

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**MINUTES** of the Annual General Meeting of the Company held at the DeVere Staverton Park, Daventry, on Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> July 2010 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)), Mrs E Shaler (Vice-Chairman (Development)), MR 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), Mrs DM Jermyn (Cornwall), LA Chatwin (Derbyshire), 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), Mrs DM Stannard (Middlesex), M Allsop (Nottinghamshire), ARW Hughes (Oxfordshire), JF Whidborne (South Yorkshire), D Sherratt (Staffordshire), PF Fordham (Suffolk), Miss M Fraser (Surrey), M Burman (Sussex), EJ Williams (Warwickshire), AL Seward (Wiltshire), DA Young (Worcestershire), RB Hudson (Yorkshire)

R Jackson (Cheshire by proxy Mrs KM Tonge), CP Goulding (Devonshire by proxy ‘EK Muhr’), Mrs E Preat (Isle of Wight by proxy ‘M Allsop’), N Coe (Northumberland by proxy A Drapkin)

**2.3.3 LEAGUE REPRESENTATIVE MEMBERS**

DL Hockney (Bath), RM Jemmott (Bristol), BC Whitehead (Aylesbury), ‘Mrs KM Tonge MBE’ (Halton), D Marples (Chesterfield), JR Cowell (Derby), KA Field (Southend), EJ Kirby (Gloucester), MD Strode (Aldershot), BP Lamerton (Southampton), G Roland (Watford), AC Knowlson (Liverpool), BG Robinson (Hinckley), P Wilson (Leicester), S Welch (Grimsby/Cleethorpes), DC Hayman (Wembley/Harrow), IH Jones (Kettering), G Powell (Northampton), ‘A Drapkin’ (Northumbria), B Rimmer (Retford), B Watkins (Tamworth), T Laws (Guildford), Ms BL Hughes (Birmingham), MC Macfarlane (Leamington), R Whittaker (Nuneaton), BF Leech (Bromsgrove), Mrs LA Reid (Evesham), Mrs CM Palmer (Malvern), N LeMilliere (London Banks/Civil Service)

Mrs S Bruton (Bracknell/Wokingham by proxy ‘PR Bradley’), Professor A Syed (Reading by proxy ‘PR Bradley’), J James (Chalfonts by proxy the Chairman), B Spencer (Chiltern by proxy ‘RR Washington’), DJ Harrison (Cambridge by proxy Mrs VA Parkes), V Hyde (Glossop by proxy the Chairman), J Harrington (Stockport by proxy ‘Mrs KM Tonge’), T Donlon (Trafford by proxy ‘Mrs KM Tonge’), Mrs BM

Stephenson (Middlesbrough by proxy 'AE Ransome'), GP Whyman (Ormesby by proxy 'AE Ransome'), WM Ellison (Stockton by proxy 'AE Ransome'), NJ Philbey (Kendal by proxy the Chairman), DW Bissett (Sunderland by proxy the Chairman), GC Earle (Colchester by proxy the Chairman), J Bunn (Stroud by proxy 'LJ Smith'), JW Shepherd (Andover by proxy the Chairman), IA Robertson (Bournemouth by proxy 'DB Turner'), DL Robinson (Barnets by proxy 'DJ Edwards'), JM Barnes (Cheshunt by proxy 'DJ Edwards'), Mrs S Felstead (North Herts by proxy 'Mrs VJ Murdoch'), RETF Hurley (Shaw by proxy 'DJ Edwards'), J Prean (Isle of Wight by proxy 'M Allsop'), A Alabaster (Bromley by proxy the Chairman), CA Harman (Canterbury by proxy the Chairman), PJ Millington (Sittingbourne by proxy the Chairman), CM Majoe (Tonbridge/Tunbridge Wells 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), R Neal (Southport by proxy the Chairman), DD Goulden (Warrington by proxy 'S Clarke'), A Pickford (Wigan by proxy the Chairman), RG Forster (Loughborough by proxy 'M Allsop'), M Webb (Staines by proxy the Chairman), B Roddis (Mansfield by proxy 'M Allsop'), RT Bolton (Nottingham by proxy 'M Allsop'), M Tuntingley (Worksop by proxy 'M Allsop'). IR Coles (Stone by proxy 'D Sherratt'), M Egan (Walsall by proxy 'D Sherratt'), RJ Goodhand (Ipswich by proxy the Chairman), CA Harper (Croydon by proxy the Chairman), RD Ellis (Sutton by proxy the Chairman), Miss R Rainton (Hastings by proxy Mrs DM Kirkwood), TDS Fell (Stratford by proxy 'MC Macfarlane'), MJ Phillips (West Wilts by proxy 'AL Seward'), JL Cawthra (Worcester by proxy 'DA Young'), M Jackson (Bradford by proxy the Chairman), MV Hookham (Castleford/Pontefract by proxy 'RB Hudson'), JL Vaughan (Huddersfield by proxy 'RB Hudson'), Mrs BJ Hudson (Hull by proxy 'RB Hudson'), CA Milner (Northallerton by proxy RC Scruton), J Farmery (York by proxy the Chairman)

