation of Gateway Clubs (Good Standing).

5. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD 12TH JULY 1980 (Document 608/31/RJS)

Mr. A.E. Upton proposed and Mr. N.K. Reeve seconded that the minutes be signed as a true record, subject to the following amendments (Document 756/31/AW):

5.1. Page 1 - amend name of President to read 'M. Goldstein OBE'.

5.2. Page 1 - amend heading of second category of Accredited Representatives to read 'Non-County Leagues' instead of 'Non County'.

5.3. Page 9 - Item 12.10. - amend first paragraph to read:

'Amend Rule 42.2. 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 each such amendment or alternative proposal not later than 8 days after receiving it".'

6. MATTERS ARISING

None.

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7. REPORT OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR

7.1. The meeting considered the printed report circulated, covering the year up to 31st May. The following points arose in the course of discussion:-

- 7.1.1. Finance (Para 10) - In reply to a question from Mr. J.M. Killmister (London Civil Service) Mr. T. Blunn confirmed that there had been a change of control in the Birmingham Council, but no change of policy regarding their undertakings and the outstanding debt of £30,000.
- 7.1.2. Sponsorship (Para 12) - The Chairman expressed a vote of thanks to all the sponsors and equipment suppliers for their valuable support.
- 7.1.3. Selection (Para 14.5.) - Mr. R.J. Crayden (Vice Chairman) informed the meeting that in season 1981/82 the Selection Committee would consider the results of the County Championships Premier Divisions, Senior and Junior, in deciding ranking.
- 7.1.4. Centres of Excellence (Para 15.2.) - The General Secretary asked members to alter the word 'Norwich' in item 15.2. line 7 to read "Horwich".
- 7.1.5. Coaching Awards (Para 15.8.) - Mr. J. Carrington, on behalf of the Coaching Committee, reported that the Sports Centre Leaders Award details were now available.
- 7.1.6. County Championships (Para 17.5.) - Mr. S. Parr, on behalf of the County Championships Committee, reported that the Leslie Forest Memorial Trophy for the 1980/81 season had been presented to Mr. T.A. Morpeth (Northumberland).
- 7.1.7. National League (Para 19) - Mr. M. Freeman (Cheshire) felt that the National League, initially small, was now growing to a size where there might be danger of a split in the Association between a professional and amateur body. Mr. A.J.H. Wickens (Rules Committee) pointed out that the National League was open only to affiliated clubs, and Mr. E.G. White (Hon. Secretary Management Committee) added that, whilst it was wise for the Association to be alert to any signs of possible disunity, the National League was an organisation wholly within the E.T.T.A. and managed by an E.T.T.A.-appointed committee. The risks of divergence seemed smaller in these circumstances than they might be if an independently organised professional league had become established.
- 7.1.8. National League and Club Knock-out Competitions (Para 20)
 - 7.1.8.1. Mr. K.T.O. Ponting promised to investigate a complaint from Mr. J.M. Killmister (London Civil Service) regarding non-acceptance of an entry.
 - 7.1.8.2. Mr. K.T.O. Ponting reported that the results for the National League and Club Knock-out Competitions for season 1980/81 were as follows:-

Wilmott Cup	- Dagenham
Rose Bowl	- Leicester
Carter Cup	- Thames Valley
Bromfield Trophy	- Dunstable
Ormesby Cup	- Ellenborough
Gainsford Cup	- Ellenborough
- 7.1.9. Rules (Para 37.3.) - Mr. A.J.H. Wickens (Rules Committee) reported that the problem of one county's unwillingness to conform had now been resolved and their Rules could now be approved.

