

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at the Charing Cross Hotel, London, on Saturday 9th July 1988, commencing at 2.00 pm.

Present:

J Prean (Chairman), A E Ransome (Deputy Chairman), P H M Hillier (Treasurer)

Vice Chairmen

M A Allsop (Administration), C Wright (Competitions), A E Ransome (Marketing/Promotion), J Beckley (Public Relations), S J Sneyd (Selection/Coaching)

Hon Life Members

Messrs C J Clemett, R J Crayden, G James, 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, L W Jones, J A Leach MBE, K J Marchant, D J Moss, P W Smith, Mrs D M Stannard, H J Webb

Accredited Representatives - County Associations

Avon (Mrs J L Watts), Bedfordshire (Mr G G Hammond), Buckinghamshire (Mr A C Catchpole), Cleveland (Mrs P Richmond), Cornwall (Mrs A P Archdale), Derbyshire (Mr M Allsop), Essex (Mr C Oakman), Hampshire (Mr H Albery), Hertfordshire (Mr H Stevens), Hunts (Mr K Green), Isle of Wight (Mr B P Lamerton), Kent (Mr L A Wooding), Lancashire (Mr A E Upton), Leicestershire (Mr M R Holt), Lincolnshire (Mr P Taylor), Middlesex (Mrs D M Stannard), Norfolk (Mr A H Pickard), Northamptonshire (Mr K J Marchant), Nottinghamshire (Mr M Tunningley), Staffordshire (Mr J M Blackband), Shropshire (Mr T Felton), Suffolk (Mr H F J Newman), Surrey (Mr J A J Dawson), Sussex (Mr C T Hyland), Warwickshire (Mr B D Lloyd), Wiltshire (Mr D M Parsons), Worcestershire (Mr D J Moss), Yorkshire (Mr E Hill)

Accredited Representatives - Non-County Local League

None

Accredited Representatives - Local Leagues

Bristol (Mrs J L Watts), Brighton (Mr B Pettitt), Eastbourne (Mr J Woodford), Hastings (Mr C T Hyland), Nuneaton (Mr S Parr), Wembley/Harrow (Mr G Walsh), Weston-super-Mare (Mrs A P Archdale)

Other Members

Mr M J Williams (Membership Committee), Mr R C Scruton (NURC), Mr M J Loveder (Leeds British League Committee), Messrs S Clarke, M J Hanley, G Oke (RCC Chairmen), Mr B R J Webb (Bucks), Mrs J Ransome (Cleveland), Mrs M Tunningley (Notts), Mrs E Prean (Isle of Wight), Mrs D Winmill, Mr J Jermy (North Herts), Ms J Barella, Ms G McCulloch (Surrey), Mr M Prior (Aylesbury), Mr D B Turner (Eournemouth), Mr P Roden (Erentwood), Mr G Taylor (Coventry), Mr L Howick (Harlow), Mr P Smith (Leicester), Mr K Muhr (Milton Keynes), Mr D Fairholm (Newbury), Mr P A Charters (Reading), Mr and Mrs V Clack (Swindon), Mrs P Lauder (Romford), Mr G Trimming (Slough)

Organisations in Good Standing

Mr D A Lomas (English Schools TTA)

In Attendance

Messrs E J Wallbutton (Chief Executive), D Parker (Director of Coaching), M D Watts (Events Manager), R J Stevens (Finance Officer), R H Sinclair (Events Assistant)

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Mr J Prean (Chairman) welcomed all present and referred to the momentous year just ending. He requested that the meeting stand for a moment's silence in memory of Mr Maurice Goldstein OBE, the late President, who would be greatly missed. The Chairman took the chair.

1. REPORT OF STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE (DOCUMENT 2208/1/AW)

On a motion of Mr E Hill, seconded by Mr A E Upton, the report was accepted.

2. STANDING ORDERS (DOCUMENT 2054/1/AW)

Standing Orders as circulated were adopted.