#### 2.4 **PRESIDENT**

"Unable to attend"

#### 2.5 **VICE-PRESIDENTS**

'M Allsop', 'J Beckley', 'PR Bradley', 'JM Burtenshaw', 'PA Charters', 'MG Clark', 'S Deaton', 'J Freeman', 'BR Granger', 'BR Halliday', 'BP Lamerton', Mrs C Lewis, 'MC Macfarlane', 'AN Murdoch', 'AL Seward', 'RH Sinclair', 'MGR Smith', 'MD Strode', 'Mrs KM Tonge', 'RR Washington', Mrs JL Watts, HJ Webb, 'R Yule'

#### 2.6 **HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS**

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

#### 2.7 **OTHERS**

MW Atkinson (NCL/NJL), M C Dangerfield (Wolverhampton), C Doran & Family (Player), C Dyke (Berkshire), D Frost (Rugby), NT Houghton (Derbyshire), Mrs B Hudson (Hull), Ms J Johnson (Essex), Mrs D Macfarlane (Leamington), JR Palmer (Herefordshire), Mrs S Pickering (Leicestershire), M Prior (Evesham), Mrs J Ransome (Ormesby), G Sanders (Leicestershire), B Savage (Draycott), MR Shearwood (Unknown), 'MGR Smith' (BTTAD & BUCS), Mrs C Williams (Warwickshire), G Wood (Wolverhampton)

#### 2.8 **ORGANISATIONS IN GOOD STANDING:**

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

#### 2.9 **STAFF**

'R Yule' (Chief Executive), 'RH Sinclair' (General Secretary), DC Gray (Delivery & Facilities Manager), Miss JA Rogers (National Programme Manager (Volunteering, Diversity, Child Protection)), R Pettit (National Communications Officer), BE Spicer

(Regional Development Manager London), HJ Webb (National Events Manager), M Willerton (National Programme Manager (Clubs & Premier League 4 Sport))

### **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: -

John Cunningham, Harry Dixon, Iris Moss, Pat O'Bryne, Bob Wiley

### **4. REPORT OF STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE to the eighth ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (Document 6679/1/RRW (12.05.10) 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 is essentially unchanged, but to provide a more logical sequence the Treasurer's Report has been moved to follow immediately after the Report of the Management Committee.

#### 4.2 Standing orders (agenda item 2)

The Standing Orders in Document 5814/1/RHS are the same as those in force for the 2009 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 10)

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 Debating Procedure

4.5.1 The AGM Agenda contains numerous opportunities for putting questions and expressing views, which can result in the meeting becoming too long for some Members. In particular this applies to those relying on public transport for their journey home.

4.5.2 To assist with this problem and to ensure that meeting time devoted to questions, comment and debate is used effectively, Members speaking are requested to avoid elaborating on questions and views already expressed, and to conclude their contribution as quickly as possible.

#### 4.6 Counting of Card Votes

If a card vote is needed at this AGM, the SOC recommends, as in previous years, that a manual count is used.

#### 4.7 Business Conducted

The Committee held no meetings but did discuss concerns about the use of AGM meeting time, which led to the above statement on debating procedure. Also, when requested, advice was given to the Rules Committee on the presentation of Rules changes.

#### 4.8 Standing Orders Committee

Current members retiring by rotation as shown are: Mrs JL Watts (this AGM), RR Washington (2011 AGM) and DL Hockney (2012 AGM). Mrs J Watts is eligible for re-election and has indicated her willingness to continue for another term.

4.9 Acceptance of the report by the Standing Orders Committee (6679/1/RRW) was proposed by S Clarke (Lancashire) and seconded by Mrs DM Stannard (Middlesex).

