

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MINUTES of the Annual General Meeting of the Company held at the Strathallen Hotel, Edgbaston, Birmingham, on Saturday, 27th June 2009 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)), KT Childs (Vice-Chairman (National Coaching))

2.3.2 COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE MEMBERS

MWJ Lewis (Avon), Mrs VJ Murdoch (Bedfordshire), BR Halliday (Berkshire), RR Washington (Buckinghamshire), BR Freer (Cambridgeshire), AE Ransome OBE (Cleveland), LA Chatwin (Derbyshire), CP Goulding (Devonshire), L Whittaker (Dorset), GM Wilson (Durham), BR Granger (Essex), LJ Smith (Gloucestershire), DB Turner (Hampshire), DJ Edwards (Hertfordshire), EK Muhr (Kent), S Clarke (Lancashire), MGR Smith (Leicestershire), GE Tyler (Lincolnshire), Mrs DM Stannard (Middlesex), N Coe (Northumberland), M Allsop (Nottingham), TM Farr (Somerset), JF Whidborne (South Yorkshire), D Sherratt (Staffordshire), Miss M Fraser (Surrey), Mrs DM Kirkwood (Sussex), EJ Williams (Warwickshire), AL Seward (Wiltshire), DA Young (Worcestershire), RB Hudson (Yorkshire)

RR Drew (Norfolk by proxy 'AE Ransome'), ARW Hughes (Oxfordshire by proxy J Birkin), PF Fordham (Suffolk by proxy the Chairman)

2.3.3 LEAGUE REPRESENTATIVE MEMBERS

DL Hockney (Bath), RM Jemmott (Bristol), Mrs KM Tonge MBE (Halton), Mrs DM Jermyn (Mid-Cornwall), B Bridges (West Cornwall), D Marples (Chesterfield), EJ Kirby (Gloucester), BP Lamerton (Southampton), G Roland (Watford), AC Knowlson (Liverpool), K Eliot (Gainsborough), S Welch (Grimsby/Cleethorpes), B Rimmer (Retford), B Watkins (Tamworth), T Laws (Guildford), BL Hughes (Birmingham), MC Macfarlane (Leamington), R Whittaker (Nuneaton), BF Leech (Bromsgrove), Mrs LA Reid (Evesham), Mrs CM Palmer (Malvern)

PJ Prady (Bracknell/Wokingham by proxy 'PR Bradley'), JH Willis (Maidenhead by proxy 'BR Halliday'), Professor A Syed (Reading by proxy 'PR Bradley'), BC Whitehead (Aylesbury by proxy 'RR Washington'), J James (Chalfonts by proxy the Chairman), B Spencer (Chiltern by proxy 'RR Washington'), DJ Harrison (Cambridge by proxy Mrs VA Parkes), J Mitchell (St Neots Club by proxy 'AE Ransome OBE'), V Hyde (Glossop by proxy the Chairman), M Colledge (Hartlepool by proxy 'AE Ransome OBE'), 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'), J Pimblett (Kendal by proxy the Chairman),

