

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at the Charing Cross Hotel, London on Saturday 12th July 1986 commencing at 2.00 p.m.

**PRESENT** M Goldstein OBE (President), T Blunn (Chairman), G R Yates (Deputy Chairman), A Drapkin (Treasurer).

**Vice Chairmen**

D I Whiteside (Administration), C J Clemett (Competitions), A E Ransome (Development), P A Charters (Selection/Coaching)

**Hon. Life Members**

Messrs. R J Crayden, K T O Ponting, N K Reeve, A E Upton, K Watts, E G White, A J H Wickens.

**Vice Presidents**

C A Burden, H T Edwards, B G Fretwell, W G Goldfinch, J C McKim, K J Marchant, D J Moss, H E Pearce.

**Accredited Representatives -County Associations**

Avon (Mrs J L Watts), Bedfordshire (Mr G G Hammond), Berkshire (Mr J Freeman), Buckinghamshire (Mr P Avenell), Cambridgeshire (Mr E S Day), Cleveland (Mr A E Ransome), Cornwall (Mrs A P Archdale), Devonshire (Mr K T O Ponting), Dorset (Mr D J Beverley), Essex (Mr P J Roden), Hampshire (Mr H Albery), Hertfordshire (Mr H G Stevens), Kent (Mr C Wright), 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 M Tunningley), Oxfordshire (Mr B T Osborne), Staffordshire (Mr J Blackband), Shropshire (Mr T Felton), Surrey (Mr J A J Dawson), Sussex (Mr C T Hyland), Warwickshire (Mr S Parr), Wiltshire (Mr D M Parsons), Worcestershire (Mr D J Moss), Yorkshire (Mr E Hill).

**Accredited Representatives - Non-County local league**

London Business Houses (Mr M J Loveder)

**Accredited Representatives - Local leagues**

Aldershot (Mr D E Seager), Bristol (Mrs J L Watts), Bromsgrove (Mr J Barber), Hastings (Mr C T Hyland), North Herts (Mr J Jermyn), Nuneaton (Mr S Parr), Wembley/Harrow (Mr G Walsh), Weston-Super-Mare (Mrs A P Archdale), Worthing (Mr W G Goldfinch).

**Other Members**

Mr B E Spicer (Vice-Chairman Public Relations elect), Mrs D M Stannard, Messrs J Prean, B R J Webb (National Councillors), Mr H J Webb (English Championships Committee), Messrs C Oakman, A M Ross (Public Relations Committee), Mr D Young (Tournaments Committee), Mrs V Roffe, Mrs G Squier, Mr C Trundle (Essex), Mr B P Lamerton (Hampshire), Mr and Mrs V A Clack (Swindon), Mrs P Lauder (Romford), Mr M C Francis (Sussex), Dr K Soothill (Lancaster/Morecambe), Mr A J Longbottom (Humberside), Mrs A Reeve.

**Organisations in Good Standing**

Mr D A Lomas (English Schools TTA)

**In Attendance**

Messrs A W Shipley (General Secretary), M D Watts (Deputy General Secretary), R J Stevens (Administrative Secretary), Miss F Brown (Development Officer), R H Sinclair (Administrative Assistant).

Mr T Blunn (Chairman) welcomed all present. He sought and was granted approval for changes in the chair during the meeting.

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**1. REPORT OF STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE (document 1826/1/AW)**

Mr K Watts made special mention of paragraph 5 of the report and gave the background to the committee's recommendation that, when it is considered it would be more convenient for the General Meeting in debate, a matter may be taken as an amendment even if proposed by the proposer of the Proposition sought to be amended. On a motion of Mr A Drapkin (Treasurer) the report was adopted.

**2. STANDING ORDERS (document 1564/1/AW)**

Standing Orders as circulated were adopted.

**3. TELLERS**

It was proposed, seconded and agreed, that Messrs J McKim and A M Ross be appointed Tellers for the meeting.

