

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes of the Special General Meeting held at the Quality Hotel, Loughborough, 30th 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 Peppard (SW Region Press Officer), Mrs R Ponting (Devonshire), G Powell

(Northamptonshire), M Prior (Worcestershire), Mrs J Ransome (Cleveland), G Rogerson (Norfolk)

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)

1. STANDING ORDERS (Document 3882/1/AW)

1.1 Adoption of Standing Orders was proposed by S Clarke (Lancashire) and seconded by MR Holt (Vice-Chairman (Marketing)). They were adopted.

2. TELLERS

2.1 It was proposed by AE Upton (Lancashire), seconded by MR Holt (Vice-Chairman (Marketing)) 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.

3. APOLOGIES

3.1 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)

4. MOTION relating to ETTA APPROVED LAWS OF TABLE TENNIS

(under Rule (2000/1) 28.11.1 this will be carried only if at least two thirds of the votes cast are in favour)

4.1.1 The following motion was recommended by Management Committee to National Council, in accordance with requests from Local Leagues, and was accepted by National Council.

This GENERAL MEETING in exercise of its power under ETTA Rule 2000/1) 44.6.3 RESOLVES THAT from 1st September 2001 there shall be a divergence in the Approved Laws in respect of events organised by Local Leagues and events organised by County Associations, the divergence being an option exercisable by the Local League or County Association under which option the following Laws shall be used in events specified by the Local League or County Association in substitution for the corresponding ones in the Approved Laws (the numbering being that of the ITTF Handbook):

2.11.1 A game shall be won by the player or pair first scoring 21 points unless both players or pairs score 20 points, when the game shall be won by the first player or pair subsequently gaining a lead of 2 points.

2.12.1 A match shall consist of the best of 3 games or the best of 5 games.

- 2.13.3 After each 5 points have been scored the receiving player or pair shall become the serving player or pair and so on until the end of the game, unless both players or pairs score 20 points or the expedite system is in operation, when the sequence of serving and receiving shall be the same but each player shall serve for only 1 point in turn.
- 2.13.6 The player or pair serving first in a game shall receive first in the next game of the match, and in the last possible game of a doubles match the pair due to receive next shall change their order of receiving when first one pair scores 10 points.
- 2.13.7 The player or pair starting at one end in a game shall start at the other end in the next game of the match and in the last possible game of a match the players or pairs shall change ends when first one player or pair scores 10 points.
- 2.15.1 Except where both players or pairs have scored at least 19 points, the expedite system shall come into operation if a game is unfinished after 15 minutes' play or at any earlier time at the request of both players or pairs.
- 4.1.2 All Ranking events would be run under the ITTF Laws. The above motion only applies to Local League and County Domestic Competition.
- 4.1.3 Arguments for and against the above motion were expressed and a card vote was necessary.
- 4.1.4 The card vote resulted in 21,997 votes (84.7%) in favour and 3,964 votes (15.3%) against. The motion was therefore carried.

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