

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- 1 **MINUTES** of the Annual General Meeting of the Company held at the Hanover International Hotel, Hinckley, on Saturday, 3rd July 2004 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**

AN Murdoch (Chairman), MF Johns (Deputy Chairman), MG Clark (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**

‘AN Murdoch’ (Chairman), ‘MF Johns’ (Deputy Chairman), ‘MG Clark’ (Treasurer), JE Dignum (Vice-Chairman (Administration)), PR Bradley (Vice-Chairman (Competitions)), Mrs S Deaton (Vice-Chairman (Marketing)), J Beckley (Vice-Chairman (Public Relations)), LA Chatwin (Subscriber)

2.3.2 **COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE MEMBERS**

BA Mayfield (Bedfordshire), BR Latham (Berkshire), Mrs VA Parkes (Cambridgeshire), P Ingham (Cheshire), AE Ransome (Cleveland), J Jermyn (Cornwall), C Deaton (Derbyshire), KTO Ponting (Devonshire), TEC Hales (Dorset), BR Granger (Essex), DJ Edwards (Hertfordshire), BR Freer (Huntingdonshire), L Pilfold (Kent), S Clarke (Lancashire), AB Lillicrapp (Leicestershire), WV Moran (Lincolnshire), Mrs DM Stannard (Middlesex), RR Drew (Norfolk), M Allsop (Nottinghamshire), AL Seward (Somerset), JF Whidborne (South Yorkshire), R Habgood (Staffordshire), Mrs CA Beames (Sussex), MC Macfarlane (Warwickshire), KWG Satchell (Wiltshire), DA Young (Worcestershire), RB Hudson (Yorkshire)

GM Wilson (Durham by proxy Chairman), H Albery (Hampshire by proxy ‘M Allsop’), N Merchant (Herefordshire by proxy H Ross), J Prean (Isle of Wight by proxy ‘M Allsop’), HFJ Newman (Suffolk by proxy P Avenell), BJ Rowley (Surrey by proxy Chairman)

2.3.3 **LEAGUE REPRESENTATIVE MEMBERS**

D Hockney (Bath), P Maines (Bristol), J Freeman (Reading), BC Whitehead (Aylesbury), RR Washington (Chiltern), Mrs KM Tonge (Halton), Mrs D Jermyn (Mid Cornwall), D Marples (Chesterfield), A Young (Derby), WH Wall (Brentwood), M Strode (Aldershot), DB Turner (Bournemouth), BP Lamerton (Southampton), D Thomson (Winchester), Mrs VJ Murdoch (North Herts), KA Armson MBE (Liverpool), AC Knowlson (Liverpool Business Houses), H Ross (Manchester), DD Goulden (Warrington), AJ Gatherer (Hinckley), S Welch (Grimsby/Cleethorpes), PA Searle (Staines), M Close (Wembley/Harrow), G Powell (Northampton), TM Farr (Yeovil), Mrs DM Kirkwood (Hastings), Mrs BL Hughes (Birmingham), Mrs LA Reid (Evesham), IJ Perks (Kidderminster), Mrs C Palmer (Malvern), JL Vaughan (Huddersfield)

CG Saunders (Bracknell/Wokingham by proxy ‘B Latham’), JOJ White (Newbury by proxy Chairman), J Johnson (Chalfonts by proxy Chairman), DJ Harrison (Cambridge by proxy ‘Mrs V Parkes’), R Benstead (Ellesmere Port by proxy Chairman), V Hyde (Glossop by proxy Chairman), Mrs BM Stephenson (Middlesbrough by proxy ‘AE Ransome’), GP Whyman

