

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Company held at the Nottingham Belfry Hotel Park, Nottingham, on Saturday, 9th July 2011 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

Mrs VJ Murdoch (Bedfordshire), CG Dyke (Berkshire), RR Washington (Buckinghamshire), BR Freer (Cambridgeshire), AE Ransome OBE (Cleveland), Mrs DM Jermyn (Cornwall), LA Chatwin (Derbyshire), 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), KJ Marchant (Northamptonshire), M Allsop (Nottinghamshire), JM Burtenshaw (Somerset), JF Whidborne (South Yorkshire), D Sherratt (Staffordshire), Miss M Fraser (Surrey), AL Seward (Wiltshire), DA Young (Worcestershire), RB Hudson (Yorkshire)

CP Goulding (Devonshire by proxy 'EK Muhr'), GM Wilson (Durham by proxy the Chairman), Mrs E Prean (Isle of Wight by proxy 'M Allsop'), N Coe (Northumberland by proxy A Drapkin), ARW Hughes (Oxfordshire by proxy J Birkin), EJ Williams (Warwickshire by proxy MC Macfarlane)

2.3.3 LEAGUE REPRESENTATIVE MEMBERS

MD Strobe (Aldershot), Ms BL Hughes (Birmingham), RM Jemmott (Bristol), Miss C Homewood (Bromley), D Marples (Chesterfield), JR Cowell (Derby), Mrs LA Reid (Evesham), K Eliot (Gainsborough), EJ Kirby (Gloucester), WV Moran (Grimsby/Cleethorpes), Mrs KM Tonge MBE (Halton), Mrs BL Hudson (Hull), MC Macfarlane (Leamington), N Le Milliere (London Banks/Civil Service), Mrs CM Palmer (Malvern), G Powell (Northampton), 'A Drapkin' (Northumbria), R Whittaker (Nuneaton), AP McTiernan (Reading), KA Field (Southend), BP Lamerton (Southampton), B Watkins (Tamworth), DD Goulden (Warrington), DC Hayman (Wembley & Harrow)

BC Whitehead (Aylesbury by proxy the Chairman), DL Robinson (Barnets by proxy 'DE Edwards'), IA Robertson (Bournemouth by proxy 'DB Turner'), M Jackson (Bradford by proxy the Chairman), BF Leech (Bromsgrove by proxy 'MG Clark'), Mrs S Bruton (Bracknell/Wokingham by proxy 'CG Dyke'), K Butler (Bury by proxy the Chairman), RD Pettit (Cambridge by proxy 'Mrs V Parkes'), JK Ferguson (Cheltenham by proxy the Chairman), JM Barnes (Cheshunt by proxy 'DE Edwards'), B Spencer (Chiltern by proxy 'RR Washington'), DE Hildreth (Cleveland

Summer by proxy 'AE Ransome'), GC Earle (Colchester by proxy the Chairman), CA Harper (Croydon by proxy the Chairman), V Hyde (Glossop by proxy the Chairman), W Ladmore (Great Yarmouth by proxy the Chairman), M Colledge (Hartlepool by proxy 'AE Ransome'), Ms RA Rainton (Hastings by proxy Mrs D Webb), G Stables (Hereford by proxy 'Mrs C Palmer'), JA Torres (Hertford by proxy 'DE Edwards'), RJ Goodhand (Ipswich by proxy the Chairman), J Preat (Isle of Wight by proxy 'M Allsop'), NJ Philbey (Kendal by proxy the Chairman), M Edwards (Kidderminster by proxy C Dangerfield), M Grayson (Leeds by proxy the Chairman), IP Wilson (Leicester by proxy 'MGR Smith'), RG Forster (Loughborough by proxy 'M Allsop'), C Tai (Luton by proxy the Chairman), B Fleet (Manchester Banks by proxy the Chairman), B Roddis (Mansfield by proxy 'M Allsop'), Ms B Stephenson (Middlesbrough by proxy 'AE Ransome'), CA Milner (Northallerton by proxy 'AE Ransome'), Mrs SM Felstead (North Herts by proxy the Chairman), HFC Webb (North Middlesex by proxy the Chairman), RT Bolton (Nottingham by proxy the Chairman), JP Foster (Oldham by proxy the Chairman), GP Whyman (Ormesby Junior by proxy 'AE Ransome'), DE Harris (Oxford by proxy 'J Birkin'), PJ Degg (Potteries by proxy the Chairman), J Clegg (Preston by proxy the Chairman), KJ Haffenden (Rother Junior by proxy 'AE Ransome'), RN Smith (Sheffield Works by proxy the Chairman), PJ Millington (Sittingbourne by proxy the Chairman), R Neal (Southport by proxy 'S Clarke'), WM Ellison (Stockton by proxy 'AE Ransome'), J Bunn (Stroud by proxy 'Les Smith'), PF Fordham (Suffolk & Cambs Junior by proxy the Chairman), DW Bissett (Sunderland by proxy the Chairman), RS Ellis (Sutton by proxy the Chairman), D Evans (Swindon by proxy 'AL Seward'), CM Majoe (Tonbridge/Tunbridge Wells by proxy the Chairman), M Egan (Walsall by proxy T Reeves), MJ Phillips (West Wiltshire by proxy 'AL Seward'), JL Cawthra (Worcester by proxy DA Young), Ms S Dark (Yeovil by proxy the Chairman), J Farmery (York by proxy 'R Hudson')