3. TELLERS

It was proposed, seconded and agreed that Mr C A Burden and Mr S Clarke 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), Messrs K T O Panting, L S Woolly, G R Yaks (Hon Life Members), Mrs E M Covington, Mrs N Vint, Messrs F F CLAY, L A Chagrin, L R J Constable, I R Cricket, T M Honey, E Jones MAE, H E Peace, L J Smith, D R Trembled, D N Tyler (Vice Presidents), Messrs M Close, R Yates (RCC Chairmen), Mr D A Young (CTTC), Mr J Arnold (ESTTA), Mrs J Squier (Essex), Mr A W Shipley (General Secretary), and Army Women's TTA, Boys Brigade, British Universities Sports Federation, Gateway Clubs, National Federation of Women's Institutes (Organisations in Good Standing)

5. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD 11TH JULY 1987 (DOCUMENT 2097/1/RJS)

5.1. Propositions No. 5 and No. 6 Mr K Watts (Rules Committee) advised that these two propositions had been moved by Mr A J H Wickens (Rules Committee). The meeting agreed the amendments.

5.2. Minute 7.6. Selection/Coaching Mr K Muhr (Milton Keynes) referred to the request made by him in line 21 and felt that the statement needed amplification to avoid any misunderstanding. Following discussion the meeting agreed to amend the sentence as follows "Although he understood that the salaries of National Coaches were no longer 75% grant aided by the Sports Council, Mr K Muhr (Milton Keynes) asked if, as a policy decision, the ETTA could show in their annual accounts that 75% of the salaries came from that source. It was pointed out to Mr Muhr by the Chief Executive that salaries were no longer grant-aided by 75% but that Sports Council grants were now paid on the basis of meeting agreed objectives."

5.3. Minute 11.1. Treasurer's Report Mr K Muhr (Milton Keynes) referred to line 21 and felt that on a point of accuracy he had requested that the accounts be presented in "the" more favourable way rather than "a" more favourable way. The Chairman and the Treasurer felt that the minute was correct. Mr M Prior (Aylesbury) said that his recollection was the same as Mr K Muhr.

5.4. Mrs A P Archdale proposed and Mr H Albery seconded acceptance of the minutes. Carried on a show of hands. Document 2097/1/RJS, as amended, was agreed and signed as a true record.

6. MATTERS ARISING

6.1. Minute 7.1.3. Mr K Muhr (Milton Keynes) confirmed that the Chairman had sent him the paper in which he listed some of the Sports Council's criticisms of coaching, as promised. However, he felt that the criticisms could not be directed towards Mr D Fairholm as they related to matters before the appointment of Mr D Fairholm as Director of Coaching. The Chairman stated that as Mr D Fairholm was in office at the time he was responsible for that period.

7. MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING HELD 3RD OCTOBER 1987 (DOCUMENT 2124/1/RJS)

- 7.1. The meeting noted that the subject of Incorporation would be covered in agenda item 16.
7.2. Document 2124/1/RJS was agreed and signed as a true record.

8. MATTERS ARISING

None.

9. REPORT OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Chairman said he proposed to go through the report section by section, and asked that any speaker give his/her name and who they represented.

- 9.1. The meeting considered the report circulated. The following points arose during discussion:

9.1.1. English Championships Committee The meeting noted the omission of a representative of the Public Relations Committee, and agreed the addition.

9.1.2. Finance In reply to a question from Mr P A Charters (Reading) the Treasurer confirmed that the accounts were presented on the same basis as the previous year.

9.1.3. Women in Table Tennis Mrs J Ransome (Cleveland) enlarged on the urgent need to encourage more participation by women in sport, and the steps being taken by the ETTA. She urged support for an inaugural seminar to be held shortly and said that the long term aim was for mass participation leading to increased ETTA membership and better results for English women players in Europe and the World. She invited everyone present to help spread the word and strive towards achieving these goals.

9.1.4. Abolition Funds Ms G McCulloch (Surrey) referred to paragraph 6.4. and the use of the word "auspices" as being incorrect. The Deputy Chairman replied that as the ETTA were currently negotiating with the Sports Council the wording "under the auspices of the Association" was correct. Ms G McCulloch said that when some three years ago the London Junior Table Tennis Scheme first set up the scheme for a Development Officer for London, the ETTA had shown no interest. She felt that since the application had been submitted by the London Junior Table Tennis Scheme, and not the ETTA, they had no wish for their initiative to be under the auspices of the ETTA. The Deputy Chairman said that unless there were two applications for the same position then the Sports Council were left in no doubt about the ETTA view that the position of Development Officer for London must be under the auspices of the ETTA. In fact they had confirmed this at a meeting held the previous day attended by the Chairman, himself and the Chief Executive. Other areas had been provided with Development Officers and it had always been the intention to establish the position for London when funds permitted. Mr A J H Wickens (Life Member) felt that the sentence was correct in that negotiations were indeed taking place. Mr J Blackband (Staffs) moved next business, seconded by Mr A E Upton (Lancashire) and carried on a show of hands.

