

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at the Bloomsbury Crest Hotel, London, on Saturday, 9th July 1983, 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

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

Hon. Life Members

Messrs. P. Hyde, L.F. Landry, A.E. Upton, K. Watts, A.J.H. Wickens

Vice Presidents

Mrs. E. Carrington, Messrs. A.D. Brook, J.H. Carrington, H.T. Edwards, B.G. Fretwell, W.G. Goldfinch, L.W. Jones, J.M. McDonnell, K.T.O. Ponting, A.G. Steggall.

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. D. Schofield), Cleveland (Mr. C. Davison), Cornwall (Mrs. A.P. Archdale), Derbyshire (Mr. A.G. Morgan), Devonshire (Mr. K.T.O. Ponting), Essex (Mr. B.R. Granger), Gloucestershire (Mr. L.J. Smith), Hampshire (Mr. H. Albery), Hertfordshire (Mr. H.G. Stevens), Isle of Wight (Mr. J. Prean), Kent (Mr. T.S. Openshaw), Lancashire (Mr. A.E. Upton), Lincolnshire (Mr. W.V. Moran), Middlesex (Mr. M. Close), Northamptonshire (Mr. K.J. Marchant), Northumberland (Mr. A. Drapkin), Nottinghamshire (Mr. J. Collen), Oxfordshire (Mr. B.J. Osborne), Shropshire (Mr. T.G. Felton), Staffordshire (Mr. G.C. Williamson), Suffolk (Mrs. J.D. Love), Surrey (Mr. P.G. Brennan), Sussex (Mr. B.G. Fretwell), Warwickshire (Mr. M. Goldstein OBE), Wiltshire (Mr. D.M. Parsons), Worcestershire (Mr. D.J. Moss), Yorkshire (Mr. A.M. Ross)

Accredited Representatives (Non-County)

London Business Houses (Mr. M.J. Loveder)

Accredited Representatives (Leagues)

Aldershot (Mr. B.J. Rowley), Bath (Mr. E.N. Wynn), Brighton (Mr. D. Waite), Bristol (Mrs. J.L. Watts), Hastings (Mr. C.T. Hyland), Launceston (Mrs. A.P. Archdale), London Civil Service (Miss D.L. Moors), North Herts (Mr. N. Hurford), North Middlesex (Mr. R. Rockall), Nuneaton (Mr. S. Parr), Poole (Mr. H.A.W. Postlethwaite), Reading (Mr. J. Freeman), Slough (Mr. G. Trimming), Stockton (Mr. C. Davison), Wembley/Harrow (Mr. G. Walsh), Weston-Super-Mare (Mrs. A.P. Archdale)

Other Members

Mr. P.A. Charters (Chairman, Selection Committee), Messrs. B.E. Spicer, J. Woodford (Public Relations Committee), Messrs. A.S. Duke, J. Freeman, D.A. Young (Tournaments Committee), Mr. M.J. Williams (Bedfordshire), Mr. P.J. Roden (Essex), Mr. B.P. Lamerton (Hampshire), Mrs. E. Prean, Mr. C. Prean (Isle of Wight), Messrs. E. Todd, R. White (Harlow), Mr. P. Lauder (Romford), Mr. C. Baker (Thurrock), Miss D.L. Moors (Civil Service TTA), Mr. S. Andrew.

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In attendance

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).

Mr. M. Goldstein OBE (President) assumed the chair, in accordance with Standing Order 1.1., and welcomed all present.

1. REPORT OF STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE

Mr. A. Drapkin (Treasurer) moved the adoption of the report (document 1185/1/AW.) Agreed.

2. STANDING ORDERS

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

3. TELLERS

It was proposed, seconded and agreed that Mrs. E. Carrington and Mrs. A.E. Reeve be appointed Tellers for the meeting.

4. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

4.1. Apologies for absence were received from Mr. A.E. Ransome (Vice-Chairman Development), Messrs. I.R. Crickmer, G. James, J.P. Mulcahy, L.S. Woolford, J.M. Wright (Hon. Life Members) Messrs. F. Briggs, L.R.J. Constable, G.A. Owen, H.E. Pearce, P.W. Smith, D.N. Tyler, D.R. Tremayne (Vice-Presidents), Mr. M.W.J. Lewis (National Councillor), Mr. D.A. Lomas (Public Relations Committee).

4.2. The President asked the meeting to join him in sending good wishes to those in ill-health, particularly to Mr. A.K. Vint OBE and Mr. H. Larcombe (Reading).

5. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held 10TH JULY 1982 (Document 1030/1/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:

5.1. Page 1 - Attendance Other Members - amend the representation of Miss D.L. Moors to read "Civil Service TTA".

6. MATTERS ARISING

None

7. REPORT OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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

7.1.1. Development (paras 1 - 4) - Mr. A.M. Ross (Yorkshire/Humberside RDA) drew attention to the financial help obtainable from the Sports Council regionally, but advised that grants would not be available forever. Mr. B.J. Rowley (Sussex) asked about progress nationally on development, and instanced a National Training Centre. Mr. T. Blunn (Chairman) replied that provision of a National Training Centre had been sought after for years, and was still a priority. Current thoughts were for more than one Centre, and were included in a revised Development plan for Table Tennis to 1990. Major discussions were currently taking place with the Sports Council and the Manpower Services Commission, and a report would be made to the July National Council meeting.

7. REPORT OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (continued)

- 7.1.2. Television (para 6) - Mr. B.J. Osborne (Oxfordshire) felt that TV coverage and presentation were sadly deficient, and regretted the lack of visual aid available to coaches. Mr. N.K. Reeve (Vice-Chairman) advised that presentation depended largely on the TV Companies, but repeated requests for improvement were leading to more E.T.T.A. involvement. Table Tennis had been one of the first sports to contact Channel 4 TV, but found little interest. Discussions were taking place with a Video Film Company.
- 7.1.3. Official Magazine (para 7) - Mr. G.R. Yates (Editor) advised that there would be a change of printer from October 1983. He deplored the low circulation in relation to membership, and urged more support. Mr. M.J. Loveder (London Business Houses) felt that appeal would be wider if occasionally lower levels of play were included. Mr. G.R. Yates asked for more contributions as he could only print what leagues submitted.
- 7.1.4. Public Relations (para 9.2.) - Mr. A.M. Ross (Yorkshire) urged early implementation of the programme of meeting the members in the regions. Mr. N.K. Reeve (Vice-Chairman) referred to the work-load of the Development Officer, but promised to try to meet requests for meetings in the forthcoming season.
- 7.1.5. World Championships (para 10.5.) - Mr. T. Blunn (Chairman) referred to the 37th World Championships held recently in Tokyo. He had been very proud of the England team, the youngest ever, and helped by a fantastic team spirit they had achieved the best results for 35 years.
- 7.1.6. Selection (para 10.7) - Mr. R.J. Crayden (Vice-Chairman) reported that Mrs. C. (Knight) Moore had reconsidered her retirement and was now playing again.
- 7.1.7. Europe Top 12 (para 22) - Mr. T. Blunn (Chairman) referred to the excellent organisation of this tournament by the Cleveland County Council and Cleveland TTA. The E.T.T.U. had been very impressed, but he regretted that T.V. companies had declined to cover the event.
- 7.1.8. County Championships (para 24.5) - Mr. E.N. Wynn (Avon) reported that exception had been taken to this paragraph as it could be construed as unfair criticism. The event had taken place at very short notice and had clashed with other local events. Mrs. J.L. Watts (Bristol) said that although the event had been staged in Bristol they had not organised it. Following further discussion the meeting agreed that although the report was factually correct, the shortage of umpires was no reflection on Bristol and District League.
- 7.1.9. County Championships (para 24.8) - Mr. L.J. Smith, on behalf of the County Championships Committee, reported that the Leslie Forrest Memorial Trophy for the 1982/83 season had been presented to Mr. L. Pilditch.
- 7.1.10. National League and Club Knock-out Competitions (para 26) - Mr. K.T.O. Ponting (Secretary) reported that the 1982/83 Finals of these competitions had been held with results as follows:-
 - Wilmott Cup - North Middlesex beat Chesterfield 5 - 1
 - J.M. Rose Bowl - Leicester beat Swindon 5 - 3
 - Carter Cup - Wolverhampton beat Plymouth 5 - 1
 - Bromfield Trophy - Wolverhampton beat North Middlesex 5 - 0
 - Ormesby Cup - Heathcote beat Woodfield 5 - 2
 - Gainsford Cup - Thorn EMI Ellenborough beat Four Ts 5 - 1
- 7.1.11. Commonwealth Championships (para 32) - Mr. T. Blunn (Chairman) reported that England had been asked to stage the 1985 Commonwealth Championships. No commitment had so far been entered into; TV coverage was vital to finance the event, but no firm guarantees had been obtainable. Isle of Man and Jersey were being contacted for their interest.