JR Cowell (Derby by proxy L Allwood), JH Angold (Ilfracombe by proxy 'CP Goulding'), F Phillips (Okehampton by proxy the Chairman), LG Harrison (Plymouth by proxy 'CP Goulding'), N Cowell (Blackmore Vale by proxy 'L Whittaker'), ILR Purser (Wimborne by proxy 'L Whittaker'), DW Bissett (Sunderland by proxy the Chairman), RW Fosker (Braintree by proxy 'BR Granger'), GC Earle (Colchester by proxy the Chairman), KA Field (Southend by proxy the Chairman), DC Humble (West Essex by proxy the Chairman), 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), JM Barnes (Cheshunt by proxy 'DJ Edwards'), JA Torres (Hertford by proxy the Chairman), Mrs S Felstead (North Herts by proxy the Chairman), RETF Hurley (Shaw by proxy the Chairman), A Alabaster (Bromley by proxy the Chairman), CA Harman (Canterbury by proxy the Chairman), S Bannister (Medway Towns by proxy 'EK Muhr'), JW Burns (North West Kent 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'), K Butler (Bury by proxy the Chairman), JS Leech (East Lancashire by proxy 'S Clarke'), RV Williamson (Lancaster/Morecambe by proxy 'S Clarke'), JP Foster (Oldham by proxy the Chairman), J Clegg (Preston by proxy the Chairman), R Neal (Southport by proxy 'S Clarke'), 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'), K Brady (Central by proxy the Chairman), DC Hayman (Wembley/Harrow by proxy G Walsh), A Drapkin (Northumbria by proxy the Chairman), RT Bolton (Nottingham by proxy 'M Allsop'), M Tunningley (Worksop by proxy 'M Allsop'), TG Pett (Didcot by proxy the Chairman), DE Oxford (Oxford by proxy 'J Birkin'), B Gibbs (Mendip by proxy T Farr), M Withyman (Weston super Mare by proxy J Burtenshaw), C Brown (Leek by proxy 'D Sherratt'), IR Coles (Stone by proxy the Chairman), M Egan (Walsall by proxy 'D Sherratt'), T Clift (Wolverhampton by proxy G Wood), RJ Goodhand (Ipswich by proxy the Chairman), ML Barratt (Byfleet by proxy the Chairman), LJ Moir (Croydon by proxy the Chairman), PA Collis (Reigate/Redhill by proxy the Chairman), K Haffenden (Battle Junior by proxy 'AE Ransome OBE'), Miss R Rainton (Hastings by proxy 'Mrs DM Kirkwood'), TDS Fell (Stratford by proxy 'MC Macfarlane'), MJ Phillips (West Wilts by proxy 'AL Seward'), J Stafford (Dudley by proxy G Webster), JL Cawthra (Worcester by proxy 'DA Young'), M Jackson (Bradford by proxy the Chairman), Mrs BJ Hudson (Hull by proxy 'RB Hudson'), M Grayson (Leeds by proxy the Chairman), J Farmery (York by proxy the Chairman), Neil Le Milliere (London Banks/Civil Service by proxy the Chairman)

2.4 PRESIDENT

"Unable to attend"

2.5 VICE-PRESIDENTS

'M Allsop', J Arnold, 'J Beckley', 'PR Bradley', 'JM Burtenshaw', 'PA Charters', 'MG Clark', 'M Close', 'S Deaton', 'K Eliot', 'BR Granger', 'BR Halliday', 'BP Lamerton', Mrs C Lewis, 'MC Macfarlane', Mrs DM Nightingale, 'AL Seward', 'RH Sinclair', 'MGR Smith', 'Mrs KM Tonge MBE', 'RR Washington', Mrs JL Watts, HJ Webb, 'R Yule'

2.6 HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

CJ Clemett, 'KTO Ponting', 'MWJ Lewis', 'KTO Ponting', 'AE Ransome OBE', 'LJ Smith', 'Mrs DM Stannard', 'DA Young'

2.7 OTHERS

Mrs M Arnold (ESTTA), J Andrews (Staff), M Atkinson (NCL/NJL), M Burman (Sussex), C Dangerfield (Wolverhampton), R Evans (Cliffdale Chandlers), DA Lomas (Croydon Schools), Mrs D Macfarlane (Leamington), J Palmer (Herefordshire), B Pettitt (Sussex), Mrs S Pickering (Leicestershire), M Prior

(Evesham), Mrs J Ransome (Ormesby), G Sanders (Leicestershire), B Savage (Draycott), 'MGR Smith' (BTTAD)

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), Ms J Rogers (National Equality & Child Protection Officer), R Pettit (National Communications Officer), HJ Webb (National Events 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 the following for their contribution to the sport and for their friendship over the years: -

Harold Albrey, Len Browning, Ron Clack, Bill Goldfinch, Peter Hancock, Dennis Holland, Barbara Kiss, Tony Pacitto, John Pilkington, Alan Porter, David Poultney, John Reed, Nancy Scruton, Stefan Trofan

4. REPORT OF STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE to the seventh ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (Document 6467RRW (28.05.09) 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 2008 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 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. The order of amendments 2 and 3 to Rule Change Proposition 1 was decided.