### **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.

5.2 RR Washington (Standing Orders Committee) reminded members of the length of questions and not to ask questions of a similar line.

### **6. TELLERS**

6.1 It was proposed by AN Murdoch (Chairman), seconded by MR Holt (Vice-Chairman (Marketing)) agreed that J Palmer (Malvern)) and JM Burtenshaw (Vice-President)

be appointed Tellers for the meeting. The Tellers were reminded before appointment that they could not vote or take part in debate.

## 7. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- 7.1 Members of the Company: 'DW Bissett' (Sunderland), B Bridges (West Cornwall), G Earle (Colchester), DD Goulden (Warrington), CP Goulding (Devonshire), 'BN Spencer' (Chiltern)
- 7.2 President: JA Leach MBE
- 7.3 Honorary Life Members: LF Landry, JM Wright
- 7.4 Vice-Presidents: AP Archdale, CT Hyland, Mrs DM Nightingale, DN Tyler
- 7.5 Regional Committee Chairman: None
- 7.6 Regional Coaching Chairmen: None
- 7.7 Other Affiliated Persons: P Taylor (British Table Tennis Association for People with Disabilities)

## 8. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 27<sup>th</sup> June 2009 (document 6497/1/DMN)

- 8.1 Document 6497/1/DMN was approved, proposed by MR Holt (Vice Chairman (Marketing)) and seconded by Mrs DM Stannard (Middlesex) and signed as a true record.

## 9. MATTERS ARISING

- 9.1 Minute 13.5.2.2 – Website  
MGR Smith (Leicestershire) asked that the existing minute be replaced with the following: 'MGR Smith (Leicestershire) stated that there was inaccurate information in the County/Local League Secretary list on the website, notably and regrettably the continued reference to the contact details for a County Secretary who died 5 months before this'.

## 10. MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 27<sup>th</sup> June 2009 (document 6498/1/DMN)

- 10.1 Document 6498/1/DMN was approved, proposed by Mrs DM Stannard (Middlesex) and seconded by S Clarke (Lancashire) and signed as a true record.

## 11. MATTERS ARISING

- 11.1 There were no matters arising.

## 12. PROPOSED FEES FOR INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP 2010/11

- 12.1 Player Members – Under new Rule 12.5, Directly Affiliated Members eligible to play Competitive Table Tennis – e.g. as a Local League player:
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|----------------|-------|
| Seniors        | £5.64 |
| Cadets/Juniors | £2.82 |
- 12.2 Associated Members – Under new Rule 12.6, Directly Affiliated Members not eligible to play Competitive Table Tennis:
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|--|-------|
| <u>Associate Members (Compulsory)</u>  |       |
| Members of Directly Affiliated Clubs and Affiliated Organisations other than County Associations and Local Leagues | £2.50 |
| <u>Associated Members (Voluntary)</u>  |       |
| Recreational players, officials and supporters   | £2.50 |
- 12.3 Other Affiliated Persons No Charge  
Under Rule 9.2.6, a Company Member, a Directly Affiliated Member, a President, Vice-President or Honorary Life Member, a Deputy National Councillor, an Affiliated Coach, an Affiliated Tournament Organiser, an Affiliated Umpire, a Player registered under the Player Licence scheme, the Clerk to and any member of the Board of Appeal or of any other ETTA Limited Committee or Sub-Committee who is otherwise affiliated or any official, player or other member of an Affiliated Organisation.
- 12.4 Liability Insurance

Leagues will now be able to reduce Local League fees payable as they will no longer be charged for Liability Insurance.