7. REPORT OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (continued)

- 7.1.12. Sponsorship (para 38) - Mr. M. Goldstein (President) proposed the Association's thanks to the major financial supporters and to those who had worked hard to obtain sponsorship. Two more sponsorships would be announced shortly.
- 7.1.13. Honours (para 39) - Mr. E.G. White (Vice-Chairman) advised that the book in which the Roll of Honour was being inscribed was available for inspection at the meeting and that pages recording names of those who died in 1981 and 1982 had been prepared. Any views or suggestions as to the style of entries would be welcomed.
- 7.1.14. Victor Barna Award (para 39.5.) - Mr. T. Blunn (Chairman) reported that the Honours Committee had had little hesitation in awarding this honour to Carl Prean in recognition of his outstanding performance at the 1983 Commonwealth and World Championships. Mr. C. Prean acknowledged the applause.
- 7.1.15. English Schools T.T.A. (para 40) - Mr. E.G. White (Vice-Chairman) reported that the E.S.T.T.A. 1983 A.G.M. had by a large majority voted in principle to proceed with affiliation to the E.T.T.A.
- 7.1.16. Incorporation (para 42) - Mr. T. Blunn (Chairman) reported that the specialist solicitor commissioned to undertake this work had proved to be slow, but incorporation preparation was proceeding.
- 7.1.17. Headquarters staff (para 46 renumbered) - Mr. T. Blunn (Chairman) referred to the loyalty and hard work of the staff, and the meeting added their appreciation.
- 7.2. Adoption of Report - Mr. A.E. Upton (Lancashire) moved and Mr. B.J. Osborne (Oxfordshire) 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 1983/84

- 8.1. Mr. T. Blunn (Chairman) thanked the members for their confidence in re-electing him and his team.
- 8.2. Document 1135/23/AW was noted.

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

9. REPORT OF APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMEN FOR SEASON 1983/84

- 9.1. Mr. T. Blunn (Chairman) paid tribute to Mr. R.J. Crayden who was retiring from the position of Vice-Chairman Selection/Coaching, after five years loyal service. He introduced his successor, Mr. P.A. Charters, to applause.
- 9.2. Document 1168/23/RJS was noted.

10. REPORT OF ELECTION OF COUNCILLORS FOR SEASON 1983/84

- 10.1. Mr. T. Blunn (Chairman) thanked those Councillors who had retired for all their hard work:-
Mr. C. Wright (Kent), Mr. G.A. Williamson (Oxfordshire) and Mr. A.M. Ross (Yorkshire)
- 10.2. Mr. A.J.H. Wickens (Returning Officer) reported that official documentation had now been received from Cheshire TTA and Huntingdonshire TTA, with Mr. D. Schofield elected Councillor for Cheshire and Mr. K.C. Chamberlain re-elected for Huntingdonshire. Warwickshire TTA had not been able to hold a meeting to elect their Councillor in the period allowed by rule. Mr. S. Par confirmed that a meeting had now taken place.

