

ENGLISH TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at the Regent Crest Hotel,
London, on Saturday, 10th July 1982, commencing at 2.00 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. Reay, A.E. Upton, E.G. White, A.J.H. Wickens.

Vice Presidents

Mrs. E. Carrington, Messrs. C.A. Burden, J.H. Carrington, W.G. Goldfinch,
J.M. McDonnell, K.T.O. Ponting, J. Siddron, A.G. Steggall.

Accredited Representatives: Counties

Avon (Mr. M.W.J. Lewis), Bedfordshire (Mr. G. Hammond), Buckinghamshire
(Mr. B.R.J. Webb), Cambridgeshire (Mr. E.S. Day), Cleveland (Mr. A.E. Ransome),
Cornwall (Mrs. A.P. Archdale), Devonshire (Mr. K.T.O. Ponting), Essex
(Mr. A. Shepherd), Gloucestershire (Mr. L.J. Smith), Hampshire (Mr. B.P. Lamerton),
Hertfordshire (Mr. R.G. Bridges), Kent (Mr. C. Wright), Lancashire (Mr. A.E. Upton),
Lincolnshire (Mr. W.V. Moran), Middlesex (Mrs. D.M. Stannard),
Northamptonshire (Mr. K.J. Marchant), Northumberland (Mr. A. Drapkin),
Oxfordshire (Mr. J.A. Denbow), Staffordshire (Mr. G.C. Williamson),
Surrey (Mr. J.A.J. Dawson), Warwickshire (Mr. S. Parr), Worcestershire
(Mr. D. Young), Yorkshire (Mr. A.M. Ross).

Accredited Representatives: Leagues

Barnets & District (Mr. J.M. Barnes), Hastings (Mr. C.T. Hyland),
High Wycombe (Mr. B.R.J. Webb), London Business Houses (Mr. M.J. Loveder),
London Civil Service (Mr. H. Friedlaender), Reading (Mr. J. Freeman),
Wembley & Harrow (Mr. M. Close).

Other Members

Messrs. J. Freeman, P. Roden (Tournaments Committee) Mr. D.I. Whiteside (County
Championships Committee), Mr. D.A. Lomas (Public Relations Committee/E.S.T.T.A.),
Mr. F.M. Jarvis (Devon), Mr. K. Muhr (Middlesex), Mr. M. Williams (Bedfordshire),
Miss D.L. Moors (London Civil Service), Mrs. A.E. Reeve (Wembley/Harrow),
Mr. G. Walsh (Wembley Harrow)

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)

The Chairman, Mr. T. Blunn, welcomed all delegates to the meeting and in
particular welcomed Mr. J. Siddron, who was one of the first E.T.T.A. General
Secretaries. He felt that there was nothing too contraversial on the agenda
and hoped for a happy meeting. He referred to the Diamond Jubilee Celebration
Dinner taking place that evening to mark the 60th Anniversary of the E.T.T.A.
and looked forward to meeting many of the delegates there.

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1. REPORT OF STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE

Mr. A. Drapkin (Treasurer) moved the adoption of the report (document 986/1/AW). Agreed.

2. STANDING ORDERS

Standing Orders as circulated (document 987/1/AW) were adopted.

3. TELLERS

It was proposed, seconded and agreed that Miss D.L. Moors and Mrs. A.E. Reeve be appointed Tellers for the meeting.

4. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

4.1. Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. P. Hyde, A.K. Vint O.B.E., K. Watts, L.S. Woollard, J.M. Wright (Hon. Life Members), Mrs. N. Vint, Messrs. F. Briggs, A.D. Brook, L.R.J. Constable, I.R. Crickmer, L.W. Jones, D.R. Tremayne, D.N. Tyler (Vice Presidents), Mrs. J.D. Love, Mrs. E. Preat, Messrs. T.G. Felton, D.J. Moss, H.G. Stevens (Councillors), Messrs. L.A. Chatwin, A.J. Hobday (National Umpires & Referees Committee), Mr. J. Zenthon (Disciplinary Committee), Derbyshire, Isle of Wight, Suffolk, Worcestershire (County Associations), Brighton, Harlow, Manchester (Leagues), Mr. K.J. Turner (Directly Affiliated Individual), Mr. E.J. Mitchell (English Schools).