**4. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Mr A K Vint OBE (Hon Life Vice-President), Mr R E Oldfield (Vice-Chairman Public Relations), Messrs P Hyde, L F Landry, L S Woollard (Hon. Life Members), Mrs E M Carrington, Messrs. A D Brook, L R J Constable, I R Crickmer, G M Daniels, H Flinton, E Jones MBE, L W Jones, J M McDonnell, J P Mulcahy, L J Smith, D R Tremayne, D N Tyler (Vice-Presidents) Messrs. M Holt, P Taylor (National Councillors), Mr J Arnold, (ESTTA), Mr J Somerville (Croydon), Mr A Shepherd (Middlesex), Leicestershire TTA, Universities Athletic Union.

**5. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD 6TH JULY 1985 (DOCUMENT 1624/1/RHS)**

5.1. Document 1624/1/RJS was agreed and signed as a true record.

**6. MATTERS ARISING**

None

**7. REPORT OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Mr T Blunn (Chairman) at this point handed over the chair to Mr M Goldstein OBE (President). The President said he proposed to go through the report section by section, and asked that any speaker give his/her name and affiliation.

7.1. The meeting considered the report circulated. The following points arose during discussion.

7.1.1. Foreword Dr K Soothill (Lancaster/Morecombe) referred to a paper he had distributed prior to the meeting, which contained some points he was trying to make at the AGM. He had noted in the Chairman's Foreword that a submission was being made to the Sports Council and that changes had been made "above all to promote the national teams and increase membership". In fact membership had fallen by about 30% since 1980, and he felt that morale generally was very low, particularly amongst women players. The majority of the top players were very unhappy with the current stewardship of the sport, and in particular he was concerned at the work of the Selection and Coaching Committees, their accountability coupled with natural justice. He had raised several issues in correspondence with Mr T Blunn (Chairman), but owing to the apparent failure of the Chairman to confront the issues raised he had now put the matter into the hands of the Sports Council for their views and guidance. The charges raised by him were of incompetence, wastage of scarce resources and injustice. The Chairman was then asked 1) if he thought any of the points raised with him were worthy of further consideration, 2) if so, which ones, 3) had any of the points raised made him reconsider the submission to the Sports Council. In reply the Chairman said that he had corresponded with Dr K Soothill at great length over the last few weeks and he felt that he had answered the

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issues raised. He was sorry to learn that the matter was now in the hands of a third party. The Management Committee had met that morning and after considering the nature of certain allegations had agreed to put the whole matter into hands of the Association's Solicitor as soon as possible. In the light of this decision he felt it was unwise to comment further. Mr K Watts (Standing Orders Committee) advised the Chairman that it was his right not to answer questions if he so chose. Nevertheless, the questioner was still entitled to proceed with his questions in spite of the fact that Management Committee had placed the correspondence in the hands of the solicitor. It was for the questioner to decide if he would take any risk of action being taken against him. Mr J Prean (Isle of Wight) asked if all the correspondence involved (25 pages) had been sent to the Solicitor. The Chairman replied that as Dr Soothill had passed the correspondence to a third party the Management Committee had likewise given the Association's Solicitor all the correspondence. Mr J Prean registered his protest at not hearing a reply to the allegations.

7.1.2. Sponsorship (para. 2.1.) Mr A Drapkin (Treasurer) reported that Mr J M McDonnell had retired from the position of National Sponsorship Negotiator, and Mr G M Daniels (Vice-President) had agreed to accept the appointment.

7.1.3. Regional Co-Ordinating Committees (para. 5.2.) Mr A E Ransome (Vice-Chairman) was pleased to report successful negotiations in two regions: 1) in Tyne and Wear a £100,000 investment in Table Tennis, including employment of a full time Development Officer and a Coach, 2) in Greater Manchester a £30,000 - £40,000 investment, including a full time Development Officer. He felt that success was due to the action taken by the ETTA in forming Regional Co-Ordinating Committees.

7.1.4. Magazine (para. 11) Mr J Prean (Isle of Wight) sought explanation as to why he had received only five issues to date, whereas he had paid for eight. Mr B E Spicer (Vice Chairman, Public Relations - elect) advised that issue No. 6 had been posted from the Hastings Office the previous evening, and that the Hastings Staff were temporarily editing the magazine until a new editor was appointed. Mr J Prean felt unhappy with the explanation as the magazine had been handed over by the previous editor, Mr G R Yates, in a healthy position, and he was appalled that Management Committee had not foreseen the troubles and taken urgent steps. Mr A Drapkin (Treasurer) reminded the meeting that financially the magazine had not been in a healthy position on change over. Urgent steps had been taken and next season should see great improvement. Everybody who had paid for eight issues would receive eight, and advice to this effect had been included with the current issue.