11. REPORT OF THE TREASURER, REPORT OF THE AUDITORS AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 1983

- 11.1. Mr. A. Drapkin reported that the Auditors had completed their audit of the accounts and their signed certification had been received. The Balance Sheet and the accounts had been circulated and he proposed giving a detailed explanation to help members. He felt that as it was the third year running that surplus had been achieved it was clear that financial stability had returned. He was not looking for a large surplus in 1983/84, merely consolidation. He then gave an itemised explanation.
- 11.2. In reply to a question from Mr. M.J. Loveder (London Business Houses) the Treasurer explained the procedure of applying to the Sports Council for Grand Aid in respect of international events.
- 11.3. Mr. B.P. Lamerton (Hampshire) drew attention to the difference in expenditure between some of the home European League matches. Mr. M.D. Watts (Deputy General Secretary) explained that travel and hotel costs varied.
- 11.4. Mr. A.E. Upton (Lancs) proposed and Mr. L.F. Landry (Hon. Life Member) seconded that the accounts for 1982/83 be accepted. Carried nem con.

12. ELECTION OF VICE-PRESIDENTS

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

Mrs. E. Betts	H. Flinton	J.M. McDonnell
F.E. Clay	C.C. Hames	D.D. Plowes
G.M. Daniels	T.M. Honey	Dr. D. Ryde MB BS FRCGP
H.T. Edwards	L.W. Jones	D.R. Tremayne

Mr. L.W. Jones and Mr. J.M. McDonnell spoke of their pleasure at being re-elected.

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

Mr. Emlyn Jones	Mr. H. Larcombe	Mr. J.C. McKim	Mr. D.J. Moss
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Messrs. E. Jones, J.C. McKim and D.J. Moss were present to accept their badges from the Chairman, and in turn expressed their pleasure at the honour. Mr. J. Freeman accepted the badge on behalf of Mr. H. Larcombe (Reading) who was unable to be present due to illness.

13. ELECTION OF HONORARY LIFE MEMBER

The meeting agreed to the award of Life Membership to Mr. K.T.O. Ponting (Devon) in recognition of his long service to the game, especially as Administrator of the National League and Club Knock-out Competitions, and more recently in firmly establishing the Halex National League. The President presented the Life Member badge and Mr. K.T.O. Ponting spoke of the enjoyment and friendships he had known over the years, and thanked his wife for her support.

14. ELECTION OF ONE MEMBER OF STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE

The Chairman expressed the Association's thanks for the work of the Standing Orders Committee. It was agreed that Mr. K. Watts, the retiring member, be re-elected.

15. ELECTION OF AUDITORS

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

16. AWARDS

16.1. IVOR MONTAGU AWARD

The Deputy Chairman presented this award for 1982/83 to Mr. A.M. Ross in recognition of his innovative contributions and his persistent advocacy of progressive ideas, remarking that this was the first time that the award had been made twice to the same person. Mr. A.M. Ross suitably replied.

16.2. MALCOLM SCOTT AWARD

The President presented this award for 1982/83 to Mr. R.J. Crayden for his varied services over very many years and for the good will he had generated. The presentation was greeted with acclaim and Mr. R.J. Crayden expressed his surprise and gratitude.

17. PROPOSED ALTERATION TO RULES (PROPOSED ON BEHALF OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED)

The Chairman reminded the meeting that the numbering and text for Rules for which amendments were proposed were as in the booklet "Rules 1982-83".

17.1. PROPOSITION No. 1 (proposed on behalf of Bristol and District TTA)

Add new Rule

"7.3.1.7. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, no league shall be required to pay more than 675 fee units in any season."

Mrs. J.L. Watts (Bristol) explained that the proposition was based on obtaining value for money in relation to the sums of money paid in affiliation fees by the larger leagues, and moved the proposition. The Treasurer spoke against an upper limit on fees. On being put to the vote the motion was heavily defeated on a show of hands and was declared lost. Motion 'A' therefore fell.

17.2. PROPOSITION No. 2 (proposed on behalf of Essex County TTA)

This proposition was withdrawn following an explanation by Mr. B.R. Granger that Essex had reconsidered and wished to withdraw.

