

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at the Quality Cobden Hotel, Hagley Road, Birmingham, on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2000 commencing at 2.10pm (The late start was due to the numbers waiting at the door to sign on).

**PRESENT:** AE Ransome OBE (Chairman), LA Chatwin (Deputy Chairman), BR Granger (Treasurer)

**VICE-CHAIRMEN:** MGR Smith (Administration), KTO Ponting (Competitions), MWJ Lewis (Development), MR Holt (Marketing), BR Halliday (Public Relations), Mrs KM Tonge (Without Departmental Responsibility)

**HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS:** LA Chatwin, CJ Clemett, MR Holt, MWJ Lewis, KTO Ponting, AE Ransome OBE, Mrs DM Stannard, AE Upton, AJH Wickens

**VICE-PRESIDENTS:** M Allsop, J Arnold, P Bradley, J Freeman JP, J Jermyn, W Moran, R Scruton, AW Shipley, RH Sinclair, D Tremayne, Mrs J Watts JP, B Webb, HJ Webb, J Woodford, DA Young

### ACCREDITED REPRESENTATIVES – COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS:

Avon (D Hockney), Bedfordshire (J Jermyn), Berkshire (J Freeman JP), Buckinghamshire (RR Washington), Cleveland (C Davison), Cornwall (Mrs AP Archdale), Derbyshire (L Allwood), Devonshire (KTO Ponting), Dorset (HJ Webb), Essex (S Kerns), Hampshire (HJ Webb), Herefordshire (N Merchant), Hertfordshire (J Jermyn), Lancashire (S Clarke), Leicestershire (AB Lillicrapp), Lincolnshire (W Moran), Middlesex (M Close), Nottinghamshire (M Allsop), Somerset (HJ Webb), South Yorkshire (A Gledhill), Staffordshire (B Watkins), Suffolk (P Avenell), Sussex (AK Beames), Warwickshire (JM Whitehead), Worcestershire (Mrs L Reid), Yorkshire (BW Walker)

### ACCREDITED REPRESENTATIVES – NON-COUNTY LOCAL LEAGUES:

None

### ACCREDITED REPRESENTATIVES – LOCAL LEAGUES:

Birmingham (Mrs T Whitehead), Bristol (Mrs J Watts JP), Grimsby (S Welch), Hastings (CT Hyland), Hull (R Hudson), Ilfracombe (P Goulding), Slough (M Rhodes), Weston Super Mare (JM Burtenshaw)

### OTHERS:

K Armson MBE (Liverpool TTL), M Atkinson (Chiltern TTL, Buckinghamshire TTA Coaching Officer), R Burch (Yorkshire National Councillor), Mrs V Clack (SW Regional Coaching Chairman), Mrs S Deaton (Derbyshire National Councillor), Mrs J Dixon (Cumbria TTA, Kendall TTL Chairman), D Edwards (Watford TTL Secretary), J Freeman (International Umpire), PA Heath (Grimsby TTL), Mrs D Jermyn (North Herts TTL), Mrs D Macfarlane (Leamington Spa TTL), M Macfarlane (Leamington TTL Chairman), IE McKelvey (Rules Committee Chairman), K Philipson (RAF TTA), M Prior (Worcestershire TTA, Evesham TTL), Mrs J Ransome (Cleveland TTA, Ormesby TTL), KR Shepherd (Yorkshire TTA Secretary), B Spicer (SE Regional Coaching Chairman), RR Thompson (Kent Chairman and National Councillor), G Tyler (Middlesex TTA, International Umpire), Mrs S Tyler (Hertfordshire TTA, North Middlesex TTL Vice President), K Vowles (Bristol TTL), M Wilkins (Buckinghamshire TTA, Milton Keynes TTL), DA Young (Worcestershire National Councillor)

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**ORGANISATIONS IN GOOD STANDING:**Mrs M Arnold (ESTTA), PR Bradley (VETTS) **PML Lewis RAE (BTTAD)****STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:**

R Yule (Chief Executive), RH Sinclair (General Secretary), Mrs DM Nightingale (Administrative Officer), EK Muhr (Information Officer)

AE Ransome OBE (Chairman) welcomed all present and took the chair.