7. REPORT OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR (continued)

- 7.1.10. Disciplinary (Para 38.2.) - In reply to a question why a player took part in the English Schools TTA National Individual Finals whilst under E.T.T.A. suspension, Mr. E.G. White (Hon. Secretary Management Committee) explained that the English Schools T.T.A. was not affiliated to the E.T.T.A., but in Good Standing. In this case, as in others, the Good Standing permitted non-members of the E.T.T.A. to compete against members. There was nothing at present in E.T.T.A. rules to prevent a player suspended from E.T.T.A. membership to compete in such an event along with other non-members, and this reply had been given to the E.S.T.T.A. when they had consulted the E.T.T.A. on the matter.
- 7.1.11. Obituary (Para 42) - Mr. T. Blunn reported that additionally the name of Mr. E. Connell was sadly to be added.
- 7.1.12. I.T.T.F. (Para 43.1.) - Mr. J.M. Killmister regretted that the E.T.T.A. delegates had supported the proposal that the two sides of a racket should each be a different colour. Mr. G.R. Yates (Deputy Chairman) replied that they had been mandated to vote by the Management Committee and the National Council, who took the view that the change would be in the best long-term interest of the sport. The proposal had been backed by the whole of Europe, but had failed to secure the two thirds majority required.
- 7.1.13. Sub-Committee meetings (Appendix 1, Table 4) - In response to complaints that the number of meetings quoted were in some cases for the season to 31st May and in others for 12 months to that date, Mr. E.G. White (Hon. Secretary Management Committee) promised to investigate and to arrange for the whole season (12 months to 11th July 1981) figures to be appended to the A.G.M. minutes (see Appendix 1 to this document). In future years, it might be helpful to show both meetings in the current season up to the 31st May and those for the twelve months of the previous season.
- 7.2. Adoption of Report - Mr. A.E. Upton (Lancashire) moved and Mr. C. Burden (Kent) seconded the adoption of the Management Committee Report. Agreed. Thanks were accorded to Mr. E.G. White and the Hastings staff for their work in producing the report.

8. REPORT OF ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN, DEPUTY CHAIRMAN AND TREASURER (Document 727/47/AW)

- 8.1. Mr. M. Freeman (Cheshire) referred to the voting procedures and felt that two weeks' notice was insufficient time for discussion and return of nominations. He advocated that consideration be given to extend the period to one month. Mr. A.J.H. Wickens (Returning Officer) pointed out that the Rules did not lay down a period. Consideration would be given, as requested, but the election calendar would be very difficult to manage if any stage was lengthened. Mr. E.G. White (Hon. Secretary Management Committee) pointed out that advance warning was given of the dates when the task would arise, as an Election Calendar was considered and approved by National Council at each July meeting and circulated subsequently. Mr. T. Blunn (Chairman) concluded discussions by saying that the points raised would be examined.
- Mr. M. Goldstein OBE (President) at this point handed over the chair to Mr. T. Blunn (Chairman).
- 8.2. Mr. T. Blunn thanked the President for the able way he had conducted the first part of the meeting and thanked the meeting for the way the Management Committee Report had been accepted. He was appreciative of the praise given to him for his financial control, but felt that this had been his duty. He paid tribute to Mr. A. Drapkin (Treasurer) for his diligence, thoroughness and accuracy.

9. REPORT OF APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMEN FOR SEASON 81/82

- 9.1. The Chairman thanked his four Vice-Chairmen for their loyalty and continuing support. The position of Vice-Chairman (Administration) remained vacant, but he felt confident that there had been no detriment of service to the Association. Mr. E.G. White had agreed to continue as Secretary to the Management Committee and National Council, and he thanked him for so ably carrying out his duties.
- 9.2. Document 744/31/RJS dated 24th April 1981 was noted.

10. REPORT OF ELECTION OF NATIONAL COUNCILLORS FOR SEASON 1981/82

- 10.1. Mr. A.J.H. Wickens (Returning Officer) reported that official documentation had now been received from Staffordshire T.T.A. and Mr. G.C. Williamson had been elected Councillor for Staffordshire. This report modified Document 757/47/AW dated 26th June 1981, 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:
- Mr. M. Hearn (Derbyshire) Mr. A. Hills (Somerset) and Mr. J. Turner (Norfolk).