17.3. PROPOSITION No. 3

Amend Rule 32.3.1. - after "payment" insert ", whether in money or any other form of reward"

Mr. E.G. White (Vice Chairman) moved and the proposition was carried with 1 against (Mr. J. Preat, Isle of Wight).

17.4. PROPOSITION No. 4

Amend Rule 32.14 to read -

"32.14. A Member shall not without good and sufficient cause

32.14.1. absent himself from the hearing of any allegation or appeal after having been requested with reasonable notice to attend; or

32.14.2. in connection with such an allegation or appeal refuse to answer any question if directed to answer by the chairman of the adjudicating body."

Mr. E.G. White (Vice-Chairman) moved and the proposition was carried with one against.

17. PROPOSED ALTERATION TO RULES (PROPOSED ON BEHALF OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED)

17.5. PROPOSITION No. 5

Amend Rule 32.4.2.3. - for "£350" substitute "£400"

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

17.6. PROPOSITION No. 6

Amend Rule 32.4.2.3. - for "(but not less" substitute "(being, except in the case of Junior or younger age group events, not less"

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

17.7. PROPOSITION No. 7

Amend Rule 32.4.2.1. and 32.4.2.2. - for "£200" substitute "£230"

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

18. ADOPTION OF LAWS FOR THE SEASON 1983/84

18.1. MOTION B (Document 1187/1/CJC)

THAT the Laws of Table Tennis applicable to all competitive play under ETTA jurisdiction as previously adopted be amended with effect from 9th July, as follows:*

3.4. The Racket

A side of the blade which is used for striking the ball ~~may be completely uncovered or may~~ shall be covered over the whole of the striking surface with one of the permitted covering materials, each layer of covering being of uniform thickness.

Before using a racket for the first time in a match and each time he changes his racket during a match a player shall show it to his opponent and the umpire and shall allow them to examine it.

3.6. A Good Service

The free hand and the racket shall be above the level of the playing surface from the last moment at which the ball is stationary on the palm of the free hand until the ball is struck in service.

When the ball is struck in service it shall be behind the server's end line or an imaginary extension thereof, but not farther back than the part of the server's body other than his arm, head or leg which is farthest from the net.

3.11. Unless the rally is a let, a player shall lose a point if, when he is serving, he or his partner stamps his foot.

3.13. A Match

A match shall consist of ~~five sets~~ the best of three games or the best of five games.

NOTE: *Deleted wording crossed through: ~~may~~ - new wording underlined: shall

Mr. C.J. Clemett (Vice-Chairman) referred to ETTA Rule No. 42.5 and explained the changes involved. After a full discussion, in which Mr. J. Prean (IOW) felt it wrong to adopt an ill-founded ITTF decision, lacking explanation, a proposition by Mr. G.C. Williamson (Staffordshire) and seconded by Mr. D.J. Moss (Worcestershire) to delete para 1 of 3.4. (The Racket) was defeated on a show of hands.

18. ADOPTION OF LAWS FOR THE SEASON 1983/84 (continued)

18.1. MOTION B (continued)

Mr. B.J. Osborne (Oxfordshire) proposed and Mr. A.E. Upton (Lancashire) seconded that the preamble to Motion B be extended by adding the words "but that this A.G.M. directs the National Council to authorise any Local League which wishes to do so to allow use of uncovered rackets in domestic play". Carried on a show of hands. Mr. C.J. Clemett moved the proposition, as amended by this motion. Carried on a show of hands.

18.2. MOTION C (Document 1187/1/CJC) (Proposed on behalf of Management Committee)

THAT the National Council be directed to apply the following regulation to open tournaments, County Championships, National League, National Team Knock-out Competitions and any other events covered by the ETTA computer ranking scheme, with effect from 1st January 1984.

"The two surfaces of the racket blade shall be of clearly different colours, whether or not both sides are used for striking the ball!"

