

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at the Quality Hotel, Loughborough, 30<sup>th</sup> June 2001 commencing at 2pm.

**PRESENT:** JA Leach MBE (President), 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), LA Chatwin (Selection), Mrs KM Tonge (without Departmental responsibility)

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

**VICE-PRESIDENTS:** H Albery, M Allsop, M Close, CJ Davison, A Drapkin, J Jermyn, S Parr, R Scruton, RH Sinclair, Mrs KM Tonge, BRJ Webb, HJ Webb, J Woodford, DA Young

### ACCREDITED REPRESENTATIVES - COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS:

Bedfordshire (G Hammond), Berkshire (B Latham), Buckinghamshire (RR Washington), Cheshire (MF Johns), Cleveland (CJ Davison), Derbyshire (Mrs S Deaton), Devonshire (KTO Ponting), Dorset (TEC Hales), Essex (S Kerns), Gloucestershire (Ms J Kirby), Hampshire (H Albery), Hertfordshire (J Jermyn), Isle of Wight (M Allsop), Lancashire (S Clarke), Leicestershire (AB Lillicrapp), Lincolnshire (K Eliot), Middlesex (M Close), Norfolk (R Drew), Northumberland (A Drapkin), Nottinghamshire (M Allsop), Somerset (AL Seward), Staffordshire (D Sherratt), Suffolk (P Avenell), Surrey (MF Johns), Sussex (AK Beames), Warwickshire (JM Whitehead), Wiltshire (K Satchell), Worcestershire (DA Young), Yorkshire (RB Hudson)

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

None

### ACCREDITED REPRESENTATIVES - LOCAL LEAGUES:

Birmingham (Mrs T Whitehead), Bournemouth (D Turner), Bristol (P Maines), Burton Senior (G Carr), Cambridge (Ms V Parkes), Derby (T Young), Gloucester (Ms J Kirby), Grimsby (S Welch), Hereford (G Stables), High Wycombe (BRJ Webb), Hull (RB Hudson), Ilfracombe (CP Goulding), Leicester (MGR Smith), Liverpool (AE Upton), Liverpool Business Houses (ARC Knowlson), Newbury (B Latham), North Devon (CP Goulding), North Herts (J Jermyn), North Middlesex (Mrs DM Stannard), Plymouth (KTO Ponting), Reading (B Latham)

### OTHERS:

K Armson MBE (Liverpool TTL), Mrs CA Beames (Sussex National Councillor), R Canton (Leicester TTL), Mrs FP Chatwin (Derbyshire), Mrs S Deaton (Derbyshire National Councillor), JT Gadsby (Burton TTL), Mrs L Hales (Dorset), Mrs D Jermyn (North Herts TTL), Mrs C Lewis (Women's British League), M Macfarlane (Leamington TTL), IE McKelvey (Rules Committee Chairman), M Payne (Derbyshire), A Pepperd (SW Region Press Officer), Mrs R Ponting (Devonshire), G Powell (Northamptonshire), M Prior (Worcestershire), Mrs J Ransome (Cleveland), G Rogerson (Norfolk)

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**ORGANISATIONS IN GOOD STANDING:**

None

**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 COMMITTEE (Document 4741/1/AJHW)**
  - 1.1 On behalf of the Standing Orders Committee, AJH Wickens introduced the report.
  - 1.2 Acceptance of the report was proposed by AE Upton (Lancashire) and seconded by M Allsop (Nottinghamshire)
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). They were adopted.
3. **TELLERS**
  - 3.1 It was proposed by MGR Smith (Vice-Chairman (Administration), seconded by AE Upton (Lancashire) and agreed that K Armson and R Canton 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:  
Vice Presidents: J Arnold, J Blackband, P Bradley, Mrs E Carrington, J Freeman, W Goldfinch, CJ Hyland, BP Lamerton, Miss G McCulloch, LJ Smith, D Tremayne, D Tyler, Mrs J Watts, C Villiers, MD Watts  
Others: R Barraclough (Devonshire National Councillor), Didcot & District TTL, R Habgood (Staffordshire National Councillor), N Heavyside (Liverpool Business Houses TTL), N Highams (Kent TTA),  
Organisations in Good Standing: English Schools Table Tennis Association (J Blackband), British Table Tennis Association for People with Disabilities (P Taylor)
5. **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 1<sup>st</sup> JULY 2000 (document 4611/1/DMN)**
  - 5.1 J Jermyn (North Herts) noted that he should be added to the list of Local League Accredited Representatives.
  - 5.2 With this amendment, document 4611/1/DMN was approved, proposed by S Clarke (Lancashire) and seconded by MWJ Lewis (Vice-Chairman (Development)), and signed as a true record.
6. **MATTERS ARISING**
  - 6.1 There were no matters arising.
7. **MINUTES OF A SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING HELD 1<sup>st</sup> JULY 2000 (document 4612/1/DMN)**
  - 7.1 J Jermyn (North Herts) noted that he should be added to the list of Local League Accredited Representatives.
  - 7.2 With this amendment, document 4612/1/DMN was approved, proposed by DA Young (Worcestershire) and seconded by S Clarke (Lancashire), and signed as a true record.

