

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MINUTES of the Annual General Meeting of the Company held at the Thistle Hotel, Edgbaston, Birmingham, on Saturday, 30th June 2007 commencing at 2pm.

1 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), MG Clark (Treasurer), PR Bradley (Deputy Chairman)

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), 'MG Clark' (Treasurer), 'PR Bradley' (Deputy Chairman), JE Dignum (Vice-Chairman (Administration)), KTO Ponting (Vice-Chairman (Competitions)), E Shaler (Vice-Chairman (Development)), Mrs S Deaton (Vice-Chairman (Marketing)), J Beckley (Vice-Chairman (Public Relations)), JB Heaton (Vice-Chairman (National Coaching)), PA Charters (Vice-Chairman (Selection))

2.3.2 COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE MEMBERS

MWJ Lewis (Avon), Mrs VJ Murdoch (Bedfordshire), BR Halliday (Berkshire), RR Washington (Buckinghamshire), AE Ransome OBE (Cleveland), LA Chatwin (Derbyshire), DJ Edwards (Hertfordshire), EK Muhr (Kent), S Clarke (Lancashire), AB Lillicrapp (Leicestershire), Mrs DM Stannard (Middlesex), M Allsop (Nottingham), TM Farr (Somerset), R Habgood (Staffordshire), Miss M Fraser (Surrey), MC Macfarlane (Warwickshire), AL Seward (Wiltshire), DA Young (Worcestershire), RB Hudson (Yorkshire)

CP Goulding (Devonshire by proxy 'RR Washington'), GM Wilson (Durham by proxy the Chairman), LJ Smith (Gloucestershire by proxy EJ Kirby), J Prean (Isle of Wight by proxy 'M Allsop'), N Coe (Northumberland by proxy A Drapkin), TG Felton (Shropshire by proxy the Chairman)

2.3.3 LEAGUE REPRESENTATIVE MEMBERS

DL Hockney (Bath), RM Jemmott (Bristol), Mrs KM Tonge (Halton), B Worts (Exmouth), EJ Kirby (Gloucester), MD Strobe (Aldershot), DB Turner (Bournemouth), BP Lamerton (Southampton), KA Armson (Liverpool), AC Knowlson (Liverpool Business Houses), K Eliot (Gainsborough), S Welch (Grimsby/Cleethorpes), DC Hayman (Wembley/Harrow), BL Hughes (Birmingham), BF Leech (Bromsgrove), LA Reid (Evesham), CM Palmer (Malvern)

CG Saunders (Bracknell/Wokingham by proxy 'BR Halliday'), JH Willis (Maidenhead by proxy the Chairman), J Freeman (Reading by proxy the Chairman), B Spencer (Chiltern by proxy 'RR Washington'), DJ Harrison (Cambridge by proxy VA Parkes), A Rigby (Chester by proxy the Chairman), V Hyde (Glossop by proxy the Chairman), F Sorrentino (Wirrall by proxy the Chairman), M Colledge (Hartlepool by proxy 'AE Ransome'), Mrs BM Stephenson (Middlesbrough by proxy 'AE Ransome'), GP Whyman (Ormesby by proxy 'AE Ransome'), WM Ellison (Stockton by proxy 'AE Ransome'), D Marples (Chesterfield by proxy 'LA Chatwin'), A Young (Derby by proxy JR Cowell), JH Angold (Ilfracombe by proxy 'RR Washington'), F Phillips (Okehampton by proxy the Chairman), LG Harrison (Plymouth by proxy 'KTO