## 12.5 Report of the Treasurer

- 12.5.1 Since Individual Membership was passed at the last AGM, your staff and volunteers have worked hard in the implementation process that is now ready for the coming season. As with any new programme, there have been glitches along the way. However, we are confident that once the first year has been completed, future registration will be a lot easier to administer.
- 12.5.2 Your Membership Committee, Management Committee and National Council have all agreed the levels of fees highlighted in document 6693/1/MGC that was included in your AGM pack.
- 12.5.3 We have increased the previous unit fee (as it was) by 2p and added the Insurance Premium that will no longer be levied on Local Leagues, Counties or Clubs. Thus the Membership level for Senior players becomes £5.64 per annum. This equates in all to less than 11p per week. Fees to Cadets and Juniors are half that sum which for many who suffered the previous unit fee whilst playing in Senior Local League will now be better off, as will multiple Local League Players.
- 12.5.4 These fees are payable only once annually regardless of how many Local Leagues one plays in.
- 12.5.5 There are two levels of Associate Members, the details of which are set out on the document and fees for both these levels of membership are set at £2.50 per annum.
- 12.5.6 As a result of last year's amended Rule proposal, such fees are required to be approved by the AGM, albeit that many Local Leagues having had their own AGMs and needed then to advise members that the fees approved by National Council are subject to final confirmation by the ETTA AGM.
- 12.5.7 There is no precedent or alternative proposal to these fees and consequently they need to be approved here today.
- 12.6 6693/1/MGC, Proposed Fees for 2010/11 Individual Membership was proposed by MGC Clark (Treasurer) and seconded by GM Wilson (Durham) and carried on a show of hands.

## 13. **RULE CHANGE PROPOSITIONS** (Document 6683/1/CJC (17.05.09)) a copy of which is attached to the 'official record' copy of these Minutes) as Special Propositions.

- 13.1 Proposition 1 Proposed by National Council
- 13.1.1 In the Memorandum of Association and in 9.2.1, delete references to the "Companies Act 1985" and substitute "Companies Act 2006".
- 20.9.1 After " Company Member" add "and proxy holder"
- 22.3 Delete
- These changes are required following updating of the Companies Act.*
- 13.1.2 Proposition 1 was proposed by CJ Clemett (Rules Committee Chairman) on behalf of National Council and seconded by GM Wilson (Durham) and carried on a show of hands
- 13.2 Proposition 2 Proposed by National Council
- 13.2.1 C INTERPRETATION AND DEFINITIONS  
Delete 9.2.4, 9.2.7 and 9.2.8  
*These definitions are incorporated in the revised 9.2.6 and are no longer needed.*
- 13.2.2 Proposition 2 was proposed by CJ Clemett on behalf of National Council and seconded by NGR Smith (Leicestershire) and carried on a show of hands.
- 13.3 Proposition 3 Proposed by National Council
- 13.3.1 C INTERPRETATION AND DEFINITIONS  
Delete 9.2.13 and substitute  
9.2.13 Competitive Table Tennis: table tennis in which the player competes in a tournament or represents a club, a League, a County Association or ETTA or participates in trial matches organised by a club, a League, a County Association or ETTA for the purpose of selecting representative teams.  
*This is a simplification of the present wording, with no change of principle.*