11. REPORT OF THE TREASURER, REPORT OF THE AUDITORS AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 1981

- 11.1. Mr. A. Drapkin expressed his great pleasure in presenting this report, and he gave supplementary explanations. The surplus achieved had required a lot of hard work from everybody, which must be maintained. The figure of £2,373 Doubtful Debts included an amount of £1,875 which had now been paid. The third out of five annual Debt repayments of £10,000 to Birmingham Corporation had been deferred last year but was due 1st August 1981. The accounts had been submitted to the Auditors; they had no questions to raise so far from their examination of the books. Mr. A. Drapkin invited questions on the accounts for the year ending 31st March 1981.
- 11.2. Mr. J.M. Killmister (London Civil Service) asked if there had been any reduction in membership as a result of the increase in affiliation fees. In reply Mr. T. Blunn stated that there had been an insignificant drop. Mr. S. Parr (Nuneaton) felt that the balance sheet should show details of accounts for the National Competitions. In reply, Mr. A. Drapkin stated that there were difficulties in completing the accounts in time for the report, but a breakdown of the competitions would be shown next year.
- 11.3. Mr. A.E. Ransome (Cleveland) proposed and Mr. W. Moran (Lincolnshire) seconded that the accounts for 1980/81 be accepted. Carried nem con. The meeting expressed its appreciation of the work of the Hon. Treasurer.
- 11.4. Mr. T. Blunn (Chairman) paid tribute to the Sports Council for their financial support, but warned that reductions were planned in the level of Grant Aid. The Sports Council expected governing bodies to make a greater contribution to their own administration costs, and Mr. T. Blunn was meeting the Sports Council soon to discuss the timing of a proposed reduction of Grant Aid from 75% to 50%. He stressed the need for the Association to be self-reliant.

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

The Chairman reminded the meeting that the numbering and text of rules for which amendments were proposed was as in the E.T.T.A. booklet "Rules 1980-81".

12.1. PROPOSITION No. 1 (Linked with Motion Under Rule 42.4)

12.1.1. The following Rule changes shall come into effect on the day following this Annual General Meeting:

Amend Rule 7.2.1.1. by substituting '70p', '70p', '£2.10' and '£2.80' for '50p', '50p', '£1.50', and '£2' respectively.

Amend Rule 7.2.1.2. by substituting '35p' for '25p' in two places.

Amend Rule 7.2.1.3. by substituting '35p' for '25p' in two places.

Amend Rule 7.2.1.4. by substituting '70p' for '50p'.

Amend Rule 7.2.1.5. by substituting '7p' for '5p' in two places.

Amend Rule 7.2.2.1. by substituting '£4.90' for '£3.50'.

Amend Rule 7.2.2.2. by substituting '£1.68' for '£1.20'.

Amend Rule 7.2.3. by substituting '£4.90' for '£3.50'.

Mr. A. Drapkin (Treasurer) moved the proposition and a full discussion followed.

Mrs. J.L. Watts (Avon) stated that some leagues had already budgeted for the season's fees and Mr. J.M. Killmister (London Civil Service) had found it difficult to convince members of the need for increased fees. Mr. J. Freeman (Reading) spoke against the proposition, whilst Mr. E.G. White (Hon Secretary, Management Committee) spoke of the need for the increase and pointed out that the notice of intent to change the Rules had been circulated in March. Some leagues expressed their own fee rules in such a way that they did not need a rule change in order to adjust to altered E.T.T.A. affiliation amounts and this might be found helpful by others. Mr. J.E. Barber (Bromsgrove) proposed and Mr. P.W. Smith (Leicester) seconded that the question be now put (A.G.M. Standing Orders para 6.1.). Carried on a show of hands. A Block Vote was requested which resulted in 12,362 votes for and 3,745 against. Under Rule 26.8. the Chairman accordingly declared the motion carried.

12.2. PROPOSITION No. 2

This proposition was withdrawn as proposition No. 1 was carried.

12.3. PROPOSITION No. 3

This proposition was withdrawn as proposition No. 1 was carried.

12.4. PROPOSITION No. 4

The following Rule changes shall come into effect on the day following this Annual General Meeting, except for new Rules 7.3. and 7.5. which shall come into effect in relation to the fees for the season 1982/83:-

7. AFFILIATION FEES

7.1. Local Leagues, Directly Affiliated Clubs and Directly Affiliated Individuals shall pay Affiliation Fees in respect of each season or part of a season for which they are affiliated as provided by Rule 7.2.

12.4. PROPOSITION No. 4 (continued)

7. AFFILIATION FEES (continued)

7.2. Affiliation Fees per season shall be as follows:-

7.2.1. Local League:

7.2.1.1. to cover all teams in divisions other than Youth Divisions (Youth Divisions being divisions participation in which is restricted to persons under 21 years of age) one fee unit multiplied by the multiplier calculated under Rule 7.4.