9.1.5. Mr J Blackband (Staffs) referred to paragraph 6.5. and said that there were two appointees to the West Midlands Scheme. He also noted that the word project was "suspended" and asked when it would be reimplemented. The Deputy Chairman said that in the past Management Committee had not been involved very closely, but he would be delighted if the project could be revived under proper management and would be pleased to have further discussion.

- 9.1.6. Membership Committee Mr J Jermyn (North Herts) regretted the dearth of information from such an important Committee. The Chairman replied that the Committee, or more correctly the Working Party, had met only twice since inception and several good ideas were being floated of which more would, he hoped, be heard soon. A National Development Officer was essential and he hoped one would be employed soon.
- 9.1.7. Marketing and Promotions The Deputy Chairman reported that the Committee had concentrated on improving national exposure. Real progress had been made and he paid tribute to the Chairman, the Chief Executive and the Events Manager for their successful negotiations. Good TV coverage was expected for next season, and there was a good programme forthcoming with both exciting Chinese and Swedish tours taking place. Importantly, the events already held had shown good profits instead of losses and this had greatly contributed to the improvement in ETTA finances.
- 9.1.8. Sponsorship Mr E Hill (Yorkshire) paid tribute to the Leeds Permanent Building Society for their valuable sponsorship, but sought clarification of the apparent financial gap between the Leeds County Championships and the Leeds British League. The Chairman regretted the lack of notice of a financial question involving research. The Chief Executive said that whilst both bodies were highly important the British League offered more appeal to a sponsor because they played more regularly and paid prize money. In comparison the Leeds County Championships did not pay prize money and paid far less in entry fees. The Marketing and Promotions Committee were working hard to improve this.
- 9.1.9. Performance Mr P A Charters (Reading) referred to the laudable performance by the England men's team in the European Championships. However, with regard to its being described as the best performance for twenty years, he felt the achievement of a bronze medal in the World Championships held in Tokyo was on a par with it. He commented that the Junior performance appeared to be on the wane, and asked what plans were afoot to remedy this as Juniors were tomorrow's seniors. Mr D Parker (Director of Coaching) said that due to financial restraints he had had to reduce expensive training camps and use other training schemes. Standards did fluctuate, but there was a lot of potential and some very good coaches emerging. Mr K Muhr (Milton Keynes) felt that the number of student coaches and interest was falling and appealed for national coaches to be reintroduce. Mr S J Sneyd (VC Selection/Coaching) said that the new coaching structure was proving very cost effective, with a lot more people actively involved in coaching, but it would take four to five years to see clearer results. Following further discussion Mr H Albery (Hants) moved next business, seconded by Mrs A P Archdale (Cornwall). Carried on a show of hands.
- 9.1.10. Leeds County Championships Mr G Walsh (Wembley/Harrow) regretted that the finals of the Senior Premier Division had been adversely affected by a Leeds British League match. Mr L Wooding (British League Administrator) said that the Leeds British League Committee had tried in vain to persuade both teams to change the date, but the Leeds British League Regulations had now been amended to avoid such an incident in the future.
- 9.1.11. Tournaments Mr K Watts (Chairman, Rules Committee) referred to paragraph 4.1.12 and commented that it was not for the Rules Committee to be involved in pursuing any breach of Rule, but rather the Disciplinary Committee.
- 9.1.12. Appendix 5 - Table 1 The meeting noted that Daniela Guergueltcheva was from Bulgaria.
- 9.1.13. Appendix 5 - Table 4 The meeting noted that in the Cadet girls doubles the winner was Helen and not Claire Potts.
- 9.1.14. Appendix 5 - Table 6 The meeting noted that the Veteran champion of Division 3A was Yorkshire 2.

