

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- 1 MINUTES** of the second Annual General Meeting of the Company held at the Quality Hotel, Two Mile Ash, Milton Keynes, on Saturday, 28th June 2003 commencing at 2pm.
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2 PRESENT

- “Notes: (1) A name being in parentheses in a ‘Present’ list indicates that the person’s attendance has already been recorded in a different status section
(2) Members of the Company entitled to vote are recorded in Minutes 2.3.1, 2.3.2 and 2.3.3”

2.1 DIRECTORS OF THE COMPANY

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

2.2 Company Secretary: R Yule (Chief Executive)

2.3 VOTING MEMBERS OF THE COMPANY (including present by Proxy)

2.3.1 INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

‘AE Ransome OBE’ (Chairman), ‘LA Chatwin’ (Deputy Chairman), ‘BR Granger’ (Treasurer), MGR Smith (Vice-Chairman (Administration)), KTO Ponting (Vice-Chairman (Competitions)), Mrs S Deaton (Vice-Chairman (Marketing)), BR Halliday (Vice-Chairman (Public Relations)), Mrs KM Tonge (Vice-Chairman (Teaching & Training)), Mrs C Beames (Vice-Chairman (without Departmental responsibility))

2.3.2 COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE MEMBERS

AN Murdoch (Bedfordshire), BR Latham (Berkshire), AJH Wickens (Buckinghamshire), MF Johns (Cheshire), CJ Davison (Cleveland), C Deaton (Derbyshire), CP Goulding (Devonshire), TEC Hales (Dorset), LJ Smith (Gloucestershire), N Merchant (Herefordshire), J Jermyn (Hertfordshire), BR Freer (Huntingdonshire), S Clarke (Lancashire), AB Lillicrapp (Leicestershire), WV Moran (Lincolnshire), Mrs DM Stannard (Middlesex), R Drew (Norfolk), KJ Marchant (Northamptonshire), M Allsop (Nottinghamshire), AL Seward (Somerset), JF Whidborne (South Yorkshire), R Habgood (Staffordshire), MC Macfarlane (Warwickshire), KWG Satchell (Wiltshire), DA Young (Worcestershire), RB Hudson (Yorkshire)

GM Wilson (Durham by proxy Chairman), SR Kerns (Essex by proxy N Brierley), H Albery (Hampshire by proxy ‘M Allsop’), J Prean (Isle of Wight by proxy ‘M Allsop’), HFJ Newman (Suffolk by proxy P Avenell), DV Berriman (Sussex by proxy ‘A Beames’),

2.3.3 LEAGUE REPRESENTATIVE MEMBERS

- 2.3.3.1** DL Hockney (Bath), P Maines (Bristol), J Freeman (Reading), BC Whitehead (Aylesbury), RR Washington (Chiltern), G Trimming (Slough), Mrs VA Parkes (Cambridge), TA Johnson (Wilmslow), D Marples (Chesterfield), A Young (Derby), K Denton (South Devon/Torbay), Mrs EJ Kirby (Gloucester), MD Strobe (Aldershot), DB Turner (Bournemouth), BP Lamerton (Southampton), DW Thomson (Winchester), G Stables (Hereford), Mrs D Jermyn (North Herts), DJ Edwards (Watford), L Pilfold (Bromley), GM Curtis (Tonbridge), R Caswell (Bolton), AC Knowlson (Liverpool Business Houses), JM Bleakley (Salford/Farnworth), S Welch (Grimsby/Cleethorpes), M Close (Wembley/Harrow), G Powell (Northampton), RS Saunders (Didcot), TM Farr (Yeovil), Mrs CM Palmer (Malvern), JL Vaughan (Huddersfield)

C Tai (Luton by proxy Chairman), CG Saunders (Bracknell/Wokingham by proxy ‘B Latham’), JOJ White (Newbury by proxy Chairman), J Johnson (Chalfonts by proxy Chairman), ENC Willy (March by proxy Chairman), V Hyde (Glossop by proxy Chairman), K Bennett (Halton by proxy ‘Mrs KM Tonge’), J Harrington (Stockport by proxy ‘Mrs KM Tonge’), T Donlon (Trafford by proxy ‘KM Tonge’), BM Stephenson (Middlesbrough by proxy ‘AE Ransome’),