Ponting'), DW Bissett (Sunderland by proxy the Chairman), GC Earle (Colchester by proxy the Chairman), GC Larking (Basingstoke by proxy the Chairman), G Stables (Hereford by proxy the Chairman), JM Barnes (Cheshunt by proxy 'DJ Edwards'), JA Torres (Hertford by proxy 'DJ Edwards'), RETF Hurley (Shaw by proxy the Chairman), E Preat (Isle of Wight by proxy 'M Allsop'), J Hogben (Ashford by proxy the Chairman), A Alabaster (Bromley by proxy the Chairman), PJ Millington (Sittingbourne by proxy the Chairman), CM Majoe (Tonbridge by proxy the Chairman), SD Walker (Blackpool by proxy 'S Parr'), CD Kydd (Manchester Banks by proxy the Chairman), J Clegg (Preston by proxy the Chairman), DD Goulden (Warrington by proxy 'S Clarke'), A Pickford (Wigan by proxy the Chairman), P Wilson (Leicester by proxy MGR Smith), AJT Roper (Hayes Junior by proxy the Chairman), M Webb (Staines by proxy the Chairman), RT Bolton (Nottingham by proxy 'M Allsop'), JF Galloway (Barnsley by proxy the Chairman), RN Smith (Sheffield Works by proxy the Chairman), GW Clark (Potteries by proxy 'R Habgood'), M Egan (Walsall by proxy 'R Habgood'), ML Barratt (Byfleet by proxy the Chairman), LJ Moir (Croydon by proxy the Chairman), K Haffenden (Battle Junior by proxy the Chairman), Miss R Rainton (Hastings by proxy the Chairman), PV Rouse (Coventry by proxy 'MC Macfarlane'), EJ Williams (Leamington Spa by proxy 'MC Macfarlane'), MJ Phillips (West Wilts by proxy 'AL Seward'), DA Elliott (Worcester by proxy the Chairman), M Jackson (Bradford by proxy the Chairman), MV Hookham (Castleford/Pontefract by proxy 'RB Hudson'), KG Hextall (Harrogate by proxy the Chairman), Mrs BJ Hudson (Hull 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', AP Archdale, 'KA Armson MBE', ' J Beckley', 'PR Bradley', JM Burtenshaw, 'M Close', 'S Deaton', 'A Drapkin', 'BR Halliday', 'BP Lamerton', Mrs C Lewis, 'MC Macfarlane', DM Nightingale, 'S Parr', 'AL Seward', 'RH Sinclair', 'MGR Smith', 'MD Strode' 'Mrs KM Tonge', DR Tremayne, 'R Yule'

2.6 HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

'LA Chatwin', CJ Clemett, MR Holt, 'MWJ Lewis', 'KTO Ponting', 'AE Ransome OBE', RC Scruton, 'DM Stannard', 'DA Young'

2.7 OTHERS

P Baker, H Hands, S Pickering, M Prior, J Ransome, JA Rogers, G Rogers, G Sanders, B Savage, D Sherratt,

2.8 ORGANISATIONS IN GOOD STANDING:

British Universities Sports Association, British Table Tennis Association for People with Disabilities

2.9 STAFF

'R Yule' (Chief Executive), 'RH Sinclair' (General Secretary), 'DM Nightingale' (Minute Secretary), PJ Baker (Facilities Officer), JA Rogers (National Equality Officer and Child Protection Officer), G Rogers (Coaching Administrator), M Porter (National Events Officer), DC Gray (National Development Manager), R Pettit (National Communications Officer)

3. OPENING OF THE MEETING

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

3.2 One minute's silence was held in respect of George Turton, John Stilton, Stan Harvey, George White, Peter Lowen, John Woodford, Steve Tatam, Albert Shipley, Jack Dawson, Derek Langley, Frank Stevens

- 3.3 The meeting sent good wishes for comfort and relief to Ron Crayden (Honorary Life Member)
4. **REPORT OF STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE to the sixth ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (Document 6021/RRW (26.05.07) a copy of which is attached to the 'official record' copy of these Minutes)**
- 4.1 Agenda – In preparing the Agenda the order adopted last year has been retained. A report was inadvertently omitted from the original Agenda (6015/1/RHS) and has now been added as item 9a and the Agenda re-issued (a6015/1/RHS).
- 4.2 Standing Orders (Agenda item 2) – The Standing Orders in Document 5814/1/RHS are those that were in force for the 2006 AGM.
- 4.3 Appointment of Tellers (Agenda item 3) – The meeting is reminded that Tellers are not entitled to vote or speak at the AGM.
- 4.4 Management Committee Report (Agenda item 8)
The convention will be followed that the Chairman of the Association is not in the chair for the Annual Report item, so that he is in a position to reply to debate.
- 4.5 Counting of Card Votes
Although trial computerized counts made in earlier AGMs were technically successful, the system has not yet been tested using an untrained Teller with operating instructions to simulate the AGM conditions. Accordingly, if a Card Vote is held at this AGM, the SOC recommends that a manual count is used as in the past.
- 4.6 Business Conducted
The Committee held no meetings and had no special issues to consider.
- 4.7 Standing Orders Committee
The current members are: DL Hockney (retiring by rotation at the 2009 AGM); Mrs JL Watts JP (retiring at this AGM) and RR Washington (retiring at the 2008 AGM). Mrs JL Watts is eligible for re-election and has indicated her willingness to stand.
- 4.8 Acceptance of the report by the Standing Orders Committee (6021/1/RRW) was proposed by MWJ Lewis (Avon) and seconded by KTO Ponting (Devonshire) and passed nem con.
5. **STANDING ORDERS (Document 5814/1/RHS (02.05.06))**
- 5.1 Adoption of Standing Orders was proposed by JE Dignum (Vice-Chairman (Administration)) and seconded by KM Tonge (Halton) and passed nem.con.
6. **TELLERS**
- 6.1 It was proposed by R Habgood (Staffordshire) seconded by K Eliot (Gainsborough) and agreed that JM Burtenshaw (Vice President)) and J Palmer (Malvern) be appointed Tellers 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: 'H Albery' (Hampshire), D Bissett (Sunderland), B Bridges (West Cornwall), R Drew (Norfolk), J Freeman (Reading), 'DD Goulden' (Warrington), J Jermyn (Cornwall), DM Kirkwood (Sussex), K Marchant (Northamptonshire), WV Moran (Lincolnshire), G Rushton (Salford/Farnworth), 'BN Spencer' (Chiltern), 'JH Willis' (Maidenhead), 'GM Wilson' (Durham)
- 7.2 President: JA Leach
- 7.3 Honorary Life Members: 'LJ Smith', J Wright
- 7.4 Vice-Presidents: J Arnold, CT Hyland, P Lewis, DN Tyler, JL Watts, BRJ Webb, HJ Webb
- 7.5 Committee Members: D Jermyn
8. **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 1st July 2006 (document 5865/1/DMN)**
- 8.1 Document 55865/1/DMN was approved, proposed by KTO Ponting (Honorary Life Member) and seconded by Mrs CM Palmer (Malvern) and signed as a true record.