(Ormesby by proxy 'AE Ransome'), WM Ellison (Stockton by proxy 'AE Ransome'), TA Bowler (Mid Cornwall by proxy 'Mrs D Jermyn'), J Angold (Ilfracombe by proxy 'CP Goulding'), LG Harrison (Plymouth by proxy 'KTO Ponting'), DW Bissett (Sunderland by proxy Chairman), GC Earle (Colchester by proxy Chairman), JW Shepherd (Andover by proxy Chairman), G Stables (Hereford by proxy 'H Ross'), JM Barnes (Cheshunt by proxy Chairman), Mrs E Prean (Isle of Wight by proxy 'M Allsop'), Ms J Hogbin (Ashford by proxy Chairman), H Buist (Bromley by proxy 'L Piffold'), S Bispham (Folkestone by proxy Chairman), S Bannister (Medway Towns by proxy Chairman), RD Pingram (Sevenoaks by proxy Chairman), PJ Millington (Sittingbourne by proxy Chairman), SD Walker (Blackpool by proxy S Parr), JG Biggins (Bury by proxy 'H Ross'), RV Williamson (Lancaster/Morecambe by proxy Chairman), JP Foster (Oldham by proxy 'H Ross'), J Clegg (Preston by proxy Chairman), A Pickford (Wigan by proxy Chairman), SE Sanker (Leicester by proxy MGR Smith), CJ Fortescue (Great Yarmouth by proxy Chairman), RT Bolton (Nottingham by proxy 'M Allsop'), Mrs BA Stanfield (Redford by proxy 'M Allsop'), PW Mowforth (Telford by proxy Chairman), GW Clark (Potteries by proxy Chairman), M Egan (Walsall by proxy 'R Habgood'), DP Brown (Guildford by proxy T Laws), PA Collis (Reigate/Redhill by proxy Chairman), NG Carpenter (Sutton by proxy Chairman), DA Baseley (Eastbourne by proxy J Woodford), EJ Williams (Leamington Spa by proxy 'MC Macfarlane'), DA Elliott (Worcester by proxy 'DA Young'), MV Hookham (Castleford/Pontefract by proxy 'RB Hudson'), JE Peters (Doncaster by proxy 'RB Hudson'), Mrs BJ Hudson (Hull by proxy 'RB Hudson'), DC Adams (Keighley by proxy Chairman), M Grayson (Leeds by proxy Chairman), J Farmery (York by proxy Chairman),

2.4 PRESIDENT

"Unable to attend"

2.5 VICE-PRESIDENTS

'M Allsop', Mrs PA Archdale, 'PR Bradley', 'M Close', 'J Freeman', 'BR Granger', BR Halliday 'J Jermyn', 'BP Lamerton', Mrs C Lewis, 'MC Macfarlane', 'WV Moran', Mrs DM Nightingale, 'S Parr', 'AL Seward', RH Sinclair, 'MGR Smith', 'Mrs KM Tonge', HJ Webb, 'J Woodford', 'DA Young', 'R Yule'

2.6 HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

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

2.7 OTHERS

Mrs P Chatwin, P Charters, Mrs M Dignum, P Fordham, H Hands, P Heath, N Heavyside, Mrs BJ Hudson, Mrs D Macfarlane, J Melnick, J Palmer, EA Pentland, D Perry, Mrs S Pickering, M Prior, Mrs J Ransome, G Sanders, Mrs E Shaler, GA Taylor, L Whittaker, JFA Wood (Editor Table Tennis News), G Twiss (Tournaments Committee)

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), BE Spicer (Regional Development Officer, London)

3. OPENING OF THE MEETING

AN Murdoch (Chairman) took the chair and welcomed all present.

One minute's silence was observed in memory of AJH Wickens (Honorary Life Member).

4. REPORT OF STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE to the third ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (Document 5373/1/RRW (01.07.04) a copy of which is attached to the 'official record' copy of these Minutes)

4.1 Agenda - The order of the Agenda adopted in past years had been changed to satisfy the preference expressed at the last AGM to have 'Propositions' and 'Motions' higher on the Agenda.

4.2 Rule Change Propositions (Agenda item 7)

4.2.1 Proposition 19

4.2.1.1 The effect of this proposal would be to attribute voting rights directly to Local Leagues. Also, in the extreme, a County Representative Member could be denied a vote altogether.

4.2.1.2 Advice received from independent legal advisors is that the proposed amendment to Rule 20.1.2 will lead to potential breach of company law in that the proposed new wording ignores the concept of membership and attributes voting directly to Local Leagues.

4.2.1.3 For these reasons the Standing Orders Committee believes it would not be in the interests of the Association for this Proposition to proceed.

4.3 Proposition 20

4.3.1 The effect of this proposal would be to deny the County Representative Member (CRM) a voting entitlement.

4.3.2 Advice received from independent legal advisors is that although a company's articles can provide for votes to be weighted, no evidence has been found that this could be taken to the extreme of denying any type of member a vote altogether.

4.3.3 The Standing Orders Committee believes that by denying CRMs a vote, the proposed amendment would result in a breach of the Companies Act and be unlawful. Accordingly, it would not be in the interests of the Association for this Proposition to proceed.

5. STANDING ORDERS (Document 5162/1/AJHW (27.05.03))

5.1 Adoption of Standing Orders was proposed by Stan Clarke (Lancashire) and seconded by Mrs D Jermyn (Mid Cornwall) and passed nem.con.