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GP Whyman (Ormesby by proxy 'AE Ransome'), WM Ellison (Stockton by proxy 'C Davison'), SA Tuckett (Exeter by proxy Chairman), JH Angold (Ilfracombe by proxy 'CP Goulding'), AJC Briggs (North Devon by proxy Chairman), LG Harrison (Plymouth by proxy 'KTO Ponting'), N Cowell (Blackmore Vale by proxy 'TEC Hales'), ILR Purser (Wimborne by proxy 'TEC Hales'), DW Bissett (Sunderland by proxy Chairman), WH Wall (Brentwood by proxy 'AN Murdoch'), RG Hiskey (Chelmsford by proxy Chairman), GC Earle (Colchester by proxy 'N Brierley'), JM Barnes (Harlow by proxy 'N Brierley'), JK Ferguson (Cheltenham by proxy 'LJ Smith'), J Bunn (Stroud by proxy 'LJ Smith'), JW Shepherd (Andover by proxy 'M Allsop'), PM Wilding (South East Hants by proxy 'AE Ransome'), JM Barnes (Cheshunt by proxy Chairman), RETF Hurley (Shaw by proxy Chairman), E Preat (Isle of Wight by proxy 'M Allsop'), J Hogben (Ashford by proxy 'AN Murdoch'), CA Harman (Canterbury by proxy 'AN Murdoch'), S Bannister (Medway Towns by proxy 'L Pilfold'), RD Pingram (Sevenoaks by proxy Chairman), PJ Millington (Sittingbourne by proxy Chairman), MK Ireland (Blackpool by proxy S Parr), JG Biggins (Bury by proxy Chairman), P Neaves (East Lancashire by proxy 'S Clarke'), KA Armson (Liverpool by proxy D Davies), KR Rogers (Lytham St Annes by proxy LE Meredith), H Ross (Manchester by proxy 'KM Tonge'), CD Kydd (Manchester Banks by proxy 'KM Tonge'), JP Foster (Oldham by proxy Chairman), J Clegg (Preston by proxy Chairman), D Watts (Rochdale by proxy Chairman), DD Goulden (Warrington by proxy 'S Clarke'), A Pickford (Wigan by proxy Chairman), SE Zanker (Leicester by proxy R Canton), M Lesh (West Middlesex by proxy J Melnick), CJ Fortesque (Great Yarmouth by proxy 'AE Ransome'), DA Kiziak (Wellingborough by proxy 'KJ Marchant'), JM Howell (Mansfield by proxy Chairman), RT Bolton (Nottingham by proxy 'M Allsop'), BA Stanfield (Retford by proxy 'M Allsop'), R Palafrey (Bridgwater by proxy 'AL Seward'), B Gibbs (Mendip by proxy J Burtenshaw), T Wade (Weston-super-Mare by proxy 'J Burtenshaw'), RN Smith (Sheffield Works by proxy Chairman), C Brown (Leek by proxy 'R Habgood'), GW Clark (Potteries by proxy 'R Habgood'), IR Coles (Stone by proxy 'R Habgood'), M Egan (Walsall by proxy 'R Habgood'), T Clift (Wolverhampton by proxy Chairman), ML Barratt (Byfleet by proxy Chairman), LJ Moir (Croydon by proxy Chairman), DP Brown (Guildford by proxy T Laws), NA Westmore (Haslemere by proxy Chairman), PA Collis (Reigate/Redhill by proxy Chairman), NG Carpenter (Sutton by proxy Chairman), P Croxford (Brighton by proxy 'A Beames'), DA Baseley (Eastbourne by proxy J Woodford), RF Spencer (Hastings by proxy DM Kirkwood), EJ Williams (Leamington Spa by proxy 'MC Macfarlane'), S Stones (Devizes by proxy 'K Satchell'), MJ Phillips (West Wilts by proxy 'K Satchell'), MG Clark (Bromsgrove by proxy 'AN Murdoch'), LA Reid (Evesham by proxy M Prior), IJ Perks (Kidderminster by proxy Chairman), DA Elliott (Worcester by proxy 'DA Young'), M Jackson (Bradford by proxy Chairman), MV Hookham (Castleford/Pontefract by proxy 'RB Hudson'), J Hardcastle (Doncaster by proxy 'RB Hudson'), G Amos (Halifax by proxy Chairman), BJ Hudson (Hull by proxy 'RB Hudson'), DC Adams (Keighley by proxy 'AN Murdoch'), M Grayson (Leeds by proxy 'RB Hudson'), A Grayson (Ryedale by proxy 'RB Hudson'), AL Heaton (Scarborough by proxy 'RB Hudson'), J Farmery (York by proxy 'RB Hudson'), RC Clark (London Banks /Civil Service by proxy N Le Milliere)

