

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

Minutes of the first Extraordinary General Meeting of this Company held at the Clarendon Suites, 2 Stirling Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham, on 29th June 2002 commencing at 4.05pm.

PRESENT:

DIRECTORS OF THE COMPANY: AE Ransome OBE (Chairman), LA Chatwin (Deputy Chairman), BR Granger (Treasurer)

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF THE COMPANY: MGR Smith (Vice-Chairman (Administration)), KTO Ponting (Vice-Chairman (Competitions)), BR Halliday (Vice-Chairman (Public Relations)), Mrs KM Tonge (Vice-Chairman (Teaching & Training)), Mrs C Beames (Vice-Chairman (without Departmental responsibility))

COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE MEMBERS OF THE COMPANY:

Bedfordshire (A Murdoch), Buckinghamshire (AJH Wickens), Cheshire (MF Johns), Cleveland (CJ Davison), Cornwall (Mrs AP Archdale), Derbyshire (Mrs S Deaton), Devonshire (P Goulding), Essex (S Kerns), Hertfordshire (J Jermyn), Lancashire (S Clarke), Lincolnshire (WV Moran), Middlesex (Mrs DM Stannard), Norfolk (R Drew), Nottinghamshire (M Allsop), Somerset (AL Seward), Staffordshire (R Habgood), Suffolk (H Newman), Sussex (D Berriman), Wiltshire (KWG Satchell), Worcestershire (DA Young), Yorkshire (RB Hudson)

LEAGUE REPRESENTATIVE MEMBERS OF THE COMPANY:

Bath (D Hockney), Bristol (P Maines), Bromley (L Pilfold), Chiltern (RR Washington), Derby (AC Young), Gainsborough (K Eliot), Hereford (G Stables), Liverpool Business Houses (A Knowlson), Northampton (G Powell), North Herts (Mrs D Jermyn), Reading (J Freeman), Southampton (BP Lamerton), Warrington (DD Goulden), Wembley/Harrow (M Close), Yeovil (T Farr)

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS: LA Chatwin, CJ Clemett, KTO Ponting, AE Ransome OBE, Mrs DM Stannard, AJH Wickens

VICE-PRESIDENTS: M Allsop, M Close, CJ Davison, J Freeman, BR Granger, BR Halliday, J Jermyn, BP Lamerton, WV Moran, S Parr, AL Seward, AWH Shipley, RH Sinclair, Mrs KM Tonge, DR Tremayne, BRJ Webb, HJ Webb, J Woodford, DA Young

OTHERS: P Avenell (Suffolk), R Bannister (South Yorkshire/Hallam), A Beames (Brighton), DE Evans (Grand Prix Committee), Mrs D Kirkwood (Hastings), B Latham (Berkshire/Bracknell & Wokingham), J Melnick (West Middlesex), IE McKelvey (Rules Committee Chairman), Mrs V Murdoch (Bedford), T Owens (Liverpool Business Houses), S Parr (Blackpool), J Pimblett (Kendal), M Prior (West Midlands), Mrs J Ransome (Middlesbrough/Ormesby), G Sharma (Smethwick), D Sherratt (Stafford), S Wainwright (Hallam), JFA Wood (Cornwall), J Woodford (Eastbourne)

ORGANISATIONS IN GOOD STANDING:

None

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

R Yule (Chief Executive, Company Secretary), RH Sinclair (General Secretary), Mrs DM Nightingale (Administrative Officer), EK Muhr (Information Officer), BE Spicer (Commercial Manager), C Newton (Regional Development Officer, East & West Midlands)

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

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

- 1.1 AJH Wickens said that the Standing Orders Document 3882/1/AW that had been sent out with the Annual General Meeting papers was unamended since the formation of the Company. He had created a private document (4960/1/AJHW) which has now been circulated which was made up of the parts of the old document that were still appropriate plus extracts of the current Rules with changed principles.
- 1.2 MGR Smith (Vice-Chairman (Administration)) proposed that the amended Standing Orders Document (4960/1/AJHW) be adopted for the purpose of this meeting in substitution for the Document 3882/1/AW). This was seconded by IE McKelvey (Rules Committee Chairman). Members agreed.

