

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Company held at the Holiday Inn, Birmingham Airport, on Saturday 7th July 2012 commencing at 2pm.

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### **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

#### **1.1 DIRECTORS OF THE COMPANY**

AN Murdoch (Chairman), MG Clark (Treasurer), PR Bradley (Deputy Chairman)

#### **1.2 COMPANY SECRETARY**

R Yule (Chief Executive)

#### **1.3 VOTING MEMBERS OF THE COMPANY (including present by Proxy)**

##### **1.3.1 INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS**

'AN Murdoch' (Chairman), 'MG Clark' (Treasurer), 'PR Bradley' (Deputy Chairman), JE Dignum (Vice-Chairman (Operations)), Mrs E Shaler (Vice-Chairman (Development)), MR Holt (Vice-Chairman (Competitions & Marketing)), PA Charters (Vice-Chairman (Coaching & Performance)), N Heaps (Vice-Chairman (Special Projects))

##### **1.3.2 COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE MEMBERS**

MWJ Lewis (Avon), Mrs VJ Murdoch (Bedfordshire), CG Dyke (Berkshire), RR Washington (Buckinghamshire), BR Freer (Cambridgeshire), Mrs KM Tonge MBE (Cheshire), AE Ransome OBE (Cleveland), Mrs DM Jermyn (Cornwall), LA Chatwin (Derbyshire), CP Goulding (Devonshire), TEC Hales (Dorset), LJ Smith (Gloucestershire), DB Turner (Hampshire), DJ Edwards (Hertfordshire), EK Muhr (Kent), S Clarke (Lancashire), MGR Smith (Leicestershire), Mrs DM Stannard (Middlesex), RR Drew (Norfolk), M Allsop (Nottinghamshire), JM Burtenshaw (Somerset), D Sherratt (Staffordshire), Miss M Fraser (Surrey), M Jezisek (Sussex), AL Seward (Wiltshire), DA Young (Worcestershire), RB Hudson (Yorkshire)

GM Wilson (Durham by proxy the Chairman), BR Granger (Essex by proxy KA Field), HS Jutle (Herefordshire by proxy Mrs CM Palmer), Mrs E Prean (Isle of Wight by proxy M Allsop), GE Tyler (Lincolnshire by proxy P May), JRC Donnelly (Northumberland by proxy A Drapkin), ARW Hughes (Oxfordshire by proxy J Birkin), JF Whidborne (South Yorkshire by proxy J Kenny), PF Fordham (Suffolk by proxy the Chairman), EJ Williams (Warwickshire by proxy MC Macfarlane)

##### **1.3.3 LEAGUE REPRESENTATIVE MEMBERS**

MD Strode (Aldershot), BC Whitehead (Aylesbury), DL Hockney (Bath), Ms BL Hughes (Birmingham), SA Cutler (Blackmore Vale), A Powell (Bristol), Miss C Homewood (Bromley), BF Leech (Bromsgrove), D Marples (Chesterfield), Mrs D Macfarlane (Coventry), JR Cowell (Derby), AR Hayes (East Grinstead), Mrs LA Reid (Evesham), EJ Kirby (Gloucester), T Laws (Guildford), BG Robinson (Hinckley), Mrs BL Hudson (Hull), MC Macfarlane (Leamington), PI Wilson (Leicester), AC Knowlson (Liverpool), N Le Milliere (London Banks/Civil Service), Mrs CM Palmer (Malvern), G Powell (Northampton), A Drapkin (Northumbria), J Birkin (Oxford), AP McTiernan (Reading), B Rimmer (Retford), KA Field (Southend), BP Lamerton (Southampton), DC Hayman (Wembley & Harrow)