2.4 PRESIDENT

"Unable to attend"

2.5 VICE-PRESIDENTS

'M Allsop', J Arnold, 'M Close', 'CJ Davison', 'J Freeman', 'BR Granger', 'BR Halliday', 'J Jermyn', 'BP Lamerton', 'MC Macfarlane', 'KJ Marchant', 'WV Moran', 'S Parr', 'AL Seward', 'AWH Shipley', RH Sinclair, 'LJ Smith', 'MGR Smith', 'Mrs KM Tonge', HJ Webb, 'J Woodford', 'DA Young', 'R Yule'

2.6 HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

'LA Chatwin', 'MWJ Lewis', 'KTO Ponting', 'AE Ransome OBE', 'Mrs DM Stannard',

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'AJH Wickens'

2.7 OTHERS

P Avenell, A Baggaley, Steve Baggaley, Stuart Baggaley, 'A Beames', G Brook, 'J Burtenshaw', 'R Canton', P Charters, P Clarke, M Corry, D Davies, A Healey, P Heath, N Heavyside, B Hughes, P Ingham, 'Mrs DM Kirkwood', J Knock, T Laws, 'N Le Milliere', 'J Melnick', 'LE Meredith', Mrs V Murdoch, B Pollerton, 'M Prior', Mrs J Ransome, D Sherratt, JFA Wood (Editor TT News)

2.8 ORGANISATIONS IN GOOD STANDING:

None

2.9 STAFF

'R Yule' (Chief Executive), 'RH Sinclair' (General Secretary), Mrs DM Nightingale (Administrative Officer, Minute Secretary), 'HJ Webb' (National Events Manager), EK Muhr (Information Officer), BE Spicer (Regional Development Officer, London)

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

4. REPORT OF COMPANY SECRETARY ON STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE DISCUSSION GROUP (Document 5143/1/Ry (04.06.03) a copy of which is attached to the 'official record' copy of these Minutes)

4.1 R Yule (Company Secretary) introduced the report.

4.2 He recommended the following to the Annual General Meeting 2003 for adoption:

- i) The creation of a Standing Orders Committee whose principal duties would be to assist the Company Secretary prepare the Agenda for the AGM, and in particular, to place Rule Change propositions in the most convenient order for the efficient transaction of the AGM's business.
- ii) That the Standing Orders Committee be responsible solely to the General Meeting and should remain extra-statutory.
- iii) That the members of the Standing Orders Committee be not members of ETTA Limited Management Committee, thus emphasising the non-governmental nature of the committee.
- iv) The adoption of the previous Standing Orders Committee election procedure (three year term, one member retiring and being eligible for re-appointment).

4.3 The following suggested for membership of the Standing Orders Committee: AJH Wickens (1 year), RR Washington (2 years), DL Hockney (3 years). The meeting appointed them for the initial terms shown in brackets.

4.4 It was also agreed that the Company Secretary and the General Secretary should be available to attend meetings of the Committee and be kept informed of its business.

4.5 Adoption of the report was proposed by Mrs DM Stannard and seconded by KTO Ponting and passed.

5. STANDING ORDERS (Document 5162/1/AJHW (27.05.03) a copy of which is attached to the 'official record' copy of these Minutes)

5.1 Adoption of Standing Orders was proposed by KTO Ponting and seconded by J Jermyn and passed.

6. TELLERS

6.1 It was proposed by MGR Smith seconded by R Habgood and agreed that AWH Shipley and JAF Wood be appointed Tellers for the meeting. They were reminded before appointment that Tellers could not take part in debate.

7. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- 7.1 Members of the Company: H Albery (Hampshire), Mrs AP Archdale (Cornwall), K Armson MBE (Liverpool), D Bissett (Sunderland), MG Clark (Bromsgrove), G Earle (Colchester), R Franklin (Norwich), S Kerns (Essex), T Owens (Liverpool Business Houses), J Pimblett (Kendal), K Rogers (Lytham St Annes), GM Wilson (Durham)
- 7.2 President: JA Leach
- 7.3 Life Members: MR Holt, J Wright
- 7.4 Vice-Presidents: H Albery, Mrs AP Archdale, J Blackband, CT Hyland, RC Scruton, D Tremayne, D Tyler, C Villiers, B Webb

8. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 29th JUNE 2002 (Document 4985/1/DMN (18.09.02) a copy of which is attached to the 'official record' copy of these Minutes)

- 8.1 The minutes were approved, proposed by R Habgood and seconded by S Clarke and signed as a true record.