- 1. REPORT OF STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE (Document 4570/1/AJHW)**
  - 1.1 On behalf of the Standing Orders Committee, AJH Wickens introduced the report.
  - 1.2 He drew attention to the fact that some members of the Standing Orders Committee had been in post for a considerable number of years and reminded the meeting of the need for new members to be found.
  - 1.3 Acceptance of the report was proposed by AE Upton (Lancashire) and seconded by KTO Ponting (Vice-Chairman (Competitions)).
- 2. STANDING ORDERS (Document 3882/1/AW)**
  - 2.1 Adoption of Standing Orders was proposed by AE Upton (Lancashire) and seconded by J Jermyn (Hertfordshire). Adopted.
- 3. TELLERS**
  - 3.1 It was proposed by MR Holt (Vice-Chairman (Marketing)), seconded by AE Upton (Lancashire) and agreed that K Armson and B Webb be appointed Tellers for the meeting. They were reminded before the appointment that Tellers could not take part in debate.
- 4. APOLOGIES**
  - 4.1 Apologies for absence were received from the following:  
President: JA Leach MBE  
Honorary Life Members: P Hillier, J Wright  
Vice Presidents: H Albery, J Blackband, Mrs E Carrington, W Goldfinch, GG Hammond, S Parr, LJ Smith, D Tyler, C Villiers, MD Watts  
Others: R Barraclough (Devonshire National Councillor), B Cook (Burnham TTL), K Elliot (Gainsborough TTL), R Habgood (Staffordshire National Councillor), N Heavyside (Liverpool Business Houses TTL), A Knowlson (Liverpool Business Houses TTL), P Jones (Cheshire TTA), B Lamerton (Southern Regional Chairman), G Scruton (International Umpire), MD Watts (Norfolk TTA)  
Organisations in Good Standing: English Schools Table Tennis Association, London Junior Table Tennis Scheme
- 5. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 3<sup>rd</sup> JULY 1999 (Document 4417/1/DMN)**
  - 5.1 Document 4417/1/DMN was approved, proposed by RR Thompson (Kent) and seconded by MR Holt (Vice-Chairman (Marketing)), and signed as a true record.
- 6. MATTERS ARISING**
  - 6.1 There were no matters arising.
- 7. REPORT OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:**

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At this point the Chairman stood down from the Chair in order to participate in debate. In the absence of the President, Mrs DM Stannard proposed that MR Holt (Vice-Chairman (Marketing)) took the Chair. This was seconded by KTO Ponting (Vice-Chairman (Competitions)). Agreed.

#### 7.1 Introduction

In the third paragraph, after ‘..but the chance...’ insert ‘for all sections of the local community ..’

#### 7.2 Administration

7.2.1 Item 2.4 Obituaries: The following amendments were requested:

Brian Holloway was Secretary of Cornwall TTA and not Chairman.

Emlyn Jones was former Director General of Sports Council and not Chairman.

7.2.2 Item 2.7.7: IE McKelvey requested that the word ‘was’ be deleted from the first line.

#### 7.3 Development

7.3.1 Item 4.6.1: MGR Smith (Vice-Chairman (Administration)) requested that the words ‘with the Teaching and Training Department’ be added to this item.

7.3.2 Item 4.8.4.1: Delete full stop and add ... ‘has been allocated to outstanding projects.’

7.3.3 Item 4.9.1.1: Delete final sentence: ‘Continuing management...Development Secretary.’

7.3.4 Item 4.10: After a question from M Close (Regional Committee Chairman Greater London) on the position of the BTTAD, it was explained that amicable discussions were ongoing between ETTA, BTTAD and Sport England regarding the nature of their independence.

#### 7.4 Marketing

(This item was taken by LA Chatwin (Deputy Chairman) in order for MR Holt (Vice-Chairman (Marketing)) to answer any queries from this section.)

7.4.1 Item 5.3.5: RR Thompson (Kent) asked for the promised results of the Grand Prix Finals. These were not available. They will be attached to these Minutes.

7.4.2 Item 5.4.1.2: After the word ‘entry’ add ‘130’.

7.4.3 Item 5.4.2.1: In line 2, delete ‘then’ and replace with ‘the’.

7.4.4 Item 5.4.3.2: At the Under 10/11/12 Championships, the Boys Doubles was an Under 12 event and not Under 10 as stated.

(MR Holt (Vice-Chairman (Marketing)) resumed the Chair.)

#### 7.5 Public Relations

7.5.1 BR Halliday (Vice-Chairman (Public Relations)) said that he wished to add to this section of the report appreciation of the contribution made by John Woodford in attaining 97 items published in the Daily Telegraph over the past year.