7.2.1.2. to cover all teams in Youth Divisions (that is divisions participation in which is restricted to persons under 21 years of age) one half of one fee unit multiplied by the multiplier calculated under Rule 7.4.

7.2.1.3. in respect of each club not participating in league competition one fee unit per playing member

7.2.1.4. if not affiliated to a County Association, an additional fee of one tenth of one fee unit multiplied by the multiplier calculated under Rule 7.4.

Note: A Youth League, being a Local League all of whose divisions are restricted to persons under 21 years of age, will pay Affiliation Fees under 7.2.1.2., 7.2.1.3. and 7.2.1.4. only.

7.2.2. Directly Affiliated Club (including Youth Club): seven fee units

7.2.3. Directly Affiliated Individual (except an Honorary Life Member): seven fee units.

7.3. Fee Unit: The fee unit for a season shall be determined by multiplying the fee unit for the immediately preceding season by the Retail Prices Index figure for November of that immediately preceding season, dividing by the Retail Prices Index figure for November of the season before the immediately preceding season and rounding up to the next even number of pence. The Retail Prices Index shall be that published by the Department of Environment.

7.4. Multiplier: The multiplier for the purposes of Rules 7.2.1.1. and 7.2.1.2. shall be calculated as follows: For each division, multiply the number of teams in the division by one more than the lowest number of players required by the rules to constitute a full team; add together the totals for all divisions so arrived at.

7.5. Certification: The amount of the fee unit calculated under Rule 7.3. and the Retail Prices Index figures therein referred to shall be certified by the Association's Auditors and a copy of their certificate shall be circulated to the Secretary of every County Association, Local League and Directly Affiliated Club and to every directly Affiliated Individual not later than 1st February. The amount of the fee unit so certified and the dates of the season for which it applies shall be shown in Rule 7.7. in any new circulation of the Rules after that date.

7.6. Change in the amount of the fee unit in Rule 7.7. resulting from change in the Retail Prices Index figures and change of the season dates in that rule shall not constitute alteration of Rules and shall be outside the scope of Rule 42.

7.7. The FEE UNIT for 1981/82 shall be 70p.

7.8. All Affiliation Fees shall be paid to the General Secretary of the Association not later than 15th November each season, except fees from Summer Leagues which shall be paid by the 15th April of the season preceding that to which the fees relate.

12.4. PROPOSITION No. 4 (continued)

7.9. Value Added Tax: Every person or body liable to pay affiliation fees to the Association shall in addition pay to the Association Value Added Tax on such fees at the rate in force on the first day of the season in respect of which the fees are payable (such rate being shown on the current Affiliation Form).

Insert new Rule 7A Good Standing Fees

7A. Organisations accepted into Good Standing under Rule 5.2. may be required by the National Council to pay such fees as the National Council may determine.

ADD new:

42.1.1. Automatic adjustment of fee levels to the movements of the Retail Prices Index as provided for by Rule 7.3. shall not constitute alteration to Rules requiring A.G.M. decision.

Mr. A. Drapkin (Treasurer) moved the proposition and a full discussion followed.

Mr. G.C. Williamson (Staffordshire) spoke in favour of the proposition, whilst Mr. J.M. Killmister (London Civil Service) felt that it was a bad time to start an index-linked affiliation fees scheme. Mr. J.M. Barnes (Barnets) thought the Retail Prices Index was not a good index.

Mr. A.E. Ransome (Vice Chairman) felt that the R.P.I. link would greatly assist in meetings with the Sports Council. Mr. G. Walsh (Wembley/Harrow) asked if the proposition meant that there would be increases in fees without discussion. In reply, Mr. A.J.H. Wickens (Rules Committee) stated that as the amounts would be known in the February there would be adequate time for any member organisation to put forward rule change proposals at an A.G.M. A Block Vote was requested, which resulted in 10,528 votes for and 4,764 against. Under Rule 26.8. the Chairman accordingly declared the motion carried.

12.5. PROPOSITION No. 5

This proposition was withdrawn as Proposition No. 2 was withdrawn.