2.4 PRESIDENT

"Unable to attend"

2.5 VICE-PRESIDENTS

'M Allsop', J Arnold, 'J Beckley', 'PR Bradley', 'JM Burtenshaw', 'PA Charters', 'MG Clark', 'S Clarke', M Close, 'S Deaton', 'A Drapkin', 'K Eliot', J Freeman, 'BR Granger', 'BR Halliday', 'BP Lamerton', 'MC Macfarlane', 'KJ Marchant', 'WV Moran', 'AN Murdoch', Mrs DM Nightingale, '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', 'MR Holt', KTO Ponting, 'AE Ransome', 'LJ Smith', 'Mrs DM Stannard', 'DA Young'

2.7 OTHERS

MW Atkinson (NCL/NJL), 'J Arnold' (ESTTA), Mrs P Chatwin (Derbyshire), N Heaps (Berkshire), P Lewis (Nottingham), Mrs D Macfarlane (Leamington), J Palmer (Herefordshire), Ms S Pickering (Leicestershire), Mrs J Ransome (Cleveland), G Sanders (Leicestershire), Ms M Shearwood (Worcestershire), 'MGR Smith' (BTTAD, BUCS), BE Spicer (Limpsfield, RDM London), S Welch (Lincolnshire), G Wood (Wolverhampton)

2.8 ORGANISATIONS IN GOOD STANDING

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

2.9 STAFF

'R Yule' (Chief Executive), 'RH Sinclair' (General Secretary), 'BE Spicer' (Regional Development Manager, London), Mrs J Parker (National Talent and Coaching Manager)

3. OPENING OF THE MEETING

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

4. REPORT OF STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE to the tenth ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (Document 6889/1/RRW (10.05.11) a copy of which is attached to the 'official record' copy of these Minutes)

4.1 Agenda

The order of business is similar to that for the 2010 AGM

4.2 Standing orders (agenda item 2)

The Standing Orders in Document 5814/1/RHS are the same as those in force for the 2010 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 ease this problem and to help ensure that meeting time 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 a manual count will be used.

4.7 Business Conducted

No meetings were held but advice was given to the Rules Committee.

4.8 Election of Standing Orders Committee

Current members retiring by rotation as shown are: RR Washington (this AGM), DL Hockney (2012 AGM) and Mrs J Watts (2013 AGM). RR Washington is not available for re-election for another term.

4.9 Acceptance of the report by the Standing Orders Committee (6889/1/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 Mrs KM Tonge (Vice-President) and seconded by Mrs DM Stannard (Life Member) and passed nem.con.

6. TELLERS

6.1 It was proposed by AN Murdoch (Chairman), seconded by S Clarke (Vice-President) and agreed that J Palmer (Malvern) and Mrs D Macfarlane (Leamington) 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: 'DW Bissett' (Sunderland), B Bridges (West Cornwall), R Drew (Norfolk County), G Earle (Colchester), PF Fordham (Suffolk & Cambs Junior), 'AB Hughes' (Oxfordshire County), R Jackson (Cheshire County), AC Knowlson (Liverpool), 'BF Leech' (Bromsgrove), 'BN Spencer' (Chiltern), GE Tyler (Lincolnshire County), HFC Webb (North Middlesex)

7.2 President: JA Leach MBE

7.3 Honorary Life Members: CJ Clemett, LF Landry, MWJ Lewis, RC Scruton, JM Wright

7.4 Vice-Presidents: AP Archdale, CT Hyland, Mrs C Lewis, P Lewis, DN Tyler

7.5 Regional Committee Chairman: None

7.6 Regional Coaching Chairmen: None

7.7 Other Affiliated Persons: Mrs J Long (Worthing), J Gilmour (UK Deaf TTA)

8. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 10th July 2010 (document 6777/1/RHS)

8.1 Document 6777/1/RHS was approved was proposed by LA Chatwin (Derbyshire) and seconded by DA Young (Worcestershire) and signed as a true record.