#### 7.6 International Table Tennis Federation

7.6.1 Item 11.3: In the final sentence, replace ‘Umpires and Referees’ with ‘Technical’.

#### 7.7 European Table Tennis Union

7.7.1 Item 12.4: Replace ‘Fredrik Meister’ with ‘Frydeck Mystek’

#### 7.8 National Championships Results

7.8.1 National Interleague Championships: KTO Ponting (Vice-Chairman (Competitions)) said that Barnets had been disqualified from the final of the J M Rose Bowl due to the playing of an unqualified player and the Trophy had been won by Wolverhampton.

7.8.2 Players Representing England, page 42: Add ‘Lee Barham’ to the list. It was thought that the list may still not be complete and a revised list would be circulated later.

#### 7.9 English Schools Table Tennis Association

7.9.1 J Arnold (ESTTA Chairman) thanked the Association for its financial contribution enabling the top English Schools players to participate in the World Schools International Championships.

7.10 J Jermyn (Hertfordshire) moved acceptance of the Management Committee Report and this was seconded by KTO Ponting (Vice-Chairman (Competitions)). Carried on a show of hands.

(At this point the Chairman resumed the Chair.)

**8. REPORT OF APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMEN FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE YEAR 1999/2000**

8.1 The General Secretary informed the meeting of the results of the election as shown on Document 4420/23/RHS. Vice-Chairmen for the Administrative Year 2000/1 will be elected on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2000.

8.2 The report was noted.

**9. REPORT OF ELECTION OF NATIONAL COUNCILLORS FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE YEAR 2000/1 (DOCUMENT 4571/23/AJHW)**

9.1 AJH Wickens (Returning Officer) reported that results of elections had now been received from Derbyshire (Mrs S Deaton) and from Dorset (HJ Webb). Results had not been received from Kent.

9.2 Document 4571/23/AJHW with above additions was noted.

**10. REPORT OF THE TREASURER, REPORT OF THE AUDITORS AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2000 (DOCUMENT 4572/825/BRG)**

10.1 The Treasurer reported a surplus of £212 for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2000. He explained that Sport England had reclaimed £10,000 of their grant due to there not being a full complement of Regional Development Officers.

10.2 Sport England has reclaimed the £17,000 that was under negotiation at the time of last year's accounts and this has been shown as a prior year adjustment.

10.3 Due to current European law, it is expected that there will be a reduction in income from the Ball Licence Scheme.

10.4 B Walker (Yorkshire) asked for an explanation of the cut in Regional Development Officer staff from 10 to 7 when only £10,000 had been reclaimed. MWJ Lewis (Vice-Chairman (Development)) explained that one reason had been that Sport England had redefined their Regions. BR Granger (Treasurer) said that the figures were misleading and that the ETTA has had to pay back £37,000 in all. R Yule (Chief Executive) said that the financial situation with the World Class Performance and the Lottery Programme had had a knock-on effect across the Association. AE Ransome (Chairman) said that 3 years ago when the Lottery Sports Fund was launched the message from Sport England was that the lottery would cover the full cost of the England team programme. The ETTA was one of the first governing bodies to submit a plan and receive approval from the Lottery panel. It was understood at that time that the programme would run for a period of eight years. Since that time the Lottery has changed the criteria and some of the costs that were budgeted within the Lottery programme were no longer eligible so that these costs were now being met from other ETTA budgets. The Lottery Sports Fund itself has lost income due to the sixth good cause being added to the benefactors and that there are less Lottery tickets being sold. The cost of the changes to the ETTA is between £20,000 and £30,000 per annum at the present time. Despite these changes, the Association still has very good funding from the Lottery and certainly there are more benefits and opportunities for the England team players, particularly the juniors, than was possible prior to the introduction of the World Class Programme. The Junior Programme in particular is working well which has shown through in the improvement in standard of the junior players.

10.5 AE Upton (Lancashire) congratulated the Treasurer on the way he had answered the question that had been put to him. He requested that, in the statement of accounts under note 5 (Competitions), the deficits be shown in parenthesis, as previously, rather than using a minus sign as this made them easier to read. The Treasurer agreed.