7.1.5. Performance (para 15) Dr K Soothill (Lancashire/Morecombe) said he had not realised the Chairman would refer matters to a Solicitor. The National Councillor for Lancashire had felt unable to raise complaints on his behalf at National Council, as there could be conflict with his other position as Chairman, Disciplinary Committee. He therefore had no alternative but to voice his grievances at the AGM and asked for the meeting's attention. Mr K Watts (Standing Orders Committee) reminded the meeting that procedures must be observed according to Standing Orders, and the speaker was limited to five minutes, but this could be extended by the meeting.

Dr K Soothill felt that the questions he had posed in his distributed paper were very reasonable ones, and referred to ETTA Rule 34.2.2. which stated quite categorically that there was "no right of appeal against Selection or non-Selection by the ETTA". As a consequence of this rule did the Vice-Chairman of Selection/Coaching feel the Selection Committee had absolute power which could be exercised, if it so wished, in an arbitrary and capricious manner. If not, what were the safeguards to avoid this happening. The task of selection imposed certain duties and responsibilities which included 1) a fair policy of selection

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articulated to members, 2) full discussion at properly convened meetings, based on reasonable evidence. At the end of five minutes, and in accordance with Standing Orders, the meeting agreed by a simple majority (Mr P A Charters, Vice-Chairman, abstaining) to grant Dr K Soothill an extra five minutes to address the meeting. Dr K Soothill asked if it was agreed that the Selection Committee should not have total and unbridled power unfettered by the demands of natural justice, and that if there was a policy with reasonable procedures, then what was that policy and what were the procedures. The Chairman regretted that the officers had not been given a copy of Dr K Soothill's distributed paper.

Mr J Prean (Isle of Wight) urged the meeting to listen to Dr K Soothill, and said that he felt that selection should be made by one person, rather than several travelling the country at great expense. An article in Teesport magazine (Christmas 1985) by the England Team Trainer stated that results on the table were the most important criteria and this appeared to be in direct conflict with the Chairman of Selection Committee. The Chairman asked if Dr K Soothill accepted that nine of his points had been answered in correspondence from the Chairman. In reply Dr K Soothill felt that the Chairman's reply had not answered any of his questions. The Chairman felt that the AGM was not the occasion to hear the full story, but promised that all the facts would be made known and discussed at the National Council meeting on 26th July 1986.

Mrs J L Watts (Avon) requested that the meeting be conducted strictly according to Standing Orders, as she had not travelled a long distance to hear an argument. Mr P A Charters (Vice-Chairman, Selection/Coaching) regretted that some of the allegations were of a personal nature, and that was why Management Committee had decided to refer the matter to Solicitors. He reminded the meeting that the November 1985 issue of Table Tennis News had made quite clear the policy regarding Ranking and Selection in 1985/86, and stated quite categorically that selection was based on the opinions of the Selection Committee, whilst the Ranking List was used only as a guide to selection, which was made honestly and thoroughly. It would be impossible to explain clearly and concisely why selections were made or not made, due to individual opinions. Mr C Wright (Kent) proposed and Mr H G Stevens (Hertfordshire) seconded that the meeting move to next business. Carried nem con.

7.1.6. Training (para. 16) Dr K Soothill referred to the statement that at each of the twelve senior training camps junior players were included, and asked how often the junior girls had been given the opportunity, as the England Junior Girl No. 2 had not been invited to any of the training camps. Mr P A Charters replied that had he received Dr K Soothill's paper in advance he could have researched the answer to this and a number of other questions. The England Junior Girl No. 2, Miss D Soothill, had achieved excellent results which had resulted in her gaining the No. 2 position late in the season, but training camps were held mostly early or middle of the season.