9. MATTERS ARISING

9.1 There were no matters arising.

10. PROPOSED FEES FOR INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP 2011/12 (6890/1/MGC)

10.1 Player Members – Directly Affiliated Members eligible to play Competitive Table Tennis as Local League Players

Seniors £6.00

Cadets/Juniors £3.00

10.2 Associated Members – Directly Affiliated Members not eligible to play Competitive Table Tennis. Note: Associate Membership is compulsory for members of Directly Affiliated Clubs and of Organisations affiliated under Rule 12.1.2.

Associate Members

Members of Directly Affiliated Clubs and Affiliated Organisations other than County Associations and Local Leagues £3.00

10.3 Insurance

The Treasurer said that negotiations were in progress to examine the possible addition of Personal Accident insurance.

10.4 Future Fee Adjustments

The Treasurer said that, in order to avoid any difficulties for Local Leagues when setting their fees at their AGMs, he will consider proposing a rule change to bring adjustments for two years in future.

10.5 Acceptance of 6890/1/MGC, Proposed Fees for 2011/12 Individual Membership was proposed by S Clarke (Lancashire) and seconded by MGR Smith (Leicestershire) and carried on a show of hands.

11. **RULE CHANGE PROPOSITIONS** (Document 6891/1/CJC (24.06.11)) a copy of which is attached to the 'official record' copy of these Minutes) as Special Propositions.

11.1 Proposition 1 Proposed by Evesham & District TT Association

11.1.1 9.2.12 Competitive Table Tennis: - table tennis in which the player competes in a tournament other than a closed tournament of his own club, represents a club, a League, a County Association or ETTA, participates in trial matches organised ~~by a club, a League, a County Association or ETTA~~ or, not being a junior, participates in trial matches organised by a League or County for the purpose of selecting representative teams.

This would allow junior players to take part in League or County trials without having to affiliate as Player Members.

11.1.2 Proposition 1 was proposed by Lynda Reid (Evesham) on behalf of Evesham & District TTA and seconded by EK Muhr (Kent). A card vote was called for.

11.1.3 A card vote requires 75% majority. The result of this card vote was as follows:

Votes FOR 20,556 55.3%

Votes AGAINST 16,614 44.7%

The 75% majority was not reached therefore the proposition failed.

11.2 Proposition 2 Proposed by National Council

11.2.1 23.4 A person holding a paid appointment with the Company or connected in any way with the manufacture, sale or endorsement of table tennis equipment or with consultation on such equipment may not be an Officer.

This would make ETTA Rules concerning financial interest consistent with those of ITTF. (ETTA Officers are Chairman, Deputy Chairman, Treasurer and Vice-Chairmen.)

- 11.2.2 R Yule (Chief Executive) explained that this proposition covered a sensitive issue and was one that was a requirement of Sport England. He said that in the current climate it was imperative that all dealings should be transparent. ETTA is requesting considerable investment over the next years and there could be problems with the funding partners if this does not go through. He added that all rules were open to a common sense interpretation.
- 11.2.3 Proposition 2 was proposed by RR Washington on behalf of National Council and seconded by S Clarke (Lancashire) and carried on a show of hands with 5 against.
- 11.3 Proposition 3 Proposed by National Council
- 11.3.1 The affiliation of an Affiliated Member who has been convicted of, or cautioned for, child abuse an offence under the Sexual Offences Act 2003 shall automatically be terminated, but he may apply to the Management Committee for re-affiliation.
- 46.7.2 on the advice of the ETTA Child Protection Officer, to suspend from the privileges of affiliation an Affiliated Member who is under investigation by the statutory authorities in relation to child abuse an alleged offence under the Sexual Offences Act 2003, from the time of notification until the legal outcome is known.
This would make the present sanctions relating to child abuse apply to any offence specified in the Sexual Offences Act 2003.
- 11.3.2 It was agreed that an amendment adding 'and every subsequent legislation on this matter' should be added after 'Offences Act 2003' at a future date.
- 11.3.3 Proposition 3 was proposed by RR Washington on behalf of National Council and seconded by KT Childs (Vice-Chairman (National Coaching)) and was carried on a show of hands.

12. 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.)

12.1 Amendments to printed Report

12.1.1 1.6.3: Remove the words 'as shown below'.