4.2. The Chairman referred to the absence of the Hon. Ivor Montagu and Mr. A.K. Vint O.B.E. due to ill-health, and the meeting joined him in sending best wishes to them both. The meeting was shown an illuminated address prepared for presentation to the Hon. Ivor Montagu at the Jubilee Dinner that evening, which would now be taken to his home. The General Secretary read out the text of the address, prepared by Mr. A.K. Vint O.B.E. The meeting applauded the quality of the message and the artistry of Mr. S. Camburn's penmanship.

5. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD 11TH JULY 1981 (Document 816/1/RJS)

Mr. W.G. Goldfinch proposed and Mr. A.E. Upton seconded that the minutes be signed as a true record, subject to the following amendment (Document 1011/1/AWS):

5.1. Page 4 - Item 8.1. - amend minute to read:

"Mr. M. Freeman (Cheshire) referred to the voting procedures and felt that two weeks was insufficient time for discussion and return of nomination and ballot papers. Mr. A.J.H. Wickens (Returning Officer) pointed out that although the Rules prescribed a period of 14 days for return of Nomination Papers they did not lay down a period for return of ballot papers - that was decided by the National Council. 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."

6. MATTERS ARISING

None

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

Mr. Goldstein extended a welcome to everybody. He said that he wished to add his personal thanks for the financial recovery over only two years, to the Chairman, Deputy Chairman, Treasurer, the rest of the Management team, the professional staff and to all others who had contributed so successfully. He felt that the image of the game had not developed as the majority would have wished and blamed the multitude of new rubbers for lack of spectacle. No other sport had that kind of equipment problem and for the good of the game he hoped solutions could be found.

7. REPORT OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

7.1. The meeting considered the printed report circulated. The following points arose in the course of discussion:-

7.1.1. New Facilities Scheme (para 3) - The General Secretary asked members to alter the last line to read "Several other development grants have been given by the Sports Council including a participation grant for a training centre in West Somerset."

7.1.2. Official Magazine (para 9) - Mr. A. Shepherd (Essex) felt that there was no real effort made to distribute the magazine at major tournaments. Mr. G.R. Yates replied that a sub-committee had been formed to examine problems like this, and already advertisements for agents had proved successful. He report that the magazine "Table Tennis" by Marsh Publications had now ceased; extra readers and advertisers, hopefully, would come to "Table Tennis News",

7.1.3. Ranking (para 15) - In reply to a question from Mr. Friedlaender (London Civil Service) Mr. R.J. Crayden (Vice Chairman) elaborated on the basis for ranking and advised that at the beginning of each season the Selection Committee published details on what system ranking would be decided.

7.1.4. County Championships (para 24) - Mr. S. Parr, on behalf of the County Championships Committee, reported that the Leslie Forrest Memorial Trophy for the 1981/82 season had been presented to Mr. K.T.O. Ponting (Devon).

7.1.5. National League (para 25) - Mr. T. Blunn (Chairman) reported that a sponsorship deal for the National League would be announced shortly. He urged all members of the National League to give value for money to the sponsors.

7.1.6. National League and Club Knock-Out Competitions (para 26)

7.1.6.1. Mr. A.E. Upton (Lancs) expressed sympathy for the recent personal family problems endured by Mr. K.T.O. Ponting and said that the E.T.T.A. were indebted to him for carrying on as the Administrator.

7.1.6.2. Mr. K.T.O. Ponting reported that the results for the National League and Club Knock-Out Competition for season 1981/82 were as follows:

- Wilmott Cup - Final between Preston & Poole to be arranged
- Rose Bowl - Preston
- Carter Cup - Thames Valley
- Bromfield Trophy - Bishops Stortford
- Ormesby Cup - VRS Stiga
- Gainsford Cup - Ellenborough

7.1.7. Individual Subscriptions (para 38) - Mr. E.G. White (Secretary to Management Committee) referred to Appendix 9 on page 32 and invited discussion. Mr. A.M. Ross (Yorkshire) felt that the main reason of personal subscription should be to increase contact with grass roots rather than income. Mr. R.J. Crayden (Vice Chairman) felt that the two would go hand in hand.