7.1.7. Trials (para. 18) Dr K Soothill asked about the ranking points system at trials, the distribution and the arbiter, and especially who decided the distribution of points for wins against foreign opposition. Mr P A Charters explained the points system in relation to unranked foreign players, and that the number of points was adjudged by the team captain at the event. Mr J Prean (Isle of Wight) spoke against Ranking Trials. Dr K Soothill thanked the meeting for allowing him to speak at great length, but he felt the game had many problems, especially for women, and he urged people to reflect on what he had said. He felt that most people were reluctant to voice their unhappiness and merely left the game, which was a tragedy. Mr A E Ransome (Vice-Chairman) said the Development Department were aware of the problems appertaining to the women's game, and were trying to find ways and means to remedy the problems.

- 7.1.8. Halex National League (para. 32) The Chairman was pleased to report that following the end of the current Halex sponsorship agreement, a new sponsor had been found. Schildkrot, the Munich based table tennis ball manufacturer, had given the National League a major boost worth £25,000 in the first year in promotional terms and a change of title to the Schildkrot British League. There would be no change in the prize money available and a new major sponsor needed to be found during the next year.
- 7.1.9. ITTF (para. 37.3) Mr K Watts (Hon Life Member) reminded the meeting of the events in 1975 when the Indian Government, at the last minute, prevented Israel from attending the World Championships in Calcutta, despite assurances regarding accessibility with no bann on entrants, and felt it dangerous to hold the World Championships there again without receiving assurances about freedom for all ITTF affiliates to attend. Mr C J Clemett (Vice-Chairman, Competitions) said that assurances were given to the ITTF, but there could be no guarantee about what a Government would do at the last moment. Mr J Prean (Isle of Wight) felt a stand should have been made and that the ITTF should not have awarded the World Championships to India.
- 7.1.10. Honours (para. 40) Mr R J Crayden (Hon Life Member) reminded the meeting that at the last AGM he had received assurances that a full list of Players' Achievement Awards would appear in the 1985/86 Management Committee Report - this had not happened. The Chairman apologised for the omission and promised that a full list would be compiled and circulated as soon as possible. Mr E G White (Hon Life Member) drew attention to the same omission in the Handbook. (NB A list of Players' Achievement Awards - document 1875/6/AWS - is attached to these minutes)
- 7.1.11. National Club Championship (Appendix 5) Mr K T O Ponting (Administrator) reported that Pilgrims (Plymouth) had won the Men's cup and Omega (Reading) the Women's cup.
- 7.1.12. Appendix 5 - Table 4 The meeting noted that the winner of the Cadet Girls Singles should read Julie Billington.
- 7.1.13. Appendix 4 Mr C J Clemett (Vice-Chairman) reported that the number of National Referees for 1985/86 should now read three.
- 7.2. Adoption of Report Mr C A Burden (Vice-President) moved and Mr C Wright (Kent) seconded the adoption of the Management Committee Report. Agreed. At this point the AGM was adjourned for the Special General Meeting to be held. On resumption, Mr G R Yates (Deputy Chairman) took the Chair.
- 8. REPORT OF ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN, DEPUTY CHAIRMAN AND TREASURER FOR SEASON 1986/87 (Document 1771/23/AW)**
- 8.1. Mr T Blunn (Chairman) thanked members for their loyalty and confidence in re-electing him and his fellow officers.
- 8.2. The report was noted.
- 9. REPORT OF APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR SEASON 1986/87 (Document 1814/23/RJS)**
- 9.1. Mr T Blunn (Chairman) paid tribute to Mr R E Oldfield who was retiring from the position of Vice-Chairman Public Relations, and welcomed Mr B E Spicer as his successor.
- 9.2. The report was noted.
- 10. REPORT OF ELECTION OF NATIONAL COUNCILLORS FOR SEASON 1986/87 (Document 1829/23/AW)**
- 10.1. Mr A J H Wickens (Returning Officer) reported that official documentation had now been received from Leicestershire TTA, regarding Mr M Holt's re-election as Councillor. Official verification was still awaited from Yorkshire TTA for the re-election of Mr E Hill. Formal advice had been received from Durham that they would not be appointing a National Councillor this season.