9. MATTERS ARISING

9.1 There were no matters arising.

10. RULE CHANGE PROPOSITIONS (Document 6016/1/CJC (27.04.07)) a copy of which is attached to the 'official record' copy of these Minutes)**10.1 Proposition No.1**

10.1.1 In 9.1, delete "Rules of the Association" and substitute "Rules of the Company".

10.1.2 Proposition 1 was proposed by M Allsop on behalf of National Council and seconded by KM Tonge (Halton); and passed on a unanimous show of hands.

10.2 Proposition No.2

10.2.1 In 9.2.6, after "Licence Scheme", add

"the clerk to, and members of, the Board of Appeal and other ETTA Limited committees or sub-committee members who are not otherwise affiliated".

10.2.2 Proposition No.2 was proposed by M Allsop on behalf of National Council and seconded by LA Chatwin (Derbyshire). This was agreed on a unanimous show of hands.

10.3 Proposition No.3

10.3.1 IN 9.2.12, after "English Table Tennis Association Limited", insert "(ETTA)"

10.3.2 Proposition No. 3 was proposed by M Allsop on behalf of National Council and seconded by Mrs DM Stannard (Middlesex). This was agreed on a unanimous show of hands.

10.4 Proposition No.4

10.4.1 In 44.2.1, line 1, after "consisting of" insert "the City of London and"; in line 2, delete "Hammersmith" and substitute "Hammersmith & Fulham"; in line 4, after "and", insert "the city of"; in line 4, delete "and the City of London";

10.4.2 In line 44.2.3, line 1, delete "Barking" and substitute "Barking & Dagenham",

10.4.3 Proposition No.4 was proposed by M Allsop on behalf of National Council and seconded by DA Young (Worcestershire). This was agreed on a unanimous show of hands.

10.5 Proposition No.5

10.5.1 Delete 45.18 to 45.18.3 inclusive and substitute:

10.5.2 45.18 Every Affiliated Organisation and Organisation in Good Standing must ensure that all competitive table tennis under its jurisdiction is played with a brand and grade of ball approved by the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF).

45.18.1 For the purposes of 45.18 a ball which is approved on 1st July shall be deemed to be approved until the following 30th June.

45.18.2 The list of ITTF approved balls which is in force on 1st July shall be circulated to all Affiliated Organisations and Associations in Good Standing not later than 8th July.

45.18.3 Proposition No.5 was proposed by M Allsop on behalf of National Council and seconded by MD Strode (Aldershot). This was agreed on a unanimous show of hands.

10.6 Proposition No.6

10.6.1 This proposition was removed from the list as there was no need to proceed with the proposal.

11. REPORT OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:

(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, PR Bradley, took the Chair.)