6. TELLERS

6.1 It was proposed by MR Holt (Honorary Life Member) seconded by BR Granger (Vice President) and agreed that G Sanders (Leicestershire) be appointed a Teller for the meeting. It was also proposed by Mrs L Reid (Evesham), seconded by DA Young (Worcestershire) and agreed that J Palmer (Malvern) be appointed a Teller for the meeting. The Tellers were reminded before appointment that Tellers could not vote or take part in debate.

7. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

7.1 Members of the Company: G Earle (Colchester), KE Eliot (Gainsborough), J Johnson (Chalfonts), K Marchant (Northamptonshire), N Merchant (Herefordshire), G McCulloch (Vice Chairman (Teaching & Training)), HJ Newman (Suffolk), LJ Smith (Gloucestershire), B Wetherall (Maidstone), R Williamson (Lancaster/Morecambe)

7.2 President: JA Leach

7.3 Honorary Life Members: LJ Smith, J Wright

7.4 Vice-Presidents: J Blackband, B Goldfinch, CT Hyland, K Marchant, G McCulloch, HJ Newman, BJ Rowley, RC Scruton, D Tremayne, D Tyler

7.5 Others: G Rushton, EK Muhr, D Lomas, T Owens

8. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 28th JUNE 2003 (document 5180/1/DMN)

8.1 Document 5180/1/DMN was approved with the addition of MWJ Lewis (Vice-Chairman (Development)) to 'Those Present' and the addition of T Owens (Liverpool Business Houses) to 'Apologies', proposed by KTO Ponting (Devonshire) and seconded by S Clarke (Lancashire) and signed as a true record.

9. MATTERS ARISING

9.1 There were no matters arising.

10. RULE CHANGE PROPOSITIONS (Document 5359/1/RHS(01.06.04)) a copy of which is attached to the 'official record' copy of these Minutes)

10.1 Proposition No.1

In Rules 20.1.3, 28.3, 28.4, 28.5, 29.2 and 44.4.1.2 replace "County" by "County Association"
This was proposed by J Jermyn (Rules Committee Chairman on behalf of National Council) and seconded by BR Granger (Vice-President) and passed nem.con.

10.2 Proposition No.2

In Rule 44.4.2.2 replace "County TTA" by "County Association"
This was proposed by J Jermyn (Rules Committee Chairman on behalf of National Council) and seconded by S Clarke (Lancashire) and passed nem.con.

10.3 Proposition No.3

In Rule 26.2 delete "County's"
This was proposed by J Jermyn (Rules Committee Chairman on behalf of National Council) and seconded by M Allsop (Nottinghamshire) and passed nem.con.

10.4 Proposition No.4

In Rule 44.1.3 replace "the County Association(s)" by "any County Association"
This was proposed by J Jermyn (Rules Committee Chairman on behalf of National Council) and seconded by LA Chatwin (Subscriber) and passed nem.con.

10.5 Proposition No.5

In Rule 44.4.2.2 replace "county or regional association or organization" by "county or regional organisation". This was proposed by J Jermyn (Rules Committee Chairman on behalf of National Council) and seconded by H Ross (Manchester) and passed nem.con.

10.6 Proposition No.6

Throughout the Memorandum of the Organisation and Articles of Association for "Member" substitute "Company Member". This was proposed by J Jermyn (Rules Committee Chairman on behalf of National Council) and seconded by S Clarke (Lancashire) and passed nem.con.

10.7 Proposition No.7

Throughout the Memorandum of Association and Articles of Association, for "Association" where it is a single word defined term, substitute "Company". This was proposed by J Jermyn (Rules Committee Chairman on behalf of National Council) and seconded by R Habgood (Staffordshire) and passed nem.con.

10.8 Proposition No.8

Amend Rule 24.1: Add a comma after "Treasurer"; for "Vice-Chairmen elected under Rule 27" substitute "not fewer than six nor more than eight Vice-Chairmen except as provided in Rule (2004/5) 24.1a". This was proposed by J Jermyn (Rules Committee Chairman on behalf of National Council) and seconded by S Clarke (Lancashire) and passed nem.con.

10.9 Proposition No.9

Amend Rule 27.1: Delete "The Treasurer ... but other"; after "Vice-Chairmen" insert "other than the Vice-Chairman (Finance)"; after "at its" for "first meeting after the AGM" substitute "April meeting to serve for the following Administrative Year".

Amend Rule 24.4.2: for "date of their election ... are elected" substitute "end of the Annual General Meeting following their election until the end of the second Annual Meeting following their election". This was proposed by J Jermyn (Rules Committee Chairman on behalf of National Council) and seconded by Mrs DM Stannard (Middlesex) and passed nem.con.