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10.2. Document 1829/23/AW was noted.

**11. REPORT OF THE TREASURER, REPORT OF THE AUDITORS AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 1986**

- 11.1. Mr A Drapkin (Treasurer) reported that the accounts had been circulated, the Audit completed and a signed certificate received from the Auditors. He then gave a detailed explanation of the accounts. A loss of £5,400 had occurred this year, partially due to the loss on the six issues of Table Tennis News. It was hoped that the Lease Account would be sufficient to cover expenditure when the Hastings Lease expired in 1988.
- 11.2. Mr H Albery (Hants) proposed and Mr C Wright (Kent) seconded that the Report of the Treasurer, the Report of the Auditors and Statement of Accounts be accepted with thanks. Agreed.

At this point Mr G R Yates (Deputy Chairman) took the Chair.

**12. PROPOSED ALTERATIONS TO RULES (NUMBERS 1 TO 13 AND 15 AND AMENDMENT TO PROPOSITION 14 PROPOSED ON BEHALF OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL)**

- 12.1. Proposition No. 1 (Moved by Mr K Watts, Rules Committee) Amend Rule 4.1.13: after "any person mentioned in Rule 5.1., insert "Umpire Member" Insert new rule, "4.1.16a Umpire Member" a person who has qualified as a County Umpire or National Umpire and who has not subsequently resigned the qualification or had it withdrawn."  
The Chairman proposed the meeting consider the amendment.
- 12.2. Amendment No. 1 to Proposition No. 1 (Moved by Mr K Watts, Rules Committee)  
Amend Proposition No. 1 by adding:  
"Add new sub-rule: 5.1.3. Umpire Members"  
Carried nem con.  
On being put to the vote the substantive proposition, as amended, was carried nem con.
- 12.3. Proposition No. 2 (Moved by Mr K Watts Rules Committee)  
Amend Rule 7.4.: after "7.4. Fee Unit" insert "Unless specifically decided otherwise by a General Meeting passing a resolution to alter Rule 7.8".  
The Proposition was carried nem con.
- 12.4. Proposition No. 3 (Moved by Mr K Watts Rules Committee) Amend Rule 7.5:  
After "7.3.1.1." delete "and"; after "7.3.1.2." insert "and 7.3.1.4."  
The Proposition was carried nem con.
- 12.5. Proposition No. 4 (Moved by Mr K Watts Rules Committee) Amend Rule 13.5:  
after "later than" for "31st January" substitute "15th December"; for "year" substitute "season". This proposition was carried nem con.
- 12.6. Proposition No. 5 (Moved by Mr K Watts Rules Committee) Amend Rule 13.6:  
for "office of Honorary General Secretary" substitute "honorary office of General Secretary."  
The Proposition was carried nem con.
- 12.7. Proposition No. 6 (Moved by Mr K Watts Rules Committee) Amend Rule 15.6:  
after "decide" insert; "the procedure being set out in Appendix 'I' to these rules."  
The Proposition was carried nem con.
- 12.8. Proposition No. 7 (Moved by Mr K Watts Rules Committee) Amend Rule 25:  
for "1948" substitute "1985."  
The Proposition was carried nem con.
- 12.9. Proposition No. 8 (Moved by Mr A J H Wickens, Rules Committee)  
Delete Rule 31.3. and insert -
- 31.3. Local League Affiliation
  - 31.3.1. Every Local League shall affiliate to a County Association unless exempted by the National Council under Rule 31.3.7.
  - 31.3.2. A Local League shall affiliate to one County Association only, and shall not transfer or be required to transfer its affiliation from one County Association to another at any time, except as provided by Rule 31.3.8.1. or 31.3.8.2.

31.3.3. (number temporarily out of use)

First Affiliation - General Principles

31.3.4. A Local League affiliating for the first time or after a lapse shall affiliate

31.3.4.1. if all its clubs are situated in the area of one County Association, to that Association, unless it is permitted to affiliate to another Association under the provisions of Rule 31.3.5.

31.3.4.2. if it has clubs situated in the areas of two or more County Associations and more of those clubs are situated in the area of one County Association than in that of any other, to that Association, unless it is permitted to affiliate to another of such Associations under the provision of Rule 31.3.5. or 31.3.6. or is exempted from affiliating to any County Association under the provisions of Rule 31.3.7.