9. MATTERS ARISING

- 9.1 There were no matters arising.

10. MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING HELD 29th June 2002 (Document 4986/1/DMN (18.09.02) a copy of which is attached to the 'official record' copy of these Minutes)

- 10.1 The Minutes were approved, proposed by DA Young and seconded by S Parr and signed as a true record.

11. MATTERS ARISING

- 11.1 There were no matters arising.

At this point the Chairman stood down from the Chair in order to participate in debate. In the absence of the President, the Deputy Chairman, LA Chatwin, took the Chair.

12. REPORT OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (Document 5139/22/MGRS (10.06.03) a copy of which is attached to the 'official record' copy of these Minutes):

- 12.1 Introduction
- 12.1.1 MGR Smith, as Report Editor, said that the following corrections should be made - Page 8, 2nd line, after the word "Association" insert "'s".
- 12.1.2 Page 8, 4th Paragraph, 1st line: the name "Ponders" should be "Pondus".
- 12.1.3 Page 11, penultimate line: insert "the" before "Sunday"
- 12.2 Administration
- 12.2.1 Page 14, Item 2.1.5: Staff - P Maines queried the length of time that the South West had been without a Regional Development Officer. AL Seward said that the last incumbent left the post in September 2002 and not 2001 as stated in the Report. AE Ransome said that the posts were being advertised at the moment and would be filled shortly subject to suitable applicants.
- 12.2.2 Page 16, Item 2.4.1: Obituaries; It was Jack Head's widow, Jean Head, who had been the England international player and Corbillon Cup team member in the 1950s.
- 12.2.3 Page 17, Item 2.8.3: Information Technology Working Party: AE Ransome said that progress was being made with the new Website and that a demonstration would be made at the break.
- 12.3 Development
- 12.3.1 Page 28, Item 4.8.1.1: Mrs D Jermyn asked why the Women's British League was still in the Development Department after 16 seasons. AE Ransome said that it had been run satisfactorily through Development but it is possible that it would be transferred to Competitions in the future.
- 12.3.2 Page 28, Item 4.8.5: J Jermyn asked why the National Junior League did not have a 'play-off' in the same way as the National Cadet League. MWJ Lewis said that this was the first year that this

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request had been made as winning a National Junior League had always been a step into the Junior British League. However, the Competition had now become so large that consideration would be given to there being a 'play-off' for promotion to the Junior British League.

12.4 Note was taken of the amendment sheet relating to pages 53 and 54

12.5 Results

12.5.1 Page 55, The Hammersley Cup had been won by Slough.

(At this point AE Ransome resumed the Chair.)

12.6 AE Ransome expressed appreciation for all the work that had gone into compiling the Report especially to MGR Smith, RH Sinclair, Mrs DM Nightingale and Miss Lindsay Shipp.

13. REPORT OF ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN, DEPUTY CHAIRMAN AND TREASURER FOR 2003/4 AND 2204/5 (Document 5128/23/AJHW (07.04.03) a copy of which is attached to the 'official record' copy of these Minutes)

13.1 AJH Wickens (Returning Officer) informed the meeting of the results of the elections The election is for a term of two Administrative years commencing 29th June 2003 and ending on the date of 2004/5 AGM.

13.2 The report was noted.

14. REPORT OF ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMEN FOR PART ADMINISTRATIVE YEAR 2002/3 (Document 4988/23/AJHW (01.08.02) a copy of which is attached to the 'official record' copy of these Minutes)

14.1 AJH Wickens (Returning Officer) informed the meeting of the results of the elections. The report was noted.

15. REPORT OF ELECTION OF NATIONAL COUNCILLORS FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE YEAR 2003/4 (DOCUMENT 5140/23/AJHW (23.06.03) a copy of which is attached to the 'official record' copy of these Minutes)

15.1 AJH Wickens (Returning Officer) reported that results of elections had now been received from Dorset (T Hales) and from Durham (GM Wilson). The official notification of result had not been received from Kent although he had been informed that an election had taken place.

