

ENGLISH TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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(16.04.96)

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at the National Indoor Arena,  
Birmingham, on Saturday 24th June 1995, commencing at 2pm.

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**PRESENT:** J.A. Leach MBE, (President) A.E. Ransome  
(Chairman), L.A. Chatwin (Deputy Chairman) P.H.M.  
Hillier (Treasurer)

**VICE-CHAIRMEN:** M.R. Holt (Administration), M.W.J. Lewis  
(Development), L.A. Chatwin (Competitions), R.  
Habgood (Public Relations), Miss G. McCulloch  
(Coaching)

**HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS:** Mrs D.M. Stannard, K.T.O. Ponting,  
A.E. Ransome, A.E. Upton, A.J.H. Wickens

**VICE-PRESIDENTS:** H. Albery, M. Allsop, C.A. Burden,  
L.A. Chatwin, E. Hill, P.H.M. Hillier,  
M.R. Holt, M.W.J. Lewis, Mrs J. Parker MBE, S.  
Parr, R.J. Stevens, D.R. Tremayne, J. Woodford,  
M.D. Watts, H.J. Webb,

**ACCREDITED REPRESENTATIVES - COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS:**

Avon (I.J. Mead), Bedfordshire (G.G. Hammond), Berkshire  
(B.R. Halliday), Buckinghamshire (A.C. Catchpole), Cheshire  
(T.R. Vardon), Cleveland (J. Ransome), Cornwall (P.J. Hancock)  
Derbyshire (L. Allwood), Devonshire (K.T.O. Ponting), Dorset  
(H.J. Webb), Durham (Mrs J. Ransome), Hampshire (H. Albery),  
Hertfordshire (B.R. Freer), Isle of Wight (H. Albery), Lancashire (A.E.  
Upton), Leicestershire (A.B. Lilliorapp), Lincolnshire  
(K. Eliot), Middlesex (M. Close), Norfolk (A.H. Pickard), Northumberland  
(Mrs J. Ransome), Nottinghamshire (M. Allsop), Oxfordshire (T. O'Flynn),  
Shropshire (A.I. Marshall), Staffordshire, (A.H. Thomas), Sussex (Mrs  
C.A. Beames), Warwickshire (S. Parr) Worcestershire (L.A. Reid),  
Yorkshire (E. Hill)

**ACCREDITED REPRESENTATIVES - NON-COUNTY LOCAL LEAGUE:**

None

**ACCREDITED REPRESENTATIVES - LOCAL LEAGUES:**

Birmingham (J.M. Whitehead), Bristol (I.J. Mead), Derby  
(M.J. Payne), Eastbourne (Mrs D.M. Nightingale), Hastings  
(C.T. Hyland), Kidderminster (I. Perks), Leicester  
(M. Smith), Liverpool Business Houses (N. Heavyside), North Herts. (J.  
Jermyn), Slough (G.P. Trimming), Weston-super-Mare  
(Mrs A.P. Archdale), Wymondham (A.H. Pickard)

**OTHERS:**

B. Lamerton (Chairman, Southern Region Committee), D. Turner  
(Hampshire/Bournemouth), Mrs T. Whitehead (Warwickshire),  
M. MacFarlane (Leamington), R.C. Scruton (Northallerton),  
A.C. Knowlson (Liverpool Business Houses), M.J. Hanley (Selby),

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Mrs D. Jermyn (North Herts), P. Avenell (Slough), Mrs F.P. Chatwin (Derby), Mrs C. Lewis (Bristol), Mrs C.A. Burden (Ramsgate), Mrs C.A. Beames (Brighton), J.F.A. Wood (Editor of Table Tennis News), Mrs S. Marshall (Grove), P. Embling (Peniel)

ORGANISATIONS IN GOOD STANDING:

None

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

R. Yule (Chief Executive), D. Parker (Director of Coaching), Mrs J. Parker, MBE (National Coaching Administrator), R.H. Sinclair (General Secretary), R.J. Stevens (Finance Officer), D.C. Gray (National Development Manager), Mrs D.M. Nightingale (Development Assistant), E.K. Muhr (Regional Development Officer), Mrs V. Jones (Events Department)

Mr A.E. Ransome (Chairman) welcomed all present and took the chair.

1. REPORT OF STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE (DOCUMENT 3400/1/AW):

1.1. On behalf of the Standing Orders Committee, Mr A.J.H. Wickens introduced the report. He reminded the meeting that the Standing Orders Committee were their servants and not under the direction or control of the office or Management Committee.

