

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MINUTES of the Annual General Meeting of the Company held at the Strathallen Hotel, Edgbaston, Birmingham, on Saturday, 28th June 2008 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)), M R Holt (Vice-Chairman (Marketing)), J Beckley (Vice-Chairman (Public Relations)), PA Charters (Vice-Chairman (Selection))

2.3.2 COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE MEMBERS

Mrs VJ Murdoch (Bedfordshire), BR Halliday (Berkshire), RR Washington (Buckinghamshire), BR Freer (Cambridgeshire), AE Ransome OBE (Cleveland), CP Goulding (Devonshire), L Whittaker (Dorset), BR Granger (Essex), LJ Smith (Gloucestershire), DB Turner (Hampshire), DJ Edwards (Hertfordshire), EK Muhr (Kent), S Clarke (Lancashire), Mrs DM Stannard (Middlesex), M Allsop (Nottingham), TM Farr (Somerset), JF Whidborne (South Yorkshire), R Habgood (Staffordshire), Mrs DM Kirkwood (Sussex), AL Seward (Wiltshire), DA Young (Worcestershire), RB Hudson (Yorkshire)

MWJ Lewis (Avon by proxy D Hockney), R Jackson (Cheshire by proxy Mrs KM Tonge), LA Chatwin (Derbyshire by proxy Mrs S Deaton), GM Wilson (Durham by proxy the Chairman), J Prean (Isle of Wight by proxy ‘M Allsop’), AB Lillicrapp (Leicestershire by proxy MGR Smith), N Coe (Northumberland by proxy A Drapkin), ARW Hughes (Oxfordshire by proxy J Birkin), Miss M Fraser (Surrey by proxy ‘Mrs DM Stannard’), EJ Williams (Warwickshire by proxy MC Macfarlane),

2.3.3 LEAGUE REPRESENTATIVE MEMBERS

DL Hockney (Bath), RM Jemmott (Bristol), G Trimming (Slough), Mrs KM Tonge (Halton), JR Cowell (Derby), EJ Kirby (Gloucester), MD Strobe (Aldershot), BP Lamerton (Southampton), S Welch (Grimsby/Cleethorpes), HFC Webb (North Middlesex), DC Hayman (Wembley/Harrow), G Powell (Northampton), A Drapkin (Northumbria), B Rimmer (Retford), T Laws (Guildford), BL Hughes (Birmingham), MC Macfarlane (Leamington), R Whittaker (Nuneaton), BF Leech (Bromsgrove), Mrs LA Reid (Evesham), S Lewis (Kidderminster), M le Milliere (LondonBanks/Civil Service)

PJ Birch (Bedford by proxy ‘Mrs VJ Murdoch’), PJ Prady (Bracknell/Wokingham by proxy ‘BR Halliday’), JH Willis (Maidenhead by proxy the Chairman), Professor A Syed (Reading by proxy ‘PR Bradley’), BC Whitehead (Aylesbury by proxy the Chairman), J James (Chalfonts by proxy the Chairman), B Spencer (Chiltern by proxy ‘RR Washington’), DJ Harrison (Cambridge by proxy Mrs VA Parkes), ENC Willy (March by proxy the Chairman), R Benstead (Ellesmere Port by proxy the

Chairman), V Hyde (Glossop by proxy the Chairman), F Sorrentino (Wirrall by proxy the Chairman), Mrs BM Stephenson (Middlesbrough by proxy 'AE Ransome OBE'), GP Whyman (Ormesby by proxy 'AE Ransome OBE'), WM Ellison (Stockton by proxy 'AE Ransome OBE'), N Philby (Kendal by proxy the Chairman), D Marples (Chesterfield by proxy W Slaney), JH Angold (Ilfracombe by proxy 'CP Goulding'), 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 'BR Granger'), JK Ferguson (Cheltenham by proxy the Chairman), J Bunn (Stroud by proxy 'LJ Smith'), JW Shepherd (Andover by proxy the Chairman), Ms GC Larking (Basingstoke by proxy the Chairman), PM Wilding (South East Hants by proxy the Chairman), JM Barnes (Cheshunt by proxy 'DJ Edwards'), JA Torres (Hertford by proxy the Chairman), Mrs S Felstead (North Herts by proxy 'Mrs VJ Murdoch'), RETF Hurley (Shaw by proxy the Chairman), E Prean (Isle of Wight by proxy 'M Allsop'), J Hogben (Ashford by proxy the Chairman), A Alabaster (Bromley by proxy the Chairman), CA Harman (Canterbury by proxy the Chairman), RA Baker (Dover by proxy the Chairman), S Bannister (Medway Towns by proxy the Chairman), RD Pingram (Sevenoaks by proxy the Chairman), PJ Milington (Sittingbourne by proxy the Chairman), CM Majoe (Tonbridge by proxy the Chairman), SD Walker (Blackpool by proxy 'S Clarke'), JP Foster (Oldham 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), RG Forster (Loughborough by proxy 'M Allsop'), Ms R Harrison (Lincoln by proxy the Chairman), AJT Roper (Hayes Junior by proxy the Chairman), RT Bolton (Nottingham by proxy 'M Allsop'), M Tunningley (Worksop by proxy 'M Allsop'). B Gibbs (Mendip by proxy T Farr), Mrs S Dark (Yeovil by proxy T Farr), GW Clark (Potteries by proxy the Chairman), IR Coles (Stone by proxy the Chairman), PA Collis (Reigate/Redhill by proxy the Chairman), K Haffenden (Battle Junior by proxy the Chairman), DA Bunday (Crawley/Horsham by proxy 'Mrs DM Kirkwood'), Miss R Rainton (Hastings by proxy 'Mrs DM Kirkwood'), TDS Fell (Stratford by proxy 'MC Macfarlane'), MJ Phillips (West Wilts by proxy 'AL Seward'), M Jackson (Bradford by proxy the Chairman), MV Hookham (Castleford/Pontefract by proxy 'RB Hudson'), Mrs S Shutt (Craven Fastbats Junior by proxy the Chairman), Mrs BJ Hudson (Hull by proxy 'RB Hudson')