31.3.4.3. if it has clubs situated in the areas of two or more County Associations but there is no County Association in whose area more of those clubs are situated than in that of any other, to such one of those County Associations as the National Council shall decide, unless it is exempted from affiliating to any County Association under the provisions of Rule 31.3.7.

First Affiliation - Exceptions

31.3.5. A Local League to which Rule 31.3.4.1. or 31.3.4.2. applies may nevertheless, if the County Association to which it would have been required to affiliate under Rule 31.3.4.1. or 31.3.4.2. agrees and the National Council gives permission, affiliate to some other County Association and shall except as provided by Rule 31.3.8. continue to affiliate to that Association.

31.3.6. A Local League to which Rule 31.3.4.2. applies may nevertheless, if the National Council gives permission, affiliate to some other County Association in whose area some of its clubs are situated and shall except as provided by Rule 31.3.8. continue to affiliate to that Association.

31.3.7. A Local League to which Rule 31.3.4.2. or 31.3.4.3. or 31.3.4.4. applies may be exempted by the National Council from affiliating to any County Association either indefinitely or for a specified number of seasons.

31.3.8. Transfer

31.3.8.1. The affiliation of a Local League may not be transferred from the County Association to which it is currently affiliated to another County Association unless the conditions set out in Rule 31.3.8.2. or 31.3.8.3. apply.

31.3.8.2. If there has been a change of distribution of the clubs of a Local League among the areas of two or more County Associations (including a Local League now having clubs in the area of two or more County Associations when previously that Local League's clubs were all in the area of one County Association) as the result of either changes in the composition of that Local League or changes in the boundaries of one or more County Associations, either that Local League or any County Association in whose area it has clubs may apply to the National Council approve a transfer of affiliation of the Local League to a County Association other than the one to which it is currently affiliated.

31.3.8.3. If a Local League to which, if it were affiliating for the first time or after a lapse, Rule 31.3.4.1 or 31.3.4.2 would be applicable is affiliated to a County Association other than that to which it would affiliate under which ever of those rules was applicable, it may apply to the National Council to approve transfer of its affiliation to the County Association to which it would affiliate under the provisions of which ever of those rules was applicable.

31.3.9. In taking any decision under the provisions of Rules 31.3.4.3, 31.3.4.4, 31.3.5, 31.3.6, 31.3.7, 31.3.8.2 or 31.3.8.3, the National Council shall take into consideration the views of the Local League, the County Association (if any) to which it is currently affiliated, the County Association to which it wishes to become affiliated and any County Association in whose area the Local League has clubs.

Amend Rule 31.4.1: for "31" substitute "31.3"

Delete Rule 31.6.1.

Amend Rule 31.6.2. to read: "If the National Council has under the provisions of Rule 31.3.7 exempted a Local League to which Rule 31.3.4.4 applies from affiliating to any County Association, the additional fees paid to the E.T.T.A. under the provisions of Rule 7.3.1.4 shall, if a County Association is formed during the season, be passed to that Association; in any other case such additional fees shall be treated as ordinary E.T.T.A. income.

12.10. Amendment No. 1 to Proposition No. 8 (Moved by Mr A J H Wickens, Rules Committee)

Amend Proposition No. 8 by replacing the text of 31.3.8.2. by the following -

"31.3.8.2. If there has been a change of distribution of the clubs of a Local League among the areas of two or more County Associations (including a Local League now having clubs in the areas of two or more County Associations when previously that Local League's clubs were all in the area of one County Association) as the result of either changes in the composition of that Local League or changes in the boundaries of one or more County Associations, either that Local League or any County Association in who area it has clubs may apply to the National Council to approve a transfer of affiliation of the Local League to a County Association other than the one to which it is currently affiliated." Carried nem con.

On being put to the vote, the substantive proposition, as amended, was carried nem con.

12.11. Proposition No. 9 (Moved by Mr A J H Wickens Rules Committee)

Insert new rule -

31.3.3. A Local League affiliating after a lapse of less than one complete season (as defined by Rule 4.1.16) shall affiliate to the County Association to which it was affiliated immediately before the lapse.