- 13.3.2 Proposition 3 was proposed by CJ Clemett on behalf of National Council and seconded by Mrs DM Stannard (Middlesex) and was carried on a show of hands.
- 13.4 Proposition 4 (if Proposition 3 is accepted) Proposed by National Council
- 13.4.1 C INTERPRETATION AND DEFINITIONS
- 9.2.13 After "competes in a tournament" add "other than a closed tournament of his own club"  
*This would allow a player or official of an affiliated club to take part in a closed tournament of that club without having to affiliate as a Player Member.*
- 13.4.2 Proposition 4 was proposed by CJ Clemett on behalf of National Council and seconded by M Allsop (Nottinghamshire) and carried on a show of hands.
- 13.5 Proposition 5 Proposed by National Council
- 13.5.1 12.1.2 Delete "and pay the relevant Affiliation Fees"  
12.13 Delete "and Affiliated Organisation"  
17.1 Delete "or from which any Affiliation Fees and Insurance Fees are due but unpaid"  
17.2 After "County Association" add "or Local League which is"; delete "or of a Local League to which Rule 17.1 applies".  
27.1.3 Delete "whose Affiliation Fees were paid by on or before 15th November" and add at end "not under suspension"  
27.7 Delete "from the date of payment of Affiliation Fees"  
*These changes are consequential to the adoption of individual affiliation, under which no affiliation fees are paid by Affiliated Organisations.*
- 13.5.2 Proposition 5 was proposed by CJ Clemett on behalf of National Council and seconded by M Allsop (Nottinghamshire) and carried on a show of hands.
- 13.6 Proposition 6 Proposed by National Council
- 13.6.1 12 AFFILIATION (see p17 of Rule Book)  
12.12 Add at end: "If neither this proposal nor any amendment thereto is accepted, the affiliation fees for the immediately following Administrative Year shall be the same as in the current Administrative Year."  
Re-number 18.3.8-18.3.15 as 18.3.9-18.3.16 and add  
18.3.8 to set the affiliation fees for the immediately following Administrative Year;  
*Delete 24.1.1*  
This would define what happens if the AGM fails to agree on affiliation fees
- 13.6.2 Proposition 6 was proposed by CJ Clemett on behalf of National Council and seconded by GM Wilson (Durham) and carried with a show of hands. CJ Clemett, on behalf of National Council, further proposed that the Proposition take effect the day after this Annual General Meeting. This was seconded by JE Dignum (Vice-Chairman (Administration)) and carried on a show of hands.
- 13.7 Proposition 7 Proposed by West Cornwall TT League
- 13.7.1 12 AFFILIATION  
12.12 Delete and substitute:  
12.12 Unless specifically decided otherwise by a General Meeting the affiliation fees for an Administrative Year shall be determined by multiplying the fees for the immediate preceding Administrative Year by the Retail Prices Index (RPI) figure for November of that immediate preceding Administrative Year, dividing by the RPI figure for November of the Administrative Year before the immediately preceding Administrative Year and rounding down to the next whole number of pence. The RPI shall be that published by the Office of National Statistics, RP02 table.
- 13.7.2 12.12a The affiliation fees calculated under 12.12 and the RPI figure therein referred to shall be certified by the Company's Auditors and a copy of their certificate shall be circulated to the Secretary of every Affiliated Organisation not later than 1st February. The current affiliation fees shall be shown in Annex A.
- 13.7.3 *This would mean that affiliation fees would normally be index-linked.*
- 13.7.4 Proposition 7 was formally moved by CJ Clemett (Rules Committee Chairman) as the representative of West Cornwall TTL was unable to be in attendance. It was seconded by S Clarke (Lancashire)

- 13.7.5 MG Clark (Treasurer) spoke against the Proposition which would be a retrograde step and GM Wilson (Durham) agreed that the Proposition will be a retrograde step. On a show of hands, only one was in favour and the Proposition failed.
- 13.8 Proposition 8 Proposed by National Council
- 13.8.1 13 REGISTRATION FEES  
Re-number 13.2-13.3 as 13.3-13.4 and add:  
13.2 Coaches licensed under the Coach Licence scheme (see Appendix ?)
- 13.8.2 *This would formalise the Coach Licence scheme and the associated fees. (The related Appendix H - Coaching Regulations - has been approved by the National Council.)*
- 13.8.3 Proposition 8 was proposed by CJ Clemett on behalf of National Council and seconded by KT Childs (Vice-Chairman (National Coaching) and carried on a show of hands.
- 13.9 Proposition 9 Proposed by National Council
- 13.9.1 41 GOOD STANDING  
Delete 41.1-41.3 and substitute:  
41.1 An organisation for which affiliation to the Company under Rule 12.1 is not appropriate may apply to be accepted into Good Standing.  
41.2 Organisations accepted into Good Standing may be required to pay such fees as the National Council may determine.  
Re-number this section as 14 and re-number other Rules accordingly.
- 13.9.2 *This would remove reference to "eligibility" to affiliate, which is no longer limited to Counties, Leagues and Clubs.*
- 13.9.3 Proposition 9 was proposed by CJ Clemett on behalf of National Council and seconded by S Clarke (Lancashire) and carried on a show of hands.
- 13.10 Proposition 10 Proposed by National Council
- 13.10.1 46 FORBIDDEN OR CONTROLLED ACTIVITIES  
46.2.4 In last line, delete "body" and substitute "panel".
- 13.10.2 *Editorial change for correctness.*
- 13.10.3 Proposition 10 was proposed by CJ Clemett on behalf of National Council and seconded by MGR Smith (Leicestershire) and carried on a show of hands.
- 13.11 Proposition 11 Proposed by National Council
- 13.11.1 30 ELECTION OF NATIONAL COUNCILLORS  
Delete 30.3 and substitute:  
30.3 A County Association shall send the results of the election(s) on a form prescribed by the National Council, which shall be authenticated in accordance with Rule 59, to reach the General Secretary or such other person as may be designated for the purpose by the Management Committee, not later than 20th June.
- 13.11.2 *This would make the rule consistent with the election regulations and with current practice.*
- 13.11.3 Proposition 11 was proposed by CJ Clemett on behalf of National Council and seconded by MR Holt (Vice-Chairman (Marketing)) and carried on a show of hands.
- 13.12 Proposition 12 Proposed by National Council
- 13.12.1 Add to the ETTA Approved Laws of Table Tennis:  
2.X The racket covering shall be of a brand and type currently authorised by the ITTF.
- 13.12.2 *This would make ITTF approved racket coverings mandatory for all Competitive Table Tennis.*
- 13.12.3 Proposition 12 was proposed by CJ Clemett on behalf of National Council and seconded by S Clarke (Lancashire).
- 13.12.4 K Field (Essex) asked what the consequences were of players using unauthorised racket coverings. CJ Clemett said that Local League rules should take care of that incident.
- 13.12.5 Mrs KM Tonge (Halton) said there was disquiet in the County of Cheshire about the Proposition and that beginners not using authorised bat rubbers on the ITTF list will have to buy new rubbers which would be expensive.
- 13.12.6 S Clarke (Lancashire) stated that Lancashire County and Liverpool TTL are supporting the Proposition.