2.4 PRESIDENT

"Unable to attend"

2.5 VICE-PRESIDENTS

'M Allsop', J Arnold, 'J Beckley', 'PR Bradley', 'PA Charters', 'MG Clark', 'M Close', 'S Deaton', 'A Drapkin', 'BR Granger', 'BR Halliday', 'BP Lamerton', 'MC Macfarlane', MV Moran, Mrs DM Nightingale, 'AL Seward', 'RH Sinclair', 'MGR Smith', 'MD Strode' 'Mrs KM Tonge', Mrs JL Watts, HJ Webb, 'R Yule'

2.6 HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

CJ Clemett, 'MR Holt', 'KTO Ponting', 'AE Ransome OBE', RC Scruton, 'Mrs DM Stannard', 'DA Young'

2.7 OTHERS

Mrs M Arnold, Mrs P Chatwin, A Healey, Mrs M Dignum, AC Knowlson, Mrs D Macfarlane, Mrs S Pickering, M Prior, Mrs J Ransome, B Savage, G Webster, M Woolley, P Weekes

2.8 ORGANISATIONS IN GOOD STANDING:

English Schools Table Tennis Association, British Universities and Colleges Sports, British Table Tennis Association for People with Disabilities

2.9 STAFF

'R Yule' (Chief Executive), 'RH Sinclair' (General Secretary), 'Mrs DM Nightingale' (Minute Secretary), DC Gray (National Development Manager)

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 with respect to: -

Ken Armson MBE, Rea Balmford, Walter 'Bunny' Batten Alan Beames, Ron Crayden, Alf Davison, Mike Hanley, Mrs Dolly Harmer, Eric Hill, Mrs Frances Jarvis, John Jermyn, Mike Johns, Bert Newman, Stan Parr, Mrs Lilian Rymill, John Reed

4. REPORT OF STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE to the seventh ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (Document 6243/RRW (23.05.08) a copy of which is attached to the 'official record' copy of these Minutes)

4.1 Agenda – In preparing the Agenda the order adopted for previous years has been retained.

4.2 Standing Orders (Agenda item 2) – The Standing Orders in Document 5814/1/RHS are those which were in force for the 2007 AGM with the exception that in the schedule on page 6, showing the Standing Orders laid down by Rule, the Rule numbers have been corrected to agree with the 2007/8 Rule Book..

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 computerised counts made in earlier AGMs were technically successful, the system remains untested using untrained Tellers 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 the 2010 AGM) and RR Washington (retiring at this AGM).

RR Washington is eligible for re-election and has indicated his willingness to stand.

4.8 Acceptance of the report by the Standing Orders Committee (6243/1/RRW) was proposed by S Clarke (Lancashire) and seconded by M Allsop (Nottinghamshire) and passed nem con.

5. STANDING ORDERS (Document 5814/1/RHS)

5.1 Adoption of Standing Orders was proposed by JE Dignum (Vice-Chairman (Administration)) and seconded by S Clarke (Lancashire) and passed nem.con.