15.2 Document 5140/23/AJHW with above additions was noted.

16. REPORT OF THE TREASURER, REPORT OF THE AUDITORS AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2003 (DOCUMENT 5142/825/BRG (01.06.03) a copy of which is attached to the 'official record' copy of these Minutes)

16.1 The Treasurer said that the end of the financial year showed a surplus of £61,333. He reported three reasons for this:

16.1.1 About £40,000 underspend on Development salaries which Sport England have agreed can be transferred to other ETTA programmes.

16.1.2 Dilapidations provision of (£15,700) made in previous years is now no longer permitted under accounting rules and is therefore brought back to the surplus.

16.1.3 Refund of ETTA contribution to World Class Programme in 2002 of £9,377.

16.1.4 M Allsop asked whether a verification of the 'no-clawback' expectation, referred to in 16.1.1, had been received in writing. The Treasurer replied that the agreement to re-allocate the grant had been reached verbally between Sport England and the Chairman and Chief Executive.

16.2 J Jermyn queried the large increase in the expenditure for Management Committee meetings. It was stated that one extra meeting had been held during this period which would account for some of the increase.

16.3 R Habgood proposed and WV Moran 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.

16.4 The Chairman thanked the Treasurer for his presentation and his Staff for the work involved in producing the Accounts.

17. RULE CHANGE PROPOSITIONS (DOCUMENT 5141/1/AJHW (31.05.03) a copy of which is attached to the 'official record' copy of these Minutes) TO BE PROPOSED AS SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

- 17.1 Proposition No 1 (on behalf of National Council)
Add new Rule 9.2.3a Affiliated Coach: a person who has acquired an ETTA coaching qualification and who has not subsequently resigned the qualification or had it withdrawn
Amend Rule 9.2.5: after "42," insert "an Affiliated Coach"
- 17.1.1 D Marples queried the position of those who chose to be not affiliated. Mrs KM Tonge explained that under the Child Protection Act it was necessary for the situation with the ETTA qualification to be regularised. An ETTA Coaching qualification would be able to be held only by someone who was an Affiliated Person.
- 17.1.2 P Maines asked about Criminal Record Bureau checks. Mrs KM Tonge said that, due to the backlog, these were having to be phased in. The checks can be obtained by whoever the Coach is working for, a school, a Local Authority or a Governing Body. The checking process is free for any volunteer worker.
- 17.1.3 The proposition was put by MGR Smith (Vice-Chairman (Administration)) and seconded by Mrs KM Tonge (Vice-Chairman (Teaching and Training)) and passed nem.con.
- 17.2 Proposition No 2 (on behalf of National Council)
- 17.2.1 Amend Rule 9.2.5: after "42", insert "a Deputy National Councillor"
- 17.2.2 Proposition No 2 was passed nem.con.
- 17.3 Proposition No 3 (on behalf of National Council)
- 17.3.1 Amend Rule 9.2.6: after "a person who has", for "qualified as a County Umpire or National Umpire" substitute "acquired an ETTA umpiring qualification"
- 17.3.2 Proposition No 3 was passed nem.con.
- 17.4 Proposition No 4 (on behalf of National Council)
- 17.4.1 Amend Rule 9.2.9: after "under 15 years of age on", for "1st January" substitute "31st December"
Amend Rule 9.2.22: after "under 18 years of age on", for "1st January" substitute "31st December"
- 17.4.2 Proposition No 4 was passed nem.con.
- 17.5 Proposition No 5: (on behalf of National Council)
- 17.5.1 Amend Rule 9.2.31: after "40 years of age or over on", for "the preceding 30th June" substitute "1st January during the current Administrative Year"
- 17.5.2 Proposition No 5 was passed.
- 17.6 Proposition No 6 (on behalf of National Council)
- 17.6.1 Delete Rule 16.2
- 17.6.2 Proposition No 6 was passed nem.con.
- 17.7 Proposition No 7 (on behalf of National Council)
- 17.7.1 Amend Rule 25.1: after "Individual Member", insert ", to every County Representative Member"
- 17.7.2 Proposition No 7 was passed nem.con.
- 17.8 Proposition No 8: (on behalf of National Council)
- 17.8.1 Amend Rule 39.1 to read:
"39.1 The Directors of the Association shall be
39.1.1 the Chairman
39.1.2 the Deputy Chairman
39.1.3 the Treasurer
39.1.4 the General Secretary, if the post be not suspended in the manner prescribed in Rule 24.9, and
39.1.5 the Chief Executive, if one should be appointed under the provisions of Rule 34."
- 17.8.2 AJH Wickens said that the Association has 3 Directors by virtue of being elected by Members. If this Proposition is passed it would mean that the Association had an additional Director by virtue of his employment and not subject to re-election. It was at first understood that this was a requirement of Sport England but this has since been found to be not the case. For this reason he strongly opposed this Proposition.