10.6 B Walker (Yorkshire) proposed and S Clarke (Lancashire) 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.

(At this point the meeting was adjourned in order for the Special General Meeting to take place)

11. **RULE CHANGE PROPOSITIONS** (Document 4532/1/RHS) introduced by IE McKelvey (Rules Committee Chairman)
- 11.1 Proposition No.1 (to be proposed on behalf of National Council)
- 11.1.1 In Rule 4.1.21 replace both instances of "TOP Club" with "Premier Club".
- 11.1.2 In Rule 7.3.2.1 replace "TOP Club" with "Premier Club".
- 11.1.3 Carried.
- 11.2 Proposition No.2 (to be proposed on behalf of National Council)
- 11.2.1 Amend Rule 7.3.1.5 to read  
"The number of fee units payable shall relate to that date in the year from 1<sup>st</sup> May to 30<sup>th</sup> April at which the greatest number is produced when the calculation described in Rule 7.5 is applied to all competitions in progress on that day".
- 11.2.2 Delete Rule 7.3.1.6 and Note to Rule 7.3.1.6
- 11.2.3 Amend Rule 7.9 to read
- 7.9 Payment of Fees
- 7.9.1 Subject to Rule 7.9.2 below
- 7.9.1.1 The assessment defined in Rule 7.3.1.5 shall be performed for the period 1<sup>st</sup> May to 31<sup>st</sup> October and the affiliation fees thus assessed shall be paid to the General Secretary of the Association not later than 15<sup>th</sup> November each Administrative Year.
- 7.9.1.2 The assessment defined in Rule 7.1.3.5 shall be performed for the period 1<sup>st</sup> November to 30<sup>th</sup> April and, if the affiliation fees thus assessed exceed those assessed under Rule 7.9.1.1, the difference shall be paid to the General Secretary of the association not later than 15<sup>th</sup> May each Administrative Year.
- 7.9.2 A Local League affiliating for the first time or re-affiliating after a break shall pay affiliation fees to the General Secretary of the Association within 28 days of its affiliation or re-affiliation".
- 11.2.4 Delete Rules 9.1, 9.1.1 and 9.1.2
- 11.2.5 Renumber Rule 9.2 as Rule 7.9A
- 11.2.6 Amend Rule 28.3 to read  
"Attendance at the AGM shall be open to every member whose membership is not based on membership of a Local League having no voting entitlement"
- 11.2.7 Amend Rule 28.5 to read  
"Voting entitlement. Every Local League except one under suspension or from which any affiliation fees were due and unpaid on either the preceding 16<sup>th</sup> November or 16<sup>th</sup> May shall be entitled to voting rights as specified in Rule 28.10.3.2".
- 11.2.8 Amend Rule 28.10.3.2 to read  
"Each Local League having a voting entitlement shall be entitled to one vote for each fee unit due and paid by the preceding 15<sup>th</sup> November and 15<sup>th</sup> May. Part fee units shall be ignored".
- 11.2.9 Carried.
- 11.3 Proposition No.3 (to be proposed on behalf of the National Council)
- 11.3.1 In Rule 13.6 delete the words "or appointed" and the words "or the appointed is made".
- 11.3.2 In Rule 13.10 replace "Rule 17.3" with "Rule 16.10".
- 11.3.3 In Rule 16.10 delete the words "as permitted by Rule 17.3".
- 11.3.4 Carried.
- 11.4 Proposition No.4 (to be proposed on behalf of National Council)
- 11.4.1 Delete Rule 18.8
- 11.4.2 In Rule 32.11 replace "must forthwith declare his" with "or who has a close relative (e.g. partner, child, parent, sibling) with such an interest, must forthwith declare that".

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11.4.3 Carried.

**12. MOTION: THAT This Annual General Meeting approves the intention of National Council to transfer and pay over without consideration to a company limited by guarantee having among its objects, objects similar to those of the Association, the whole of the property and assets of the Association (after payment of, or provision for, the liabilities of the Association) and after such transfer and payment over to declare by resolution that the Association is dissolved.**

12.1.1 Memorandum and Articles of English Table Tennis Association Ltd had been previously circulated.

12.1.2 IE McKelvey (Rules Committee Chairman) said that, under Rule 25, National Council is within its power to make this decision but, as a matter of courtesy, was seeking the approval of this Meeting to go ahead with its intention.

12.1.3 Mrs CA Beames (Sussex) said there was some confusion between Paragraphs 28.3 and 39.1 concerning the directors of the Association. If Paragraph 39.1 is intended then Paragraph 28.3 needs to be deleted. Some clarification is necessary.

12.1.4 Mrs J Watts JP (Avon) requested clarification of Paragraph 7 concerning the liability of Members.

12.1.5 Approval was given by this Meeting on a show of hands, with one against, for National Council to go ahead with its intention.