6. TELLERS

6.1 It was proposed by Mrs DM Stannard (Middlesex), seconded by KTO Ponting (Vice-Chairman (Competitions)) and agreed that J Palmer (Malvern)) and M Close (Vice-President) 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: 'LA Chatwin' (Derbyshire), R Drew (Norfolk), 'GC Earle' (Colchester), 'Miss M Fraser' (Surrey), 'ARW Hughes' (Oxfordshire), 'R Jackson' (Cheshire), 'AB Lillicrapp' (Leicestershire), 'BN Spencer' (Chiltern), TR Vardon (Cornwall), 'GM Wilson' (Durham), B Worts (Exeter)

7.2 President: JA Leach

7.3 Honorary Life Members: 'LA Chatwin', LF Landry, 'MWJ Lewis', JM Wright

7.4 Vice-Presidents: J Blackband, K Eliot, J Freeman, WG Goldfinch, CT Hyland, Mrs C Lewis, DR Tremayne, DN Tyler

- 7.5 Regional Committee Chairman: JM Burtenshaw (South West)
7.6 Regional Coaching Chairman: KT Childs (South)
7.7 Other Affiliated Persons: DM Jermyn (St Austell Premier Club)

8. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 30th June 2007 (document 6065/1/DMN)

- 8.1 Document 6065/1/DMN was approved, proposed by S Clarke (Lancashire) and seconded by KTO Ponting (Cheshire) and signed as a true record.

9. MATTERS ARISING

- 9.1 There were no matters arising.

10. RULE CHANGE PROPOSITIONS (Document 6239/1/CJC (30.04.08)) a copy of which is attached to the 'official record' copy of these Minutes)

10.1 Proposition No.1

- 10.1.1 Re-number 45.11 as 28.22, 29.23; re number 45.13 as 19.14; renumber 45.16-45.16.4 as 54.3-54.3.6; delete remaining paragraphs and substitute:

45 FORBIDDEN OR CONTROLLED ACTIVITIES

45.1 An Affiliated Person or Organisation must not

- 45.1.1 play Competitive table tennis or in exhibition with or against any player or organisation not affiliated to ETTA or to another Association affiliated to ITTF, or under any auspices not affiliated to or in Good Standing with ETTA, unless permission is given by the National Council or the General Secretary of the appropriate County Association or such play is provided for in a specific concession to an organisation in Good Standing.

- 45.1.2 take part in any table tennis function or activity with a suspended Affiliated Person or Organisation;

45.2 An Affiliated Person must not

- 45.2.1 put into an ETTA official form or into a form approved by ETTA and containing reference to this rule any information, which he believes to be incorrect, or which he has no reason to believe to be correct;

- 45.2.2 engage in betting on players or matches;

- 45.2.3 engage in doping, as specified in Appendix P;

- 45.2.4 without good and sufficient cause absent himself from the hearing of any allegation or appeal after having been requested with reasonable notice to attend or, in connection with such an appeal, refuse to answer any question if directed to answer by the chairman of the adjudicating body;

- 45.2.5 deliberately do or cause to be done anything harmful to ETTA or likely to bring the sport of table tennis into disrepute.

- 45.3 An Affiliated Person, having accepted selection by ETTA to attend any international match or other event must, unless he has good and sufficient cause not to, attend it and comply with the requirements of the National Council or of any of its sub-committees for playing it.

- 45.4 An Affiliated person who has accepted an invitation from ETTA to be a member of a team or squad or to participate in organising training or trials

- 45.4.1 shall be deemed to have given an undertaking to ETTA to comply with instructions given by officials appointed by ETTA;

- 45.4.2 must not make adverse comment in public or to the media without permission from the authorised official until after the completion of the whole event or events.

- 45.5 An Affiliated Person must not, except in a competition licensed under Rule 45.5.4, receive any remuneration or reward for Competitive Table Tennis other than the reimbursement of expenses actually incurred for necessary return fare, hotel accommodation and meals.

- 45.5.1 An Affiliated Person or Organisation must not make a payment which causes an Affiliated Person to be in breach of Rule 45.5.