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- 17.8.3 Mrs D Jermyn said that the same conditions should apply to the Chief Executive as do to the General Secretary.
- 17.8.4 Proposition No 8 was lost and it was agreed to return the matter to National Council for further consideration.
- 17.9 Proposition No 9: (on behalf of National Council)
- 17.9.1 Delete Rule 56.4
- 17.9.2 Proposition No 9 was passed nem.con.

18. MOTIONS RELATING TO ETTA APPROVED LAWS OF TABLE TENNIS (DOCUMENT 5144/1/AJHW (30.06.03) a copy of which is attached to the 'official record' copy of these Minutes)

- 18.1 KTO Ponting (Vice-Chairman (Competitions) proposed Motion 'A' (on behalf of National Council)
THAT with effect from 1st September 2003 Laws B2.11.1, B2.12.1, B2.13.3, B2.13.6, B2.13.7 and B2.15.1 shall be deleted from the ETTA Approved Laws of Table Tennis, the text of the Laws to be deleted as follows:
 - B2.11.1 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.
 - B2.12.1 A match shall consist of the best of 3 games or the best of 5 games.
 - B2.13.3 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 one point in turn.
 - B2.13.6 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.
 - B2.13.7 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.
 - B2.15.1 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 an earlier time at the request of both players or pairs.
- 18.1.1 P Goulding proposed the following amendment on behalf of the Plymouth & District Table Tennis League:
Amend Motion 'A': after "1st September" for "2003" substitute "2004"
- 18.1.2 Strong feelings were expressed for the retention 21up for Local League play. AJH Wickens said that the constitution demanded uniformity and those who wanted to deviate from this should have acted last year.
- 18.1.3 Equal pleas were made for conformity with the ITTF ruling in order to go forward with the sport in the International arena. It was felt play should be under one set of rules and that it was essential that young players should progress in a united and uniform sport.
- 18.1.4 Members requested a card vote on the amendment. The result of this was 13,966 for and 22,983 against. The amendment was lost.
- 18.1.5 A card vote was taken on the Motion.

(At this point the Tellers left the room to calculate the result of the card vote.)

19. ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

- 19.1 AE Ransome proposed that JA Leach MBE should be elected for a further term as President of the Association. This was seconded by A Murdoch and agreed.

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20. ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENTS

20.1 The meeting agreed, on the proposal of MGR Smith, on behalf of National Council and seconded by Mrs S Deaton, to a further three-year term for the following retiring Vice-Presidents: M Allsop, Mrs EM Carrington, M Close, C Davison, BR Halliday, CT Hyland, C Jacques, Mrs A Jones OBE, BR Lamerton, P Lewis MBE, KJ Marchant, Miss G McCulloch, A Sandford, MD Shaffner OBE, LJ Smith, Mrs KM Tonge, DN Tyler, R Yates, DA Young.

It was noted with regret that the following Vice President, who would have been due for re-election, had died during her current 3 year term: Mrs N Vint.

20.2 New Vice Presidents

The meeting agreed, on the proposal of MGR Smith, seconded by R Habgood, to the election for a term of three years of:

D Douglas MBE

Awarded the MBE for services to table tennis in 1987 and the ITTF 'Fair Play' Merit award in 1966. Represented England for a record number of over 200 'caps' and a record number of 11 National Championships singles titles; and holder of two English Open titles and winner of Europe Top 12.

Mrs C Lewis,

For her work with 'Women in Table Tennis' and • rganizer of the Women's British League since 1992. Member of Women's Development Committee from 1991 to 1998 and Secretary from 1997 to 1998. Regional Co-ordinating Committee Secretary 1987.

HFJ Newman

Suffolk TTA: General Secretary 1975 to 1996, National Councillor 1987 to present, Umpifres Secretary 1989 to present. Qualified as County Umpire in 1976, National Umpire in 1992, International Umpire in 1994. He has also officiated as Umpire at a number of Foreign 'Opens'.