10.10 Proposition No.10

Amend Rule 27.2: For "an Officer-elect, an Officer" substitute "any person"; for "by any other" substitute, "who is a". This was proposed by J Jermyn (Rules Committee Chairman on behalf of National Council) and seconded by B Mayfield Bedfordshire) and passed nem.con.

10.11 Proposition No.11

- Amend Rule 27.10.1 to read: "To be elected a candidate must receive at least 50% of the votes cast".
- Add new Rule 27.10.4: "If there is only one candidate for any post, for that candidate to be elected there must be a confirmatory motion for which at least 50% of the votes cast are in favour". This was proposed by J Jermyn (Rules Committee Chairman on behalf of National Council) and seconded by DA Young (Worcestershire) and passed nem.con.
- 10.12 Proposition No.12
Amend Rule 27.10.3: for "Chairman" substitute "chairman of the meeting". This was proposed by J Jermyn (Rules Committee Chairman on behalf of National Council) and seconded by H Ross (Manchester) and passed nem.con.
- 10.13 Proposition No.13
Amend Rule 30.3: Delete "elected under Rule 27". This was proposed by J Jermyn (Rules Committee Chairman on behalf of National Council) and seconded by Mrs L Reid (Evesham) and passed nem.con.
- 10.14 Proposition No.14
Add new Rule 27.4a: "The closing date for nominations shall not be earlier than 7 days after the results of the Chairman, Deputy Chairman and Treasurer elections are decided". This was proposed by J Jermyn (Rules Committee Chairman on behalf of National Council) and seconded by LAC Chatwin (Subscriber) and passed nem.con.
- 10.15 Proposition No.15
Add new Rule 27.2a: "The person (Chairman or Chairman-elect) who will be Chairman during the term of office of the Vice-Chairmen being elected must make a nomination for each Vice-Chairman who will be in charge of a Department".
Add new Rule 27.2b: "Notice of the Chairman's intended nominations under Rule 27.2a must be sent to each member of National Council at the same time as the Nomination Form". This was proposed by J Jermyn (Rules Committee Chairman on behalf of National Council) and seconded by M Allsop (Nottinghamshire) and passed nem.con.
- 10.16 Proposition No.16
Add new Rule 51.1a: "Each member of the Board shall be appointed to serve for an individually specified period not exceeding three years and five weeks, and shall be eligible for re-appointment". This was proposed by J Jermyn (Rules Committee Chairman on behalf of National Council) and seconded by JE Dignum (Vice-Chairman (Administration)) and passed nem.con.
- 10.17 Proposition No.17
Add new Rule 51.1b: "If at the time a Board member's term of service is due to expire that Board member is a member of a panel dealing with an Appeal, the term of service of that Board member shall automatically be extended until that Appeal has been disposed of". This was proposed by J Jermyn (Rules Committee Chairman on behalf of National Council) and seconded by D Hockney (Bath) and passed nem.con.
- 10.18 Proposition No.18
Amend Rule 14.10 to:-
"Interest on late payments. A Local League from which any Affiliation Fees are due to the Association but unpaid on November 16th shall be charged interest on the amount outstanding at 5% above NatWest Bank base rate calculated on a daily basis, subject to the interest so calculated being in excess of £5". This was proposed by J Jermyn (Rules Committee Chairman on behalf of National Council) and seconded by Mrs D Jermyn (Mid Cornwall) and passed nem.con.
- 10.19 Propositions No.19 & No.20.
10.19.1 H Ross (Manchester) (on behalf of Hereford TTL and Oldham TTL) agreed to withdraw these Propositions as the result would be a situation that was against Company Law. He expressed the concern of the members of the said Leagues where the votes of the County Association could countermand the votes of its Leagues. He felt this situation was significantly different from the position before the Association became a Limited Company and was not currently democratic.

- 10.19.2 The Chairman gave assurance that he would ask Management Committee to consider the matter of Voting Rights and make recommendations to National Council for them to consider as Proposals for the Annual General Meeting in 2005.
- 11. MOTIONS RELATING TO ETTA APPROVED LAWS OF TABLE TENNIS (DOCUMENT 5360/1/RHS (01.06.04) a copy of which is attached to the 'official record' copy of these minutes)**
- 11.1 H Ross (Manchester), on behalf of Hereford TTL, asked to withdraw Motion 'B'.
- 11.2 Motion A (proposed on behalf of Bury and District TTL, Manchester & District TTL and Oldham & District TTL)
- 11.2.1 That under its power of ETTA Rule (2003/4 57.6.1, it resolves that from 1st September 2004 there shall be a divergence in the Approved Laws in respect of events organized by Local Leagues and events organized 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 one 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 an earlier time at the request of both players or pairs.
- 11.2.2 This motion was seconded by B Whitehead (Aylesbury TTL).
- 11.2.3 P Heath (Grimsby) spoke in favour of the Motion stating that Local Leagues would like to have the opportunity of choice in order for the social players to have more enjoyment from their sport.
- 11.2.4 Mrs D Jermyn (Mid-Cornwall) spoke against the motion saying that, in order to take the sport forward and for the future of the junior players, it was essential that we adhered to the Rules of the sport.
- 11.2.5 MC Macfarlane (Warwickshire) said that the subject had been thoroughly discussed at last year's meeting and a decision made. It would be a detrimental and confusing step to go back on this decision.
- 11.2.6 Mrs D Stannard (Middlesex) proposed that a card vote be taken. This was seconded by S Parr (Blackpool) and supported by the required number of Members.