- 13.12.7 D Sherratt (Staffordshire) felt the Proposition was a retrograde step. RM Jemmott (Bristol) said that the rules of many Local Leagues deal with this Proposition. JF Whidborne (South Yorkshire) was against the Proposition because, if it was approved, it would remain approved. EK Muhr (Kent) felt it was down to sensible policy.
- 13.12.8 The Proposition was approved on a show of hands, 40 in favour and 13 against. A card vote was called for. This was supported by the required five other members.
- 13.12.9 The result of the card vote was 26,522 for and 8,796 against. The proposition was therefore carried.
- 13.13 Proposition 13 (if Proposition 12 is accepted) Proposed by National Council
- 13.13.1 Add new section:  
 47 PLAYING EQUIPMENT  
 47.1 For all Competitive Table Tennis  
 47.1.1 the ball shall be of a brand and grade currently approved by the ITTF;  
 47.1.2 the racket covering shall be of a brand and type currently authorised by the ITTF.  
 47.2 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 valid until the following 30th June.  
 47.3 The list of authorised racket coverings valid from 1st January to 30th June shall be circulated to all Affiliated Organisations and Organisations in Good Standing not later than the preceding 15th November; the list valid from 1st July to 31st December shall be circulated not later than the preceding 15th May.  
 Delete 46.7 and 46.7.1
- 13.13.2 *This would require lists of approved balls and authorised racket coverings to be circulated in advance to all Affiliated Organisations and Organisations in Good Standing.*
- 13.13.3 Proposition 13 was proposed by CJ Clemett on behalf of National Council and seconded by GM Wilson (Durham) and carried on a show of hands.
- 13.14 Proposition 14 (if Proposition 12 is not accepted) Proposed by Evesham & District TTA
- 13.14.1 57 APPROVED LAWS OF TABLE TENNIS  
 Add new Rule:  
 57.6.1 A County Association, Local League or Directly Affiliated Club may diverge from the Approved Laws for some or all of its competitions by restricting the type of racket covering to that of a brand and type currently authorised by the ITTF.
- 13.14.2 *This would allow divergence from the Approved Laws in all types of competition, including Leagues.*
- 13.14.3 Proposition 14 proposed by Evesham TTL was withdrawn as Proposition was carried.
- 13.15 Proposition 15 Proposed by Potteries TT League
- 13.15.1 Add to the ETTA Approved Laws of Table Tennis:  
 2.4.9 A racket shall not be changed during an individual match unless it is accidentally damaged so badly that it cannot be used.
- 13.15.2 *This would make it illegal to change an undamaged, or deliberately damaged, racket during an individual match.*
- 13.15.3 Proposition 15 was proposed by Potteries TTL and seconded by S Clarke (Lancashire) and carried on a show of hands.

#### 14. 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.)

##### 14.1 Page 8 & 9 – Facts & Figures –

##### 14.1.1 PR Bradley (Deputy Chairman) asked members to note the following:

Page 5 – Regional Coaches: add Alison Broe (Southern)

Regional Development Managers: Lisa Bosley is now Lisa Williams.

##### 14.1.2 AE Ransome (Cleveland) reminded members that the list of National and Deputy Councillors should be a historical list and not for the following Administrative Year.