DL Robinson (Barnets by proxy DJ Edwards), JF Galloway (Barnsley by proxy J Kenny), RS Bennett (Blackpool by proxy S Clarke), RJ Hooton (Boston by proxy P May), IA Robertson (Bournemouth by proxy DB Turner), Mrs SH Bruton (Bracknell/Wokingham by proxy CG Dyke), M Jackson (Bradford by proxy by the Chairman), RW Fosker (Braintree by proxy KA Field), KW Cullen (Brentwood by proxy KA Field), K Butler (Bury by proxy the Chairman), ML Barratt (Byfleet by proxy Miss M Fraser), RD Pettit (Cambridge by proxy Mrs V Parkes), MV Hookham (Castleford/Pontefract by proxy RB Hudson), K Brady (Central by proxy the Chairman), PJ Leckie (Chalfonts by proxy the Chairman), JK Ferguson (Cheltenham by proxy Mrs EJ Kirby), JM Barnes (Cheshunt by proxy DJ Edwards), A Jarvis (Cirencester by proxy LJ Smith), BR Rowlen (Clacton by proxy KA Field), K Thomas (Cleveland Premier by proxy AE Ransome), DE Hildreth (Cleveland Summer by proxy AE Ransome), GC Earle (Colchester by proxy the Chairman), CA Harper (Croydon by proxy Miss M Fraser), A Williamson (Darlington by proxy the Chairman), D Attridge (Dereham by proxy RR Drew), J Smith (Devizes by proxy AL Seward), TG Pett (Didcot by proxy the Chairman), BRJ Andrews (Fakenham by proxy RR Drew), Mrs VA Clack (Ferndale Junior by proxy JM Burtenshaw), L Peace (Glossop by proxy Mrs KM Tonge), TJ Tresadern (Grantham by proxy P May), W Ladmore (Great Yarmouth by proxy the Chairman), K Bennett (Halton by proxy Mrs KM Tonge), DW Hutchinson (Hartlepool by proxy AE Ransome), Ms RA Rainton (Hastings by proxy Mrs D Webb), G Stables (Hereford by proxy Mrs CM Palmer), SM Fellowes (Ilfracombe by proxy CP Goulding), RJ Goodhand (Ipswich by proxy the Chairman), J Prean (Isle of Wight by proxy M Allsop), NJ Philbey (Kendal by proxy the Chairman), M Edwards (Kidderminster by proxy C Dangerfield), RV Williamson (Lancaster/Morecambe by proxy S Clarke), M Grayson (Leeds by proxy the Chairman), DW Arnold (Lincoln by proxy P May), RG Forster (Loughborough by proxy M Allsop), C Taj (Luton by proxy the Chairman), B Roddis (Mansfield by proxy M Allsop), ENC Willy (March by proxy the Chairman), Ms PA Thorley (Matlock by proxy LA Chatwin), R Osborn (Medway Towns by proxy N Le Milliere), Ms B Stephenson (Middlesbrough by proxy AE Ransome), MG Howard (Milton Keynes by proxy R Washington), IR Langney (Newbury by proxy the Chairman), AJC Briggs (North Devon by proxy CP Goulding), Mrs SM Felstead (North Herts by proxy the Chairman), Mrs M Sawyer (North Norfolk by proxy RR Drew), M Higgitt (North West Kent by proxy the Chairman), M Feargrieve (Nottingham by proxy M Allsop), R Whittaker (Nuneaton by proxy P Morris), F Phillips (Okehampton by proxy CP Goulding), JP Foster (Oldham by proxy the Chairman), GP Whyman (Ormesby Junior by proxy AE Ransome), WJ Moody (Portsmouth by proxy DB Turner), PJ Degg (Potteries by proxy the Chairman), J Glegg (Preston by proxy S Clarke), PA Collis (Reigate/Redhill by proxy the Chairman), KJ Haffenden (Rother Junior by proxy AE Ransome), S Needham (Rother Valley by proxy J Kenny), SJ Temple (Scunthorpe by proxy P May), RD Pingram (Sevenoaks by proxy the Chairman), RETF Hurley (Shaw by proxy DJ Edwards), S Wainwright (Sheffield by proxy J Kenny), JE Carr (Sittingbourne by proxy the Chairman), R Neal (Southport by proxy S Clarke), J Harrington (Stockport by proxy Mrs KM Tonge), WM Ellison (Stockton by proxy AE Ransome), TDS Fell (Stratford upon Avon by proxy MC Macfarlane), J Bunn (Stroud by proxy LJ Smith), DW Bissett (Sunderland by proxy the Chairman), RS Ellis (Sutton by proxy the Chairman), D Evans (Swindon by proxy AL Seward), B Watkins (Tamworth by proxy D Sherratt), NP Randall (Thames Valley by proxy the Chairman), CM Majoe (Tonbridge/Tunbridge Wells by proxy the Chairman), T Donlon (Trafford by proxy Mrs KM Tonge), M Egan (Walsall by proxy T Reeves), DD Goulden (Warrington by proxy S Clarke), DC Humble (West Essex by proxy the Chairman), MJ Withyman (Weston-super-Mare by proxy JM Burtenshaw), MJ Phillips (West Wiltshire by proxy AL Seward), A Pickford (Wigan by proxy the Chairman), TA Johnson (Wilmslow by proxy Mrs KM Tonge), F Sorrentino (Wirral by proxy Mrs KM Tonge), T Clift (Wolverhampton by proxy the Chairman), JL Cawthra (Worcester by proxy DA Young), RJ Vaughan (Worksop by proxy M Allsop), AVG Barwick (Worthing by proxy the Chairman), J Farmery (York by proxy the Chairman)