(The card vote was taken and the Motion was defeated by 26,669 votes to 8,714.)

12. REPORT OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:

Introduction

- 12.1.1 Page 4, 4th Paragraph, LA Chatwin (Subscriber) said that the young players who had been at the Academy are producing good results and asked what plans there were for the further development of these players. MF Johns (Vice-Chairman (Selection)) said that the closure had been due to the cut in finance and a change in the laws regarding carers. He was hopeful that an Academy would

open again, but in the meantime, practice partners, training camps and peripatetic training are being undertaken. It is anticipated that the first High Performance Centres would be open in September to be followed later by Development Centres. Selected coaches will be further trained to undertake the coaching in the local areas.

- 12.1.2.1 Page 5, 7th & 8th Paragraphs, AE Ransome (Cleveland) said that no mention had been made in relation to Sport England that table tennis is no longer a priority sport but is a development sport. He asked what action was taken on this decision and what moves will be made to get table tennis back on the priority list.

(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, MF Johns, took the Chair.)

- 12.1.2.2 The chairman asked the Chief Executive to respond to this question. R Yule (Chief Executive) said that it was a political decision that Sport England should obtain a unified picture. The decision that table tennis was not being one of the priority sports was taken some time ago and effort continues to get table tennis into this category. The Sport England criteria for inclusion in the top 20 sports were participation, club structure, club development and success. Table tennis matches the requirements for the first three but has failed on the last one. He continues to lobby and has obtained considerable funding, comparable with some of the priority sports. The future prospects, through the Cadets and Juniors, are encouraging and work will continue towards 'success'.

12.2 Administration

- 12.2.1 Item 2.1.4: Page 8, Staff: LA Chatwin (Subscriber) said that the judgement of the employment tribunal was unfair dismissal and not redundancy.
- 12.2.2 Item 2.3.1: Page 9, Honours: MGR Smith (Vice-President) said that the list of recipients of Honours were for 2002/3 and not 2003/4.
- 12.2.3 Item 2.4.1: Page 10, Obituaries: MGR Smith (Vice-President) said that the second name on this page should read 'Kathleen Thompson nee Best'.
- 12.2.4 Item 2.7.7: Page 11, Rules Committee: MGR Smith (Vice-President) requested that the excellence of the work of the Rules Committee, evident in the number of Rules Propositions, be noted and that thanks be recorded.
- 12.2.5 Item 2.8.1: Page 11, Information Technology Working Party: MGR Smith (Vice-President) said that 'Chairman' in this context should have a lower case initial letter.
- 12.2.6 Item 2.9.2: Page 12, Membership Committee: KTO Ponting (Devonshire) asked the cost of the Individual Registration Questionnaire exercise. The Chairman said that he did not have that information but would find out and report back to National Council. He said that just under 700 questionnaires had been returned to date.
- 12.2.7 Item 2.10.2: Page 13, Player Licence Scheme Panel: MGR Smith (Vice-President) commented that this was the first season that the numbers had declined since its inception. AE Ransome (Cleveland) asked what progress had been made towards the members of VETTS requiring a licence to play in their events. The Chairman said that no further discussions had taken place.

12.3 Competitions

- 12.3.1 Item 3.3.5: Page 16, National Club and League Team Competitions: KTO Ponting (Devonshire) said that the date of the final of the National Team Competitions had been changed three times and this had caused a drop in participation. P Bradley (Vice-Chairman (Competitions)) apologised and explained that the problems had not been of the ETTA's making. He assured the meeting that the Centre had been booked for next year and that arrangement would not change.
- 12.3.2 Item 3.4.1: Page 17, Regional & National Juniors/Cadet Ranking Trials: It was noted that 'Regional Coaching Chairmen' should read 'Regional Teaching and Training Co-ordinators'.
- 12.3.3 Item 3.7.2: Page 17, Tournaments Committee: G Twiss (Tournaments Committee Chairman) said that one reason for the decline in the number of entries into tournaments in 2003/4; a reduction in small tournaments around the country and larger events offering more games and greater competition together with the shift towards more weekend Leagues and match play. In spite of

fewer events, it is reported that more results have been entered into the ranking computer than ever before.

