

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes of the Special General Meeting at the Charing Cross Hotel, London, on Saturday 9th July 1988, commencing at 4.35 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 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 Cke (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 Jermyn (North Herts), Ms J Barella, Ms G McCulloch (Surrey), Mr M Prior (Aylesbury), Mr D B Turner (Bournemouth), Mr P Roden (Brentwood), 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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1. STANDING ORDERS (DOCUMENT 2054/1/AW)

Standing Orders as circulated were adopted.

2. TELLERS

It was proposed, seconded and agreed that Mr C A Burden and Mr S Clarke 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), Messrs K T O Ponting, L S Woollard, G R Yates (Hon Life Members), Mrs E M Carrington, Mrs N Vint, Messrs F F CLAY, L A Chatwin, L R J Constable, I R Crickmer, T M Honey, E Jones MBE, F E Pearce, L J Smith, D R Tremayne, D N Tyler (Vice President), Messrs M Close, R Yates (RCC Chairmen), Mr D 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 (Good Standing)

4. PROPOSED ALTERATION TO RULES (PROPOSED ON BEHALF OF NATIONAL COUNCIL BY MR K WATTS (RULES COMMITTEE))

Amend Rule 13.8: Delete "Except as provided by Rule 17.3."

Amend Rule 16.8: Delete "Any change in"; between "shall be" and "decided" insert "as"; after "Council" insert "from time to time".

Amend Rule 16.10: For "Vice-Chairman appointed under Rule 17. One Vice-Chairman may be the Deputy Chairman as permitted by Rule 17.3" substitute "person appointed as provided by Rule 17, who shall, if not the Deputy Chairman, be a Vice-Chairman in consequence of such appointment."

Amend Rule 16.10: Add at end "One person may be appointed to manage two Departments, provided that no Head of Department may manage more than one Department."

Add new rule: "16.10a. If appointed a Head of Department the Deputy Chairman shall be additionally entitled to the style "Vice-Chairman" followed in parenthesis by the name of the Department."

Amend Rule 17.1: For "Vice-Chairmen other than Vice-Chairman (Finance)" substitute "Heads of the six Departments other than Finance (see Rule 15A)"

Amend Rule 17.2: For "each of the six Vice-Chairmen referred to in Rule 16.10" substitute "the Heads of Department"

Delete Rule 17.3.

Add new rule: "17.3. The Chairman-elect (or Chairman as appropriate) may, as permitted by Rule 16.10a, nominate one person to manage two Departments subject to the proviso in Rule 16.10."

Add new rule: "17.5a. Each person other than the Deputy Chairman appointed as a Head of Department shall hold the office of Vice-Chairman"

Add new heading: "15a. DEPARTMENTS" and re-number Rules 16.8, 16.9, 16.10 and 16.10a as 15A.1, 15A.2, 15A.3 and 15A.4.

Mr K Watts (Rules Committee) explained that if there was a vacancy for a Vice-Chairman in charge of a Department due to a lack of suitable or acceptable candidate then it was the Chairman's proposal for one person to manage two departments. Mr A E Upton (Lancs) said he had been instructed by his county to vote against the proposition as it had been felt that too

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much responsibility could be imposed on one person. The Chairman urged support for the proposition as in the absence of a suitable candidate for the position of Vice Chairman, Development, the continued vacancy would make life very difficult for him and hinder his expansion plans. On being put to the vote the proposition was defeated on a show of hands. The Chairman called for a block vote. The proposition was not carried; with 22,742 votes for, 20,339 against, it had less than the two thirds majority required under Rule 28.8.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the Special General Meeting.