11.1 Chairman's Statement

11.1.1 Page 3, BR Halliday (Berkshire) questioned the financial implications of the "Activity Survey" undertaken by Sport England. The Chairman said it would have little short term impact, as a number of criteria were considered prior to funding being awarded. The survey covered both sports and recreational activities as in the case of 'walking'

- being in number one spot and only covered the activity of people over the age of 16. In real 'sporting terms' the position of table tennis was much higher.
- 11.1.2 R Yule (Chief Executive) said that the focus of Sport England had changed in recent years. Continual efforts must be made to be more active in encouraging young players to stay with the sport as well as enthusing new players of all ages.
- 11.2 Chief Executive's Statement
- 11.2.1 Page 4, AE Ransome OBE (Cleveland) disagreed with the sentiment that the early pioneers of table tennis would 'derive enormous satisfaction' from the current state of the Association. He outlined areas where table tennis was lacking success on the world scene. He said he applauded all volunteers but was aware that many leagues and clubs were struggling to attract the volunteers they need.
- 11.2.2 R Yule (Chief Executive) responded by asserting, in his view, there were significant achievements identified in this and previous Annual Reports which the Association can be proud of. He assured Mr Ransome there was no culture of complacency and recognised the significant challenges which faced the Association in achieving its objective of making table tennis one of the most popular sports in the country.
- 11.2.3 The Chairman responded with regard to the status of table tennis in the world scene by saying that the Association had its maximum of full members on both the ETTU and ITTF Committees and he was a Board Member of the ITTF.
- 11.3 Facts and Figures
- 11.3.1 Page 9, MGR Smith (Membership Committee) said that a miscalculation had taken place and the number of Affiliated Leagues should read 246 and, because of late additions, the number of Affiliated Teams should read 7242. He commended the presentation with the 2006 Report.
- 11.4 Administration
- 11.4.1 Page 14, Paragraph 1.6, BR Halliday asked for an update on the response to Individual Registration. MGR Smith (Membership Committee) replied that there had been an increase to 45% over the past year.
- 11.5 Marketing
- 11.5.1 AE Ransome OBE (Cleveland) expressed appreciation on behalf of the Association for all the work undertaken by Mrs S Deaton while in the position of Vice-Chairman (Marketing) over the last six years. The meeting responded with applause.
- 11.5.2 Pages 17/18, Paragraphs 3.3 & 3.4, AE Ransome OBE (Cleveland) said he felt facilities used for National Championships were not ideal. He felt improvements could be made with the lighting, spectator seating and adjustments in the schedules. Mrs S Deaton (Vice-Chairman (Marketing)) thanked the meeting for their support. She explained there were other considerations when selecting a venue including the financial aspect. The aim was to make the best presentation within the venue that is available. A new format had been tried at the Junior event with many positive results. Lessons had been learned and efforts will continue to be made to improve the presentation of all National Championships. The Chairman said that the Senior National Championships this year encompassed events for those with disabilities and Video Streaming for the first time. He also stated that when presenting the prizes he could see that the seats were full and with standing room only in many areas.
- 11.5.3 Mrs DM Stannard (National Championships Committee) said she regretted the resignation of Mrs S Deaton, as she had been a joy to work with.
- 11.6 Public Relations
- 11.6.1 Page 19, Paragraph 4.2.1, BR Halliday deplored the lack of coverage in the National Press. He felt that local press did not have the same impact. J Beckley (Vice-Chairman (Public Relations)) explained that press releases were sent to the National Press but they were looking for dramatic or special events, which are rare.
- 11.6.2 Page 20, Paragraph 4.5, MR Holt (Honorary Life Member) said the new website was a big improvement and congratulated all those involved in its implementation. AE Ransome OBE (Cleveland) disagreed with this and felt this most important communication falls short of the ideal. He said results were slow in appearing and the calendar was more difficult to access.

R Yule (Chief Executive) said he was conscious that digital media is massively important. He has been working with three companies to obtain the best offer to feed the website and the ranking scheme. Great pressure is on the two staff in that department. More volunteers are needed who are suitably qualified to work on site with the new technology.

DR Tremayne (Vice President) commented that table tennis needs to develop characters and stars and publicity would surely follow.

11.7 Competitions

11.7.1 K Armson MBE (Vice-President) said that as organiser of the new Veterans National League he had written a report but this had not been included. PR Bradley (Deputy Chairman) apologised for the omission.

11.8 Development

11.8.1 Pages 25/31, AE Ransome OBE (Cleveland) thanked the Vice-Chairman (Development)) for her comprehensive and honest report. However he was concerned with the decline in PremierClubs and the numbers which have attained Clubmark.