- 12.3.4 Item 3.8.6: Page 19, National Umpires and Referees Committee: LA Chatwin (Subscriber) said that in line 3, 'assessments' should read 'evaluations' and in line 4 'NURC Chairman' should read 'ITTF URC Chairman'.

12.4 Development

- 12.4.1 Item 4.2.2: Page 21, AE Ransome (Cleveland) said that he was disappointed in the lack of progress with Premier Clubs, noting a 27% drop in active Premier Clubs. CP Goulding (Vice-Chairman (Development)) said that the procedure was in place to identify the reasons for this. He said that more exact statistics would be kept in future and a review of past and present statistics would continue.

- 12.4.2 Item 4.13.1: Page 23, MGR Smith (Vice-President) said that although the ETTA Equity Policy had been finally approved during this past year, it was a revised policy rather than a new one.

- 12.4.3 Item 4.16.1: Page 25, MWJ Lewis (Honorary Life Member) said he was pleased to see that work was being undertaken to bring the Regional Committees into a more official position in the Company.

- 12.4.4 Item 4.18.1: Page 25, BR Halliday (Vice-President) said that it was regretful that no finals had been held for the National Cadet League when they had been anticipated. CP Goulding (Vice-Chairman (Development)) said that the NCL Organiser, for many reasons, had not been willing to arrange this event and there had been no response to a request for a volunteer to undertake the task.

- 12.4.5 Item 4.26.1: Page 28, AE Ransome (Cleveland) said that the progress in facility development was pleasing to see. CP Goulding (Vice-Chairman (Development)) expressed gratitude to the Facilities Officer, Paul Baker, and the work he has done in this area.

12.5 Marketing

- 12.5.1 Item 5.1: Page 28: AE Ransome (Cleveland) said that there was a serious omission in no report of the National Junior and Cadet Championships where, for the first time, a cadet boy had won all the four possible titles and the National Under 10,11,12,13 Championships where an Under 11 boy had won the Under 11, Under 12 and Under 13 titles. Mrs S Deaton (Vice-Chairman (Marketing)) apologised for this omission and explained that these events had taken place after the report had been written. It was acknowledged that these events should have been added.

- 12.5.2 Item 5.4.8: Page 30: MR Holt (Honorary Life Member) said that no mention had been made of the contribution to this event of the BBC. R Yule (Chief Executive) agreed that the BBC had contributed greatly to this event and said that acknowledgement had been given on the night. It was also noted that no acknowledgement had been given to Matthew Syed for his considerable contribution.

- 12.5.3 Item 5.4.10: Page 30: AE Ransome (Cleveland) said that premiums from Perkins Slade had doubled. R Yule (Chief Executive) said that Perkins Slade had notified all governing bodies of significant increases. The market had been tested through the CCPR who are continuing to use Perkins Slade. If there was one policy to cover all those involved in table tennis the premium could be reduced.

12.6 Public Relations

- 12.6.1 Item 6.2.1: Page 31: BR Halliday (Vice-President) asked what was being done to compensate for the press releases that had been sent out by the previous Publicity Officer each week. J Beckley (Vice-Chairman (Public Relations)) said that reports were now sent by email and also put on the website. He said that the Press is in the habit of looking on websites for the latest news.

- 12.6.2 Item 6.2.5: Page 31: J Woodford (Eastbourne) said that, in spite of promises in writing from the Press Association that they would continue to cover table tennis, this has not taken place. J Beckley (Vice-Chairman (Public Relations)) agreed that the Press Association had cut back but the reports still go out on the website and the ETTA has no control over what is picked up.

- 12.6.3 Item 6.3.1: Page 31: BR Halliday (Vice-President) said that, rather than being upgraded, he felt that the magazine had gone down hill with a reduction of pages and repetitive pictures. KTO Ponting (Devonshire) said that excessive censorship on submitted articles had taken place. J

Beckley (Vice-Chairman (Public Relations)) said that he had had few complaints but acknowledged that there were still improvements that could be made. He said that there is an Editor of the magazine and his job is to edit submissions.

(At this point the Chairman returned to the chair in order for MF Johns (Vice-Chairman (Selection)) to respond to comments on Selection.)