2. STANDING ORDERS (DOCUMENT 3197/1/AW):

2.1. Standing Orders as circulated were accepted.

3. TELLERS:

3.1. It was proposed, seconded and agreed that Mr C.A. Burden and Mr D.R. Tremayne be appointed Tellers for the meeting. They were reminded that Tellers could not take part in debate.

4. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

4.1. Apologies for absence had been received from the following: K. Watts and J.M. Wright (Honorary Life Members) (Standing Orders Committee), J. Arnold, I.R. Crickmer, H. Flinton, W.G. Goldfinch, E. Jones MBE, H.E. Pearce, D.N. Tyler, C. Villiers, B.R.J. Webb, D.A. Young (Vice Presidents), P.J. Roden, L.J. Smith, G.A. Taylor (National Councillors), L. Darnell (Eastern Region Committee Chairman) and Mrs P. Steel (Womens Development Committee)

5. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 25TH JUNE 1994, (DOCUMENT 3224/1/RJS):

5.1. Minute 10.1.:

The Treasurer drew attention to Line 4 and said that

5. (MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 25TH JUNE 1994,  
(DOCUMENT 3224/1/RJS): continued)

this line should read "fifteen per cent in League membership to help offset the cost of Focus Sport".

5.2. Mr A.E. Upton (Honorary Life Member) proposed and Mr K. Eliot (National Councillor) seconded acceptance of the minutes as amended. Document 3224/1/RJS was agreed and signed as a true record.

6. MATTERS ARISING:

6.1. None.

7. (MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 25TH JUNE 1994  
(DOCUMENT 3225/1/RHS):

7.1. Mr R. Habgood (Vice-Chairman (Public Relations)) proposed and Mr K. Eliot (National Councillor) seconded acceptance of the minutes. Document 3225/1/RJS was agreed and signed as a true record.

8. MATTERS ARISING:

8.1. None.

9. REPORT OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:

At this point the President assumed the Chair and intimated that he would go through the Report section by section. He asked that any questions on finance be held over until the Treasurer's Report later in the Agenda.

The following points arose during the discussion:

9.1. The new Chief Executive, Mr Richard Yule was introduced to the meeting, and Mr M.D. Watts was welcomed back as the new Events Manager.

9.2. Information Officer:

Mr J. Woodford (Vice-President)/Media) referred to the regrettable departure of Mr G. Carter (Information Officer) and spoke well of him. He said that both national journalists and amateur writers at local level would like assurance that this very important post would be filled as quickly as possible, bearing in mind the huge programme ahead. In reply Mr M.R. Holt (Vice-Chairman (Administration)) said Management Committee identified this as a very important post and when funds permitted it would be filled.

9.3. Board of Appeal:

Mr A.E. Upton (Honorary Life Member) referred to the right of appeal against Disciplinary Committee decisions agreed at the last AGM, and regretted the apparent lack of action and information regarding certain appeals which had been made a long time ago. As Chairman of the Disciplinary Committee he felt that the Committee's interests had not been best served, and expressed concern at the long delay.

(9. REPORT OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE: continued)

In reply Mr M.R. Holt (Vice-Chairman (Administration)) said that he shared his concern and gave assurance that steps had been taken recently to remedy matters.

9.4. Tournaments:

Mr M. Payne (Derby) regretted the long delay in issuing Tournament Regulations, and asked when they might be received. In reply Mr L.A. Chatwin (Deputy Chairman) said he shared his regret and gave assurance that the Tournaments Committee would be urgently trying to issue new Regulations by the year end.

9.5. Development:

Mr M. Allsop (Vice-President) sought clarification of the levels of achievement in Development work, and who set them. In reply, Mr M.W.J. Lewis (Vice-Chairman (Development)) said that levels had been set in partnership with the Sports Council, and instanced the increases in coaching registrations; grants received; nine new facilities, one-hundred and eighty-seven Local League visits, ninety-four Woolwich Junior Leagues and the setting up of a National Junior Sports Programme. The Chairman explained that monitoring was done at Regional level, and the Sports Council as principal funders seemed content with results achieved.

9.6. Regional Development Officers:

Mr J. Woodford (Vice-President) sought assurance that ten RDOs were still currently operating. In reply, Mr M.W.J. Lewis (Vice-Chairman (Development)) gave this assurance as some three year contracts had been extended by the Sports Council. The Chairman added that whilst there was no long term guarantee of continuation, there was the possibility of some lottery and local funding.

