

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes of the Special General Meeting held at the Quality Cobden Hotel, Hagley Road, Birmingham, on Saturday 1st July 2000 commencing at 3.05pm

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, PR 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 JP (Board of Appeal Chairman), JT Gadsby (Burton TTL Vice President), A Harwood (International Umpire), PA Heath (Grimsby TTL), Mrs D Jermyn (North Herts TTL), Mrs D Macfarlane (Leamington Spa TTL), M Macfarlane (Regional Committee Chairman West Midlands, 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)

ORGANISATIONS IN GOOD STANDING:

Mrs M Arnold (ESTTA), PR Bradley (VETTS) **PML Lewis MBE (ETTAD)**

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. STANDING ORDERS (Document 3882/1/AW)

1.1 Adoption of Standing Orders was proposed by AE Upton (Lancashire) and seconded by J Jermyn (Hertfordshire). Adopted.

2. TELLERS

2.1 It was proposed by MR Holt (Vice-Chairman (Marketing)), seconded by AE Upton (Lancashire) and agreed that K Armson MBE and B Webb be appointed Tellers for the meeting. They were reminded before the appointment that Tellers could not take part in debate.

3. APOLOGIES

3.1 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 Eliot (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

At this point MR Holt (Vice-Chairman (Marketing)) took the Chair in order for the Chairman to take part in any ensuing discussion.

4. MOTION relating to ETTA APPROVED LAWS OF TABLE TENNIS

(under Rule (1999/2000) 28.1.1 this will be carried only if at least two thirds of the votes cast are in favour)

4.1.1 KTO Ponting (Vice-Chairman (Competitions)) brought the following motion which was recommended by Management Committee to National Council and overwhelmingly accepted by National Council.

This GENERAL MEETING in exercise of its power under ETTA Rule (1999/2000)

44.6.1 RESOLVES THAT

(1) for the period 1st July 2000 to 30th September 2000 the ETTA Approved Laws of Table Tennis shall diverge from the ITTF Laws of Table Tennis as follows –

In Law 3.1 (ITTF 2.3.1) for "38mm" substitute "40mm" and

In Law 3.2 (ITTF 2.3.2) for "2.5gm" substitute "2.7gm"

(2) The foregoing divergence shall not apply to play in a competition which began before 1st July 2000 and ends before 1st October 2000.

4.1.2 As a result, the 40mm diameter ball is now obligatory from 1st July 2000 to 30th September 2000 for all play under jurisdiction of the ETTA. It will continue to be obligatory from 1st October 2000 onwards as a result of the ITTF Rule change.

4.1.3 Waiver

Competitions that have started before 1st July 2000 and finish before 1st October 2000 will be allowed to be completed using the 30mm ball.

4.1.4 Opportunity was given for questions or debate but none was forthcoming.

4.1.5 Acceptance was proposed by KTO Ponting (Vice-Chairman (Competitions)) and seconded by B Walker (Yorkshire) and carried on a show of hands.

The meeting was then closed and a return was made to the Annual General Meeting.

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