12.7 Selection

12.7.1 Item 7.1.2: Page 33: KTO Ponting (Devonshire) asked why only three of the top twelve men actually took part in the Top Twelve event held in June. MF Johns (Vice-Chairman (Selection)) said that all had been invited but some did not respond even after a second request while others had other previously arranged table tennis commitments. He explained that this lack of dedication was one reason why none had been considered for the European Top Twelve.

12.7.2 Item 7.15.1: Page 34: BR Halliday (Vice-President) said that the decision not to send a Men's Team to the World Team Championships at Qatar in March was a retrograde step and felt that an apology should have been given in the report. MF Johns (Vice-Chairman (Selection)) said that the top players did not have the commitment necessary to represent their Country. He pointed out the example of the Home Countries International (Item 7.7.1). The players had signed an agreement to play in certain events and take part in certain Training Camps but had not fulfilled their commitment. It was felt that to send an inexperienced junior team without the support of senior players would have been a negative move.

12.8 Teaching and Training

12.8.1 Item 8.10.1: Page 38: KTO Ponting (Devonshire) said that no mention had been made that two of the names mentioned had not been selected by the Honours Committee and those selected by the Honours Committee had been ignored. The Chairman said that the point was noted and affirmed that apologies had been sent at the time.

12.9 Statistics

12.9.1 Teaching and Training Figures: Page 40: AE Ransome (Cleveland) noted a 25% drop in registrations and 20% drop in qualifications. He asked why the National Coaching Committee had been abandoned. The Chairman said that the list of coaches was in the process of pruning.

12.10 It was pointed out that many comments and queries that had been brought up at the Meeting concerning the Management Report should have been put in writing as soon as the report was received in order that any detailed explanation necessary could be given at the meeting.

13. **REPORT OF ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMEN FOR PART ADMINISTRATIVE YEAR 2003/4 (document 5200/23/AJHW)**

13.1 M Allsop (Acting Returning Officer) informed the meeting of the results of the election as shown on document 5200/23/AJHW. The report was noted.

14. **REPORT OF ELECTION OF NATIONAL COUNCILLORS FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE YEAR 2004/5 (DOCUMENT 5357/23/MA)**

14.1 M Allsop (Acting Returning Officer) reported that results of elections had now been received from Kent (L Pilfold). An incomplete result had been received from Lincolnshire and clarification is being sought.

14.2 Document 5357/23/MA with above additions was noted.

15. **REPORT OF THE TREASURER, REPORT OF THE AUDITORS AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2004 (DOCUMENT 5308/825/MGC)**

15.1 The Treasurer said that the end of the financial year showed a surplus of £30,492. This compared with a budgeted surplus of £4,480.

15.2 The main cause of the variance was that £25,000, originally set aside to support the World Class Performance whose funding from Sport England had been severely cut, was no longer necessary.

- 15.3 This was as a result of negotiations with Sport England where it was determined that the funding term was to fall in line with the financial year end and that meant that it covered only eight months rather than twelve months as was originally intended.
- 15.4 Development costs increased from last year as a result of a full compliment of Regional Development Officers being employed, albeit that it was some months into the year before they were all in place.
- 15.5 Teaching and Training costs were reduced as a result of staffing cuts. Further staffing at Head Office was also affected.
- 15.6 Higher Officers' costs were encountered which came about as a consequence of the Chairman making many visits to Hastings, to Sport England, to clubs, Local Leagues and to County Meetings from which many members will have benefited. Increased communication from the Chairman also contributed to increased postage and stationary costs.
- 15.7 BR Granger (Vice-President) said that Officers must ensure that their costs for raveling continue to be justifiable.
- 15.8 BR Granger (Vice-President) said that Committee costs were budgeted at the same level as before and the intention was to reduce them where possible. However they have increased. The Treasurer said that a constant watch would be kept on these matters.
- 15.9 M Allsop (Nottinghamshire) proposed and PR Bradley (Vice-Chairman (Competitions)) 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. The Chairman thanked the Treasurer for his presentation and his Staff for the work involved in producing the Accounts.

16. ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENTS

- 16.1 The meeting agreed, on the proposal of S Clarke (Lancashire) on behalf of National Council and seconded by K Armson MBE (Liverpool), to a further three-year term for the following retiring Vice-Presidents: H Albury, J Arnold, J Blackband, PR Bradley, Mrs W Cunningham, P Day, BR Granger, G Gurney, P Hancock, E Hill, TM Honey, T Inge, MC Macfarlane, AI Marshall, WV Moran, Mrs J Parker MBE, DD Plowes, BJ Rowley, D Schofield, AL Seward, AW Shipley, RH Sinclair, RJ Stevens, DR Tremayne, C Villiers, HJ Webb and M Wolman.