7. REPORT OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (continued)

- 7.1.8. Sponsorship (para 39) - Mr. A. Shepherd (Essex) referred to the imminent sponsorship of the National League and sought assurance that equal steps were being taken to obtain sponsorship for County Championships. In reply Mr. T. Blunn (Chairman) said that possible sponsors were always offered the County Championships in the package, and two possible sponsorships were in the course of negotiation.
- 7.1.9. Obituary (para 41) - Mr. T. Blunn reported that the names of Mr. E. Fairhead (ex National Councillor for Norfolk) and Mr. A.R.E. Richens (General Secretary of Somerset) were sadly to be added to the printed list.
- 7.1.10. Incorporation (para 42) - Mr. T. Blunn (Chairman) referred to the proposal by Essex T.T.A., agreed at the 1981 A.G.M., that the E.T.T.A. proceed with incorporation as quickly as possible. Due to the complex and serious nature of the change matters might seem to be taking a long time. The financial implications had now been fully explored and no longer appeared to constitute a barrier, and solicitors had now been instructed to proceed along lines agreed by National Council.
- 7.1.11. Discipline (para 44) - Mr. A. Shepherd (Essex) asked whether possible rule changes could be considered to enable umpires to impose immediate penalties as practised in tennis. In reply Mr. C.J. Clemett (Vice Chairman) said that the I.T.T.F. were actively considering intermediate penalties and hoped to submit new proposals by next year.
- 7.1.12. Sub-Committee Meetings (Appendix 1, Table 4) - Mr. E.G. White (Hon. Secretary, Management Committee) reported that in accordance with wishes expressed at the 1981 A.G.M. both the number of meetings for the current season up to 31st May and those for the twelve months of the previous season were shown.
- 7.2. Adoption of Report - Mr. A.E. Upton (Lancashire) moved and Mr. C. Wright (Kent) seconded the adoption of the Management Committee Report. Agreed. Thanks were accorded to Mr. E.G. White for producing such an excellent report.

8. REPORT OF ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN, DEPUTY CHAIRMAN AND TREASURER FOR SEASON 1982/83

- 8.1. Mr. T. Blunn (Chairman) thanked the members for their confidence in re-electing him and his team.
- 8.2. Document 957/23/AW was noted.

9. REPORT OF APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMEN FOR SEASON 1982/83

- 9.1. Document 959/23/RJS was noted.

10. REPORT OF ELECTION OF NATIONAL COUNCILLORS FOR SEASON 1982/83

- 10.1. Mr. A.J.H. Wickens (Returning Officer) reported that official documentation had now been received from Huntingdonshire T.T.A. and Mr. K.S. Chamberlain had been re-elected Councillor for Huntingdonshire. This report modified document 990/23/AW dated 25.6.82., which was noted.
- 10.2. The General Secretary reported that he understood an election for National Councillor had been held by Cheshire T.T.A., but documentation was still awaited.
- 10.3. Mr. M. Goldstein OBE (President) thanked those Councillors who had retired for all their hard work :-
Mrs. J. Zeiske (Kent), Mr. P. D'Arcy (Cheshire) and Mr. P. Roden (Essex)

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

11. REPORT OF THE TREASURER, REPORT OF THE AUDITORS AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 1982

- 11.1. Mr. A. Drapkin reported that the accounts were still subject to audit, but the accuracy of the figures had been checked and the Auditors had no questions to raise so far from their examination of the books. Although income had increased, so had expenditure, but he was pleased to report a healthy surplus. This had been achieved by a lot of hard work from everybody, which must continue to consolidate the current situation. He then gave supplementary explanations and invited questions.
- 11.2. In reply to a question from Mr. A.E. Upton (Life Member) the Treasurer said that in his opinion the amount provided to date for the Lease Suspense account was sufficient.
- 11.3. Mr. J. Freeman (Reading) pointed out that it was not accurate to claim full financial recovery over the last two years. The Treasurer agreed that the aggregate of the two surpluses (£35,358) fell marginally short of the 1979/80 deficit (£39,285) but felt that no one had been misled.
- 11.4. Mr. S. Parr (Warwicks) drew attention to an inaccuracy in the International Activities page of the Annual Accounts and the meeting noted that the venue of the friendly match v France was Mansfield and not Nuneaton.
- 11.5. In reply to a question from Mr. W.V. Moran (Lincs) the Treasurer said that although the Sheffield League had taken out insurance against possible loss the E.T.T.A. expenses were not covered. The Sports Council had been asked to grant aid this loss. Mr. W.V. Moran felt that failing this the E.T.T.U. should be approached for compensation.
- 11.6. The Chairman referred to the large stock of tables being held at the moment and asked members to publicise the table hire scheme and the special cash price offer.
- 11.7. Mr. A.E. Upton (Lancs) proposed and Mr. W.V. Moran (Lincs) seconded that the accounts for 1981/82 be accepted. Carried nem con. The meeting expressed its appreciation of the competent work of the Hon. Treasurer.
- 11.8. Mr. D.A. Lomas (Public Relations Committee) asked if the Report of the Auditors was available. The Chairman regretted that a letter from the Auditors had not been requested and their report was not yet available. He gave assurance that a completed signed Auditor's Report had been given for last year's audited accounts.
- 11.9. The Chairman referred to the World Championships held in 1977 and the loss made. Publication of the final accounts for the Championships had been requested and the balance would now be written off. He detailed the history of the debt and of the decisions taken to meet it. Out of the original five, two annual debt repayments of £10,000 to Birmingham Corporation now remained. He stressed that the whole of the loss on the World Championships had been paid by the membership by utilising the first two years of the World Championship Guarantee Fund, which amounted to £50,000 plus approx. £23,000 received in bank interest over the five-year period. He gave assurance that any future World Championships held in England would be totally underwritten by sponsorship.