12.1.2 1.7: These figures have been updated elsewhere. They should read –
Cadet 1043 – Junior 530 – Senior 1189 Total 2762

12.1.3 3.2.10: Delete the word 'of' after 'proud'.

12.1.4 5.6.7: Delete the whole of this item.

12.1.5 Add 6.36 – **National Junior League and National Cadet League**

6.36.1 There was a slight reduction in entries this season to 199 NJL (204 last season) and 215 NCL (223 previously). Thanks are due to all organisers who helped with local recruiting and thus increased the number of teams at their venues – 50% at Burton and Rotherham/Bradford.

6.36.2 Unfortunately three venues were lost from the list published in June, as the organisers were unable to run the events in their areas, which resulted in a number of teams being lost from the 2009/10 season.

6.36.3 The last minute unavailability of Southall Sports Centre to run NCL meant that some clubs that had already entered withdrew. Others were rescued by Ashley Stokes enquiring and then volunteering to run a 12 team NCL at Capital City Academy – many thanks, Ashley. Others did travel further to other venues, but not all the original entries.

6.36.4 Additionally there has been a much larger number of teams playing short-handed this season as compared to previously, especially on days 3 and 4. Our other new organiser was Colin French at Waterside, Southampton, with 8 teams and a promise of more to come next season – thanks Colin.

6.36.5 Thanks are also due to the established organisers, with all centres but one, consistently providing a minimum of 9 matches per day for their players (36 over the season). Jane Durham (Northfield) provided "the best value for money venue" with 46 individual matches for ranking points per player over the four days in NCL and Sylvia Tyler's Market Rasen NJL which gave the players 51 matches – a good deal indeed.

12.2 Members were asked to note that the pictures were randomly placed and did not necessarily illustrate the information on the same page.

- 12.3 The Acting Chairman then went through the Report for comment.
- Administration**
- 12.3.1 Page 5 – Mrs D Webb (Hastings) asked for explanation of the initials CS & CO. JE Dignum (Vice-Chairman (Administration)) advised that was an error and also pointed out that all initials were explained on the penultimate page.
- 12.3.2 Page 6 – Discussions took place on Individual membership. R Yule (Chief Executive) said he took full responsibility. The problems had been caused by an unfortunate choice of IT expert. This mistake had been rectified and there is now a working system under the expertise of Chris Dangerfield and a Membership Manager, as well as a League and Club Manager Package, is available free of charge to every League and Club affiliated to the Association.
- 12.3.3 Page 7 – EK Muhr (Kent) said that N Standen shared his coaching position in the South East and asked that his name be mentioned.
Page 7 – It was noted that J Holden was mentioned in the deceased Life Members list while actually he was still alive.
- 12.3.4 Page 8 – MGR Smith (BTTAD) requested that 2 lady disability players be added to those who have represented England. Hannah Coulthurst and Leeane Stephen had been part of the squad who played in the Commonwealth Games.
- 12.3.5 Page 9 – MGR Smith (Leicestershire) asked for more details of the figure given for Individual Members.
- 12.3.6 Page 14 – D Sherratt (Staffordshire) asked for clarification regarding membership of the Board of Appeal. The Rules say that no member should also be a member of National Council and yet this seems to be happening. This was noted and would be looked into.
- 12.3.7 Page 15 – The first bullet point of 1.6.6 promises a new 'members only' section of the website prior to the AGM. This has not happened.
- 12.3.8 Page 16 – D Sherratt referred to item 1.8.3 and asked when the revision of Appendices J & M would be completed and circulated.
- 12.3.9 Page 16 – EK Muhr (Kent), commenting on 1.11 Obituaries, said with the demise of the Table Tennis News the news of the death of old friends does not get through to members. He asked if it could be put on the website so that proper tribute could be given.
- 12.4 **Marketing**
- 12.4.1 Page 19 – Commenting on item 3.4.1, AE Ransome (Cleveland) congratulated those involved in the organisation but felt the commentator could be improved on.
- 12.4.2 MR Holt (Vice-Chairman (Marketing)) said that ETTA had been asked to run the Pro Tour Finals at ExCel Arena, London, from November 24th to 27th and there would be no cost to the Association.
- 12.4.3 A feasibility study was being undertaken to determine whether the Association in partnership with UK Sport and other interested parties should bid for the World Championships in 2015 or 2017.
- 12.5 **Public Relations**
- 12.5.1 Page 21 – 4.3 – Website
AE Ransome (Cleveland) said that currently those who run the website have very little knowledge of table tennis and this is evident in the result. He urged that the new appointment be a journalist with experience and knowledge of the game.
- 12.5.2 Page 21 – 4.6 – Press Officer of the Year
EK Muhr (Kent) said he was saddened that there had been no nominations for this award and suggested that the award should be given by members of the Public Relations Department who were aware of local publicity.
- 12.6 **Competitions**
- 12.6.1 Page 21 – 5.2 – Sanctions
Miss M Fraser (Surrey) queried the fact that a player whose licence had been suspended due to inappropriate behaviour was still selected to play for England.
PA Charters (Vice-Chairman (Selection)) said that, as the Rules stand at the moment, sanctions did not disqualify a player from being selected to represent his country. He stated that suspension as it stood at the moment only prevented players from taking part in some tournaments and British League, nothing else. He agreed