4.7 Standing Orders Committee
The current members are: DL Hockney (retiring by rotation at this AGM); Mrs JL Watts JP (retiring at the 2010 AGM) and RR Washington (retiring at the 2011 AGM). DL Hockney is eligible for re-election and has indicated his willingness to stand.

4.8 Acceptance of the report by the Standing Orders Committee (6467/1/RRW) was proposed by Mrs DM Stannard (Middlesex) and seconded by S Clarke (Lancashire) 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 KTO Ponting (Vice-Chairman (Competitions)), seconded by S Welch (Grimsby) and agreed that J Palmer (Malvern) and LJ Smith (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: 'MR Holt' (Vice-Chairman (Marketing)), R Jackson (Cheshire), R Drew (Norfolk), T Farr (Somerset), D Beverley (Poole), DW Bissett (Sunderland), DD Goulden (Warrington), 'BN Spencer' (Chiltern), G Stables (Hereford), M Strode (Aldershot),
- 7.2 President: JA Leach
- 7.3 Honorary Life Members: 'MR Holt', LF Landry, RC Scruton, JM Wright
- 7.4 Vice-Presidents: AP Archdale, J Blackband, J Freeman, CT Hyland, P Lewis MBE, Miss D Moors, WV Moran, DR Tremayne, DN Tyler, C Villiers MBE
- 7.5 Regional Committee Chairman: A Dunn (Yorkshire)
- 7.6 Regional Coaching Chairman: None
- 7.7 Other Affiliated Persons: None

8. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 28th June 2008 (document 6308/1/DMN)

- 8.1 Document 6308/1/DMN was approved, proposed by S Clarke (Lancashire) and seconded by DJ Edwards (Hertfordshire) and signed as a true record.

9. MATTERS ARISING

- 9.1 Minute 11.2.5.1 – Equality in Prize Money
Mrs J Ransome (Ormesby) said she was unaware that any progress had been made in this direction and reminded members that this was an 'equal society' and requested action to this aim. The Chairman assured Mrs Ransome that the matter was under considerable discussion and would be progressed at the earliest opportunity.

10. MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 28th June 2008 (document 6309/1/DMN)

- 10.1 Document 6309/1/DMN was approved, proposed by DA Young (Worcestershire) and seconded by RR Washington (Buckinghamshire) and signed as a true record.

11. MATTERS ARISING

- 11.1 There were no matters arising.

12. RULE CHANGE PROPOSITIONS (Document 6471/1/CJC (17.05.09)) a copy of which is attached to the 'official record' copy of these Minutes)

- 12.1 Proposition No.1 Proposed by National Council

12.1.1 9 INTERPRETATION AND DEFINITIONS

Delete 9.2.4, 9.2.6, 9.2.7 and 9.2.17 and substitute:

- 9.2.A Affiliated Member: a Company Member, a Player Member, an Associate Member, a President, Vice-President or Honorary Life Member, a holder of an ETTA coaching or umpiring qualification, an officer or official of the ETTA or a member of an Affiliated Organisation.

- 9.2.B Player Member: A person eligible to play Competitive Table Tennis.

- 9.2.C Associate Member: A person not otherwise affiliated who does not play Competitive Table Tennis.

Throughout Rules, delete "Affiliated Person" and substitute "Affiliated Member"

Delete 12, 13, 14 and 15 and substitute:

12 AFFILIATION

- 12.1 There shall be affiliated to the Company

- 12.1.1 County Associations, Local Leagues, Directly Affiliated Clubs, Affiliated Members;

- 12.1.2 any other organisations approved for affiliation by the National Council which follow the prescribed procedure and pay the relevant Affiliation Fees.