1.4 **PRESIDENT**  
Deceased

1.5 **VICE-PRESIDENTS**

'M Allsop', J Arnold, 'PR Bradley', 'JM Burtenshaw', 'PA Charters', 'MG Clark', 'S Clarke', M Close, Mrs S Deaton, JE Dignum, A Drapkin, J Freeman, 'BR Halliday', 'RB Hudson', 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, 'R Yule'

1.6 **HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS**

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

1.7 **OTHERS**

MW Atkinson (NCL/NJL), 'J Arnold' (ESTTA), Ms J Johnson (Southend), J Palmer (Herefordshire), 'MGR Smith' (BTTAD, BUCS), Mrs F Skinner (Hastings)

1.8 **ORGANISATIONS IN GOOD STANDING**

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

1.9 **STAFF**

'R Yule' (Chief Executive), 'RH Sinclair' (General Secretary), B Shearer (Operations Manager), B Skinner (Finance Officer), J Pett (Coach Education Manager)

**2. OPENING OF THE MEETING**

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

2.2 The meeting held two minutes' silence in recognition and memory of the President, Keith Ponting, who had recently died.

2.3 RH Sinclair (General Secretary) read a message received from Keith Ponting's wife, Rosemary: "On behalf of myself and my family, I would like to say how touched we all are at the wonderful tributes, cards and letters we have received in memory of Keith. To know, as we do now, how well liked and respected he was, is indeed a great comfort to us all at this difficult time. He was extremely privileged and proud to be President of ETTA. Thank you seems inadequate, but it comes from our heart."

**3. REPORT OF STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE to the eleventh ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (Document 7113/1/DLH (25.05.12), a copy of which is attached to the 'official record' copy of these Minutes)**

3.1 Agenda

The order of business is similar to that for the 2011 AGM.

3.2 Standing Orders (agenda item 2)

3.2.1 The Standing Orders in Document 5814/1/RHS have been amended to align them with the current Rule Book, and also a minor procedural adjustment. Your attention is drawn to Standing Orders 7.2 and 7.4, where the time limit for speeches and responses has been amended from 5 minutes to 4 minutes. In addition, Standing Orders 1 (Right to Attend), 9.2 (Voting Procedure) and 11 (Vote Values), have been amended to align them with Rules 18 and 19 respectively. Your acceptance and support of these amendments would be welcomed.

3.2.2 Standing Orders remain under review to ensure accuracy and conformity with the Rule Book, and any approved amendments thereto.

3.3 Appointment of Tellers (Agenda Item 3)

The meeting is reminded that Tellers are not entitled to vote or speak at the AGM.

3.4 Annual Report (Agenda Item 11)

The convention will be followed that the Chairman of the Association should leave the chair for the Annual Report so that he is in a position to reply to debate.

3.5 Debating Procedure

3.5.1 As in previous years, 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.

3.5.2 In order to ease this situation, it has been decided to amend the time available for members to speak from 5 minutes to 4 minutes, as detailed earlier. This, it is felt, still provides ample time for a member to express his/her views without feeling rushed.

3.5.3 Members are reminded to be concise when making a contribution and to avoid elaborating on questions and views already expressed, and to conclude their contribution as quickly as possible.

3.5.4 The Standing Orders Committee has noted with unease the intrusion of standing AGM agenda items relating to setting the affiliation/membership fees and alteration to rules on the EGM Agenda. This is not a trend that the SOC would like to see repeated and all involved are encouraged to avoid this for future years. The failure to comply with the relevant rules relating to the procedures and timescale for notifying such routine issues has denied the wider membership the opportunity and time to consider properly such proposals and offer any amendments they may have felt worthwhile.