this should not be the case and that in his view suspension from competing in table tennis should mean just that. The sanctions system needs to be looked at seriously. The Junior Selection Panel have already included in the Criteria and Guidelines document for next season that a player selected for England must have a valid licence. This was not included in this season's document. Management Committee agreed to look into this matter.

12.7 **National Coaching**

12.7.1 **Page 33**

EK Muhr (Kent) said that the National Regional Cadet Championships has not been mentioned in the report but he felt the young players need to have as much encouragement and publicity as possible.

12.7.2 **Page 33 – 7.3.2 – UKCC**

AE Ransome (Cleveland) said there was still a large number of coaches who had not attempted the UKCC qualification. He asked whether anything was being done to extend the deadline or to help them with funds to complete the transfer.

12.7.3 KT Childs (Vice-Chairman (National Coaching)) replied that all efforts will be made to assist current ETTA qualified coaches to make the transition if they wished to. This would be done by continuing the reduced fee and facilitating technical assistance via the 10 Regional Coaches.

12.8 **Selection**

12.8.1 **Page 36**

BR Halliday (Vice-President) said that the results were not encouraging. England had only had one player in the top 100 in the last 8 years. He felt the closing of the training centre at Nottingham had resulted in a lack of dynamism at the top and that young promise must be brought to fruition.

12.8.2 PA Charters (Vice-Chairman (Selection)) replied that only a few players who had attended Nottingham had developed into top players. The Nottingham Academy helped a few young players to become good juniors but the majority of the players who attended it are now unknown in table tennis at a high level. Neither Liam Pitchford or Danny Reed attended the Nottingham Academy. He said that everyone in the room is passionate about England results and all want to see improvement. Everyone must work harder to achieve this.

12.8.3 EK Muhr (Kent) said that players were not totally committed to hard training.

12.8.4 AN Murdoch (ETTA Chairman) gave some background on why the Academy at Nottingham had to be closed. When he took over as Chairman from the previous administration, of which BR Halliday (Isle of Wight) had been a Management member, there was a massive reduction in the budget with only enough for 8 nominated players. He advised that since the closure, over 35 medals had been won at Olympic, World and European Cadet and Junior level as well as in the Commonwealth Games.

At this point RR Washington (Standing Orders Committee) moved 'Next Business'. This was seconded by RM Jemmott (Bristol). A show of hands was taken with the result of 47 for and 21 against.

12.9 **International Matters**

12.9.1 **Page 40 – 9.1.1**

The Elite Programme should read Elite Olympic League programme

12.9.2 MGR Smith (Leicestershire) said that no mention had been made of the disabled players who had achieved success in the international field. He felt this area needs to be covered. The Chairman answered that if information was sent to him in future he would be very happy to include it in the report.

12.10 **National League Cup Competition**

12.10.1 KTO Ponting (Vice-Chairman (Competitions)) said the following results had come in since the report had been printed:

Wilmott Cup	Wembley & Harrow
Rose Bowl	Hastings
Carter Cup	Reading

- 12.11 MGR Smith (Leicestershire) congratulated all those involved on the excellent presentation of the Annual Report. Acceptance of the Report was proposed by LA Chatwin (Derbyshire) and seconded by Mrs C Palmer (Malvern) and agreed by all.
(At this point the Chairman returned to the chair)

13. REPORT OF THE TREASURER AND THE AUDITORS AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31st March 2011 (6893/825/MGC)