Mrs DM Nightingale

For her work as Administrative Officer of the ETTA as well as her voluntary activity. Her work responsibilities are widespread and include the Ranking Scheme, the Player Licence Scheme, the Directory, Report and Diary. She acts as Minute Secretary of National Council and Annual General Meeting, Secretary of Ranking Policy Committee, Ranking Panel, Trade Committee, Player Licence Scheme Panel and Disciplinary Committee as well as Assistant Clerk (Administrative) to the Board of Appeal; she is also a member of Membership Committee.

Qualified as a County Umpire in 1990, National Umpire in 1998, International Umpire in 2000; Member of National Umpires and Referees Committee's Junior Umpires Panel.

Sussex TTA: Umpires Secretary 1992 to present

Eastbourne TTL: General Secretary 1994 to 1997

21. ELECTION OF HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

21.1 It was noted with regret that the following Honorary Life Member had died during the past year, AE Upton.

21.2 MGR Smith (Vice-Chairman (Administration)) recommended the nomination of the following as an Honorary Life Member:

L J Smith

Nominated Vice-President in 1985

Member of County Championships Committee from 1981 to present, National Umpires and Referees Committee from 1990 to 2002.

Qualified as County Umpire in 1960, National Umpire in 1966, International Umpire in 1973, Tournament Referee in 1972 and National Referee in 1976.

Currently member of Calendar Working Party.

Gloucestershire TTA: President from 2002, Chairman from 1988 to 2001, National Councillor from 1973 to present, General Secretary from 1973 to 1987

Treasurer from 1972 to 1985, Press Officer from 1970 to 1975 and from 1979 to 1981, Umpires Secretary from 1985 to 1986 and from 1993 to 1999.

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22. PRESENTATION OF AWARDS AND HONOURS

22.1 Ivor Montagu Award

This was awarded to Mick Strode for his work on the ETTA website and his contribution towards the success of the ETTA Grand Prix.

National Team Competitions Committee: 1988 to present (Secretary from 1988 to 1994, Chairman from 1997 to present), Grand Prix Committee from 1999 to present.

Qualified as County Umpire in 1980, National Umpire in 1986, International Umpire in 1988, Tournament Referee in 1987, National Referee in 1993 and International Referee in 1997. He has officiated as Referee and Umpire at numerous overseas Open Championships.

22.2 Victor Barna Award

This was awarded jointly to Andrew Baggaley and Gareth Herbert for winning gold medals in the men's doubles and men's team event at the 2002 Commonwealth Games. performance at the English National Championships 2002.

22.3 Malcolm Scott Award

This was awarded to Mrs DM Stannard for her outstanding services to the Association:

Honorary Life Member in 1988, ETTA 100 Club Secretary for 26 years, County Umpire 1964, National Umpire 1972, International Umpire 1981

English Championships Committee from 1972 to 1979 and Chairman from 1980 to 1990

National Events Committee from 1991 to 1992 and from 1995 to 1999, Marketing Committee from 1992 to 1995

National Championships Committee Chairman from 1999 to present.

Middlesex TTA: County Umpires Secretary from 1967 to 1977, National Councillor from 1978 to present

Organiser of the ETTA 80th Anniversary Dinner

Served as Umpires Controller at ETTA National Championships for many years.

22.4 Johnny Leach Most Improved Player of the Year Award

This was awarded jointly to Georgina Walker and Kelly Sibley for their dedicated attitude and steady progress during the past year.

22.5 Mike Watts Achievement Award

This was awarded for 2001/2 to Alex Green (Li) and Claire Wilson (Du). The award for 2002/3 will be considered when the final results of the season are known.

22.6 A K Vint OBE Staff Award

The recipient of this 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.

23. ELECTION OF AUDITORS

- 23.1 It was agreed nem.com that Gibbons and Mannington be re-elected.

(At about 6.05pm, the meeting room being required by the Hotel for another function, the meeting moved to another room for the completion of business.)

24 RESULT OF CARD VOTE

- 24.1 The Tellers returned and reported that the result of the card vote was 23,367 for and 13,483 against therefore Motion A was passed.

25. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 25.1 P Maines suggested that a more satisfactory method of taking a card vote be investigated for use on future occasions. It was agreed that the use of technology might be appropriate.
- 25.2 It was agreed that it would be preferable to have 'Propositions' and 'Motions' higher on the Agenda at future General Meetings.

26. There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 6.30pm.