3.5.5 Particular attention is drawn to the failure to comply with Rule 12.12 in setting the affiliation fees for the following Administrative Year. As highlighted above, this has denied the membership the opportunity and time to propose any amendments felt worthwhile. Rule 12.12 does however refer to "or any amendment thereto", and in the interests of the membership, it is proposed that, exceptionally, amendments from the floor shall be accepted and voted upon for this EGM agenda item only.

3.6 Counting of Card Votes

If a card vote is needed at this AGM a manual count will be used.

3.7 Business Conducted

One meeting was held followed by extensive e-mail correspondence and advice was also given to the Rules Committee.

3.8 Election of Standing Orders Committee

Current members retiring by rotation as shown are: DL Hockney (this AGM), Mrs JL Watts (2013 AGM) and N Le Milliere (2014). DL Hockney is eligible for re-election and has indicated his willingness to stand.

3.9 Acceptance of the report by the Standing Orders Committee (7112/1/DLH) was proposed by S Clarke (Lancashire) and seconded by RR Washington (Buckinghamshire).

**4. STANDING ORDERS (Document 7112/1/RHS)**

4.1 Adoption of Standing Orders was proposed by DL Hockney (Standing Orders Committee) and seconded by RR Washington (Buckinghamshire).

**5. TELLERS**

5.1 It was proposed by DA Young (Worcestershire), seconded by Mrs E Shaler (Vice-Chairman (Development)), and agreed that J Palmer (Malvern) and M Close (London Development Committee Chairman) be appointed Tellers for the meeting. The Tellers were reminded before appointment that Tellers could not vote or take part in debate.

**6. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

6.1 Members of the Company: 'DW Bissett' (Sunderland), G Earle (Colchester), D Goulden (Warrington), 'AB Hughes' (Oxfordshire TTA), WV Moran (Grimsby/Cleethorpes), B Roddis (Mansfield), B Spencer (Chilterns), G Stables (Hereford), GM Wilson (Durham County)

6.2 Honorary Life Vice-President: JA Leach MBE

6.3 Honorary Life Members: JM Wright

- 6.4 Vice-Presidents: Mrs AP Archdale, J Beckley, BR Granger, CT Hyland, Mrs DM Nightingale, DN Tyler, GE Tyler
- 6.5 Regional Committee Chairmen: None
- 6.6 Regional Coaching Chairmen: None
- 6.7 Other Affiliated Persons: JA Blackband (ESTTA), Mrs J Ransome (Ormesby)

**7. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 9TH JULY 2011 (Document 6940/1/DMN)**

- 7.1 Minute 11.1.3 – N Le Milliere (Standing Orders Committee) said that it is a Special Resolution that requires 75% majority and not a Card Vote.
- 7.2 Minute 12.10 – Mrs D Webb said that the title should read “English Leagues Cup Competition”.
- 7.3 Minute 17.1 – A record had been found of Ivor Montagu being given an award of Honorary Life President.
- 7.4 Approval of document 6940/1/DMN was proposed by S Clarke (Lancashire), seconded by Mrs KM Tonge MBE (Cheshire) and agreed.

**8. MATTERS ARISING**

- 8.1 There were no matters arising.

**9. MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 9TH JULY 2011 (Document 6946/1/DMN)**

- 9.1 Approval of document 6946/1/DMN was proposed by Mrs KM Tonge (Cheshire), seconded by Mrs VJ Murdoch (Bedfordshire) and agreed.

**10. MATTERS ARISING**

- 10.1 There were no matters arising.

**11. PROPOSED FEES FOR INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP 2012/13**

- 11.1 The prescribed timescales for notifying motions were not met. Therefore this item was discussed as an EGM agenda item.

**12. RULE CHANGE PROPOSITIONS**

- 12.1 The prescribed timescales for notifying motions were not met, therefore this item was discussed as an EGM agenda item.

**13. ANNUAL REPORT**

(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 Amendments to printed Report**

**13.1.1 Mission Statement (inside front cover)**

Mrs D Macfarlane (Coventry) asked whether anything was being done to give more equal opportunity to women and girls. The Chairman said ETTA had an Equal Opportunities Policy and that prize money had been increased.