- 12.2 Application for affiliation to the Company of a Local League, Club or other organisation for the first time or after a lapse shall be made on the current application form and signed by a responsible official of the organisation.
- 12.2.1 The form shall be sent to the ETTA General Secretary, who shall forthwith send a copy to the appropriate County Association, if any, inviting it to send its observations to the ETTA within 28 days.
- 12.2.2 After the expiration of this period of 28 days every application for affiliation shall be granted or refused by the Management Committee, which shall have the power to refuse without giving reasons.
- 12.2.3 An applicant may appeal to the National Council against refusal by the Management Committee, refusal being deemed if the Management Committee has not granted the application within 56 days of its submission.
- 12.2.4 Unless the National Council resolve that the full procedure laid down by Rules 12.2-12.2.2 shall apply in a particular case, renewal of affiliation shall be effected by sending the appropriate renewal form direct to the ETTA General Secretary and payment of any appropriate affiliation fees in due course.
- 12.3 A County Association shall remain affiliated until it has no Local Leagues affiliated to it.
- 12.4 Any other Affiliated Organisation shall remain affiliated until
- 12.4.1 affiliation fees due for which it is responsible are unpaid on the 30th April in any Administrative Year or
- 12.4.2 affiliation is terminated by the Affiliated Organisation or
- 12.4.3 renewal of affiliation is refused by the National Council.
- 12.5 A person taking part in Competitive Table Tennis shall affiliate as a Player Member.
- 12.6 A person not taking part in Competitive Table Tennis may affiliate as an Associate Member and such affiliation shall be compulsory for all members of a Directly Affiliated Club or of an organisation affiliated under 12.1.2 who do not affiliate as Player Members.
- 12.7 A Local League shall maintain a register of all players taking part in its league competition and a Directly Affiliated Club or an organisation affiliated under 12.1.2 shall maintain a register of all its members.
- 12.8 A person shall not be registered for a Local League or a Directly Affiliated Club unless he pays the ETTA affiliation fee to that League or Club or can provide evidence that he has already paid that fee.
- 12.9 A person shall be deemed a Player Member or Associate Member from whichever is the earlier of the date at which his affiliation fee is received by the ETTA or the date at which his application for affiliation is accepted by a Local League, Directly Affiliated Club or other Affiliated Organisation, and he shall remain affiliated until 15th November in the following Administrative Year.
- 12.10 A County Association, a Local League, a President, Vice-President or Honorary Life member, a holder of an ETTA coaching or umpiring qualification and an officer or official of the ETTA or of an Affiliated Organisation shall not be required to pay a fee for affiliation.
- 12.11 All other Affiliated Organisations, Player Members and Associate Members shall pay affiliation fees in respect of each Administrative Year or part thereof for which they are affiliated; the fees for Player Members and Associate Members shall include the cost of insurance against civil liability; 10% of the fee paid by a Premier Club shall be rebated to the County Association in whose area the club is located.
- 12.12 Affiliation Fees for an Administrative Year shall be determined by the National Council not later than 30th April of the preceding Administrative Year. For current fees see Annex A
- 12.13 Every Affiliated Member and Affiliated Organisation liable to pay fees shall pay them not later than 15th November each Administrative Year, except

that upon affiliation for the first time or after a lapse, the fees shall be paid with the application.

12.14 A Player Member or Associate Member may pay his fee either direct to the ETTA or to the Local League, Directly Affiliated Club or other organisation for which he is registered, which shall then be responsible for forwarding the fee to the ETTA by the due date.

12.15 A Local League, Directly Affiliated Club or other organisation from which any Affiliation Fees in respect of Player Members or Associate Members are due to the ETTA but unpaid on 16th November shall be charged interest on the amount outstanding at 5% above NatWest Bank base rate calculated daily, subject to the interest being more than £5.

12.16 Every person or organisation liable to pay affiliation fees to the Company shall in addition pay to the Company such Value Added Tax as may be payable on such fees at the rate in force.

Re-number subsequent paragraphs

20 PROVISIONS RELATING TO ALL GENERAL MEETINGS

20.1 Notice specifying the place, date and time with the Agenda shall be given to

20.1.3 the Secretary of every Directly Affiliated Club, ~~every Directly Affiliated Individual~~ and every organisation affiliated under Rule 12.1.2.

21 VOTING ENTITLEMENT

21.1 On a Card Vote the number of votes held by a Company Member shall be as follows:

21.1.2 League Representative Company Member: Except as provided in Rule 17.1, 1 vote for each ~~whole Affiliation Fee unit paid by~~ Player Member registered for the Local League by which he is appointed.