- 13.1 The Treasurer reported that when he took office the turnover was a little over £1.3M; £435K came from a Sport England grant. Some 8 years later, in the second year of the Sport England Whole Sport Plan to 2013, the turnover is almost 4 times that level and standing in excess of £4.8M of which over £4M is generated from Sport England, UK Sport, Youth Sports Trust and other Government funding. Currently the net assets have increased from £242K to over £500K.
- 13.2 This improvement enables support for the membership in terms of spending power on Development across the country in the form of Regional development Managers, Regional Coaches and Special projects such as Club and Coach, Premier League4Sport, Change4life and many others. This improvement also shows the reliance on Government sources and Sport England in particular. 80% of the income of ETTA is generated from Government.
- 13.3 It is important to ensure a continuance of growth in participation within the Active People's Survey with which Sport England is currently pleased. It is also apparent that, looking forward, conditions in line with Government are in place, hence the discussions that have taken place by the Trade Committee with Sport England, culminating with Rule Changes now approved.
- 13.4 The Treasurer advised that Sport England continue to keep a close look at ETTA with regular audit reviews and reporting process as there have been no cuts from the Government spending review other than a 20% reduction in capital expenditure exchequer funding for facilities that has impacted to a far greater degree in many other sports. Grateful thanks must go to Richard Yule, Chief Executive, who, along with the Chairman, has lobbied the funding partners thus far with great success.
- 13.5 This has been the first year that affiliation fees have been impacted by Individual Membership. The Treasurer stated that it was never a case of attempting to increase the level of income generated by members but a case of establishing just how many members there are and then being able to monitor increases and decreases in subsequent years, this being one of the KPIs that ETTA is judged by. The total affiliation income this year has fallen from nearly £196K to just over £182K. Almost £6,500 of the 2009/10 figures related to magazine income via gold and silver licences. An audit of the numbers reported from Local Leagues and Clubs previously has indicated a shortfall in those numbers expected to make subscriptions. So far nearly £3K has been subsequently received in addition to that reported in the accounts. The level of numbers relating to Associate Members from PremierClubs is also well below the numbers previously reported and that is currently under review. The anomalies of the first year will be challenged and 2011/2012 should show a better financial outcome.
- 13.6 The year finished with a surplus of £25,396 which is £7K up on last year. This figure is a long way short of the amount needed to support the Staff for even one year in the event that the external funding was to dry up.
- 13.7 A significant amount has been spent on communication costs that relate to the development of the British League Manager software and the Tournament/Ranking system being started. Together with the Membership Manager these will be made available free of charge to Local Leagues and Clubs.
- 13.8.1 AE Ransome (Cleveland) congratulated the Chief Executive on the level of grants received. He asked what had been the total cost of the change to Individual

- Membership and queried the increase in costs of the English National Championships.
- 13.8.2 In reply, the Treasurer said there was a high cost due to the change to a completely different system. It has been a difficult year when wrong choices had been made causing problems with the system used. The cost had been approximately £40K but vast improvements have effectively been put into place that will benefit the Association for years to come and it is not expected that such high costs will be repeated in future years.
- 13.8.3 AE Ransome (Cleveland) was concerned at the losses on the National Championships. MR Holt (Vice-Chairman (Marketing)) stated that approximately £6K of these costs were in connection with the television coverage of the English National Championships. He pointed out that it was the first time for almost 28 years that the event had received TV coverage. He also stated that a significant part of the extra costs to the National Championships was due to the transport costs now charged by the equipment suppliers. He had already asked his staff to look at budget reductions in the light of the extra costs.
- 13.9 The Chairman thanked the Treasurer for his report and his staff for their diligent work with the accounts.
- 13.10 Acceptance of the Statement of Accounts for 2010/2011 was proposed by Mrs DM Stannard (Middlesex) and seconded by C Dangerfield (Kidderminster). Members agreed.
- 14. REPORT of the ELECTION of CHAIRMAN, DEPUTY CHAIRMAN and TREASURER for ADMINISTRATIVE YEARS 2011/12 and 2012/13**
- 14.1 RR Washington (Returning Officer) informed the meeting of the results of the election as shown on document 6833/23/RRW. The report was noted.
- 15. REPORT OF ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMEN FOR ADMINISTRATIVE YEAR 2011/12 (Document 6682/23/RRW)**
- 15.1 RR Washington (Returning Officer) informed the meeting of the results of the election as shown on document 6682/23/RRW. The report was noted.
- 16. REPORT OF ELECTION OF NATIONAL COUNCILLORS AND DEPUTY NATIONAL COUNCILLORS FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE YEAR 2011/12 (Document 6894/23/RRW)**
- 16.1 RR Washington (Returning Officer) informed the meeting of the results of the County elections as shown in document 6894/23/RRW. The report was noted.
- 17. ELECTION OF HONORARY LIFE VICE-PRESIDENT**
- 17.1 The Chairman said that the award of Honorary Life Vice-President can only be presented to a previous President. There was no record of this ever being given previously. He proposed that Johnny Leach MBE be awarded the title of Honorary Life Vice-President of the Association. This was seconded by MR Holt (Vice-Chairman (Marketing)). Members agreed unanimously.
- 18. ELECTION OF PRESIDENT**
- 18.1 The Chairman proposed the election of KTO Ponting (Vice-Chairman (Competitions)) as President of ETTA for the period of three years. He started his voluntary career in table tennis at the Local League level in 1949. He commenced working on the County Association administration in 1972 and has been a member of National Council since 1969. He has served on several committees and was invited onto the Management Committee in 1997. He was awarded an Honorary Life Membership in 1983. This proposal was seconded by Mrs KM Tonge MBE (Vice-President). Members unanimously agreed and the Chairman presented him with his official badge as the 8th President of ETTA.
- 18.2 KTO Ponting said he was overwhelmed and honoured at this award. He felt humbled when he saw the names of the previous Presidents. He went on to say that he was particularly honoured to follow the great Johnny Leach MBE, a true legend