- 45.5.2 A player or team competing as ETTA Affiliated Persons in an event under the jurisdiction of another Association shall observe the provisions of Rule 45.5 in addition to relevant rules of the host Association.
- 45.5.3 The restrictions imposed by Rules 45.6 to 45.6.2 shall not however apply to Affiliated Persons in respect of competitive play under contract within the jurisdiction of another Association provided that the contract has been authorised under Rule 45.7.1.
- 45.5.4 The National Council shall have power to license a specified competition to operate on the basis of players being paid, subject to such conditions as the National Council may deem appropriate.
- 45.6 An Affiliated Person must not, without permission of the National Council, enter into a contract;
- 45.6.1 for capitalising his skill at table tennis;
- 45.6.2 for the exclusive use of any materials;
- 45.6.3 providing for exclusive play on specific premises.
- 45.7 An Affiliated person must not take part in a televised event in connection with table tennis unless permission has first been obtained from the General Secretary of the Company or the event is authorised by the Company.
- 45.8 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 which is currently approved by ITTF.
- 45.8.1 The list of ITTF approved balls which is in force on 1st July shall be circulated to all Affiliated Organisations and organisations in Good Standing not later than 8th July and shall be deemed valid until the following 30th June.
- 10.1.2 Proposition 1 was proposed by CJ Clemett on behalf of National Council and seconded by JE Dignum (Vice-Chairman (Administration)) and passed on a unanimous show of hands.
- 10.2 Proposition No.2
- 10.2.1 46 ETTA DISCIPLINARY CODE
- 46.5 Re-number as 47.5 (part)
- 10.2.2 Proposition No.2 was proposed by CJ Clemett on behalf of National Council and seconded by Mrs VJ Murdoch (Bedfordshire). This was agreed on a unanimous show of hands.
- 10.3 Proposition No.3
- 10.3.1 47 DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE
- 47.1-6 Delete and substitute
- 47.1 Punishment for breaches of the Disciplinary Code shall be determined by the Disciplinary Committee.
- 47.2 The National Council shall appoint 6 persons to constitute the Disciplinary Committee, designating one of these members as Chairman.
- 47.3 Unless they resign, members shall serve until the end of the Administrative Year in which they are appointed and thereafter until successors are appointed; casual vacancies shall be filled by the National Council.
- 47.4 Any member of the Disciplinary Committee having an interest in a matter to be discussed must declare that interest as soon as he is aware of it and must not be present in his capacity as a member during the transaction of that business.
- 47.5 The Disciplinary Committee shall deal with charges in accordance with the procedure set out in Appendix 'E' and, for alleged doping offences, the provisions of Appendix 'P'.
- 47.7-10 Transfer to Appendix 'E'
- 47.11 Re-number as 46.6
- 10.3.2 Proposition No. 3 was proposed by CJ Clemett on behalf of National Council and seconded by S Clarke (Lancashire). This was agreed on a unanimous show of hands.
- 10.4 Proposition No.4
- 10.4.1 48 DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS
- 48.1-3 Re-number as 46.7, 46.8

- 48.4 Re-number as 47.5 (part)
- 48.5-6 Transfer to Appendix 'E'
- 48.7 Re-number as 49.4
- 48.8 Re-number as 46.6
- 10.4.2 Amendment to Proposition 4
 - 48.1 After "made in writing", add "by an Affiliated Person"
- 10.4.3 The amendment to Proposition No.4 was proposed by CJ Clemett on behalf of National Council and seconded by MR Holt (Vice-Chairman (Marketing)). This was agreed on a unanimous show of hands.
- 10.4.4 Proposition 4, with the above amendment, was proposed by CJ Clemett on behalf of National Council and seconded by MR Holt (Vice-Chairman (Marketing)). This was agreed on a unanimous show of hands.
- 10.5 Proposition No.5
- 10.5.1 49 APPEALS
 - 49.1-7 Delete and substitute:
 - 49.1 Except as provided by Rules 49.3 and 49.4
 - 49.1.1 any Affiliated person or affiliated club aggrieved by a decision or action of a Local League, or a Committee, officer or official of such league, or by neglect or refusal to do something which such organisation or person is under a duty to do may appeal against any such decision, action, neglect or refusal to the County Association to which such Local League is affiliated, or if there be no such County Association, to the National Council of ETTA.
 - 49.1.2 any Affiliated Person, affiliated club or Local league aggrieved by a decision or action of a County Association or a Committee or official of such Association or by neglect or refusal to do something which such organisation or person is under a duty to do may, subject to Rule 49.5, appeal against any such decision, action, neglect or refusal to the ETTA Board of Appeal.
 - 49.1.3 any Affiliated person or Organisation aggrieved by a decision of ETTA, or the National Council, or a Committee or official of ETTA, or by neglect or refusal to do something which such organisation or person is under duty to do may appeal against any such decision, action, neglect or refusal to the ETTA Board of Appeal.
 - 49.2 Any appeal under this Rule against a decision of the chairman at a General meeting or a meeting of the National Council or the Management Committee or a sub-committee may not be made until after the closure of the meeting.
 - 49.3 Provided the decision appealed was reached in accordance with the principles of natural justice and is not in conflict with ETTA or County rules or regulations, an appeal under Rule 49.1.1 to a County Association against a Local League decision must be dismissed if it is found that the decision
 - 49.3.1 has been taken under a clear provision of a rule or regulation of that Local League, or
 - 49.3.2 was reached in accordance with any provisions of the Local League as to procedure.
 - 49.4 There shall be no right of appeal in respect of
 - 49.4.1 the conduct of a competition conducted under the ITTF Regulations for International Competitions except as specified in those regulations;
 - 49.4.2 selection or non-selection by ETTA, or inclusion in or exclusion or removal from any team or squad, training, coaching or trials whether as a player or otherwise;
 - 49.4.3 the decision of an Appeal by the ETTA Board of Appeal;
 - 49.4.4 any action taken by the Chairman of the Disciplinary Committee under Rule 47.11.
 - 49.5 Except as provided in Rule 49.6, there shall be no right of appeal to the ETTA Board of Appeal under Rule 49.1.2 in respect of
 - 49.5.1 the decision by a County Association (or if appropriate the National Council) of an appeal by an affiliated person or affiliated club under Rule 49.1.1, or
 - 49.5.2 the conduct of a domestic competition managed by committee or a sub committee or officials of ETTA, except as may be specified in the