**13.1.2 Page 2**

**13.1.2.1 RC Scruton (Honorary Life Member) requested that in future pictures in the Report should have explanatory captions.**

Mrs S Deaton (Regional Committee Chairman (East Midlands)) asked what legacy will be left by ETTA from the Olympic Games 2012. The Chairman said there will be increased facilities, more coaches and volunteers, and the next Whole Sport Plan for 2013–2017 will give more opportunities for expansion.

EK Muhr (Kent) welcomed the increase of recreational players as the result of initiatives.

**13.1.3 Page 4**

**13.1.3.1 BR Halliday (Vice-President) asked the Chief Executive concerning his dual role and whether there was to be a permanent solution to this. R Yule (Chief Executive) said an advertisement for a Performance Manager would be out within the next few**

weeks and there would be a restructuring of the staff in the Coaching & Performance Department.

13.1.4 Page 7

13.1.4.1 The Chairmen of some Committees of the Competitions and Marketing Department have been omitted. The General Secretary will send out an addendum giving the full information.

13.1.5 Page 9

13.1.5.1 AE Ransome (Cleveland) noted that the statistics showed that the number of members entering the traditional competitions has decreased steadily over the years and asked how ETTA was proposing to counteract this trend. R Yule (Chief Executive) said that he would be making a presentation to National Council showing how ETTA is working with its funding partners to identify the ways forward.

13.2 Operations

13.2.1 1.5.1 MG Smith (Leicestershire) said it should read 'under 27,000 individual membership records'.

AL Seward (Wiltshire) said there is still confusion over the start date of the membership year. JE Dignum (Vice-Chairman (Operations)) said these matters are still under discussion within the Membership Committee.

13.2.2 1.6 CP Goulding (Devonshire) asked for consideration for there to be a single more expensive membership fee to cover all playing situations. The Chairman said this matter had been thoroughly thought through and Membership Committee would continue to keep this matter under review.

13.2.3 1.10 Mrs D Webb (Hastings) suggested that information regarding deceased members also be placed on the website.

13.3 Press & Publicity

13.3.1 3.1.1 EK Muhr (Kent) said that the articles on the website are excellent but requested that they appear more quickly.

13.3.2 3.7 Mrs D Webb (Hastings) said the Spotlight facility to enable potential players to find a club is out of date. She also said that it does not mention Local League clubs. N Heaps (Vice-Chairman (Special Projects)) said he was unaware of the issue of photographs in social media and he will discuss the matter with Mrs Webb later. He also said that the matter of updating is being addressed as swiftly as possible.

13.3.3 3.8 AE Ransome (Cleveland) reported that the British League Conference had expressed concerns over the British League website. They felt that the reports were not appearing in a timely way. He asked for assurance that this would be rectified. The Chairman agreed to pass on this request.

13.3.4 Mrs D Macfarlane (Coventry) asked if it would be possible to date items put on the website. The Chairman said he would pass on this request.

13.4 Competitions & Marketing

13.4.1 4.2.2 AL Seward (Wiltshire) noted the poor attendance at the ITTF Pro Tour Grand Finals in November and suggested that the email addresses used for Ezine be used also to publicise major events. MR Holt (Vice-Chairman (Competitions & Marketing)) said they were being used and they would be used a great deal more in the future.

13.4.2 4.6.2 Mrs S Deaton said that the National Finals were played at the University of Wolverhampton and not at the Dome in Doncaster.

13.4.3 4.13 BR Halliday (Berkshire) said difficulties had arisen due to the clash between National Junior Championships and World Junior Championships. HJ Webb (Calendar Working Party) said the clash had occurred because ITTF had moved its dates but the reasons are unknown.

13.4.4 4.22 MGR Smith (Leicestershire) advised of an update to the winners of the English Leagues Cup Competition:

|                                 |                        |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| Wilmott Cup – Senior Men        | Chester/Ellesmere Port |
| Rose Bowl – Senior Women        | Bournemouth            |
| Bromfield Trophy – Junior Girls | North Middlesex        |
| Carter Cup – Junior Boys        | Bournemouth A          |

13.5 Development

13.5.1 5.4 Mrs DM Webb (Hastings) noted that 140 PremierClubs had paid affiliation fees while only 64 PremierClubs had declared details of their individual members. The Chairman said that some Clubs had difficulty with the Membership Manager system.