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 were as in the booklet "Rules 1981-82" issued in January 1982.

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12.1. PROPOSITION No. 1

Amend Rule 12.1. - Delete "honorary" from before "Officers"; add sentence at end "All Officers shall be honorary"

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

12.2. PROPOSITION No. 2

Amend Rules 4.1.13., 21.4., 30.3., 30.3.1. and 30.3.3. - for "Permit Member" substitute "Permit Holder"

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

12.3. PROPOSITION No. 3

Amend Rule 17.10.3. - for "sanction" substitute "authorise"
Amend Rule 29.9.2. - for "sanction" substitute "authorisation"
Amend Rule 30.6.1. - for "sanction" substitute "permission"
Amend Rule 30.6.2. - for "sanction" substitute "permission"
Amend Rule 30.6.4. - for "sanction" substitute "permission"
Amend Rule 35.3. - for "sanction" substitute "authorisation"

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

12.4. PROPOSITION No. 4

Delete Rule 4.1.16.

Add new rules -

7.2.1.5. Exceptionally, a Local League affiliating for the first time and conducting annually a single league competition which begins in one E.T.T.A. season not earlier than 30 April and ends in the next E.T.T.A. season, shall pay in respect of the initial part-season affiliation, effective from 1 May, a sum of twelve fee units. This sum shall cover any number of divisions and teams, team of any size, any clubs not participating in the league competition and any additional fee which might otherwise be payable under Rule 7.2.1.4.

7.2.1.6. If a Local League conducts two or more league competitions at different periods of the year, then the number of fee units payable shall relate to that date in the E.T.T.A. season up to 15th November at which the greatest number is produced when the calculation described in Rule 7.4. is applied to all competitions in progress on that day."

Amend Rule 7.8. - Delete all after "except" in the second line and insert: "that upon affiliation for the first time or after a lapse the fees shall be paid within 28 days of the granting of the application."

Amend Rule 26.7.4. - Add at the end: "except that, during the part season for which it has enjoyed this concession, a Local League which has paid fees under the provisions of Rule 7.2.1.5. shall be entitled to five votes only, regardless of the number of teams in membership."

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

12.5. PROPOSITION No. 5

This proposition was withdrawn following an explanation by Mr. E.G. White (Honorary Secretary, National Council) that it had been submitted in error on behalf of National Council. The meeting agreed to consider Proposition No. 5A in its place.

12.5. (continued)

PROPOSITION No. 5A

Insert new rules

"22.4a. Any funds provided to individuals against contingent expenses on behalf of the Association shall be provided in the form of imprest accounts and shall be authorised by the Management Committee for specific purposes and subject to limits to be reviewed annually.

22.4b. Subject to the approval of the Management Committee, separate bank accounts may be opened for particular purposes provided all cheques, drafts etc. drawn on such an account shall require two signatories, one being an ETTA Officer and the second being specifically approved by the Management Committee."

Amend rule 22.3. - for "Rule 22.4." substitute "Rules 22.4., 22.4a and 22.4b."

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

12.6. PROPOSITION No. 6

Amend Rule 29.3.2.3. - after "Local League" insert "affiliating newly or afresh and not coming within the scope of Rule 29.3.2.2."