- Regulations governing that competition and published in or with the entry form for that competition, or
- 49.5.3 selection or non-selection by a County Association, or inclusion in or exclusion or removal or removal from any team or squad, training or coaching or trials whether as a player or otherwise by a County Association.
- 49.6 Notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 49.5, an appeal may be made to the ETTA Board of Appeal
- 49.6.1 in respect of refusal or neglect to exercise jurisdiction which there is a duty to exercise, or
- 49.6.2 where jurisdiction has been improperly exercised, or
- 49.6.3 where action was taken beyond the limits of appropriate jurisdiction or
- 49.6.4 where, in the case of an appeal which had been made under Rule 49.1.1, the County Association (or if appropriate the National Council) had disregarded Rule 49.3.
- 49.7 The rights of appeal given by Rule 49.1 to an Affiliated Person or Affiliated Organisation shall be extended to enable a person or organisation refused affiliation to appeal against such refusal (provided that no other right of appeal is given by ETTA Rules), and to enable a person or organisation expelled from membership or whose affiliation is terminated to appeal against such expulsion.
- 49.8 In every case the person or body against whom the appeal is made shall endeavour to secure that if the appeal is upheld the situation can as far as possible be restored as if the decision or action appealed had never been taken or done.
- 49.9 Any appeal under Rule 49.1 must be made in writing to the General Secretary of the County Association or ETTA as appropriate and must be received not later than 21 days after the appellant's being made aware of the decision or action appealed against.
- 49.10 Details of the procedure for lodging and adjudicating an appeal to the ETTA Board of Appeal are given in Appendix 'O'.
- 49.8-13 Delete (already in Appendix 'O')
- 10.5.2 Proposition No.5 was proposed by CJ Clemett on behalf of National Council and seconded by Mrs E Shaler (Vice-Chairman (Development)). This was agreed on a unanimous show of hands.
- 10.6 Proposition No.6
- 10.6.1 51 BOARD OF APPEAL
- 51.5-9 Delete (already in Appendix 'O')
- 10.6.2 Proposition No.6 was proposed by CJ Clemett on behalf of National Council and seconded by Mrs KM Tonge (Halton). This was agreed on a unanimous show of hands.
- 10.7 Proposition No.7
- 10.7.1 54 TOURNAMENTS
- 54.3-6 Transfer to Appendix 'B'
- 10.7.2 Proposition No.7 was proposed by CJ Clemett on behalf of National Council and seconded by Mrs KM Tonge (Halton). This was agreed on a unanimous show of hands.
- 10.8 Proposition No.8
- 10.8.1 56 COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS
- 56.1-3 Delete and substitute
- 56.1 The Company shall each season run a competition on a league basis for teams representing County Associations which shall be known as "The County Table Tennis Championships" or such other name including the words "County Table Tennis Championships" as National Council may approve.
- 56.2 The Championships shall be administered by a sub-committee, to be known as "The County Championships Committee", in accordance with the Regulations contained in Appendix 'K'.

56.4 Delete (1st sentence now in 56.3 above, 2nd sentence already in Appendix 'K')

56.5-56.5.4 Delete (already in Appendix 'K')

10.8.2 Proposition No.8 was proposed by CJ Clemett on behalf of National Council and seconded by MC Macfarlane (Leamington). This was agreed on a unanimous show of hands.

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 Forward

11.1.1 Page 2, AE Ransome OBE (Cleveland) queried the statement that the income had doubled since 2003. The Chairman admitted that in 2002, prior to him taking office, it had been drastically cut but had now been substantially increased.

11.1.2 AE Ransome OBE (Cleveland) added his congratulations to the Women's team for their performance in China and his pleasure at the opening of the National Training Centre in Sheffield.

11.2 Chief Executive's Statement

11.2.1 Page 4, RC Scruton (Honorary Life Member) agreed there was no room for complacency and there must be change in order to grow. He asked the Chief Executive to identify some of the challenges and opportunities facing the sport.

11.2.2 R Yule (Chief Executive) described the significant increase in table tennis participation within schools and our involvement in the UK School Games as a great opportunity. The School Club link and our ability as a sport however, to retain young people in a vibrant community club structure after leaving school, remains one of the sport's biggest challenges.