Mr. C.J. Clemett (Vice-Chairman) explained that in putting this and the following Motion D on the Agenda, Management Committee was acting on behalf of the National Council, who had had no meeting between the ITTF decisions being known and the A.G.M. agenda being issued. A full discussion, in which assurances were given that coloured rubbers would be available for hard bat players, was brought to a close by acceptance of a motion that the question now be put : proposed by Mr. A.E. Upton (Lancs) and seconded by Mr. J. Freeman (Reading) Mr. C.J. Clemett responded to the debate and the proposition was carried on a show of hands.

18.3. MOTION D (Proposed on behalf of Management Committee)

THAT the National Council shall issue a direction that any County Association or Local League which so chooses may adopt the regulation contained in Motion 'C' for its own competitions, but so that no County Association shall have power to direct a Local League to adopt it for domestic competition.

Following discussion, Mr. C.J. Clemett (Vice-Chairman) moved and the proposition was carried on a show of hands.

19. INCOME INCREASE MOTIONS

19.1. MOTION E

THAT this Annual General Meeting agrees that measures are required which will bring about an increase in affiliation fee income beyond the inflationary adjustment provided for in Rule 7.4.

Mr. A. Drapkin (Treasurer) reminded the meeting that only by stringent controls and close monitoring had recent financial stability been achieved. A high proportion of future income was uncertain and dependent on uncontrollable factors. Affiliation fees remained seriously below what the Sports Council had indicated some seasons ago as the minimum membership contribution which they would regard as reasonable. This situation could well influence the Sports Council's view on future grant aid. This had to be seen against past levels of Sports Council help, both nationally and regionally. During the past year thousands of pounds had become available to Regions through the Sports Council and this ultimately benefited the grass-root players. A questionnaire to all leagues had produced a 29% response, the majority of which agreed in principle that an increase was necessary. He moved the proposition and discussion followed.

19. INCOME INCREASE MOTIONS

19.1. MOTION E (continued)

Mr. A.C. Williamson (Staffordshire) felt that there was need to raise more money even for the Association to stand still. Mr. A.M. Ross (Yorkshire) reported that he had been mandated to vote against any increase in fees. On being put to the vote the proposition was carried on a show of hands. A block vote was requested, which resulted in 9994 votes for and 5826 against. Under Rule 28.8. the Chairman accordingly declared the motion carried.

19.2. MOTION F

THAT this Annual General Meeting directs the National Council to propose at the 1984 Annual General Meeting Rule Change Propositions to produce an increase in Affiliation Fee income to the following principle(s) -

- (a) increasing the amount of the Fee Unit (see Rule 7.4.)
- (b) increasing the number of Fee Units payable per team for one more than the number of players in a team to two more (charging for two reserves per team instead of one)(see Rule 7.5.)
- (c) providing a type of Individual Membership at a substantial subscription, to be obligatory for any player wishing to play in certain prescribed types of competition (possibly every type of play other than Local League "domestic" matches); such Individual Membership to entitle to privileges such as receipt of "Table Tennis News" etc.

Mr. A. Drapkin (Treasurer) referred to the replies received to the questionnaire on raising income, and these indicated that there was very low support for alternative (b), and invited an amendment to delete Section (b). Mr. A.E. Upton (Lancashire) proposed and Mr. J. Freeman (Reading) seconded that section (b) be not deleted. Defeated on a show of hands. Agreed delete Section (b). Mr. P. Brennan (Surrey) proposed and Mr. J. Freeman (Reading) seconded amendment to delete section (c). Carried on a show of hands. Mr. A. Drapkin (Treasurer) moved and the proposition as amended (increasing the amount of fee unit (Rule 7.4.) was carried on a show of hands.

19.3. MOTION G

THAT this Annual General Meeting directs the National Council to propose at the 1984 Annual General Meeting a Motion under Rule 45.4. that the changes proposed in accordance with Motion 'F' shall take effect from the first day of Season 1984/85.

Mr. E.G. White (Vice-Chairman) explained that the discussion at the 1983 A.G.M. had the effect of giving a year's notice of an increase in subscriptions. In these circumstances, the provision of a year's delay before bringing into effect an increase approved at the 1984 A.G.M. seemed unnecessary. Motion G aimed to avoid that delay.

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

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance. The meeting closed at 6.35 p.m.