Amend Rule 31.3.4: after "lapse" insert "of one complete season (as defined by Rule 4.1.16) or longer"

The Proposition was carried nem com.

12.12. Proposition No. 10

Note: This Proposition was not proceeded with as Proposition No. 8 had been carried.

12.13. Proposition No. 11 (Moved by Mr A J H Wickens Rules Committee)

31.3.8.4. An application for transfer made under Rule 31.3.8.2 or 31.3.8.3 may be granted only if the applicant Local League or County Association has applied in writing to the General Secretary not later than 1st December in the season before the season for which the transfer is to have effect.

31.3.8.5. Every application made as provided by Rule 31.3.8.4 shall be decided by the National Council not later than 30th April in the season before the season for which the transfer is to have effect and in accordance with Rule 31.3.9. The Proposition was carried nem com.

12.14. Proposition No. 12

Note: This Proposition was not proceeded with as Proposition No. 8 had been carried.

12.15. Proposition No.13 (Moved by A J H Wickens Rules Committee)

Amend Rule 32.3.1: after "Permit Holder, or has" for "received" substitute "been granted"; after "registration" for "from the" substitute "by the".

The Proposition was carried nem com.



12.16. Proposition No. 14 (Moved by Mr A E Ransome on behalf of Cleveland County TTA)

Rule 32.4.2. Delete (all sections)

Mr. A E Ransome (Cleveland) referred to the last ITTF BGM amendments of prize limits, and the need of professionals for larger prize monies.

12.17. Amendment No. 1 to Proposition No. 14 (moved by Mr A J H Wickens, Rules Committee)

Amend Proposition No. 14 to read: "Amend Rule 32.4.2.3. by deleting "£1,000 in value of" and "smaller"

Mr A E Ransome advised that Cleveland TTA accepted the amendment to their proposition.

Carried nem com.

On being put to the vote the substantive proposition, as amended, was carried nem con.

12.18. Proposition No. 15 (Moved by Mr A J H Wickens Rules Committee)

Delete Rule 42 and insert -

**42. APPROVED LAWS OF TABLE TENNIS**

42.1. Except as provided otherwise under this rule, all competitive play under the jurisdiction of the Association shall be under the Laws of Table Tennis as approved by the Association (hereinafter referred to as "the approved Laws").

42.2. Except as provided otherwise under this rule, the approved Laws shall be those determined by the International Table Tennis Federation (hereinafter referred to as "the ITTF Laws")

42.3. All those entitled to receive notice of ETTA General Meetings shall be given notice of:

42.3.1. any ITTF decision to change ITTF Laws;

42.3.2. any consequent change in the approved Laws and the date of its coming into effect, which shall in no case be earlier than 60 days after the giving of notice;

42.3.3. any National Council decision under Rule 42.7.2. to defer adoption of an ITTF Law change; and

42.3.4. any decision of a General Meeting under Rule 42.6. that the approved Laws shall diverge from the ITTF Laws.

42.4. A change in ITTF Laws shall be incorporated in the approved Laws from the date on which it comes into operation for international competition, or from such later date as may be necessary to satisfy the minimum notice requirement under Rule 42.3.2. unless either

42.4.1. a General Meeting shall have resolved otherwise under Rule 42.6; or

42.4.2. the National Council shall have decided upon a deferment under Rule 42.7.2.

The Proposition was carried nem com.

42.5. Any body entitled under Rule 28.7.1. may propose to a General Meeting that the approved Laws shall diverge from the ITTF Laws in a way specified, or that the application of an ITTF Law change be deferred for a period specified. Proposals for consideration by an Annual General Meeting must be received by the General Secretary not later than the last day of April; proposals for consideration by a Special General Meeting shall follow the procedure set out in Rule 29.

42.6. A General Meeting may resolve that the approved Laws shall diverge from the ITTF Laws, or that adoption of a change in the ITTF Laws shall be deferred for a specified period.