11.2.3 R Jemmott (Bristol) asked whether Premier Clubs could be modified to become more like Leagues. R Yule (Chief Executive) said Premier Clubs should be adding strong teams to the Local Leagues. Modifications could be in the strategy of reaching new people and specific groups.

11.2.4 BR Halliday (Berkshire) asked who was accountable for the success of reaching the targets. R Yule (Chief Executive) said ETTA and the membership are responsible for reaching the targets set by Sport England.

11.2.5.1 Mrs J Ransome (Ormesby) raised the question of equal prize money for women. She said ETTA was presented with the ITTF's Women's Award in 2005 at the World Championships in Shanghai.

11.2.5.2 In 2006 ITTF publicised widely the fact that they were introducing equal prize money for men and women players and by 2008 all ITTF events, including junior events, have an equal prize fund. Apparently all national associations were encouraged to follow the ITTF procedures.

11.2.5.3 In 2008 the ETTA National Championships Men's singles winner received £800 whilst the Women's winner received £300. The prize fund for the Men's British League is £6,150 and for the Women's British League zero.

11.2.5.4 In days of equality for men and women, Mrs Ransome suggested that ETTA move immediately towards offering equal prize money for men and women and that they encourage all tournament organisers in the country to follow suit.

11.2.5.5 R Yule (Chief Executive) responded by acknowledging and accepting the principle of equality in prize money but pointed out that implementation would have a significant impact on the Association's events budgets.

11.3 Page 7, National Coaching

11.3.1 South East, add Nick Standen – this is a joint position

11.3.2 Add: West Midlands – Mike Prior

11.3.3 JE Dignum (Vice-Chairman (Administration)) apologised for this omission.

11.4 Facts and Figures

11.4.1 Page 9, MGR Smith (Membership Committee) said that a miscalculation had taken place and the number of Affiliated Leagues for last year should read 244. He commended the presentation of the 2007/8 Report.

11.5 Annual Snapshot

- 11.5.1 Page 11, (September), MGR Smith (BTTAD) said Stef Trofan should be included alongside Alex Perry as these positions include both Olympic and Paralympic Squads.
- 11.5.2 Page 11, (October), MGR Smith (BTTAD) said 'The Shanghai Special Olympics' should read 'The World Special Olympics in Shanghai'. Jeffrey Jarvis won 3 gold medals and Emma Jones and Duncan Feltham won 2 each.
- 11.5.3 Page 12, (February), MGR Smith (BTTAD) said the following sentence was omitted from this month – "Eleven players and a reserve, 7 English and 5 Welsh in all, from the BTTAD Performance Squad were selected for the Great Britain team at Beijing Paralympic Games 2008.

At this point the meeting was adjourned while the Extraordinary General Meeting took place.

11.6 Administration

- 11.6.1 Page 14, Paragraph 1.5, Mrs KM Tonge (Halton) asked what was involved when a player is suspended. PR Bradley (Deputy Chairman) said he would make further enquiries and report back to Mrs Tonge.

11.7 Marketing

- 11.7.1 Page 17/18, Paragraph 3.1.2 & 3.6, BR Halliday (Berkshire) said the Europe Youth Top Ten event held in Sheffield was not a major international event and no mention had been made of how the English players underperformed. MR Holt (Vice-Chairman (Marketing)) disputed this comment as this European event had been a great success and was the first of its kind.
- 11.7.2 Pages 18, Paragraph 3.5, BR Halliday (Berkshire) said information on the entry form for the English Under 11/12/13/14 Championships at Norwich had not been adhered to necessitating a re-draw. MR Holt (Vice-Chairman (Marketing)) apologised for this error.
- 11.7.3 MR Holt (Vice-Chairman (Marketing)) said ETTA would be hosting International Matches and an England versus India series next year and a Pro Tour English Open would take place within the next two years
- 11.7.4.1 AE Ransome OBE (Cleveland) commented on the problems he encountered at the National Junior and National Under 11/12/13/14 Championships. He felt the season had caused stress for the junior players by bunching the events close together. He said the coming season's calendar had 6 junior events in 8 weeks with no major junior event from November to January.
- 11.7.4.2 MR Holt Vice-Chairman (Marketing)) said that National Championships Committee was working on getting the National Junior Championships before Christmas, which should ease the problem.
- 11.7.4.3 RC Scruton (Honorary Life Member) said it was important to put the players first, to get the venue locations correct, to create appropriate format, to have sufficient tables and to ensure the players obtained value for money. He said the Cadet International Open was in danger of being postponed because of the overcrowded programme.
- 11.7.5 B Savage (Draycott) spoke of the money being raised by the 2000 Club for young players.
- #### 11.8 Public Relations
- 11.8.1 Page 19. Paragraph 4.2.5, BR Halliday is still worried by the lack of coverage in the National Press. J Beckley (Vice-Chairman (Public Relations)) explained that press releases were sent to the National Press but they are only interested in world class players or dramatic or special events, which are rare.
- 11.8.2 Page 20, Paragraph 4.4.2, EK Muhr (Kent) requested that the number of issues of Table Tennis News should remain at eight per year.
- 11.8.3 Page 20, Paragraph 4.5.2, AE Ransome OBE (Cleveland) said there had been an improvement in results on the website but felt that still more improvements are needed. He asked for a vote of thanks be afforded to Malcolm Macfarlane for his contribution with international results.
- #### 11.9 Competitions
- 11.9.1 Page 21, No questions or comments were made on this section.