##### 14.1.3 Page 9 – Membership Figures – Affiliated Leagues

JE Dignum (Vice-Chairman (Administration)) asked members to note the following corrections:

2007/8:

2008/9:

2009/10:

14.2 Administration

14.2.1 Page 15 – 1.6 – Membership Committee

N Le Milliere (London Banks/Civil Service) queried why the policy to send membership cards to club secretaries and not direct to the membership had been changed. MC Macfarlane (Membership Committee) explained the decision made as the card has no value other than its number. Mrs DM Kirkwood (Membership Committee) confirmed that she was a member of the Individual Member Working Group and it was the intention to send membership cards to individuals.

14.2.2 Page 15 – 1.7.1 – Player Licence Scheme

AE Ransome (Cleveland) reminded members of last year's statistics and the further drop in licensed players and Day Licence fees had gone up by a large amount. This, he felt, created a barrier for Cadet and Junior players entering competitions. He asked that the Management Committee to reconsider and take forward to national Council. The Treasurer gave an explanation and the reasons behind the current situation and confirmed that it was being brought back to national Council anyway.

14.2.3 Page 15 – 1.6.7 – Local Leagues

S Clarke (Lancashire) stated that the Blackburn Local League has now re-affiliated.

14.3 Finance

14.3.1 Page 17 – 2.1.3 – Sport England Funding

BRH asked why our sport was the only one to have funding reduced and also how Performance will be funded. ANM said that it was fully explained at the April National Council meeting. MGR Smith (BTTAD) confirmed that the BTTAD had received £1.6M and there had been no cuts.

14.4 Marketing

14.4.1 Page 18 – 3.2 – 65<sup>th</sup> English Open ITTF Pro-Tour Major

AE Ransome (Cleveland) said that the possibility of a qualification event before the January 2011 English Open had been raised at National Council and asked for confirmation that this matter would be considered. ANM replied that the Selection Department will look into the matter.

14.4.2 Page 19 – 3.5 – English Cadet and Junior National Championships

AE Ransome (Cleveland) again queried the clash between this competition and the World Junior Championships in spite of 6 months notice from ITTF.

14.4.3 Page 19 – 3.6 – English Under 11/14 National Championships

EK Muhr (Kent) stated that it would be more logical to link this competition to a Masters Event. PR Bradley (Deputy Chairman) said that the matter should be raised at National Council and not at the Annual General Meeting.

14.5 Public Relations

14.5.1 Page 20 – 4.2 – Archives and Museums

EK Muhr (Kent) asked for confirmation that J Woodford (deceased)'s records are kept intact/. Mrs DM Kirkwood (Archives and Museums Committee) confirmed that this was so.

14.5.2 Page 21 – 4.5 – Website

BR Halliday (Berkshire) said the response of the players to the new website was not favourable but AN Murdoch (Chairman) said he had only received one complaint. RM Jemmott (Bristol) requested that the links on the website are checked and asked which browsers are being used to support it.

14.6 Competitions

14.6.1 Page 21 – 5.1 – County Championships

AE Ransome (Cleveland) expressed concern about the future of this competition as 100 matches have been aborted this past season due to lack of female players. A promise was made by the Management Committee to look into this matter and he asked whether anything had been done. PR Bradley (Deputy Chairman) said that

the problem was serious and a new method must be found to encourage young women to play competitively.

- 14.6.2 Page 22 – 5.5.3 – British League Committee  
AE Ransome (Cleveland) said proposals from Cleveland TTC had been made to the British League Annual Conference. KTO Ponting (Vice-Chairman (Competitions)) said this proposal had not received the necessary support and had therefore failed.

14.7 Development

- 14.7.1 Page 31 – 6.27 – Active People Survey  
EK Muhr (Kent) said that the monthly participation figures have improved. R Yule (Chief Executive) said that there must be no complacency. Comments were made concerning opportunities through initiatives and venues and that advantage must be taken of every aspect available to increase participation.

14.8 Selection

- 14.8.1 Page 34 – 8.1.1 – England Performances  
BR Halliday (Berkshire) noted the poor performance of the England team at the recent World Championships  
PA Charters (Vice-Chairman (Selection)) said the BTTF coaches are now being used by ETTA and it was hoped that the new regime would make a difference to the team's performance.