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**8 MATTERS ARISING**

- 8.1 There were no matters arising.

**9. REPORT OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:**

At this point the Chairman stood down from the Chair in order to participate in debate. The President, JA Leach MBE took the Chair.

**9.1 Competitions**

- 9.1.1 Item 3.11.1: Mrs D Jermyn (North Herts) said that 'three levels of qualification' should read 'four levels of qualification'. This was confirmed.

**9.2 Marketing**

- 9.2.1 Item 5.2.3.1/2: MGR Smith (Vice-Chairman (Administration)) apologised for the printing error on page 24. He said that it should read 'Halton Borough Council', 'in front of a moderate but enthusiastic crowd' and 'Helen Lower'.

- 9.3 MGR Smith (Vice-Chairman (Administration)) brought the attention of the Meeting to the following amendments indicated in 9.4 to 9.6.

**9.4 Selection**

- 9.4.1 Item 7.11.2: Insert 'Team' after 'Cadet Girls' in the first line.

**9.5 Statistics**

- 9.5.1 Membership Figures: The number of affiliated Teams for 1999/00 should read '8380'.

**9.6 Results**

- 9.6.1 English National Championships, Sheffield, 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> March 2001: Delete 'Under 21 Men's Doubles' and insert 'Under 21 Men's Singles'.

- 9.6.2 National Junior League Divisional Champions: The results from the Regions not mentioned have yet to be received.

- 9.7 Mrs DM Stannard (Middlesex) moved acceptance of the Management Committee Report and this was seconded by MWJ Lewis (Vice-Chairman (Development)). Carried on a show of hands.

(At this point the Chairman resumed the Chair.)

- 9.8 The Chairman thanked the Administration Department for their excellent work on the Report.

**10. REPORT OF APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN, DEPUTY CHAIRMAN AND TREASURER FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE YEARS 2001/2 and 2002/3**

- 10.1 The General Secretary informed the meeting of the results of the election as shown on document 4695/23/AJHW. The report was noted.

**11. REPORT OF ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMEN FOR PART ADMINISTRATIVE YEAR 2000/1 (document 4618/23/RHS)**

- 11.1 The General Secretary informed the meeting of the results of the election as shown on document 4618/23/RHS. The report was noted.

**12. REPORT OF ELECTION OF NATIONAL COUNCILLORS FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE YEAR 2001/2 (DOCUMENT 4742/23/AJHW)**

- 12.1 AJH Wickens (Returning Officer) reported that results of elections had now been received from Buckinghamshire (AJH Wickens) and from Norfolk (R Drew). Results had not been received from Surrey.

- 12.2 Document 4742/23/AJHW with above additions was noted.

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13. **REPORT OF THE TREASURER, REPORT OF THE AUDITORS AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2001 (DOCUMENT 4737/825/BRG)**

- 13.1 The Treasurer reported a deficit for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2001. He explained that this had been budgeted and was largely due to a reduction in the grant from Sport England.
- 13.2 The Treasurer said that the income from Ranking Levies showed an increase due to the Ranking Levy from the County Championships being added. This had not been done previously.
- 13.3 The income from the Magazine shows an increase but the costs have also risen, giving a 'break-even' situation.
- 13.4 Teaching and Training cost show an increase as the salaries of those involved have been included.
- 13.5 English Open 2001 showed a small profit due to the Sponsorship from sportingbet.com.
- 13.6 There has been a 10% increase in overheads due to two new members of staff, Commercial Manager and Teaching and Training Administrator.
- 13.7 AL Seward (Somerset) queried the inconsistency in the use of brackets throughout the report. The Treasurer explained the reasons but agreed to be more consistent in future reports.
- 13.8 DA Young (Worcestershire) proposed and KTO Ponting (Vice-Chairman (Competitions)) seconded that the report of the Treasurer, the report of the Auditors and the Statement of Accounts be accepted. This was carried on a show of hands.