42.7. The National Council shall have power:

42.7.1. to authorise specific divergence from the approved Laws in respect of either a particular event or a specified class of event; and

42.7.2. to defer adoption of an ITTF Law change for a period ending not later than the day of the next Annual General Meeting or, if the resolution to defer adoption is passed between the last day of April and the Annual General Meeting in that season, for a period ending not later than the day of the next but one Annual General Meeting. Any longer deferment or renewal of a deferment shall require a decision of a General Meeting under Rule 42.6.

**13. MOTIONS RELATING TO THE LAWS OF TABLE TENNIS (Document 1828/1/CJC)**

**13.1. Motion A**

THAT this AGM directs the National Council to exercise its power under Rule 42.7.1. and authorise any Local League which wishes to do so to allow the use of uncovered rackets in its domestic competitions during the season 1986/87.

Mr C J Clemett (Vice-Chairman) moved the motion. Carried nem com.

**13.2. Motion B**

Note: The motion was not proceeded with as proposition No. 15 had been carried.

**13.3. Motion C**

THAT this AGM directs the National Council to apply to Open Tournaments, County Championships, National League, National Team Knock-Out competitions and any other events covered by the ETTA computer ranking scheme during the season 1986/87 the following ITTF regulation (4.2.1.1.3.):

the surface of one side of the racket shall be bright red and the surface of the other side shall be black, whether or not both sides are used for striking the ball.

Mr C J Clemett (Vice-Chairman) moved the motion. Carried nem com.

**13.4. Motion D**

THAT this AGM directs the National Council to authorise any County Association or Local League which wishes to do so to adopt for season 1986/87 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 that League's domestic competitions.

Mr. C J Clemett (Vice-Chairman) moved the motion. Carried nem com.

At this point Mr G R Yates handed over the Chair to Mr T Blunn.

**14. ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENTS**

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

Mrs E Betts	T M Honey	D J Moss
F E Clay	E Jones MBE	D D Plowes
G M Daniels	L W Jones	Dr D Ryde MB BS MRCCP
H T Edwards	J M McDonnell	D R Tremayne
H Flinton	J C McKim	

14.2. 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:

Revd Bernard Rowley (Sussex)

Mr Harvey Webb (Dorset)

Mr Harvey Webb was present to accept his badge, spoke of team effort and expressed his pleasure at the honour. A letter had been received from Revd B Rowley expressing his delight in accepting the honour.

**15. 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, retiring member, be re-elected.

**16. ELECTION OF AUDITORS**

Mr S Parr (Nuneaton) proposed and Mr W V Moran (Lincolnshire) seconded that Messrs Spain Bros, Jukes and Company be re-elected. Agreed.

**17. AWARDS**

17.1. Ivor Montagu Award The Chairman presented this award for 1985/86 to Mr Mike Holt (Leics) in recognition of his work in National Tournaments. Mr M Holt was unable to be present but had sent a letter expressing his delight.

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- 17.2. Victor barna Award The Chairman paid tribute to the consistency and improvement of Miss Lisa Bellinger, and for the second year running she had been awarded the Victor Barna Award. Miss L Bellinger was unable to be present and the award would be made at an appropriate time.
- 17.3. Leslie Forrest Award The Chairman paid tribute to Mr Ray Yates (Hampshire) for his work in the County. The Leslie Forrest Award had already been presented to Mr R Yates at the County Championships Conference.
- 17.4. Malcolm Scott Award The President presented this award for 1985/86 to Mr T Blunn (Chairman) in recognition of his work for the Association, especially at the present time despite serious ill-health. Mr T Blunn showed his surprise and gratitude, and for the first time in 40 AGM's he was lost for words.

18. **ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS**

- 18.1. Mr M Loveder (London Civil Service) referred to National League Competitions and an apparent importation of players - could the regulation be altered to thwart this unfair practice? Mr K T O Ponting (Administrator) felt the question was reasonable, but if players complied with the regulations importation was difficult to control. Mr G R Yates (Deputy Chairman) agreed to refer the matter to the National Council.

There being no further business, the Chairman received the meeting's approval of the venue for next year's AGM and thanked everyone for their attendance. He concluded by saying "let us disagree, but do not let us fall out". The meeting closed at 5.15 p.m.