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

12.7. PROPOSITION No. 7

Amend Rule 8.1. - Delete "or Councillors"

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

12.8. PROPOSITION No. 8

Amend Rule 13.1. - at the end of the first sentence add "and of all County Associations"

Amend Rule 14.1. - for "1st February" substitute "1st January"

Amend Rule 14.2. - after "Local League" insert "on the Electoral Register"

Amend Rule 14.3. - for "not later than 14 days after the issue of nomination papers" substitute "by a date decided by the National Council being not earlier than the fourteenth day after the issue of nomination papers, nor earlier than 15th February, and not later than 1st March."

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

12.9. PROPOSITION No. 9

Amend Rule 31.4. to read "Any member of the committee having an interest in a matter to be discussed must declare that interest as soon as he is aware of it, and must not be present during the transaction of that business"

Mr. E.G. White (Honorary Secretary, National Council) moved and indicated that the National Council was prepared to accept the Liverpool amendment.

AMENDMENT No. 1 to PROPOSITION No. 9 (proposed on behalf of Liverpool League)

Between the words "present" and "during" insert "in his capacity as a member of the Disciplinary Committee"

Mr. A.E. Upton moved the amendment to the Proposition on behalf of the Liverpool League, Mr. A.M. Ross (Yorkshire) seconded, and the amendment was carried nem con.

The proposition, as amended, was then carried nem con.

12.10. PROPOSITION No. 10

Amend Rule 31.6. to read "The decision made by the Disciplinary Committee shall not be confidential"

Mr. E.G. White (Honorary Secretary, National Council) moved the proposition and discussion followed.

Mr. A. Shepherd (Essex) felt that the word "decision" should be "decisions" or be preceded by the word "any". Mr. E.G. White replied that the Rules Committee had deliberately used the word "decision" but on their behalf he was happy to accept either word amendment to the proposition.

Mr. H. Friedlaender sought clarification as to who was informed of the decision. Mr. E.G. White replied that all those people directly concerned were informed as soon as possible. There was no intention of changing the principle, merely to remove any ambiguity of the word "published". The proposition was carried on a show of hands.

12.11. PROPOSITION No. 11

Replace existing Rule 32 by the following -

32. APPEALS

32.1. Except as provided by Rules 32.2. and 32.3. -

32.1.1. Any Member or affiliated club aggrieved by a decision or action of a Local League, or a Committee, Officer or official of such League or by neglect or refusal to do something which such organisation or person is under a duty to do may appeal against any such decision, action, neglect or refusal to the County Association to which such Local League is affiliated, or if there be no such County Association, to the National Council of the ETTA

32.1.1.1. An appeal to a County Association against a Local League decision must be dismissed if it is found that the decision (a) has been taken under a clear provision of a rule or regulation of that Local League (b) is not in conflict with ETTA or County Rules or Regulations (c) was reached in accordance with any provisions of the Local League as to procedure and (d) was reached in accordance with the principles of natural justice

32.1.2. Any Member, affiliated club or Local League aggrieved by a decision or action of a County Association or a Committee, Officer or official of such Association or by neglect or refusal to do something which such organisation or person is under a duty to do may appeal against any such decision, action neglect or refusal to the ETTA Board of Appeal

32.1.3. Any Member, affiliated club, Local League, or County Association aggrieved by a decision or action of the ETTA, or the National Council, or a Committee, Officer or official of the ETTA, or by neglect or refusal to do something which such organisation or person is under a duty to do may appeal against any such decision, action, neglect or refusal to the ETTA Board of Appeal

32.2. There shall be no right of appeal in respect of -

32.2.1. the conduct of a competition conducted under the International Table Tennis Federation's Regulations for International Competitions except as specified in those Regulations

32.2.2. selection or non-selection by the ETTA, or inclusion in or exclusion or removal from any team or squad, training, coaching or trials whether as a player or otherwise

32.2.3. the decision of an Appeal by the ETTA Board of Appeal

32.2.4. any decision reached or penalty imposed by the Disciplinary Committee

12.11. (continued)

32.2.5. any action taken by the Chairman of the Disciplinary Committee under Rule 31.13.

32.3. Unless the appeal is in respect of refusal or neglect to exercise jurisdiction which there is a duty to exercise, or improper exercise of such jurisdiction, or action beyond the limits of appropriate jurisdiction, there shall be no right of appeal in respect of -

32.3.1. the conduct of a domestic competition managed by a committee or sub-committee or officials of the ETTA, except as may be specified in the Regulations governing that competition and published in or with the entry form for that competition

32.3.2. the decision by a County Association or the National Council of an appeal under Rule 32.1.1.