12.6. PROPOSITION No. 6

This proposition was withdrawn as Proposition No. 3 was withdrawn.

12.7. PROPOSITION No. 7

In Rule 7.2.1.3. for "one fee unit per playing member" substitute "seven fee units".

Mr. A. Drapkin (Treasurer) moved and the proposition was carried on a show of hands.

12.8. PROPOSITION No. 8

Delete Rule 4.1.19. and insert:

4.1.18a. Youth Division: a division of a league participation in which is restricted to persons under 21 years of age.

4.1.19. Youth League: a Local League comprised wholly of Youth Divisions consisting entirely of Youth Clubs or of Youth Clubs and School Clubs.

Mr. A. Drapkin (Treasurer) moved the proposition and it was carried on a show of hands.

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12.9. PROPOSITION No. 9

Amend Rule 14.4. by adding at end "and has lodged with the General Secretary not later than the closing date for nominations under Rule 14.3.2. a signed Consent to Nomination".

Insert new rule: "14.4a. No person may lodge a Consent to Nomination for more than one Office;"

Mr. E.G. White (Honorary Secretary National Council) moved the proposition and it was carried on a show of hands.

12.10. PROPOSITION No. 10

(a) Insert new rule:

4.1.4a. County Association: an Association set up under the provisions of Rule 29.2. and having jurisdiction over a County as defined by Rule 29.1.1.

(b) Delete 5.1.2.

(c) Amend 5.1.3.: After "affiliated" insert "County Associations"

(d) Amend 6.1.: Add at end "and all County Associations shall be accepted into affiliation"

(e) Amend 6.2.: Add at end "by Local League, club or individual"

(f) Amend 6: Insert new rule as follows:-

6.4.3. A County Association shall remain affiliated until it has no Local League affiliated to it.

(g) Amend 7: Insert new rule before Rule 7.1. as follows -

7.pre 1. A County Association shall not be required to pay any fee for affiliation.

(h) Amend 22A.1.: Delete "(which shall not include acting on behalf of a constituent County Association)"

(i) Amend 22A.2.: For "forming part of" substitute "affiliated to"

Mr. E.G. White (Honorary Secretary National Council) moved and the proposition was carried nem con.

12.11. PROPOSITION No. 11

Insert new rule:

29.4.4. No organisation may be taken into Good Standing by a County Association unless it is in Good Standing with the E.T.T.A. or comes within the provisions of Rule 29.4.3.

Mr. E.G. White (Honorary Secretary National Council) moved and the proposition was carried nem con.

12.12. PROPOSITION No. 12

Amend Rule 30.6.3. to read:

No affiliated player may enter into a contract providing for the exclusive use of certain materials or for exclusive play on specific premises without the permission of the National Council.

Mr. E.G. White (Honorary Secretary National Council) moved and the proposition was carried nem con.

12.13. PROPOSITION No. 13

Delete Rules 29.10.1. and 29.10.2. and insert:

29.10.1. For a breach of a County Association's Rules or Regulations that Association shall have power to suspend any Local League, club, player or official within its jurisdiction. Such suspension shall be enforced by all bodies in that county, but shall operate only within the jurisdiction of that County Association, the suspended person or body being deprived of the privileges of membership of or affiliation to the County Association and any Local League or Directly Affiliated Club affiliated to the County Association, but not of the privileges of membership of or affiliation to the E.T.T.A. enjoyed outside the jurisdiction of that County Association.

Mr. E.G. White (Honorary Secretary National Council) moved the proposition. Mr. A.M. Ross (Yorkshire) and Mr. J. Freeman (Reading) spoke against the proposition, whilst Mr. P. Brenman (Surrey) and Mr. G.C. Williamson (Staffs) felt that the Disciplinary Committee must give a hearing before making a suspension national. The proposition was carried on a show of hands.

12.14. PROPOSITION No. 14

Amend Rule 31.11.1. by adding at end ": suspension may be limited to a specified area of jurisdiction or geographical or other defined area."

Mr. E.G. White (Honorary Secretary National Council) moved and the proposition was carried nem con.