and gentleman of the sport and he was delighted that delegates had accepted his nomination as Life Vice-President.

- 18.3 This occasion could not pass without looking back and thanking so many people, starting with his wife, Rosemary, who had always supported him. He thanked the Honours Committee for its nomination and colleagues on the National Council for accepting it. He wished to express his thanks to Alex Murdoch and Alan Ransome OBE for giving him the opportunity to serve on their Management teams, which he had enjoyed enormously, and to all former colleagues with whom he had worked for so many years. He went on to thank the staff at Head Office for their courtesy and help which had always been readily given.
- 18.4 He would now be standing down as Vice Chairman and he wished to thank all committee members within the Competitions Department for their loyalty and support and to the Chairmen and members of all other committees he had been involved with.
- 18.5 Looking back, he said it had been a long time but a very enjoyable one and he had made some wonderful friends, which has been a real privilege. Finally, he said that he hoped to continue making a contribution to the sport, albeit in a less demanding role.

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 MR Holt (Vice-Chairman (Marketing)) to a further three-year term for the following retiring Vice-Presidents: Miss J Adams, Mrs AL Archdale, Mrs S Barna, A Drapkin, J Freeman, A Hydes, R Yule, Miss DL Moors, J Neslen, L Pilditch, SE Sherlock, AWC Simons, MGR Smith, G Trimming, Mrs JL Watts, RR Washington, BRJ Webb.

19.2 New Vice-Presidents

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

19.2.1 Richard Hudson

County – National Councillor for Yorkshire from 2002, Treasurer from 2001 to 2004 and 2006/7, Deputy Chairman from 2002/3 and General Secretary from 2006/7 to present

League – Hull and District TTL – Treasurer 1985-1986, General Secretary 1977-1983, Competition Secretary 1975-1977, Tournament Secretary 1972-1975, Chairman 1995 to present, Deputy Chairman 1981-1986 and 1990-1992

19.2.2 John Dignum

English Table Tennis Association – Vice-Chairman (Administration) from 2003/4 to present, Honours Committee from 2003/4 to present and Chairman of the Membership Committee involving the implementation of Individual Membership in 2010/11.

Maurice Goldstein Award 1997

Malcolm Scott Award 2010

League – Bromsgrove/Redditch & District TTL Chairman of Development Committee since 1991/2 and organiser of local coaching club since 2001/2

20. HONORARY LIFE MEMBER

- 20.1 The meeting agreed on the proposal of Honorary Life Membership to Harvey Webb.

Honours and Awards

ETTA Vice-President 1986.

ETTA Ivor Montagu Award 1981.

Employed

ETTA National Events Manager 2000/01 to 31st March 2011.

Positions Held

ETTA Committees

Marketing & Sponsorship Committee 2001 – to date.

Marketing Committee 1992 – 1995 (Secretary)

National Championships Committee 1999 – 2001, 2001 - to date.

International Matches Committee (National Championships Sub-Group) 2009 – to date (Secretary).

National Events Committee 1995 – 1998.

Sponsorship Committee 1992 – 1994 (Secretary two years).

Calendar Working Party 1997 – 2001 (Chairman three years), 2001 – to date.

Grand Prix Committee 1999 – 2001 (First year Chairman and Secretary, second year as Chair only), involved in setting up Grand Prix circuit. 2001 – to date (Secretary every year).

English Championships Committee 1977 – 1990 (Secretary every year).

Tournaments Committee 2006 – to date.