13.5.2 5.29 Mrs S Deaton said that volunteers were becoming more difficult to find and asked what strategy ETTA had to recruit young manpower for events. AE Ransome said there was a tendency for professional staff to take over the role of the volunteer. The Chief Executive said there was no agenda for undervaluing volunteers but only to add value to the roles, not replacement value.

13.6 Coaching & Performance

13.6.1 6.4.1 A Laws (Guildford) raised concerns about the changeover to UKCC coach qualifications because it will possibly remove a third of all ETTA coaches at the deadline in January. AE Ransome (Cleveland) supported this concern and asked National Council to re-visit this matter.

13.6.2 6.12 Mrs S Deaton (East Midlands Regional Chairman) said it was noticeable that Regional Coaches do not attend the National Championships and suggested this should be compulsory. PA Charters (Vice-Chairman (Coaching & Performance)) said the Regional Coaches had duties within their Regions but could be encouraged to attend with selected players from their Region.

13.6.3 6.20.3 RC Scruton (Honorary Life Member) showed concern that English players did not show in the top 100 on the World List and asked what was being done about it. PA Charters (Vice-Chairman (Coaching & Performance)) said this was not a new problem but with Nick Jarvis (Junior Coach) now in place an improvement is beginning to be seen.

13.6.4 EK Muhr (Kent) said that the results of the National Regional Cadet Squad Championships played on 23rd April 2012 in Doncaster had again been omitted from the report.

13.7 International Matters

13.7.1 Page 40 – 7.1.5 BR Halliday (Vice-President) queried why many top players are practising abroad and not at Sheffield. PA Charters (Vice-Chairman (Coaching & Performance)) said the reasons are mostly financial as these players are paid to play abroad.

13.8 Acceptance of the Report was proposed by MWJ Lewis (Avon), seconded by LA Chatwin (Derbyshire) and agreed by all.

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

**14. REPORT OF THE TREASURER AND THE AUDITORS AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2012 (7115/825/MGC)**

14.1 To summarise the year's outcome, ETTA achieved a similar surplus to last year of almost £25,000. This was also in line with budget albeit that there will be variances up and down over the multitude of cost centres needed.

14.2 The total turnover this year, which incorporates both BTTF and BTTAD, now exceeds £5.2M, partly due to the running of ITTF Pro Tour Grand Finals at ExCeL last November. With so many different grants being made available to ETTA there will always be some differing values coming in for the first time and others disappearing.

14.3 As a consequence of our performance in the Active People survey, ETTA has been awarded by Sport England an additional £288K for specific programmes, most of which will fall into the year to March 2013. ETTA must always bear in mind that a number of other sporting national governing bodies have had their funding substantially cut.

14.4 It is relevant to highlight that ETTA allocated £562,500 under the Sport England Capital Programme to a number of clubs during the year which has helped to improve the playing facilities for members. This is one of the programmes that

feature within the Whole Sport Plan funding application for 2013-2017 that is currently under review and subject to examination prior to an announcement in January 2013. It will always be subject to change due to Key Performance Indicators in relation to participation and governance, as will be the whole of the funding programme.

- 14.5 It is the Finance Department's responsibility to control and analyse the increasing level of activity of which 75% is generated from Sport England and other governmental sources such as UK Sport and the Youth Sport Trust. The Treasurer commended his staff for keeping him informed of matters when many hours of unpaid overtime is spent preparing the figures for monthly and annual reporting. Sport England also requires ETTA to make regular audits to satisfy that it is expending in a manner that Sport England might reasonably expect.
- 14.6 The Treasurer acknowledged the continued sponsorship from Joola with not only providing the National team kit, but also with a substantial contribution of £25,000. He also thanked the Jack Petchey Foundation and the Fred Perry Urban Cup (linked with PL4S) whose contributions have made a massive difference to younger members.
- 14.7 The surplus brings ETTA's net assets to almost £537K, still well short of the sum required to support its core costs in the event that government decides to cut grants. It is politically unsound to set government money aside for such an eventuality.
- 14.8 In answer to concerns from AE Ransome (Cleveland), the Treasurer said that costs had risen and these would be adjusted for the next National Council meeting.
- 14.9 The Chairman thanked the Treasurer for his report and his staff for their diligent work with the accounts.
- 14.10 Acceptance of the Statement of Accounts for 2011/2012 was proposed by Mrs DM Stannard (Middlesex) and seconded by Mrs KM Tonge (Cheshire). Members agreed.