44 HANDBOOK

44.1 Copies of the Company's current Handbook when published and of the current Directory shall be supplied free of charge to every Affiliated Organisation ~~and every Directly Affiliated Individual.~~

58 DATABASE

58.1 The ETTA shall maintain a database of Affiliated Members as defined in Rule 9.2.6.

58.2 All Affiliated Members and Organisations shall provide the information required by the National Council for this database.

Rule 12.12 to take effect from 1 January 2010; all other Rules to take effect from the first day of Administrative year 2010/11

12.1.2 Proposition 1 was proposed by CJ Clemett on behalf of National Council and seconded by GM Wilson (Durham)

12.1.3 Amendment 1 to PROPOSITION 1

Replace proposed 9.2.B and 9.2.C with:

9.2.B Player Member: A Directly Affiliated Individual eligible to play Competitive Table Tennis.

9.2.C Associate Member: A Directly Affiliated Individual not eligible to play Competitive Table Tennis

Replace proposed 12.10 with:

12.10 There shall be no affiliation fees other than for Player Membership or Associate membership.

As a consequential amendment, reword existing "16 Player Licence Fees" as

13 REGISTRATION FEES

13.1 Fees shall be due from

13.1.1 Players registered as holding a Player Licence under the Player Licence Scheme

13.1.2 Directly Affiliated Clubs registered in the PremierClub Scheme.

- 13.2 The Schedule of fees shall be decided by the National Council and shall be published not later than 30th April in the previous Administrative year.
- 13.3 10% of the fees paid under the provisions of 13.1 shall be rebated to the appropriate County Associations
- 12.1.3.2 This Amendment was seconded by GM Wilson (Durham) and was carried on a show of hands with 2 votes against. It will therefore be added to Proposition 1.
- 12.1.4 Amendment 2 to PROPOSITION 1 Proposed by Berkshire County Table Tennis Association
- 12.1.4.1 Delete 12.12 and substitute:
12.12 Affiliation fees for an Administrative year shall be as determined from time to time by a General Meeting as a Special Resolution.
- 12.1.4.2 BR Halliday (Berkshire) withdrew this amendment due to its similarity to amendment 3.
- 12.1.5 Amendment 3 to PROPOSITION 1 Proposed by Cleveland County Table Tennis Association
- 12.1.5.1 Replace proposed 12.12 with
12.12 Not later than 31st January the National Council shall propose for approval by the AGM affiliation fees for the immediately following Administrative Year.
- 12.1.5.2 This amendment was seconded by B Bridges (West Cornwall). It was approved on a show of hands but a card vote was called for. This was supported by the required 5 other members.
- 12.1.5.3 The result of the card vote was 21,004 for and 6,980 against. This amendment is to be added to Proposition 1.
- 12.1.6 PROPOSITION 1 – AS AMENDED proposed by National Council
- 12.1.6.1 This Proposition was seconded by MWJ Lewis (Avon). After some discussion, the Proposition was carried on a show of hands. A card vote was called for and supported.
- 12.1.6.2 The result of the card vote was 27,847 for and 6,161 against. The proposition was therefore carried.
- 12.2 PROPOSITION 2a
- 12.2.1 In 9.2.A, after “ETTA coaching”, add “tournament organising”
Add new rule:
9.2.D Affiliated Tournament Organiser: A person who has acquired an ETTA Tournament Organiser qualification and who has not subsequently resigned the qualification or had it withdrawn.
- Re-number present Rules 9.2.7 – 9.2.35 as 9.2.8 – 9.2.36
- 12.2.2 This Proposition was proposed by Mrs DM Jermyn (Mid-Cornwall) and seconded by Mrs KM Tonge MBE (Halton) and carried on a show of hands.
- 12.3 PROPOSITION 3 proposed by National Council
- 12.3.1 Add new Rule:
9.2.E Region: An administrative area defined by the National Council, comprising part or all of several Counties.
- 12.3.2 This Proposition was seconded by Mrs KM Tonge (Halton) and carried on a show of hands.
- 12.4 PROPOSITION 4 proposed by National Council
- 12.4.1 46 FORBIDDEN OR CONTROLLED ACTIVITIES
Delete 46.6 – 46.7 and substitute
46.6 An Affiliated Person must not, without permission of the National Council, enter into a contract for capitalising his skill at table tennis which could prevent his being available to represent England in an international competition if selected.
- 12.4.2 The Proposition was seconded by GM Wilson (Durham) and carried on a show of hands.