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 Mrs DM Stannard (Middlesex), to a further three-year term for the following retiring Vice-Presidents: H Albery, J Arnold, J Blackband, PR Bradley, Mrs W Cunningham, P Day, G Gurney, PJ Hancock, E Hill, TM Honey, T Inge, AI Marshall, WV Moran, Mrs J Parker MBE, DD Plowes, Rev BJ Rowley, D Schofield, AWH Shipley, RH Sinclair, RJ Stevens, DR Tremayne, C Villiers, HJ Webb, M Wolman.
- 14.2 The meeting agreed, on the proposal of MR Holt (Vice-Chairman (Marketing)) on behalf of National Council, to the election for a term of three years of:  
B Granger for his work as Treasurer and responsibility for the transforming of the ETTA Accounts at the Headquarters Office and supervising their implementation. ETTA Treasurer from 1997/8 to date – ETTA Vice-Chairman (Administration) 1996/7 – Essex County TTA Treasurer from 1990/1 to date  
M Macfarlane for his work in advancing the use of Information Technology within the Association as ETTA Information Technology Working Party Chairman 1990/1 to date. Ranking Policy Committee and Ranking Scheme Chairman from 1996/7 to date – Regional Development Chairman (West Midlands) 1996 to date – Chairman, Leamington & District Table Tennis League 1988 to date and previously Vice Chairman 1986 to 1988 – Life Member of the League since 1995.  
AL Seward for his work on County Championships. County Championships Committee Chairman from 1996/7 to date - Somerset National Councillor from 1991/2 to date – Somerset General Secretary 1998/9 to date – Somerset Umpires Secretary from 1989/90 to 1992/3 – Somerset Press Officer 1990/1 to 1994/5. Qualified as an International Umpire 1992 – Tournament Referee 1992 – National Umpire 1989 and County Umpire 1985.

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

15. **PRESENTATION OF AWARDS AND HONOURS**

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**15.1 Ivor Montagu Award**

This was awarded to Ian McKelvey for his work on Rules with particular reference to Incorporation. Member of Rules Committee since 1995/6 and Chairman from April 1998 to date. Previously Chairman and General Secretary of Leicester & District Table Tennis League and currently Vice-President of the League.

**15.2 Victor Barna Award**

This was again awarded to Matthew Syed for his success at the Commonwealth Championships 2001 culminating in gaining the Gold Medal and the title of Commonwealth Champion 2001. The following players were also considered and are highly commended for their success at the Commonwealth Championships 2001: Gareth Herbert (Men's Singles Bronze Medal), Alex Perry and Terry Young (Men's Doubles Gold Medal), Alex Perry and Helen Lower (Mixed Doubles Bronze Medal), the England Team of Matthew Syed, Gareth Herbert, Alex Perry, Andrew Baggaley and Terry Young (Bronze Medal).

**15.3 Leslie Forrest Memorial Award**

Leslie Allwood of Derbyshire TTA was nominated for this award. His service is as follows: 20 years as County Championships Secretary, 21 years as General Secretary and 15 years as County Treasurer.

**15.4 Malcolm Scott Award**

This was awarded to Mike Smith for his involvement in administration matters as Vice-Chairman (Administration) and, in particular, for his work on the Player Licence Scheme, Information Technology, Rules Committee and Incorporation.

**15.5 A K Vint OBE Staff Award**

The recipient of the A K Vint Staff Award was not present at the meeting to collect his/her award but an announcement will be made at the National Council meeting in July.

**15.6 ETTA Club of the Year Award**

This was awarded to Halton Table Tennis Club where a 7 year partnership and development programme between a Local League, ETTA and a Borough Council came to fruition in October 1999 with the opening of a new purpose built facility for table tennis and the community. Within 12 months Halton TTC was awarded the CCPR Club of the Year Award sponsored by the Foundation for Sport and the Arts, which had 75 governing body entries. Mrs KM Tonge, Chairman of the Club, received the award on behalf of the club.

**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. MGR Smith (Vice-Chairman (Administration)) proposed that R Canton be re-elected to the Committee. This was seconded by MR Holt (Vice-Chairman (Marketing)) and agreed.

**18. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

18.1 D Sherratt (Staffordshire) asked for clarification concerning some ITTF Rules for International Competition that are not included in the Laws of the game adopted by the ETTA and recommended for Local League play. RC Scruton (NURC) said that this matter is under discussion with the ITTF Rules Committee Chairman. A sample constitution is available for Local Leagues to refer to if required.

18.2 Mrs J Ransome (Cleveland) asked whether funds could be made available for the establishment of a table tennis museum. BR Halliday (Vice-Chairman (Public Relations)) said that a new committee has been formed to investigate this matter. Many artefacts are

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in the possession of the Association and a site for the museum is being negotiated. It is hoped to include a library as many books had been bequeathed to the Association.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 4.17pm.

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