- 9.1.15. Vice-Presidents The meeting noted that the name of I R Crickmer should be added and that "Mrs E Carriage" should read "Mrs E Carrington".
- 9.1.16. Obituary The Chairman reported that the Management Committee were discussing the creation of a Maurice Goldstein Trophy in memoriam. Following discussion the meeting agreed to recommend to National Council that counties and leagues be approached to contribute to an Appeal Fund because of the late M Goldstein's long service.
- 9.1.17. Players Achievement Award Mr R J Crayden (Life Member) asked if the presentation had been made to Alan Hydes. The meeting noted with regret that it had not yet been made.
- 9.2. Adoption of Report Mr A E Upton (Lancashire) and Mr H Albery (Hampshire) moved and seconded the adoption of the Management Committee report.
10. REPORT OF ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN, DEPUTY CHAIRMAN AND TREASURER FOR SEASON 1988/89 (Document 2170/23/AW)
- 10.1. The report was noted.
11. REPORT OF APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMEN FOR SEASON 1988/89 (Document 2194/23/AWS)
- 11.1. The report was noted.
12. REPORT OF ELECTION OF NATIONAL COUNCILLORS FOR SEASON 1988/89 (Document 2212/23/AW)
- 12.1. The report was noted.
13. REPORT OF TREASURER, REPORT OF THE AUDITORS AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 1988
- 13.1. The Treasurer hoped that everyone had had ample time to examine the accounts. He explained that on page 4 of his report there was no comparison with 1987 for Sports Council grants as they were now based on a different system, and table sales were now shown, as requested by Mr P Day (Cambs) at the 1987 AGM. He then invited questions. Mr M Prior (Aylesbury) asked about the accountability for the way Public Funds were spent. In reply the Chief Executive said that great detail had been submitted to the Sports Council, in fact the ETTA provided more detail he gathered, than any other sport and the Sports Council were very happy with the way the money had been spent. Mr M Prior (Aylesbury) sought explanation of the increase in creditors. The Treasurer explained that this was largely attributable to dilapidations and the temporary withholding of the British League prize money. Mr P A Charters (Reading) drew attention to the fact that the Association appeared to have been worse off in 1980 than in 1987. He also felt that there had been little saving on coaching salaries, despite two redundancies. The Chairman replied that in 1980 the solution had been to impose a huge increase on members. The coaching costs included redundancy costs plus 3 months paid notice. Mr P Smith (Vice President) reminded the meeting of the requirement that notice in writing must be given of questions on figures, especially financial, otherwise they need not be answered. Mr M Loveder (Leeds British League Committee) asked whether it was certain that the next two years of the Leeds sponsorship would continue. The Chief Executive said he had already replied in writing to this question from Mr Loveder, but repeated for the benefit of the meeting that the Leeds Permanent Building Society in the main were very satisfied with their first year of the sponsorship and would continue. Mr H Albery (Hampshire) proposed and Mrs A P Archdale (Cornwall) seconded that the Report of the Treasurer, the Report of the Auditors and Statement of Accounts be accepted. Carried on a show of hands.

14. PROPOSED ALTERATIONS TO RULES - NUMBERS 1 TO 4 AND 6 (PROPOSED ON BEHALF OF NATIONAL COUNCIL BY MR K WATTS, RULES COMMITTEE)
- 14.1. PROPOSITION No. 1:
Add new rule:
"13.5a. During a vacancy in the office of Chairman the powers of the Chairman under these rules shall be exercisable by the Deputy Chairman."
The proposition was carried nem con.
- 14.2. PROPOSITION No. 2:
Amend Rules 23.3:
Before "authorised signatories", for "four" substitute "five"; before "designated" for "one other person" substitute "two other persons"
The proposition was carried nem con.
- 14.3. PROPOSITION No. 3:
Add new rule:
"25.5a. The Management Committee may authorise a separate bank account to be conducted by a Regional Coordinating Committee provided that all cheques etc drawn on such an account shall require the signatories of two signatories out of four designated by the Management Committee, two of such signatories being ETTA officers and the other two being members of the Regional Coordinating Committee"
Amend Rule 23.3:
After "23.5" insert ",23.5a"
The proposition was carried nem con.
- 14.4. PROPOSITION No. 4:
Delete Rule 28.7.1.
Add new rule:
"28.4a. Motions for inclusion in the Agenda may be submitted only by the National Councillor or by a County Association or by a Local League. A motion submitted by the National Council shall be signed by the General Secretary. A Motion submitted by a County Association or by a Local League shall be signed by its General Secretary and by one of the following - Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer."
Mr P Smith (Vice Chairman) spoke against the motion and Mr L Wooding (Kent) asked why clubs and direct affiliations were excluded. Mr K Watts (Rules Committee) explained that this was a practical step to restrict the number of motions which previously could have been limitless. Mr E G White (Life Member) felt it right that the privilege should only be extended to those who paid the fees. Mr J Jermyn (N Herts) asked why did we appear to keep on having more Rules when after all these years we should have got them right by now. Mr K Watts (Rules Committee) replied that Rules must change as circumstances and policies alter. Such matters as organisational changes, new events, sponsorship and new rules have to be adopted for them.
The proposition was carried on a show of hands.
- 14.5. PROPOSITION No. 5: (moved on behalf of National Council by Mr A J H Wickens, Rules Committee)
Amend Rule 32.1 to read:
"A Member or affiliated body may not play Table Tennis, whether in competition or exhibition, with or against any player or body not affiliated to the ETTA or other national Association affiliated to the International Table Tennis Federation nor under any auspices not in Good Standing with the ETTA, without permission of the appropriate County Association General Secretary or of the National Council, except as provided by specific concession to an organisation in Good Standing"
Mr Wickens said that this was intended to be merely re-drafting to clarify the present position, no change of principle being involved.
The proposition was carried nem con.