- 11.9 Development
- 11.9.1 Pages 27, Paragraph 6.8.4, AE Ransome OBE (Cleveland) said that, although the Clubmark target had been reached, he felt the target of 90 was not very high. Mrs E Shaler (Vice-Chairman (Development)) said the target was in line with reality and the number was currently approaching 95.
- 11.9.2 Accounts Page 13, AE Ransome OBE (Cleveland) noted that the income from PremierClubs had gone down from £5,500 in 2007 to £4,070 this year. The Chairman responded that this was due to changes in the Clubmark Accreditation System approved by Management and National Council.
- 11.10 National Coaching
- 11.10.1 Page 32, Paragraph 7.2, AE Ransome OBE (Cleveland) said the major problem with the UKCC coaching delivery was the cost in qualifying. He encouraged the development of the ETTA Teacher and Leader courses (Paragraph 7.3.3) for those wishing to qualify below the UKCC standards.
- 11.11 Selection
- 11.11.1 Page 35, Paragraph 8.9.5, RC Scruton (Honorary Life Member) felt that the report of 'success' was exaggerated the top players' results had not reached expectations.
- 11.11.2 Results from the following competitions were not in the Report as the competitions took place after going to press; World Junior Team, European Youth Junior Girls, Commonwealth Championships.
- 11.12 International Matters
- 11.12.1 Page 36, Paragraph 9.1.1, MGR Smith (BTTAD) asked for the word 'Olympic' to be placed between Great Britain and teams.
- 11.13 Results
- 11.13.1 Page 40, Veteran Six Nations, BR Halliday (Berkshire) said these results should not be in the Report as they are not organised by ETTA.
- 11.13.2 KTO Ponting (Vice-Chairman (Competitions)) reported the results of the English League Cup Finals played at the Draycott and Long Eaton Table Tennis Centre on 14th/15th June 2008:
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|-------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| Wilmott Cup: | Winner – Nottingham | Runner Up – Bournemouth |
| J M Rose Bowl: | Winner – Bournemouth | Runner Up – Leicester |
| Carter Cup: | Winner – Reading 'A' | Runner Up – West Cornwall |
| Bromfield Trophy: | Winner – West Cornwall | Runner Up – Hastings |
- 11.14 MGR Smith (Membership) congratulated all those involved on the excellent presentation of the report. Acceptance was proposed by S Clarke (Lancashire and seconded by D Hockney (Bath) and agreed by all.
- (At this point the Chairman returned to the chair)

12. REPORT OF ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMEN FOR ADMINISTRATIVE YEAR 2008/9 (document 6224/23/RRW)

- 12.1 RR Washington (Returning Officer) informed the meeting of the results of the election as shown on document 6224/23/RRW. The report was noted.

13. REPORT OF ELECTION OF NATIONAL COUNCILLORS AND DEPUTY NATIONAL COUNCILLORS FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE YEAR 2008/9 (DOCUMENT 6241/23/RRW)

- 13.1 RR Washington (Returning Officer) informed the meeting of the results of the County elections as shown in document 6241/23/RRW. The report was noted.

14. REPORT OF THE TREASURER, REPORT OF THE AUDITORS AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2008 (DOCUMENT 6242/845/MGC)

- 14.1 The Accounts this year are incorporated into the main body of the Annual Report.
- 14.2 A written report on Finance can be found on Page 16 of the Report.
- 14.3.1 Page 14, Item 10, AE Ransome OBE (Cleveland) said he noted that the Europe Top Ten had made a loss of £33K. He did not feel it had been worth that amount to ETTA. He asked for assurance that complete evaluation of costs and benefits take place before any further event is taken on. The Treasurer assured him that costs

had been made in detail and the approved budget had forecast a loss of £30K, which was not far from the actual.

- 14.4 Page 14, Item 8, Mrs DM Stannard (Middlesex) noted the contribution to the Annual Conference and felt this was a large amount for the benefit of very few people. The Treasurer said the contribution had been approximately £60 per head.
- 14.5 MC Macfarlane (Leamington) proposed and Mrs DM Stannard (Middlesex) 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.

15. ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENTS

- 15.1 The meeting agreed, on the proposal of JE Dignum (Vice-Chairman (Administration)) on behalf of National Council and seconded by AE Ransome OBE (Cleveland), to a further three-year term for the following retiring Vice-Presidents: Miss J Adams, Mrs AP Archdale, R Balmford, Mrs S Barnes, A Drapkin, J Freeman, A Hydes, WG Goldfinch, Miss DL Moors, Miss I Moss, J Neslen, L Pilditch, SE Sherlock, AWC Simons, MGR Smith, Mrs JL Watts, BRJ Webb, R Yule
It was noted that R Balmford is now deceased.

15.2 New Vice Presidents

The meeting agreed, on the proposal of JE Dignum (Vice-Chairman (Administration)), seconded by R B Hudson (Yorkshire), to the election for a term of three years of:

15.2.1 Graham Trimming

Slough TTL: General Secretary and Treasurer since 1973
Chairman from 1980 to 1999

Cippenham TTC: Founder of the Club in 1973
Posts held – Development Co-ordinator, Membership Secretary, PremierClub contact, Press Secretary, Newsletter Editor, Webmaster, Member of Calendar Committee

Other: Tournament Organiser, County Umpire and Tournament Referee

15.2.2 Ron Washington

Chilton TTL: Committee Member – mid 1970s to present
Inter League Officer – 1982 to 1992
Vice Chairman – 1984 to 1986
Chairman – 1986 to 2001
Development Officer – 1995 to 2005
Coach at introductory level – 1994 to 2005
Closed Tournament organiser and referee
Occasional County Representative

Buckinghamshire TTA: Chairman – 1997 to 2006
Acting General Secretary – 2001/2 and 2004/5
General Secretary – 2005 to present
National Councillor – 2004 to present
Coaching Officer – 2002 to 2006
Regional representative – 1996 to present

ETTA: Membership Services Panel – 1996 to 2002
Membership Committee – 1997 to 1999
Trade Committee – 1999 to 2003 and 2005 to present
Standing Orders Committee – 2003 to present
Nominations Officer – 2006 to present
Returning Officer – 2006 to present

16. PRESENTATION OF AWARDS AND HONOURS

16.1 Ivor Montagu Award

The was awarded to Stan Clarke for his contribution as:
Chairman of Trade Committee - 2006 to present
Chairman of County Championships Committee 2002/3 to 2004/5

National Councillor (Lancashire) from 2000/1 to present
Organiser of Veterans National League from 2008

16.2 Victor Barna Award

This was awarded to Kelly Sibley for her outstanding performance at the 2008 World Team Championships.

16.3 Malcolm Scott Award

This was awarded to Peter Charters for his work on the Selection Department including the development of the Talent Identification Programme, including the Regional Trials and National Finals and for his development with the structure of progression from the training of promising players to the elite platform.

16.4 Johnny Leach Most Improved Player of the Year Award

This was awarded to Liam Pitchford (Dy) on the basis of the following:

- European ranking 9 from unranked
- Beating the European Youth Cadet title holder

16.5 Leslie Forrest Memorial Trophy

This was awarded to Ron Hedley for his service as Buckinghamshire County TTA Match Secretary from 1978/9 to 1995/6 and from 2002/3 to present.

16.6 A K Vint OBE Staff Award

This award was presented to Brian Skinner, Finance Officer. Brian was not present but the award will be presented as soon as a suitable occasion arises.

17. ELECTION OF AUDITORS

17.1 It was agreed nem.con that Gibbons and Mannington be re-elected, proposed by MG Clark (Treasurer) and seconded by WV Moran (Vice-President)

18. ELECTION OF STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE

18.1 RR Washington (Buckinghamshire) is due to retire from the Standing Orders Committee but is available for re-election. Mrs DM Stannard (Middlesex) proposed RR Washington be re-elected. This was seconded by S Clarke (Lancashire). The Meeting agreed.

19. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

19.1 Liverpool Business Houses

AC Knowles (Liverpool) said regrettably the Liverpool Business Houses League had folded this year but he wished to put on record the enormous contribution the League had made to table tennis on Merseyside and through the whole sport.

19.2 Racket Testing

J Whidborne (South Yorkshire) enquired about the accuracy of the machines used for racket testing. PR Bradley (Deputy Chairman) said at the Luxembourg Youth Open at the end of last year 40% of the rackets tested failed. The main problem was 'booster' glues. At recent events no rackets failed. There was a genuine problem at the start but the testing is now more accurate and work is continuing to get the problem solved.

19.3 AN Murdoch (Chairman) thanked the Staff in Hastings and the numerous volunteers 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 5.50pm.

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