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Minutes of the Special General Meeting held at the Charing Cross Hotel, London on Saturday 12th July 1986 commencing at approximately 3 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 leagues

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), 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) was granted approval to hand over the Chair to Mr G R Yates (Deputy Chairman).

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

Standing Orders as circulated were adopted.

2. **TELLERS**

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

3. **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 Member), 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.

4. **PROPOSED ALTERATIONS TO RULES (BOTH PROPOSITIONS PROPOSED ON BEHALF OF NATIONAL COUNCIL BY MR A J H WICKENS - RULES COMMITTEE)**

4.1. **PROPOSITION NO.1**

Insert new rule as follows -

"32.7a. Doping

32.7a.1. Doping is prohibited, doping being the use by a player of any of the substances specified in the List of Banned Substances contained in Appendix 'P' to these Rules.

32.7a.2.1. The List of Banned Substances shall include all the substances listed in the International Olympic Committee's Medical Commission's list of banned substances and such other substances as the National Council shall decide.

32.7a.2.2. Any change made by the International Olympic Committee's Medical Commission in its list of banned substances shall be copied in the list in Appendix 'P' on the day following the day on which the E.T.A. shall have received notification of the change, and the revised list shall have immediate effect.

32.7a.3. For the purposes of Rule 32.7a.1 use shall be conclusively established by -

32.7a.3.1. in the case of an endogenous banned substance the presence in a body fluid, established by quantitative analysis, of more than the amount specified by the International Olympic Committee's Medical Commission as the amount the presence of which is the minimum necessary to show that the quantity present could not have occurred naturally

32.7a.3.2. in the case of any other banned substance the identification in a body fluid of it and/or one of its metabolites.

32.7a.4. Failure to undergo a doping control test, if requested by an official designated by the E.T.A. for the purpose, will be treated as a positive result having been obtained.

32.7a.5. A Member shall not assist or incite any player to contravene Rule 32.7a.1 nor distribute any banned substance to any player.

32.7a.6. If use by a player is established as provided by Rule 32.7a.3 -

32.7a.6.1. The General Secretary shall make a formal allegation of breach of rule against that player and

32.7a.6.2. that player shall forthwith be suspended from the privileges of membership until the Disciplinary Committee proceedings have been completed.

32.7a.7. In any case of breach of Rule 32.7a.1 there shall be a right of appeal to the Board of Appeal against the decision of the Disciplinary Committee."Amend Rule 18.12: Before "regulation shall come into force" for "A" substitute "Except as provided in Rule 32.7a.2.2, a"

32.7a.7. cont.

Mr. A J H Wickens gave the background to the calling of the Special General Meeting, and explained that although the measures proposed might seem draconian they were in accordance with Sports Council wishes. Dr K Soothill (Lancashire) asked what provisions were to be made to inform players what substances are banned and of future changes. Mr E G White (Rules Committee) said the Rules Committee had spent considerable time on the problem, and it was hoped that the original list could be fully circulated before long. The General Secretary said that any changes/additions would be publicised. Mr J Prean (Isle of Wight) said that the whole subject of drugs was a dangerous and complex one, quoting codeine as being easily obtainable over the counter, and urged great care in avoiding any chance of injustice. Mr K Watts (Rules Committee) said the Disciplinary Committee would have the power to take into account any mitigating circumstances. Mr A J H Wickens said the Disciplinary Committee would be considering a proven medical result, but no doubt would take account of the circumstances surrounding each case. Proposition carried nem con.

4.2. PROPOSITION NO.2

Amend Rule 32.7a.6.2: After "Disciplinary Committee proceedings" insert "and any appeal against the decision in those proceedings"

Insert new rule "33.13a. There shall be no appeal against a decision of the Disciplinary Committee except in a case relating to breach of Rule 32.7a.1"

Amend Rule 33.14: Delete "or of its"

Amend Rule 34.2.4: Add at end "except in a case relating to breach of Rule 32.7a as provided by Rule 32.7a.7"

Amend Rules 34.5 and 34.6: After "Rule 34.1" insert "or 32.7a.7"

The Proposition was carried nem con.

4.3. Motion

THAT this meeting directs the Board of Appeal to make provision in its regulations (contained in Appendix 'O' to Rules) to enable an appeal against a decision of the Disciplinary Committee relating to a breach of Rule 32.7a.1 to be heard within 14 days after the lodging of the appeal, if the appellant so requires.

The motion was carried nem con.

There being no further business Mr G R Yates (Deputy Chairman) declared the Special General Meeting closed.