32.4. The rights of appeal given by Rule 32.1. to a Member or affiliated organisation shall be extended to enable a person or organisation refused affiliation to appeal against such refusal (provided that no other right of appeal is given by ETTA Rules), and a person or organisation expelled from membership or whose affiliation is terminated to appeal against such expulsion

32.5. Any appeal under Rule 32.1. shall be made in writing to the General Secretary of the County Association or ETTA as appropriate within 21 days of notification of the decision or action appealed against, and shall be accompanied by a fee of £5 in the case of an individual or £15 in the case of an organisation, which shall be returned if the adjudicating body consider the making of an appeal to have been justified (whatever the result)

32.6. Either party to any Appeal under Rule 32.1. shall be entitled to require a Hearing before the adjudicating body. Any party may be represented at a Hearing provided the adjudicating body is notified in advance of the intention to be represented

32.7. An appeal shall be deemed to be pending from the time notice of appeal is received by the General Secretary of the ETTA or of the County Association as appropriate until the time it is decided

32.8. While an appeal is pending the decision or action appealed against shall not have effect except a decision to refuse an application or not to take action which decision shall have effect

32.9. In every case the person or body against whom the appeal is made shall endeavour to secure that if the appeal is upheld the situation can as far as possible be restored as if the decision or action appealed against had never been taken or done

32A. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

The Rules of the Association being sufficient to enable the National Council, as the governing body of the game of Table Tennis in England, or the Board of Appeal to deal with all cases of dispute, legal proceedings shall be taken only as a last resort, after the full procedure laid down by these Rules and any Regulations made thereunder shall have been followed through

32B. PUBLICATION OF REPORTS OF PROCEEDINGS etc.

The Association shall be entitled to publish in the public press, or in any other manner it shall think fit, reports of its proceedings, acts and resolutions, whether the same shall or shall not reflect upon the character or conduct of any league, club or Member, and every such league, club or Member shall be deemed to have assented to such publication."

12.11. PROPOSITION No. 11 (continued)

Mr. E.G. White (Honorary Secretary, National Council) moved the proposition and explained the problems which the changes aimed to deal with. In the discussion which followed, Mr. A. Shepherd (Essex) regretted that the proposals perpetuated limitations in the rights of appeal. The proposition was carried nem con.

12.12. PROPOSITION No. 12

Amend Rule 29.10.1. - for "Such suspension shall be enforced by all bodies in that county, but shall operate only within the jurisdiction of that County Association," substitute "Such suspension shall operate throughout the jurisdiction of the County Association but not beyond it,"

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

12.13. PROPOSITION No. 13 (proposed by Hertfordshire TTA)

Mr. R.G. Bridges (Herts) withdrew the proposition after receiving assurances from representatives of Middlesex T.T.A.

12.14. PROPOSITION No. 14 (Proposed by Buckinghamshire County TTA)

Amend Rule 14.2. to read "Each County Association or Local League shall be entitled to submit one Nomination Paper which must contain a nominee for each Office to be filled"

Add new rule "14.3.3. contain a nomination for each Office to be filled"

Amend Rule 14.4. to read "No nomination will be effective unless the same team of nominees is named in at least two valid nomination papers, and each nominee has lodged with the Nominations Officer not later than the closing date for nominations under Rule 14.3.2. a signed Consent to Nomination consenting to be nominated with each of the other nominees named in the same nomination paper"

Amend Rule 14.4a to read "A person may lodge more than one Consent to Nomination thereby consenting to be nominated in company with different co-nominees"

Amend Rule 14.5. by deleting "for any of these Offices"

Add new rule "14.5a. The ballot paper shall provide for a vote to be in favour of a team consisting of one nominee for each Office to be filled"

Mr. B.R.J. Webb (Bucks) referred to difficulties experienced in 1982 and moved the proposition. Mr. A. Shepherd (Essex), Mr. C. Burden (Kent) and Mr. H. Friedlaender (London Civil Service) spoke against the proposition. On being put to the vote the motion was defeated on a show of hands, with one for.

12.15. PROPOSITION No. 15 (proposed by Buckinghamshire County T.T.A.)

Amend Rule 12.4. by deleting "Deputy Chairman, Treasurer"

Amend Rule 14 (heading) by deleting "DEPUTY CHAIRMAN, TREASURER"

Delete Rule 15.9.

Amend Rule 15.10. by substituting "six" for "other five" and deleting "One Vice-Chairman ... 16.3."