Mrs E Shaler (Vice-Chairman (Development)) said the early database had been found to be not accurate but she had confidence in the current one. She was also concerned about the decline. The current number is 134, an increase of 14 from the figure shown in the report.

The Chairman said Development was a difficult area and Sport England were happy and pro-active in their support for table tennis.

N Le Milliere (London Banks & Civil Service) reported it was hoped that Sport England (London) would enter a team in their Local League next season.

11.9 National Coaching

11.9.1 EK Muhr (Regional Coaching Coordinator South East) said that no mention was made of the National Squad Championships in the report.

JB Heaton (Vice-Chairman (National Coaching)) said that event was an excellent and exciting competition involving a large number of young players. She said the report was written before the event and she apologised at not making an addition before publication.

11.10 Selection

11.10.1 Pages 33/35, BR Halliday (Berkshire) commented that England did not have one player in the top 200 of the ITTF World Ranking List.

PA Charters (Vice-Chairman (Selection)) acknowledged this fact and reminded Mr Halliday of the huge investment made in the England review programme during his period on the ETTA Management Committee, which unfortunately did not succeed in producing world class senior players. He said the top young players (who are juniors) are now part of a highly focused BTTF Olympic programme funded by UK Sport which is targeted at delivering world class performance levels in the build up to the Games in 2012. The Performance staff is mindful of the dangers of over-exposure and burn out in this process and are careful to establish the right balance between training and competition.

11.10.2 AE Ransome OBE (Cleveland) applauded the work being done with the young players but called for the establishment of a residential Academy for players under 16 years. PA Charters (Vice-Chairman (Selection)) replied that due to current Child Care regulations, the costs involved in establishing a residential 'under 16 years' Academy are prohibitive. He was hopeful however of being able to make an announcement about the establishment of a senior National Training Centre in the near future.

(At this point the Chairman returned to the chair)

11.11 AE Ransome OBE (Cleveland) congratulated all those involved on the excellent presentation of the report and proposed acceptance. This was seconded by Mrs DM Stannard (Middlesex) and unanimously agreed by all those present.

- 12. REPORT OF ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMEN FOR ADMINISTRATIVE YEAR 2007/8 (document 6018/23/RHS)**
- 12.1 RR Washington (Returning Officer) informed the meeting of the results of the election as shown on document 5795/23/RHS. The report was noted.
- 13. REPORT OF ELECTION OF CHAIRMEN, DEPUTY CHAIRMAN, AND TREASURER FOR 2007/8 AND 2008/9 (document 5973/23/RHS)**
- 13.1 RR Washington (Returning Officer) informed the meeting of the results of the election as shown on document 5973/23/RHS. The report was noted.
- 14. REPORT OF ELECTION OF NATIONAL COUNCILLORS AND DEPUTY NATIONAL COUNCILLORS FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE YEAR 2007/8 (DOCUMENT 6019/23/RRW)**
- 14.1 RR Washington (Returning Officer) informed the meeting of the results of the County elections as shown in document 6019/23/RRW. The report was noted.
- 15. REPORT OF THE TREASURER, REPORT OF THE AUDITORS AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2007 (DOCUMENT 6020/825/MGC)**
- 15.1 The Treasurer reported that the accounts this year are incorporated into the main body of the Management Report and consist of 15 pages in detail.
- 15.2 A written report on Finance can be found on Page 16 of the Report and he did not intend to go through each page of the accounts although he would be happy to take questions.
- 15.3.1 AE Ransome (Cleveland) asked the Directors if they were concerned that of the two million pound turnover a high proportion was received from Government and if the top players do not deliver top results future funding is at risk.
- 15.3.2 The Treasurer said that he was concerned and that this was not a new problem. The level of internal generation of funds had been an issue that he was, and he would expect also his predecessors had been, concerned about. The top players, however, were funded through BTTF. It is important that participation increases and the Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) are reached as these are relevant for continued support from Sport England. In the event of funding cuts it would have a significant effect on the service that is provided to members. This is a reason why it is ideally necessary to increase the net asset base that in 1991 stood at £411,000 and fell to £243,000 in 2002 but is now at £430,000. This is still insufficient by far yet it would not be acceptable to make substantial surpluses in the coming years.
- 15.3.3 R Yule (Chief Executive) said that Exchequer funding was a serious concern. There is a massive gap between the English table tennis culture and that of the far eastern countries where young players are expected to train for six hours every day as well as take part in weekend competitions.
- 15.4 D Sherratt (Staffordshire) asked for details of umpires travel grants within the expenditure from the Tom Blunn Fund. He noted that a list of recipients was given in the report. The Treasurer said that he did not have the precise details to hand but of the £3,900 expenditure approximately \$3,000 was expended on the ETTA Conference and other matters. Further details could be obtained from the Finance Officer in Hastings.
- 15.5.1 MWJ Lewis (Avon) regretted the financial reliance on Sport England funding and urged greater efforts to bring table tennis to the community.
- 15.5.2 R Yule (Chief Executive) said Development was the largest Department within ETTA. The Fred Perry Organisation have become interested in table tennis as they feel the sport gets to all parts of society. They are a brand with power that wants to get into youth clubs and to target new people. Existing clubs must do something different to create a more welcoming infrastructure.
- 15.6 KTO Ponting (Vice-Chairman (Competitions)) proposed and A Drapkin (Vice-President) 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 JE Dignum (Vice-Chairman (Administration)) on behalf of National Council and seconded by S Clarke (Lancashire), 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, BR Granger, G Gurney, P Hancock, E Hill, TN Honey, T Inge, MC Macfarlane, AI Marshall, WV Moran, Mrs J Parker MBE, LH Pilfold, DD Plowes, D Schofield, AL Seward, RH Sinclair, RJ Stevens, MD Strode, JA Taylor, DR Tremayne, C Villiers, HJ Webb, M Wolman