- 12.5 PROPOSITION 5 proposed by National Council
- 12.5.1 48 DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE
- 48.1 Punishment for breaches of the Disciplinary Code other than doping offences shall be determined by the Disciplinary Committee.
- 48.5 The Disciplinary Committee shall deal with charges other than those relating to doping offences in accordance with the procedure set out in Appendix E to these Rules ~~and for alleged doping offences, the provisions of Appendix P to these Rules.~~
- 48.6 Punishment for doping offences shall be determined by the National Anti-Doping Panel, in accordance with the provisions of Appendix P to these Rules.
- 12.5.2 This Proposition was seconded by Mrs VJ Murdoch (Bedfordshire) and carried on a show of hands.
- 12.6 PROPOSITION 6 proposed by National Council
- 12.6.1 57 APPROVED LAWS OF TABLE TENNIS
delete 57.1 – 57.3 and substitute
- 57.1 Except as provided by 57.6
- 57.1.1 all Competitive Table Tennis under the jurisdiction of the ETTA must be played under the ETTA Approved Laws of Laws of Table Tennis (Approved Laws);
- 57.1.2 an Affiliated Person must when playing Competitive Table Tennis play under the Approved Laws
- 57.1.3 an Affiliated Organisation must provide for all Competitive Table Tennis under its jurisdiction to be played under the Approved Laws.
- 57.6 Either a General Meeting or the National Council shall have power to authorise specified divergence from the Approved Laws in respect of either a particular event, such as a handicap tournament, or a specified class of event, such as open tournaments or national competitions.
- Re-number 57.4 – 57.9 as 57.2 – 57.7
- 12.6.2 This proposition was seconded by S Clarke (Lancashire) and carried on a show of hands.
- 12.6.3 As a response to a question from BR Halliday (Berkshire) the Chairman promised to send a letter to all Local Leagues before the start of the next season clarifying the legality of rubbers with both ETTA and ITTF.

13. 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.)

- 13.1 Page 8 & 9 – Facts & Figures –
- 13.1.1 AE Ransome OBE (Cleveland) said that the Commonwealth Table Tennis Championships should be added to the events on page 8 as they took place in May 2009.
- 13.1.2 JE Dignum (Vice-Chairman (Administration)) pointed out that the 2006/7 figure for Affiliated Leagues should be 244. MGR Smith reiterated this.
- 13.1.3 Some concern was expressed as to the status of the Isle of Wight as the County has not elected a National Councillor and therefore does not have a County Representative Member. The Chairman stated that correspondence had taken place with the IOW League and it is affiliated but does not have voting or other rights as per the Rules.
- 13.2 Pages 10 – 13 – Annual Snapshot
- 13.2.1 MGR Smith (Leicestershire) said there were omissions, namely, seven English players in Beijing (September), Gold Medal won in the Hearing Disability Championships (October), £1.6m awarded to BTTAD for their Olympic Programme (February).
- 13.2.2 AE Ransome OBE (Cleveland) also noted the UK School Games (August/September) was omitted.

13.2.3 He also said that the last entry in May should have read Commonwealth Table Tennis Championships and not the Commonwealth Games which is a different event.

13.3 Administration

13.3.1 Page 14 - 1.3 – Maurice Goldstein Awards

D Sherratt (Staffordshire) queried the criteria for these awards. The Chairman said there were specific criteria for each of the awards. Good practical volunteers who do not hold any office in a County Association do not qualify for this particular award.

13.3.2 Page 15 - 1.7.2 – Player Licence Scheme

It was requested that, in future, the chart would give a further breakdown to identify male and female players. The large increase in Cadet Licences and the drop in Junior Licences is cause for thought in expanding the Junior programme.

13.3.3 Page 16 - 1.11 - Obituaries

Mrs DM Kirkwood (Sussex) requested that WG Goldfinch (Vice-President) be added to the list to be remembered. He died after the Report had gone to press and will be mentioned in the Report next year.