12.15. PROPOSITION No. 15

Delete Rules 36 and 37. Insert new rule:-

36. ENGLISH CHAMPIONSHIPS

36.1. Each of the following may be held once every season:

English Open Championships: English Junior Open Championships
English Closed Championships: English Junior Closed Championships

36.2. The Championships shall be conducted in accordance with Regulations made by the National Council and contained in Appendix N to these Rules.

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

12.16. PROPOSITION No. 16

Amend Rule 32.3. by substituting 31.11. for 30.11.7.

Mr. E.G. White (Honorary Secretary National Council) moved and the proposition was carried nem con.

12.17. PROPOSITION No. 17

Amend Rule 32.5. by substituting '£5' for '50p' and '£15' for '£2'

Mr. E.G. White (Honorary Secretary National Council) moved and the proposition was carried nem con.

12.18. PROPOSITION No. 18 (Proposed on behalf of Essex County T.T.A.)

Mr. R.F. George (Essex) withdrew the proposition in view of the steps already being taken by the Management Committee and National Council with the object of bringing about incorporation.

12.19. PROPOSITION No. 19 (Proposed by Hertfordshire County T.T.A.)

In Rule 29.1.4., second line, after Barnet delete ', ' and add "except the postal district of Barnet, Herts, within the boundary of the London Borough of Barnet,"

Mr. R.G. Bridges (Herts) moved the proposition. Mr. J.M. Killmister (London Civil Service) sought clarification of the boundary of the London Borough of Barnet. Mr. G. James (Middlesex) regretted that what was, in his view, a domestic matter had once again been brought to the A.G.M. He explained how complete London Boroughs were allocated between counties in table tennis, and pointed out that no such Borough was at present divided between two counties. He felt strongly that the best course would be a meeting between the Chairmen of the two County T.T.As involved, when a solution could be sought in further discussion. On a show of hands the proposition was defeated.

13. CHANGES OF LAWS FOR 1981/82 SEASON

13.1. MOTION A (Document 759/31/AW)

THAT the Laws of Table Tennis as approved by the Association be amended with effect from 12th July 1981 in accordance with the principles set out hereunder.

(1) Law 3.5. - Definitions

A new term has been introduced, "to obstruct". A player is said to "obstruct" the ball in play if he or anything he wears or carries touches it before it has passed over the end line or side lines of his court, without its having touched his court since last being struck by his opponent. The term is used to replace the wording at present contained in Law 3.11.1.6.

(2) Law 3.7. - A Good Service

The provision for an umpire to warn a player for a service of doubtful legality, on the first occasion in any match, is removed when a service judge has been appointed. Under the agreed service judge procedure, if either the umpire or the service judge is sure that the service action is illegal he must call "Fault" and the umpire must award a point against the server; if either official is not sure that a fault has been committed he must remain silent.

(3) Law 3.10. - A Let

A service in which the ball, in passing over or around the net, touches it or its supports is a let if the ball then touches the receiver's court or is volleyed by the receiver or his partner and now, in addition, if it is obstructed by the receiver or his partner.

(4) Law 3.1. - A Point

The "proper sequence" in doubles, referred to in Law 3.11.1.10., is now defined as the sequence established by the first server and receiver in the rally, whether or not there has been an error in the order of serving or receiving.

(5) Law 3.17 - Out of Order of Ends, Serving or Receiving

The exception contained in 3.17.1., that an error in ends is not corrected if a game has been completed since the error occurred, is removed. The rule for dealing with an error in ends, serving or receiving is now the same in all circumstances; as soon as the error is discovered play is interrupted and the players change to the correct ends or the correct order of serving and receiving, resuming play at the score which has then been reached.

13.1. MOTION A (continued)

Mr. C.J. Clemett (Vice Chairman) explained the Law amendments being introduced by the I.T.T.F. and moved the proposition. Mr. J.M. Killmister (London Civil Service) drew attention to the fact that the Association had still not properly adopted current Laws of Table Tennis as required by its Rules 39.1., 39.2., 39.5. and 39.6. He asked that this should be regularised and a promise was given on behalf of the Management Committee that this would be done. On being put to the vote the proposition was carried on a show of hands.

14. MATTERS NOT RELATING TO RULES OR LAWS (Document 760/31/AW)

14.1. MOTION "B" (Proposed by Essex County T.T.A.)

That the National Council shall procure the registration under the Companies Act 1980 of a Company limited by guarantee having among its objects, objects similar to those of the Association.