- 14.6. PROPOSITION No.6:
Amend Rule 40.2:
Add at end "Such regulations shall define the working title for each Championship, which may if desired include the name or other identification of a sponsor"
The proposition was carried nem con.
- 14.7. On behalf of the National Council Mr Wickens explained that Propositions Nos.7-12 were intended to change the Association's rules in accordance with principles accepted by the Special General Meeting on 3rd October 1987 and adopted in the draft Articles of Association of English Table Tennis Association Limited.
Propositions 7-12 were carried nem con as follows:
- 14.7.1. PROPOSITION No.7:
Amend Rule 15.3.1:
For "another responsible Officer" substitute "the Chairman, Vice-Chairman or Treasurer"
Amend Rule 15.8:
For "another responsible Officer" substitute "by the Chairman, Vice-Chairman or Treasurer"
Amend Rule 19.2:
For "one other responsible Officer" substitute "the Chairman, Vice-Chairman or Treasurer"
- 14.7.2. PROPOSITION No.8:
Amend Rule 18.3:
For "The Chairman, Deputy Chairman, Treasurer or General Secretary" substitute "An ETTA Officer"
- 14.7.3. PROPOSITION No.9:
Add new rule:
"28.5a. Quorum
28.5a.1. No business shall be transacted unless a quorum is present, that is 10 persons who are Accredited Representatives personally present
28.5a.2. If the quorum specified in Rule 28.5a.1 is not present by 30 minutes after the time appointed for the meeting, or if during a meeting such a quorum ceases to be present, in the case of a Special General Meeting requisitioned under Rule 29.1 it shall be dissolved, and in any other case the meeting shall stand adjourned to the same day in the next week at such place and time as the Accredited Representatives present shall decide
28.5a.3. At an adjourned General Meeting if the quorum specified by Rule 28.5a.1 is not present 30 minutes after the time appointed for the meeting, the Accredited Representatives present shall have power to transact business as if a quorum were present EXCEPT THAT no Resolution requiring a special majority under Rule 28.8 may be dealt with unless at least 3 days' notice of the adjourned meeting has been given in accordance with the provisions of Rule 28.2 (except as to date)"
- 14.7.4. PROPOSITION No.10:
Amend Rule 28.7.3:
For "(i) in the case of a motion as specified in Rule 28.7.1 from any Accredited Representative or (ii) in the case of any other motion from not less than six" substitute "from not less than five"
- 14.7.5. PROPOSITION No.11:
Amend Rule 29.1:
After "National Council." insert "or the Management Committee"
- 14.7.6.. PROPOSITION No.12:
Amend Rule 29.1:
For "within 49 days of" substitute "not later than 56 days after"

At this point, the AGM was adjourned for a Special General Meeting to be held.

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15. MOTIONS RELATING TO THE LAWS OF TABLE TENNIS (DOCUMENT 2210/1/CJC)

15.1. 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 1988/89. Mr E G White (NURC) moved the motion. Carried nem con.

15.2. Motion B

THAT this AGM directs the National Council to apply to Open Tournaments, County Championships, British League, National Team Knock-out competitions and any other events covered by the ETTA computer ranking scheme during the season 1988/89 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 E G White (NURC) moved the motion. Carried nem con.

15.3. Motion C

THAT this AGM directs the National Council to authorise any County Association or Local League which wishes to do so to adopt for season 1988/89 the regulation contained in Motion B 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 E G White (NURC) moved the motion. Carried nem con.