Amend Rule 16.1. by deleting "other than Vice-Chairman (Finance)"

Amend Rule 16.2. as follows: for "five" substitute "six"; after "15.10." insert "and one Vice-Chairman without departmental responsibility"; delete "or an Officer other than the Deputy Chairman"

12.15. PROPOSITION No. 15 (continued)

Delete Rule 16.3.

Amend Rule 16.4. as follows: in third line for "Department" substitute "of the six Departments"; in fourth line, after "following season" insert "and of one person whom the Chairman-elect intends to nominate as Vice-Chairman without departmental responsibility"; delete "if the Deputy Chairman ... responsibility"

Insert new rule

"16A. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN

After the appointment of Vice-Chairmen under Rule 16.5. the National Council shall elect one of the Vice-Chairmen to be Deputy Chairman who shall take precedence next after the Chairman"

Before putting the proposition the amendment No. 1 was agreed.

Amendment No. 1 to PROPOSITION No. 15 (proposed on behalf of High Wycombe League)
In the first line of the section dealing with Rule 16.4. after "Department" insert "(except Finance)"

Mr. B.R.J. Webb (Bucks) moved and the proposition, as amended, was defeated on a show of hands, with one for.

12.16. PROPOSITION No. 16 (Proposed by Buckinghamshire County TTA)

Amend Rule 17.3. as follows: For "The Chairman, Deputy Chairman, Treasurer or General Secretary may not" substitute "No Officer may"

Mr. B.R.J. Webb (Bucks) moved and the proposition was defeated on a show of hands. A block vote was requested, which resulted in 6661 votes for and 3786 against. Under Rule 26.8. the Chairman accordingly declared the motion not carried.

13. ADOPTION OF LAWS FOR THE SEASON 1982/83

13.1. MOTION A (Document 989/1/CC)

That the E.T.T.A. adopt the I.T.T.F. Laws of Table Tennis as printed in the current I.T.T.F. Handbook for the season 1982/83.

Mr. C.J. Clemett (Vice Chairman) reported that the biennial meeting of the I.T.T.F. Council was not due until 1983, and therefore the Laws remained the same as last season. He moved and the proposition was carried nem con.

14. ELECTION OF PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENTS

14.1. The Chairman paid tribute to the loyalty and dignity of Mr. M. Goldstein OBE in the way he represented the Association and on behalf of the National Council had great pleasure in nominating him for a further three-year term of office as President. Mr. M. Goldstein accepted to applause.

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

Mrs. E. Carrington	Mrs. A. Jones	Mrs. N. Vint
J. Carrington	R. Constable	I.R. Crickmer
W. Evans	C. Jaques	P. Marks
M.D. Shaffner	P. Smith	A.G. Steggall
D.N. Tyler		

14. ELECTION OF PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENTS (continued)

14.3. 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-President:-

Mr. K. Marchant

Mr. K. Marchant was present to accept his badge from the Chairman and expressed his pleasure at the honour.

14.3.1. Mr. H. Friedlaender (London Civil Service) proposed, and Mr. G.C. Williamson (Staffordshire) seconded, that the list of Vice-Presidents should be included in the Annual Report of the Management Committee. On a show of hands the proposition was defeated.

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

The Chairman expressed the Association's thanks for the work of the Standing Orders Committee. Mr. A.E. Upton (Lancs) proposed that Mr. A.J.H. Wickens, the retiring member, be elected. Agreed.

17. ELECTION OF AUDITORS

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

18. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

18.1. IVOR MONTAGU AWARD.

The Chairman presented this award for 1981/82 to Mr. D.I. Whiteside for his work as Chairman of the County Championships Committee, and especially for his fortitude and resourcefulness in bad-weather conditions as hospitality co-ordinator at the 1982 Norwich Union English Open at Crawley. Mr. D.I. Whiteside suitably replied.

18.2. MALCOLM SCOTT AWARD

The President presented this award for 1981/82 to Mr. A. Drapkin for his outstanding contribution to the Association's affairs as Treasurer. The presentation was greeted with acclaim and Mr. A. Drapkin expressed his gratitude.

18.3. Mr. K. Muhr (Middlesex) referred to the part that sport could play for the unemployed, and urged that the E.T.T.A. should launch a special campaign. Mr. A.E. Ransome (Vice-Chairman) reported that the matter was already being considered by Regional Development Councils, but agreed to pursue it further.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance.

The meeting closed at 5.05 p.m.