13.4 Marketing

13.4.1 Page 18 - 3.6 – National Regional Squad Championships

It was noted that the results of this event had been omitted from the Result section on pages 42/43.

13.5 Public Relations

13.5.1 Page 20 - 4.3 – Table Tennis News

13.5.1.1 It was noted that the English Junior National Championships were not fully reported in the following magazine.

13.5.1.2 EK Muhr (Kent) said he was pleased to see a letters column reappearing in the magazine although there were none in the latest issue.

13.5.2 Page 20 - 4.5 – Website

13.5.2.1 Comment was made that the successes gained by the National players and their hard fought climb up the World Ranking List, were not fully reported on the website. The Chairman said he was hoping to encourage the National Coaches to report important news direct to the Communications Department in Hastings.

13.5.2.2 MGR Smith (Leicestershire) said the accuracy of some information on the website was in doubt. Changes were not always updated immediately.

13.6 Competitions

13.6.1 Page 24 - 5.12.3 - NURC

13.6.1.1 GE Tyler (Lincolnshire) commented on the proposed revised Handbook for Umpires. KTO Ponting (Vice-Chairman (Competitions)) said this should be available before the start of the season.

13.7 Development

13.7.1 Page 25 - 6.4.1 - PremierClub

13.7.1.1 Mrs E Shaler (Vice-Chairman (Development)) said the number of clubs registered in the programme as at June 2009 was 138.

13.7.2 Page 27 - 6.6.3 – Regional Club Development Workshops

13.7.2.1 Mrs E Shaler apologised for the following error in the chart: Please note the following correction:

Regional Club development workshops									
Region	Y	SW	E	EM	L	NE	NW	SE	WM
Date	05/10/08	12/10/08	04/01/09	11/01/09	07/02/09	21/03/09	22/01/09	28/03/09	18/04/09
Attendees	14	10	20	20	8	10	Cancelled	9	Cancelled

13.7.3 Page 30 – 6.24 – Fred Perry Urban Cup

13.7.3.1 The Referee at the Fred Perry Urban Cup was Mick Strode IU and not Mrs Karen Tonge MBE.

13.8 Page 36/37 - International Matters13.8.1 9.5 – Commonwealth Table Tennis Federation

13.8.1.1 The Chairman thanked AE Ransome OBE and his team for the success of the Championships.

13.9 MGR Smith (Leicestershire) congratulated all those involved on the excellent presentation of the Annual Report. Acceptance of the Report was proposed by S Clarke (Lancashire) and seconded by Mrs C Palmer (Malvern) and agreed by all.

(At this point the Chairman returned to the chair)

14. REPORT OF ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN, DEPUTY CHAIRMAN AND TREASURER FOR ADMINISTRATIVE YEARS 2009/2010 AND 2010/11 (6447/23/RRW)

14.1 RR Washington (Returning Officer) informed the meeting of the results of the election as shown on document 6447/23/RRW and 6410/23/RRW. The report was noted.

15. REPORT OF ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMEN FOR ADMINISTRATIVE YEAR 2009/10 (document 6463/23/RRW)

15.1 RR Washington (Returning Officer) informed the meeting of the results of the election as shown on document 6463/23/RRW. The report was noted.

16. REPORT OF ELECTION OF NATIONAL COUNCILLORS AND DEPUTY NATIONAL COUNCILLORS FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE YEAR 2009/10 (DOCUMENT 6469/23/RRW)

16.1 RR Washington (Returning Officer) informed the meeting of the results of the County elections as shown in document 6469/23/RRW. The report was noted.

17. REPORT OF THE TREASURER, REPORT OF THE AUDITORS AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2009 (DOCUMENT 6470/825/MGC)

17.1 The Accounts this year are incorporated into the main body of the Annual Report.

17.2 A written report on Finance can be found on Page 16 of the Report.

17.3 S Clarke (Lancashire) proposed and DJ Edwards (Hertfordshire) 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.

18. ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

18.1 J Leach was willing to stand as President but requested that the situation be reviewed in the next 12 months in order to appoint a younger candidate in the future.

18.2 KTO Ponting (Vice-Chairman (Competitions)) proposed J Leach as President for 2009/11 and this was seconded by Mrs DM Stannard (Middlesex). It was agreed to review the situation within the next twelve months.

19. ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENTS

19.1 The meeting agreed, on the proposal of JE Dignum (Vice-Chairman (Administration)) on behalf of National Council and seconded by Mrs KM Tonge MBE (Halton), to a further three-year term for the following retiring Vice-Presidents: M Allsop, J Beckley, J Burtenshaw, Mrs EM Carrington, PA Charters, A Cooke, M Close, C Davison, Mrs S Deaton, D Douglas MBE, BR Halliday, CT Hyland, C Jacques, Mrs A Jones OBE, Mrs G Johns, BP Lamerton, Mrs C Lewis, P Lewis MBE, KJ Marchant, Mrs DM Nightingale, A Sanford, Mrs KM Tonge MBE, DN Tyler, R Yates

19.2 New Vice Presidents

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

19.2.1 George Tyler

Member of National Umpires and Referees Committee 1992-2004.

Current ETTA Umpire Assessor.

County Umpire 1981, National Umpire 1984 and International Umpire in 1986.

Former Deputy National Councillor and Lincolnshire County TTA National Councillor since 2007. Current Chairman of Lincolnshire County TTA.

19.2.2 Geoff Twiss

County Umpire 1988, Tournament Referee 1988, National Umpire 1992 and International Umpire 1994

Ranking Scheme Panel Member 1991/2 - 2002/3, Ranking Policy Committee 1991/2 - 2006/7 and Tournaments Committee Chairman 1995/6 - 2007/8

Shropshire County Association

National Councillor 1990/1 – 1994/5

General Secretary 1990/1 – 1994/5

Regional Chairman 1991/2 – 1994/5

Umpires Secretary 1990/1 – 1994/5

Former organiser of the Grove Under 21 2 Star and Grove 2 Star.

19.2.3 Alex Murdoch

Elected Chairman 2003 to Date

Served on the Bedfordshire County TTA Committee for 17 years

Served on the North Herts TTA Committee for 25 years

Board of the British Olympic Table Tennis Federation (2004 to date)

British Olympic Association Representative (2004 to date), Chairman

Board of the British Table Tennis Federation (2005 to date)

Board of the European Table Tennis Federation (2005 to date)

Board of Director member International Table Tennis Federation (2006 to date)

20. PRESENTATION OF AWARDS AND HONOURS**20.1 Ivor Montagu Award**

The was awarded to Mike Atkinson for his contribution to the National Cadet and Junior League.

20.2 Victor Barna Award

This was awarded to Paul Drinkhall for his silver medal performance at the 2008 World Junior Championships and 2008 European Youth Championships.

20.3 Malcolm Scott Award

This was awarded to Ron Washington for his work on Election Regulations and National Elections.

20.4 Johnny Leach Most Improved Player of the Year Award

This was awarded to Karina Le Fevre (Cv) on the basis of the following:

- No 1 Junior Ranking and No. 3 on Senior Ranking (March 2009)
- Finalist of the National Championships Ladies Singles event.

20.5 Leslie Forrest Memorial Trophy

This was awarded to Brian Gale for his service as Hertfordshire County TTA Match Secretary from 1989 until 2004.

20.6 A K Vint OBE Staff Award

This award was presented to Richard Yule, Chief Executive for his work on the Whole Sport Plan and his negotiations with Sport England.

20.7 A presentation was made to Doreen Nightingale on the occasion of her retirement from ETTA.

21. ELECTION OF AUDITORS

21.1 It was agreed nem.con that Gibbons and Mannington be re-elected, proposed by MG Clark (Treasurer) and seconded by Mrs DM Jermyn (Mid Cornwall)

22. ELECTION OF STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE

22.1 D Hockney (Avon) is due to retire from the Standing Orders Committee but is available for re-election. M Allsop (Nottinghamshire) proposed D Hockney be re-elected. This was seconded by Mrs DM Kirkwood (Sussex). The Meeting agreed.

23. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

23.1 The Chairman said that in a recent Sport England document on Participation in Sport, table tennis is the only sport that has shown a statistical increase in participation.

23.2 He 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 5.45pm.

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