16.2 New Vice Presidents

The meeting agreed, on the proposal of JE Dignum (Vice-Chairman (Administration)), seconded by Mrs DM Stannard (Middlesex), to the election for a term of three years of:

Ken Eliot

Member of the County Championships Committee and Premier Weekend Organiser since 1998/9

Organiser of the Junior British League for ten years and has been involved at national events, including the 1997 World Championships, in various capacities.

Martin Clark

ETTA Honorary Treasurer since 2003/4

Worcestershire County Association Treasurer from 2002/3 to 2006/7

Worcestershire County Association Press Officer from 1998/9 to 2002/3

Treasurer Veterans English Table Tennis Society since 2000/1

Volunteer at 1998 World Championships and 2001 English Open

Elected Officer of the European Table Tennis Union

Director of the British Table Tennis Federation

17. PRESENTATION OF AWARDS AND HONOURS

17.1 Ivor Montagu Award

This was awarded to Gill Smith for her work as Administrator on Women's British League

Administrator and then Organiser of Veterans' British League since 1997

17.2 Victor Barna Award

This was awarded to Paul Drinkhall(Cv), for his performance at the 2006 European Youth Championships. Paul was not able to be present and the award will be presented as soon as an opportunity arises.

17.3 Malcolm Scott Award

This was awarded to Colin Clemett for his work on special projects undertaken in recent years and for his 50 years service on the National Umpires and Referees Committee.

17.4 Johnny Leach Most Improved Player of the Year Award

This was a joint award to Paul Drinkhall (Cv) and Darius Knight (Sy) on the basis of the following achievements: Polish Youth Open – team event winners; World Championships – beat Commonwealth Champions (India) in team event; Australian Youth Olympics –team event and the doubles event winners

17.5 Leslie Forrest Memorial Trophy

This was awarded to George Walsh for his contribution as Middlesex County General Information Secretary for 20 years, Match Secretary for 7 years and Junior Team Secretary for 3 years

17.6 A K Vint OBE Staff Award

This award was presented to Jennifer Sherwin, Administrative Officer. Jennifer was not present but the award will be presented as soon as a suitable occasion arises.

18. ELECTION OF AUDITORS

18.1 It was agreed nem.con that Mannington be re-elected, proposed by MG Clark (Treasurer) and seconded by R Habgood (Shropshire)

19. ELECTION OF STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE

19.1 Mrs JL Watts (Avon) is due to retire from the Standing Orders Committee but is available for re-election. M Allsop (Nottinghamshire) proposed Mrs JL Watts be re-elected. This was seconded by Mrs VJ Murdoch (Bedfordshire). The Meeting agreed.

20. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

20.1 Museum

AP Archdale (Vice-President) asked what had happened to the material for the table tennis museum. J Beckley (Vice-Chairman (Public Relations)) said a great deal of material was amassed at Liverpool University and volunteers had recently spent several days sorting it out. At the moment there are no plans for display. Some artefacts may be sent to the ITTF museum in Lausanne

20.2 Appreciation

AN Murdoch (Chairman) thanked the Staff in Hastings for their help and support during the past year. This was supported with a round of applause.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 4.50pm.

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