16.2 New Vice Presidents

The meeting agreed, on the proposal of JE Dignum (Vice-Chairman (Administration)), seconded by MC Macfarlane (Warwickshire), to the election for a term of three years of:

MD Strobe

Received the Ivor Montagu Award for services to the administration of the Association in 2002/3. National Team Competitions Committee: 1988 to 2004 (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. Deputy Referee of the Danish Open Championships for 2000,2001 and 2003 and the European Veterans Championships in 2001.

SJ Sneyd

Received the Ivor Montagu Award for services to the administration of the Association in 1988/9 Deputy Chairman 1991/2, Vice-Chairman of Coaching, Selection, and without Departmental responsibility for varying times between 1987 and 1995, Member of numerous Committees from 1987 to 1995.

National Umpire 1985, National Referee 1986, International Umpire 1988

LH Pilfold

National Councillor for Kent

Involved in table tennis development in London and the South East since 1950, including the London Junior Ranking Scheme and the Greater London Championships. His major goal over the years has been towards the support of young players and his achievements in this area are unquestioned.

GA Taylor

National Councillor from 1988/9 to 1997/8,
County Umpire 1970, National Umpire 1973, International Umpire 1975, Tournament Referee
1974 and National referee 1981. Umpired at International Championships in Belgium, Hungary,
Italy, Sweden and Yugoslavia. Also at the 1987 World Championships.

17. ELECTION OF LIFE MEMBERS

JE Dignum (Vice-Chairman (Administration)) recommended the nomination of the following as
Honorary Life Members:

J Jermyn

Elected Vice-President in 1999

National Councillor from 1999 to present

Member of National Umpires and Referees Committee, English Championships Committee,
Rules Committee and Calendar Working Party between 1987 and present. National Election
Scrutineer from 1994 to 2003.

Qualified as County Umpire in 1977, National Umpire in 1979, International Umpire in 1980,
Tournament Referee in 1977, National Referee in 1981 and International Referee in 1994.

DA Young

Elected Vice-President in 1993

National Councillor from 1995 to present

Member of National Umpires and Referees Committee, County Championships Committee and
National Championships Committee between 1980 and present.

County Umpire 1962, National Umpire 1970, International Umpire 1975, Tournament Referee
1971, National Referee 1972 and International Referee 1992. Referee at Commonwealth
Championships (1991) in Kenya.

18. PRESENTATION OF AWARDS AND HONOURS

18.1 Ivor Montagu Award

This was awarded to G Twiss for his work on the Tournaments Committee since 1997 and his
contribution to the Ranking Scheme.

National Umpire 1992, International Umpire 1994

18.2 Victor Barna Award

This was awarded to Joanna Parker (Sy) for her performance at the Portuguese Youth and the
Hungarian and Swedish Youth.

18.3 Malcolm Scott Award

No nomination for this award was made this year.

18.4 Johnny Leach Most Improved Player of the Year Award

This was awarded jointly to Paul Drinkhall (Cv) and Darius Knight (Sy) for their improvements
on the European Table Tennis Union ranking list.

18.5 Mike Watts Achievement Award

This was awarded for 2002/3 to Christopher Lewis (Sy) and Emma Vickers (Dy). The award for
2003/4 will be considered when the final results of the season are known.

18.6 A K Vint OBE Staff Award

This award was presented to Harvey Webb, National Events Manager, for his contribution to
National Events and the further development of the ETTA Grand Prix Tournaments.

19. ELECTION OF AUDITORS

19.1 It was agreed nem.con that Gibbons and Mannington be re-elected, proposed by MG Clark
(Treasurer) and seconded by Mrs KM Tonge (Halton).

20. ELECTION OF STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE

20.1 D Hockney (Bath) proposed that the vacancy be filled by Mrs JL Watts JP. This was seconded by
Mrs DM Stannard (Middlesex). The Meeting agreed.

21. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

21.1. County Map

S Clarke (Lancashire) said that the existence of an ETTA County Map was of vital importance and asked what was known about this. The Chairman agreed that no trace of the old map can be found and that it was necessary for a new one to be drawn up.

21.2 Olympics 2012

AE Ransome (Cleveland) asked Members to support the London bid for the 2012 Olympic Games. He had stickers and badges for anyone who was willing to support the bid.

21.3 Appreciation

The Chairman thanked RR Washington (Standing Orders Committee) for his help in the organisation of the meeting. He thanked his Management team for their support and the Staff for their continued diligence and hard work during the past year.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 6.00pm.

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