9.7. Adoption of Report:

Mr A.E. Upton (Honorary Life Member) moved acceptance of the Management Committee Report, seconded by Mr J. Woodford (Vice-President). Carried on a show of hands.  
(At this point, the President handed the chair back to the Chairman).

10. REPORT OF ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN, DEPUTY CHAIRMAN AND TREASURER FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE YEARS 1995/6 AND 1996/7 (DOCUMENT 3331/23/AW):

10.1. The Report was noted.

11. REPORT OF APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMEN FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE YEAR 1995/96 (DOCUMENT 3377/23/RHS):

11.1. The report was noted. The Chairman said that at the last meeting of Council the appointments for Marketing and Selection had been deferred. He hoped to be able to announce his proposals for these two important positions at the July meeting.

12. REPORT OF ELECTION OF NATIONAL COUNCILLORS FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE YEAR 1995/96 (DOCUMENT 3401/23/AW):
- 12.1. Document 3401/23/AW was noted.
13. REPORT OF THE TREASURER, REPORT OF THE AUDITORS AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 1995 (DOCUMENT 3396/825/PH):
- 13.1. The Treasurer said that whilst it would be much more pleasant to be able to say that everything was going well and that the Association could look forward to a period of comparative prosperity or at least financial stability, he was regrettably unable to do this. As Treasurer his prime concern was to maintain the ETTA in a position of solvency. The current year showed a small operating loss before taking into account investment income from funds which had been on deposit for five years, which produced a final surplus of £20,000. This surplus has arisen from a number of non-recurring favourable factors, and he gave details:-
- (1) Interest on the VAT refund and various other items of income, such as a £4,000 refund of overpaid service charges on the Hastings office.
  - (2) No Chief Executive during the Year.
  - (3) No Youth Development Officer during the year, although Sports Council funding had been received in 1994/5 and previous year
  - (4) A relatively light international programme and a surplus on the Chinese Tour. He reminded the meeting that at the last National Council meeting proposals to reduce expensive National Council meetings had all been rejected. Development costs had increased by seventy-five per cent to £95,000 and Focus Sport to £31,000. Putting this into perspective there was a need to produce an extra six thousand players to cover this. In fact not one of the ten RDOs had claimed any increase in membership and the contraction was continuing. At the 1992 AGM he had spoken of expansionist policies, meaning the danger of increasing costs without the likelihood of generating income soon afterwards. There was an increasing dependence on Sports Council grants, and with stricter monitoring by them in the future, greater improvements would be expected but difficult to foresee. At worst he was forecasting a deficit of £119,000 for 1995/6, and he would be highly delighted to be proved wrong.
- 13.2. He then invited questions. Mr B.R. Halliday (Berkshire) referred to the comments made about the costly ineffectiveness of National Council Meetings, and asked if these were solely the Treasurer's views or those of Management Committee.

(13. REPORT OF THE TREASURER, REPORT OF THE AUDITORS AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 1995 (DOCUMENT 3396/825/PH): continued)

In reply the Chairman said that Management Committee had looked at the function of National Council and had agreed that it was important. Each County was represented and the work of the ETTA reported on. Nevertheless Management Committee was duty bound to look at all aspects of making savings and this they had done. He was pleased to report that Sports Council were very pleased with the amount of progress achieved. Several National Councillors voiced their exception to the Treasurer's remarks about their lack of commitment and value in attending Council meetings.

13.3. Mr G. Trimming (Slough) said he was surprised at the apparent narrow minded viewpoint of the Treasurer on Focus Sport, as ETTA financial input was small in comparison with sums injected by others. The Treasurer replied that increased participation must be the proof of value with the onus on delivering the goods by increase of membership. Mrs J. Ransome (Cleveland) said that whilst appreciating the Treasurer's concern, she felt that the ETTA must look ahead at least ten to twenty years, not three.

13.4. Mr A.C. Catchpole (Buckinghamshire) proposed and Mr S. Parr (Warwickshire) seconded that the report of the Treasurer, the report of the Auditors, and the Statement of Accounts be accepted. Carried on a show of hands.