16. MOTION RELATING TO INCORPORATION (DOCUMENT 2217/1/AW)

16.1. Motion D (Proposed on behalf of National Council)

THAT THIS MEETING RESOLVES THAT as the main advantage of incorporation, namely that the officers, National Councillors and County Association funds should not in future be liable for the governing body's debts (once the governing body was a limited company instead of an unincorporated association), could not be achieved without the provision of personal guarantors for the limited company's debts, THE RESOLUTION passed by the Special General Meeting on 3rd October 1987 directing the National Council to use its powers under Rule (1987/8) 25 to transfer the assets of the Association to a limited company with the name "English Table Tennis Association Limited" which was to be incorporated with the approval of the same Special General Meeting BE AND IS HEREBY RESCINDED in accordance with the request of the National Council contained in a resolution of its meeting on 16th April 1988.

Mr A J H Wickens (Rules Committee) moved the motion. Carried nem con.

16.2. Motion E (Proposed on behalf of National Council)

THAT THIS MEETING RESOLVES THAT the draft Articles of Association of English Table Tennis Association Limited approved by the Special General Meeting of this Association on 3rd October 1987 be amended in accordance with the principles contained in such of Rule Change Propositions Nos 1 to 6 as have been carried by the Annual General Meeting and the principle contained in the Rule Change Propositions dealt with by today's Special General Meeting if carried.

Mr A J H Wickens (Rules Committee) moved the motion, explaining that it was intended to keep the draft Articles of Association "up to date" with any changes made in the Association's Rules. Carried nem con.

17. ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

The Chairman reported that by postal ballot of the National Council, the recommendation of the Honours Committee was unanimously accepted that Mr Johnny Leach MBE be nominated for the post of President. The nomination was put to the meeting and carried nem con. The Chairman presented the chain of office to Mr Johnny Leach MBE to applause. The new President spoke of the great honour bestowed upon him and how proud, but sad, he was to be following in the footsteps of such a great man.

18. ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENTS

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

Mrs E Carrington	K J Marchant	P Smith
L A Chatwin	P Marks	A G Steggall
L R J Constable	M D Shaffner OBE	D N Tyler
I R Crickmer	L J Smith	Mrs N Vint
C Jaques	Mrs A Jones MBE	

18.2. The meeting noted that there were no nominations for new Vice Presidents.

19. ELECTION OF HON LIFE MEMBERS

19.1. The Chairman reported that at their meeting on the 16th April 1988 the National Council agreed the recommendation of the Honours Committee that the following additional Life Members be nominated:

Mrs D M Stannard	Mr A E Ransome
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The meeting endorsed the nominations and the Chairman presented the Life Member badges to the two recipients, who suitably replied to applause.

20. 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 A J H Wickens, retiring member, be re-elected.

21. ELECTION OF AUDITORS

It was agreed nem con that Messrs Spain Bros, Jukes and Company be re-elected.

22. AWARDS

22.1. Ivor Montagu Award The Chairman presented the award to Mr L Wooding in recognition of his outstanding work as Administrator of the Leeds British League.

22.2. Victor Barna Award The Chairman reported that National Council had approved the award to Alan Cooke for his excellent performance during the 1987/88 season. A suitable opportunity would be found to make the formal presentation to him.

22.3. Leslie Forrest Memorial Award The Chairman reported that National Council had approved the Award to Dennis Reed of Sussex, for services at County level, and the presentation had been made at the County Championships Conference.

22.4. Malcolm Scott Award The Chairman reported that it had in the past been the prerogative of the President to make the nomination for this award, which been presented by Staffordshire. In the circumstances of the late President's death Staffordshire had agreed that the ETTA Honours Committee could make the recommendation. The Committee had unanimously nominated Mr L J Smith for his work at National level, as a Councillor, County Championships Administrator and NURC member. As Mr L J Smith was not present, a suitable opportunity would be found to make the presentation.

23. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

23.1. Mr J Jermy (N Herts) asked what was the situation about the HQ moving to new premises. The Chief Executive replied that confirmation was awaited from the solicitors but the move was expected during the next 4 to 6 weeks.

23.2. Mr S Parr (Nuneaton) asked that Management Committee look at the dates of future AGMs in light of cheaper off-peak fares. Mrs P Archdale (Cornwall) said that fares vary from region to region, and what was true for one region was the opposite for another.

- 23.3. Mr K Muhr (Milton Keynes) asked that the meeting thank the headquarters staff for their excellent service during the past year.
- 23.4. Mr A E Upton (Life Member) paid tribute to the Chairman for his conduct of the meeting.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 5.16 pm.