14.9 Page 36/37 - International Matters

- 14.9.1 AE Ransome (Cleveland) commented that there was no mention of the Olympic Games within the report. AN Murdoch (Chairman) referred to Page 37, 9.2.4, which details the appointments Deputy Referee and others are on the website.

- 14.10 *MGR Smith (Leicestershire) congratulated all those involved on the excellent presentation of the Annual Report. Acceptance of the Report was proposed by GM Wilson (Durham) and seconded by Mrs J Watts (Vice-President) and agreed by all.*

*(At this point the Chairman returned to the chair)*

**15. REPORT OF ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMEN FOR ADMINISTRATIVE YEAR 2010/11 document 6678/23/RRW)**

- 15.1 RR Washington (Returning Officer) informed the meeting of the results of the election as shown on document 6678/23/RRW. The report was noted.

**16. REPORT OF ELECTION OF NATIONAL COUNCILLORS AND DEPUTY NATIONAL COUNCILLORS FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE YEAR 2010/11 (DOCUMENT 6685/23/RRW)**

- 16.1 RR Washington (Returning Officer) informed the meeting of the results of the County elections as shown in document 6685/23/RRW. The report was noted.

**17. REPORT OF THE TREASURER, REPORT OF THE AUDITORS AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2010 (DOCUMENT 6686/825/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 Members noted that JA Leach was re-elected in 2009 for a further 3 year term. Members wishes JA Leach their best wishes.

**19. ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENTS**

- 19.1 The meeting agreed, on the proposal of KTO Ponting (Vice-Chairman (Competitions)) on behalf of National Council and seconded by DJ Edwards (Hertfordshire) to a further three-year term for the following retiring Vice-Presidents: J Arnold, J Blackband, PR Bradley, MG Clark, Mrs W Cunningham, P Day, KE Eliot,

BR Granger, G Gurney, TM Homey, T Inge, MC Macfarlane, AI Marshall, WV Moran, Mrs J Parker, LH Pilfold, DD Plowes, D Schofield, AL Seward, RH Sinclair, RJ Stevens, MD Strode, GA Taylor, DR Tremayne, C Villiers, HJ Webb, M Wolman.

19.2 New Vice Presidents

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

19.2.1 Stan Clarke

County – National Councillor for Lancashire and Chairman from 2001 to present  
Chairman of Trade Committee from to present  
County Umpire 1984, National Umpire 1987, International Umpire in 1990 and International Blue Badge from 2009.  
Level 4 Coach from 1990

**20. PRESENTATION OF AWARDS AND HONOURS**

20.1 Ivor Montagu Award

This was awarded to Steve Welch for his contribution to the Junior British League (currently Referee) and the Tournaments Committee.

20.2 Victor Barna Award

This was awarded to Liam Pitchford for his outstanding performances at the last English Open/National Championships and World Junior Championships.

20.3 Malcolm Scott Award

This was awarded to John Dignum for his contribution to Individual Membership.

20.4 Johnny Leach Most Improved Player of the Year Award

This was awarded jointly to Chris Duran (NG) for his achievements at the World Junior Championships and to Hannah Hicks (Ha) for her achievements at the English Open and Commonwealth Championships

20.5 Leslie Forrest Memorial Trophy

This was awarded to Malcolm Macfarlane for his contribution to table tennis as County Match Secretary for Warwickshire County TTA.

20.6 A K Vint OBE Staff Award

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

**21. ELECTION OF AUDITORS**

21.1 It was agreed nem.con that Manningtons be re-elected, proposed by MG Clark (Treasurer) and seconded by Mrs DM Stannard (Middlesex)

**22. ELECTION OF STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE**

22.1 Mrs J Watts (Vice-President) is due to retire from the Standing Orders Committee but is available for re-election. Mrs DM Jermyn (Cornwall) proposed Mrs J Watts be re-elected. This was seconded by LA Chatwin (Derbyshire). The Meeting agreed.

**23. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

23.1 Mrs DM Kirkwood (Membership Committee) asked for consideration be given to a central venue, close to railway links, for the next Annual General meeting. The Chairman agreed.

23.2 On a question from B Rimmer (Nottinghamshire) the Treasurer said ETTA has no jurisdiction over the auditing of Local League funds. He said that most Local Leagues only require a reporting accountant and Local League/Club rules would determine what is required.

23.3 Mrs J Ransome thanked ETTA for obtaining equal prize funds for women.

23.2 The 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 4.45pm.

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