14. ALTERATIONS TO RULES (as set out in Document 3348/1/AW(31.03.95) a copy of which is attached to the master copy of these minutes) proposed by Mr A.J.H. Wickens on behalf of National Council, except Proposition No.39:

14.1. Mr Wickens drew attention to Propositions Nos. 1-17 which were merely rewording clarifications and did not involve any change of principle. He explained that the rules in them with disciplinary implications had been reworded to make it more obvious to the reader when breach of them could give rise to punishment. They had been put into separate Propositions, instead of one composite one to make it more straight forward to propose an amendment. He asked the meeting if they were prepared to accept Propositions Nos. 1-17 as a composite motion in order to save time, bearing in mind that there was no change of principle. Mr A. Catchpole (Buckinghamshire) proposed and Mr S. Parr (Warwickshire) seconded the motion. Carried on a show of hands.

Propositions Nos. 1-17 were carried on a show of hands.

14.2. PROPOSITION No. 18 was carried on a show of hands.

14.3. PROPOSITION No. 19 was carried on a show of hands.

14.4. PROPOSITION No. 20 was carried on a show of hands.

14.5. PROPOSITION No. 21 was carried on a show of hands.

14.6. PROPOSITION No. 22 was carried on a show of hands.

- (14. PROPOSED ALTERATIONS TO RULES: continued)
- 14.7. PROPOSITION No. 23 was carried on a show of hands.
- 14.8. PROPOSITION No. 24 was carried on a show of hands.
- 14.9. PROPOSITION No. 25 (The meeting noted that any rules which had ceased to exist as a result of a decision(s) in Proposition(s) Nos 1-24 would be taken to have been deleted from Proposition No. 25 before it was debated)  
The Proposition was carried on a show of hands.
- 14.10. Mr A.E. Upton (Honorary Life Member) paid tribute to Mr A.J.H. Wickens for his initiative and expertise in formulating the ETTA Disciplinary Code.
- 14.11. RULE CHANGE PROPOSITION No.26:  
Mr Wickens explained that this proposition provided for a County Association or Local League to require its General Meeting Voting Card to be sent to somebody other than its General Secretary, and/or to authorise it to be authenticated by somebody other than its General Secretary. He reminded the meeting that the General Secretary is the only official for the ETTA to communicate with. He drew the meeting's attention to the note at the end of the Proposition, "National Council has decided that a Circular be issued to County Associations and Local Leagues in March each year reminding them of right to vote, and enclosing Form containing sections re (a) (affecting only Local Leagues) exercising own votes and, if Proposition No.26 has been carried, (b) sending Voting Card to other than General Secretary (c) authorising other than General Secretary to authenticate Voting Card"  
The Proposition was carried on a show of hands.
- 14.12. RULE CHANGE PROPOSITION No.27:  
Mr Wickens said that the last word of the Agenda Note should be "authentication" and not "notification".  
The Proposition was carried on a show of hands.
- 14.13. RULE CHANGE PROPOSITION No.28 was carried on a show of hands.
- 14.14. RULE CHANGE PROPOSITION No.29:  
Mr Wickens explained that this Proposition provided for a Local League to lose its ETTA Officer voting rights if it has not paid its ETTA Affiliation Fees by the due date, November 15th, whereas at present it does not lose them until fees are 6 weeks overdue, at January 1st. The Proposition was carried on a show of hands.
- 14.15. RULE CHANGE PROPOSITION No.30:  
Mr Wickens explained that this proposition provided for a Local League to lose its General Meeting voting rights if it has not paid its ETTA Affiliation Fees by the due date, November 15th. This is a new penalty to discourage a Local League from not paying its fees on time. The Proposition was carried on a show of hands.
- 14.16. RULE CHANGE PROPOSITION No.31 was not proceeded with as Proposition No.30 was carried.
- 14.17. RULE CHANGE PROPOSITION No.32 was carried on a show of hands.

(14. PROPOSED ALTERNATIONS TO RULES: continued)

14.18. RULE CHANGE PROPOSITION No.33:

Mr Wickens explained that this Proposition provided that membership of a Local League whose Affiliation Fees have not been paid by the due date, November 15th, does not entitle an individual to attend an ETTA General Meeting.

The Proposition was carried on a show of hands.

14.19. RULE CHANGE PROPOSITION No.34 was not proceeded with as Proposition No.33 was carried.

14.20. RULE CHANGE PROPOSITION No.35 was carried on a show of hands.

Mr J. Jermy (North Herts.) sought assurance that the possible penalty would be clearly marked on the Affiliation Fee Forms and that a circular would be issued clearly notifying the changes. Mr Wickens confirmed that arrangements were in hand for this.