Tournament Organisers Qualification Committee 2000 – 2001 (Chairman), Initiated Tournament Organiser Qualification and wrote and delivered/assessed Levels 1 –4. 2001 - to date.

Membership Services Panel 1994 – 2001.

Trade Committee 1992 – 1995 (Chairman every year, first Chairman of this Committee).

British League Committee 2001 – to date.

Veterans' Development Committee 1991 – 1992 (Chairman).

National Team Competition Committee 2001 – 2005.

Major Championships Feasibility Committee 1992 – 1995 (First two years as Secretary), 2001 – 2003.

Promotions & Merchandising Committee 2001 – 2003.

Dorset County

National Councillor 1990 – 2001.

Umpires Secretary 1988 – 2001 (consecutive bar two years).

Middlesex County

Minutes Secretary.

Sussex County

League Representative.

Willesden & District League

General Secretary.

Worthing & District League

Chairman and Treasurer

Qualifications

Tournament Organiser Level 4 – 1998.

County Umpire – 1981.

Tournament Referee – 1984.

Major Events

World Championships

1977 – Umpires Sub-Committee, Umpires Control (one of three).

1997 – Hospitality Director.

Commonwealth Games

2002 - Deputy Competition Manager. (In own time not as member of staff).

World Veterans Championships

1998 – Venue Director.

European Youth Top Ten

2008 – Tournament Manager.

English Open

From 1978 - Organiser and Assistant Organiser of many including 2001 – Tournament Organiser. 2011 – Tournament Manager.

Played in Qualifying Competition in 1974 and one other year.

National Championships

Numerous at all levels since 1978 when was Assistant Organiser and member of National Championships Tournament Committee – as Tournament Organiser, Assistant Organiser and other positions.

Internationals

Numerous – various positions including India Tour, European Nations League, Six Nations

Grand Prix

Over 100 in total, since it's inception which was prior to being National Events Manager.

Masters Tournaments including

Commonwealth Masters 2002, Wembley - Tournament Organiser; The Crucible 2003 – Tournament Manager; Fairfield Hall, Croydon x 2 – Tournament Manager; Royal Albert Hall, Dunlop Masters x 2 - Technical Manager. Others prior to ETTA appointment, only most recent recorded.

European Qualifying Tournament for the Olympic Games

1996 - Hospitality Director

Veterans English Table Tennis Society (VETTS)

Organiser of Southern Masters and National Masters from 1984 for approximately 10 years.

21. PRESENTATION OF AWARDS AND HONOURS

21.1 Ivor Montagu Award

This was awarded to Les Smith for his outstanding contribution to the County Championships as its Administrator for 30 years.

21.2 Victor Barna Award

This was awarded to England Men's Team for their outstanding performances at the Commonwealth Games in India.

21.3 Malcolm Scott Award

This was awarded to Mike Holt for his contribution to two English Open ITTF Major Pro Tour Events.

21.4 Johnny Leach Most Improved Player of the Year Award

This was awarded to Liam Pitchford on the basis that each step up the ladder of success gets more difficult with every rung and Liam's continued improvement is a mark of how far Liam can go. He strives to get better, to improve every aspect of his sport so that although he did well during the previous season, he has stepped up another level during this one. As a junior and the youngest member of the team, his contribution to team silver at the Commonwealth Games in Delhi was crucial.

21.5 Leslie Forrest Memorial Trophy

This was awarded to Andy Seward (Wiltshire) for his outstanding contribution, in an administrative capacity to promote the County Championships.

21.6 A K Vint OBE Staff Award

This award was presented to Jill Parker MBE, (National Talent and Coaching Manager) for her work in the field of coaching and talent identification.

21.7 Long Service Award

This special award, in the form of a cut glass bowl, was presented to KTO Ponting and his wife for 60 years dedicated service to table tennis.

22. ELECTION OF AUDITORS

22.1 It was agreed nem.con that Manningtons be re-elected, proposed by KT Childs (Vice-Chairman (National Coaching)) and seconded by RR Washington (Buckinghamshire). Members agreed.

23. ELECTION OF STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE

23.1 RR Washington (Buckinghamshire) is due to retire from the Standing Orders Committee but is not available for re-election. A round of applause was given for his service to the committee. The Chairman proposed Neil Le Milliere (London Banks) to this committee. This was seconded by DA Young (Worcestershire). Members agreed.

24. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 24.1 The Chairman thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. He said members hold very different views and do not agree on all matters but there is mutual agreement that the most important thing is the development of table tennis.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 5.50pm.

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