2. TELLERS

- 2.1 It was proposed by MGR Smith (Vice-Chairman (Administration)), seconded by R Habgood (Staffordshire) and agreed that AWH Shipley and D Tremayne 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:
Members of the Company: H Albery (Hampshire), K Armson MBE (Liverpool), D Bunday (Crawley/Horsham), N Carpenter (Sutton), G Clark (Potteries), G Earle (Colchester), R Hiskey (Chelmsford), AB Lillicrapp (Leicestershire), MC Macfarlane (Warwickshire), N Merchant (Herefordshire), L Moir (Croydon), V Parkes (Cambridge), P Searle (Staines), J Pringle (Kings Lynn)
Vice-Presidents: J Arnold, P Bradley, WG Goldfinch, CT Hyland, P Lewis MBE, RC Scruton, L Smith, D Tyler
Others: N Heavyside (Liverpool Business Houses), JA Leach MBE (President), D Lomas (Burnham on Crouch), G Scruton (Yorkshire)
Honorary Life Member: A.E. Upton

4. RULE CHANGE PROPOSITIONS submitted by National Council

4.1.1 Proposition No.2

Insert new rule as follows –

“56.4 Notwithstanding anything in Rule 56.4 or in Appendix ‘K’ to Rules, the National Council shall have the power to amend Appendix ‘K’ Regulations (2001/2) 11.12 to 11.16.”

- 4.1.2 IE McKelvey (Rules Committee Chairman explained that this was merely an ‘enabling’ action with County Championships Regulations and it was agreed unopposed.

4.2 Proposition No.3

- 4.2.1 Amend Rule 9.2.4 to read

“Affiliated Organisation: a County Association, a Local League, a Directly Affiliated Club, an organisation affiliated under Rule 12.5 or a club affiliated through a Local League.”

In Rule 9.2.21 replace “under Rule 40.1” with “by acceptance under Rule 40.1a”.

Insert new Rule 12.5 reading

“Any other organisation, subject to the approval of the National Council.”.

In Rule 13.1 replace “or individual” with “, individual or other organisation (under Rule 12.5)”

In Rule 13.1.1 replace "league or club" with "league, Club or other organisation".

In Rule 13.3.1.2 after "Individual," insert "and every organisation affiliated under Rule 12.5,".

In Rule 14.2 replace "and" with a comma and insert "and organisations affiliated under Rule 12.5" after "Individuals".

Insert new Rule 14.3.4 reading
"Organisation affiliated under Rule 12.5: the number of fee units decided by the National Council."

In Rule 14.6 replace "Local League and Directly Affiliated Club" with Local League, Directly Affiliated Club and organisation affiliated under Rule 12.5".

Insert new Rule 14.10a reading
"Every Directly Affiliated Club, every Directly Affiliated Individual and every organisation affiliated under Rule 12.5 shall pay the Affiliation Fees due from it to the General Secretary of the Association not later than 15th November each Administrative Year, except that upon affiliation for the first time or after a lapse, the fees shall be paid within 28 days of the granting of the application."

Amend Rule 19.1.3 to read
"the Secretary of every Directly Affiliated Club, every Directly Affiliated Individual and the Secretary of every organisation affiliated under Rule 12.5."

In Rule 22.4 replace both instances of "or club" with ", club or organisation affiliated under Rule 12.5."

Amend Rule 40.1 to read
"Any organisation which is not eligible to be affiliated to the Association under Rules 12.1 to 12.3 may apply to be accepted in Good Standing."

Insert new Rule 40.1a reading
"The National Council shall consider every such application and may at its discretion accept it, refuse it but invite the applicant to apply for affiliation under Rule 12.5, or refuse it outright."

In Rule 43 replace "and" with a comma and insert "and organisation affiliated under Rule 12.5" after "Individual".

In Rule 45.18.4 after "Clubs" insert ", organisations affiliated under Rule 12.5".

4.2.2 The purpose of this Proposition is to enable National Council to consider accepting a wider scope of organisations into affiliation.

4.2.3 AJH Wickens (Buckinghamshire) explained that the meaning of affiliation in the context of the ETTA is being inside the ETTA, giving up independence and the responsibility for members and discipline.

4.2.4 T Farr (Yeovil) said that this Proposition could make affiliation available to all who request it.

4.2.5 The Proposition was passed.

4.3 Proposition No. 4

4.3.1 Amend Rule 9.2.9 to read

"Cadet: a person under 15 years of age on 1st January during the current Administrative Year."

Amend Rule 9.2.22 to read

“Junior: a person under 18 years of age on 1st January during the current Administrative Year.”

- 4.3.2 This change of Rule does not exactly follow the ITTF change. This change will last for the whole of the Administrative Year whereas the ITTF Rule starts afresh on each 1st January.
- 4.3.3 Mrs D Jermyn (North Herts) said that it would seem unfair for the dates to be different for International events.
- 4.3.4 KTO Ponting (Vice-Chairman (Competitions)) said that if the ETTA followed the ITTF change it would mean wholesale changes to the competition programme.
- 4.3.5 AL Seward (County Championships Committee) said that a change to start the season in January would have a disastrous effect on the County Championships.
- 4.3.6 The vote was unanimous for the Proposition as presented. The Proposition was passed.

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