14.21. RULE CHANGE PROPOSITION No.36 was carried on a show of hands.

14.22. RULE CHANGE PROPOSITION No.37 was carried on a show of hands.

14.23. RULE CHANGE PROPOSITION No.38 was carried on a show of hands.

14.24. RULE CHANGE PROPOSITION No.39 (proposed on behalf of Buckinghamshire County T.T.A. by Mr A.J.H. Wickens):

Mr Wickens said that increasingly local associations were being put more at risk of civil cases with the possibility of substantial damages or referral to higher courts. It was becoming increasingly important to ensure that the executive as represented by the Management Committee had no control over the judiciary as represented by the Board of Appeal, even in selection of panel members to hear a particular case. Mr A.E. Upton (Lancashire) said that Management Committee had been asked to discuss the matter, and he had been surprised that National Council had not also been invited to discuss the matter with a view to the proposition going out in Council's name.

The Proposition was carried on a show of hands.

15. MOTIONS RELATING TO VAT REFUND:

15.1. MOTION 'A'

THAT this Annual General Meeting directs that there be paid to each Local League which has paid its 1995/6 Affiliation Fees by the due date, 15th November 1995, a sum equal to 14.89% of the Affiliation Fees paid by that League for the Administrative year 1994/5 (such sum representing that League's share of £18,528.09, the portion of total 1994/5 Affiliation Fees which would have represented VAT if Affiliation Fees had been "inclusive of VAT", calculated in accordance with the ratio of that League's Affiliation Fees to the total of Affiliation Fees paid by all Local Leagues for the

- (15. MOTIONS RELATING TO VAT REFUND: continued)  
Administrative Year 1994/5). The Treasurer proposed the Motion and gave explanation. He thanked Mr A.J.H. Wickens for his guidance over the complicated wording. Mr A.E. Upton (Lancashire) seconded the Proposition which was carried on a show of hands.

15.2. MOTION 'B'

THAT this Annual General Meeting directs

(1) that the sum of £37,148.50, representing half the amount of Value Added Tax refunded by H.M. Customs & Excise for the period 1st January 1990 to 31st March 1994, be put into a Fund for the Development of Top Junior Table Tennis Players, to be used for the purposes outlined in ETTA Document 3383 (circular letter from Donald Parker, ETTA Director of Coaching and National Team Manager) and any associated documents, the details of such use to be approved by National Council

(2) that there be paid to each Local League which has paid its 1995/6 Affiliation Fees by the due date, 15th November 1995, a sum equal to 29.86% of the Affiliation Fees paid by that League for the Administrative Year 1994/5 (such sum representing that League's share of £37,148.50, the remaining half of the Value Added Tax referred to in part (1) of this Motion, calculated in accordance with the ratio of that League's Affiliation Fees to the total of Affiliation Fees paid by all Local Leagues for the Administrative Year 1994/5).

(Proposed on behalf of the National Council by P.H.M. Hillier, Treasurer):

Ms G. McCulloch (Vice-Chairman (Coaching)) said how fortunate the Association was to have this money returned, and the opportunity should be utilised in building for the future by helping Juniors. Mr D. Parker (Director of Coaching) said he would like to expand on his initial circular requesting that the money be spent on Junior Development. Other countries had already injected massive amounts of money into their young players' training and because of this our current juniors were lamentably not in the same category. We must invest in the future by investing in our juniors today, remembering that they would be Seniors tomorrow. Following a long discussion in which several speakers spoke in support of spending the money nationally whilst others felt that they could spend it better locally, Ms G. McCulloch (Vice-Chairman (Coaching)) was invited to sum up the debate. She said that Centres for Excellence had not failed, nor had Junior Training Camps as had been suggested. They were self funding, involved a lot of travel and so were expensive to operate. The money would be used to help finance them; create scholarship abroad; more international competition and training with seniors. She urged support as the money was miniscule locally but worthwhile nationally. On being put to the vote a card vote was called for.