### **13. ELECTION OF PRESIDENT**

13.1 AE Ransome OBE (Chairman) proposed that JA Leach MBE should be elected for a further term as President of the Association. This was seconded by B Walker (Yorkshire) and agreed.

### **14. ELECTION OF VICE-PRESIDENTS**

14.1 The meeting agreed, on the proposal of MR Holt (Vice-Chairman (Marketing)) on behalf of National Council and seconded by MWJ Lewis (Vice-Chairman (Development)), to a further three-year term for the following retiring Vice-Presidents: M Allsop, Mrs E Carrington, C Jaques, Mrs A Jones OBE, K J Marchant, A Sandford, MD Shaffner OBE, DN Tyler, LJ Smith, Mrs N Vint, R Yates, DAYoung.

14.2 The meeting agreed, on the proposal of MR Holt (Vice-Chairman (Marketing)), to the election for a term of three years of :

M Close, Regional Committee Chairman (Greater London), Member of ETTA Board of Appeal from 1989 to present, Middlesex County TTA Chairman from 1983 to present, Middlesex County Coaching Secretary from 1978 to 1994, Committee Member for 48 years

C Davison, National Councillor (Cleveland) from 1987 to present, Regional Committee Chairman (Northern), Chairman Cleveland County TTA from 1974 to present

BR Halliday, National Councillor (Berkshire) from 1978 to 1996, Press Officer Berkshire County TTA from 1978 to 1984, Vice-Chairman (Public Relations) from 1995 to present

BR Lamerton, Regional Committee Chairman (Southern) from 1993 to present, Committee Member and Press Officer for Junior and Women's British Leagues

CT Hyland, Tournaments Committee member from 1988 to present, Trade Committee Member from 1991 to present, Treasurer Sussex County TTA 1973 to 1982, Chairman Sussex County TTA from 1982 to 1991

P Lewis MBE, Chairman of British Table Tennis Association for People with Disabilities since its inception in 1993 to present

Miss G McCulloch Vice-Chairman (Coaching) from 1993 to 1000, Vice-Chairman (Teaching and Training) from 1999, Former Regional Coaching Panel Chairman for London and the South East

Mrs KM Tonge National Umpires and Referees Committee from 1988 to present, Regional Committee Chairman (North West) from 1989 to present, Regional involvement in various capacities for over 20 years, Chairman Equity Committee from 1999 to present, Cheshire Coaching Secretary from 1977 to 1988

## 15. PRESENTATION OF AWARDS AND HONOURS

### 15.1 Ivor Montagu Award

This was awarded to Mrs Carol Beames, British League Committee Member from 1991 to present, National Councillor (Sussex) from 1994 to present, Regional Committee Chairman (South East) from 1996 to the present

### 15.2 Victor Barna Award

This was awarded to Matthew Syed, Men's Singles Gold Medal winner at 2000 Commonwealth Championships

### 15.3 Malcolm Scott Award

This was awarded to Barry Granger for his work as Treasurer of the Association.

### 15.4 Leslie Forrest Memorial Award

Geoff Taylor, National Councillor (Warwickshire) from 1989 to 1998, County Championships Committee Member for 17 years until 1998, Organiser of Premier County Championships Weekends. This award was presented at the County Championships Conference.

### 15.5 A K Vint OBE Staff Award

This was awarded to Martin Ireland for his work as Regional Development Officer for the North West and for being instrumental in winning the Volunteer Investment Programme National award of Sport England for Regional Governing Bodies and for his contribution to the ETTA generally.

15.6 The recipient of the Victor Barna Award was not present at the meeting to collect his award but presentation will be made at the earliest opportunity.

15.7 A special presentation of an engraved decanter and glasses was made to Arthur E Upton (Lancashire) to mark his retirement from National Table Tennis duties; the only Chairman of the ETTA Disciplinary Committee from its inception in 1968 to date and Member of National Council for about the same period. Arthur has given a significant contribution to the sport at both National, County and Local level and the Association will be the poorer for his departure from National Council.

## 16. ELECTION OF AUDITORS

16.1 It was agreed nem.com that Spains be re-elected.

## 17. ELECTION OF ONE MEMBER OF STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE

17.1 The Chairman expressed the Association's thanks for the work of the Standing Orders Committee. RR Thompson (Kent) proposed that AJH Wickens be re-elected to the Committee. This was seconded by M Allsop (Nottinghamshire) and agreed.

## 18. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

18.1 None

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 4pm.

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