14.2. AMENDMENT No. 1 to MOTION 'B' (Proposed on behalf of Buckinghamshire County T.T.A.)

In Motion 'B', after "Association" insert ", and shall, in exercise of the power conferred by Rule 23 transfer to such company without consideration the whole of the property and assets of the Association"

The Chairman explained some of the advantages and disadvantages of forming a limited company, and stated that the proposition could be accepted only if it was understood that the interpretation must be - as he believed Essex intended - that the National Council should pursue registration vigorously but with final decision depending on the outcome of full study of feasibility and implications.

The amendment to the Proposition was carried nem con and the main proposition as amended was then also carried on a show of hands.

15. ELECTION OF PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENTS

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

15.2. The meeting agreed, on the proposal of the Chairman, on behalf of the National Council, the re-election, for a further three-year term, of the following retiring Vice-Presidents:

Miss I. Moss	Mrs S.(Barna) Sandor	R. Billson
A.D. Brook	W.G. Goldfinch	C. Kitchenside
J.A. Leach MBE	J.P. Mulcahy	G.A. Owen
H. Pearce	D.W. Poupard	D.S. Purr
J. Siddron	A.W.C. Simons	A.A. Wall
R. Williams		

15.3. The meeting agreed, on the proposal of the Chairman, on behalf of National Council, the election for a term of three years, of the following additional Vice Presidents:-

Messrs. F. Briggs, C. Burden and B.G. Fretwell

Messrs. Briggs, Burden and Fretwell were present to accept their badges from the President and each expressed his pleasure at this honour.

16. ELECTION OF HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

The Chairman proposed, on behalf of National Council, that Mr. A.E. Upton be elected as an Honorary Life Member. He paid tribute to his exceptional service to the sport, over very many years, both locally and nationally, and especially his integrity, tact and courage, as Chairman of the Disciplinary Committee. The proposal was agreed with acclamation. In reply, Mr. A.E. Upton spoke of the benefits he had received in return, thanked everyone for the honour bestowed upon him, and his wife for her support.

17. OTHER AWARDS

17.1. IVOR MONTAGU AWARD

The Chairman presented this award to Mr. H.J. Webb for his hard work as Secretary of the English Championships Committee. Mr. Webb suitably replied.

17.2. MALCOLM SCOTT AWARD

The President presented this award to Mr. G.R. Yates, for his editorship of 'Table Tennis News' over many years and recently his allegiance to the magazine in the face of tempting offers. The presentation was greeted with acclaim and Mr. G.R. Yates expressed his gratitude.

18. ELECTION OF ONE MEMBER OF STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE

It was proposed by Mr. A.E. Upton (Lancashire) that Mr. J. Wright, the retiring member, be elected. Agreed.

19. ELECTION OF AUDITORS

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

20. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

20.1. Mr. S. Parr (Nuneaton) referred to the calendar of events and asked for offers of suitable venues for the County Championships Premier weekends on 7th/8th November 1981 and 28th/29th November 1981.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked the Tellers for their hard work and everyone for their attendance.

The meeting closed at 6.50 p.m.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT 1980-1981 - APPENDIX 1:

Table 4: The following lists provide information for the Association year
13th July 1980 to 11th July 1981 - Minute 7.1.13. refers.

Management Committee meetings

The Management Committee met 9 times in the year and attendances were:-

T. Blunn	9	A.E. Ransome	8
G.R. Yates	9	N.K. Reeve	8
A. Drapkin	9		
C.J. Clemett	8	M. Goldstein OBE (President)	9
R.J. Crayden	8	E.G. White (Committee Ho. Secretary)	.8.

Sub Committee Meetings

Disciplinary 2

Administration Department:

Life Members & Vice Presidents 1
Rules 5

Competitions Department:

Calendar Working Party 3
County Championships 2
English Championships 7
National League 2
National Team Competitions 2
National Umpires & Referees 4
Tournaments 4

Selection/Coaching Department:

Coaching 2
Selection - Full Committee 2
- Ranking Panel 3
- Selection Panel 4

Development Department:

Development 2

Finance Department:

Fund Raising 2

Public Relations Department:

Public Relations 6