- (15. MOTIONS RELATING TO VAT REFUND: continued)  
The Motion was defeated by 6855 votes for, 23,390 against.
- 15.3. MOTION 'C' (Proposed on behalf of the National Council by P.H.M. Hillier, Treasurer):  
THAT this Annual General Meeting directs that there be paid to each Local League which has paid its 1995/6 Affiliation Fees by the due date, 15th November 1995, a sum equal to 59.72% of the Affiliation Fees paid by that League for the Administrative Year 1994/5 (such sum representing that League's share of £74,297, the amount of the Value Added Tax referred to in part (1) of Motion 'B', calculated in accordance with the ratio of that League's Affiliation Fees to the total of Affiliation Fees paid by all Local Leagues for the Administrative Year 1994/5). The Treasurer proposed the Motion, saying this meant that if passed local leagues would receive a rebate equal to slightly more than 74% of their 1994/95 affiliation fees. Mr A.E. Upton (Lancashire) seconded.  
Carried on a show of hands.
16. MOTION RELATING TO THE LAWS OF TABLE TENNIS FOR 1995/6 SEASON:  
16.1. MOTION 'D' (Proposed by Mr I.J. Mead (Bristol) as no member of London Banks and Civil Service TTL League which had originally submitted the Motion was present).  
THAT this Annual General Meeting directs the National Council to authorise, in exercise of its power under Rule 42.5.1., any Local League which wishes to do so to allow the use of uncovered rackets in its domestic competitions.  
The Chairman invited Mr I.J. Mead (Bristol) to introduce the Motion, which he declined, as he was merely empowered to vote for the Motion. The Chairman asked for a seconder and with none forthcoming, he declared the Motion lost.
17. ELECTION OF VICE-PRESIDENTS:  
17.1. 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.  
17.2. The meeting agreed on the proposal of the Chairmen on behalf of National Council to the election for a term of three years of the following additional Vice-Presidents: P. Day, P.J. Hancock and A.I. Marshall. Messrs Hancock and Marshall were present to accept their badges from the President, to applause.
18. ELECTION OF HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS:  
18.1. The Chairmen reported that National Council had agreed the recommendation of the Honour's Committee that the following additional Life Members be nominated:  
Mr L.A. Chatwin and Mr P.H.M. Hillier. Both were present to accept their awards from the President to warm applause, and suitably replied.

19. AWARDS:
- 19.1. Malcolm Scott Award:  
This was awarded to the President, Mr J.A. Leach MBE for his invaluable and sterling work as President over the last seven years. The President proudly accepted to applause.
- 19.2. Leslie Forrest Award:  
This was awarded to John Taylor (Cumbria) for his outstanding work for the County Championships. Due to absence, the award would be presented at a suitable occasion.
- 19.3. Ivor Montagu Award:  
The President presented the award to Mr K. Eliot (Lincs) principally for his hard work at National Championships. Mr K. Eliot expressed his appreciation and delight.
- 19.4. Victor Barna Award:  
The Chairmen reported that National Council had approved the award to Andrea Holt for her outstanding performances, particularly European League, Commonwealth and World Championships.
- 19.5. A.K. Vint OBE Staff Award:  
Mr M.R. Holt (Vice-Chairman (Administration)) said it gave him great pleasure to present this award to Mrs Vanda Jones in recognition of her hard work in the Events Department during the European Championships and particularly during the changeover of Events Managers. Mrs V. Jones was present to blushinglly accept her award and paid tribute to her colleagues, Tournament Organisers and Officials for their invaluable assistance.
- 19.6. Special Award:  
The Chairman announced that two special awards would be presented to the following: Mr K. Watts for his outstanding and long service to the Rules Committee and to Mr A. Twiss for his expertise and initiative in formulating the current Ranking Scheme. The awards would be presented at a suitable occasion.
- 19.7. ITTF Award:  
The Chairmen referred to the new Hall of Fame created by the ITTF, and on behalf of the ITTF, he announced the recipient as the late Ivor Montagu for his long years of service as the first Table Tennis Administrator. The plaque would be on display at the Hastings Office.
20. ELECTION OF AUDITORS:
- 20.1. It was agreed nem con that Spains be re-elected.
21. ELECTION OF ONE MEMBER OF STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE:
- 21.1. 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.

22. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS:
- 22.1. Mr B.R. Halliday (Berks) invited the Chairman to comment on the business of the ITTF Congress in China. The Chairman said that the main outcome was the lifting of the ban on liquid glues. He reported that the service rule change had only been narrowly lost.
- 22.2. Mrs J. Ransome (Cleveland) felt that the Association was in need of a new Fund Raising Committee, and asked that Management Committee consider formulating one.
- 22.3. Mrs J. Ransome (Cleveland) felt that the previous Officials Badge should be re-activated for people to wear and be identified.
- 22.4. Mr A.E. Upton (Honorary Life Member) asked the meeting to join in thanking the Tellers and the Chairman for his conduct of the meeting.
- 22.5. There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for their good, positive attitude and declared the meeting closed at 6.10pm.