## **15. REPORT OF ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMEN FOR ADMINISTRATIVE YEAR 2012/13 (Document 7116/23/NLM)**

- 15.1 Neil Le Milliere (Returning Officer) informed the meeting of the results of the election as shown on document 7116/23/NLM. The report was noted.

## **16. REPORT OF ELECTION OF NATIONAL COUNCILLORS AND DEPUTY NATIONAL COUNCILLORS FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE YEAR 2012/13 (Document 7117/23/NLM)**

- 16.1 Neil le Milliere (Returning Officer) informed the meeting of the results of the County elections as shown in document 7117/23/NLM. The report was noted.

## **17. ELECTION OF VICE-PRESIDENTS**

- 17.1 The meeting agreed on the proposal of Mrs E Shaler (Vice-Chairman (Development)), on behalf of National Council and seconded by DA Young (Worcestershire), to a further three-year term for the following retiring Vice-Presidents: M Allsop, J Beckley, JM 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 MBE, Mrs G Johns, BP Lamerton, Mrs C Lewis, P Lewis MBE, KJ Marchant, AN Murdoch, Mrs DM Nightingale, Mrs KM Tonge, GMG Twiss, DN Tyler
- 17.2 New Vice-Presidents  
The meeting agreed on the proposal of S Clarke (Lancashire), seconded by Mrs DM Stannard (Honorary Life Member), to the election for a term of three years of:
- 17.2.1 Jia Yi Liu  
For his work on junior development and the coaching of the England squads since his employment began with ETTA in 1994. Achievements include – coaching the Junior Boys to a team gold medal at the European Youth Championships as well as other medals at youth level in these

Championships over a period of years. He is a universally respected table tennis coach.

17.2.2 Brian Skinner

Commenced employment with ETTA during 1997 as Finance Officer and is commended for his diligence.

17.2.3 Steve Welch

Has been a Referee or Deputy Referee of International Championships at home and abroad, including the 2009 English Open Championships, the 2008 World Championships and the 2008 Olympic Games.

He has been appointed Deputy Referee of the 2012 Paralympics in London.

He was awarded the Ivor Montagu Award in 2009/10 and has been Tournaments Committee Chairman since 2008/9.

**18. HONORARY LIFE MEMBER**

18.1 No nominations for Honorary Life Member were made for 2012.

**19. PRESENTATION OF AWARDS AND HONOURS**

19.1 Ivor Montagu Award

This was awarded to Jim Kenny for his outstanding contribution to the National Events Programme.

19.2 Victor Barna Award

This was awarded to Liam Pitchford for his outstanding wins over V Samsonov (ranked 9 in the world), A Smirnov (ranked 20 in world), D Prokopcop (ranked 51 in world) and T Konecny (ranked 96 in world) at the European Championships.

19.3 Malcolm Scott Award

This was awarded to Richard Yule for his work on the Whole Sport Plan and with ETTA major funding partners.

19.4 Johnny Leach Most Improved Player of the Year Award

This was awarded to Jessica Dawson for her considerable and significant improvement over a short period of time, in winning the National Junior title and being selected as one of the four women for the forthcoming World Championships.

19.5 Leslie Forrest Memorial Trophy

This was awarded to Joan Rushton for her outstanding contribution, in an administrative capacity, to promote the County Championships for over 20 years.

19.6 A K Vint OBE Staff Award

This award was presented to Jon Pett (Coach Education Manager) for his work in the Coaching and Performance Department.

**20. ELECTION OF AUDITORS**

20.1 It was agreed nem.con that Manningtons be re-elected, proposed by Mrs JL Watts (Vice-President) and seconded by Mrs DM Stannard (Honorary Life Member). Members agreed.

**21. ELECTION OF STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE**

21.1 DL Hockney (Avon) is due to retire from the Standing Orders Committee but is available for re-election. MWJ Lewis (Honorary Life Member) proposed re-election of DL Hockney (Avon) to this committee. This was seconded by Mrs S Deaton (Vice-President). Members agreed.

**22. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

22.1 JE Dignum (Vice-Chairman (Operations)) requested that, in future, members refer any questions to the appropriate Vice-Chairman before the commencement of the Annual General Meeting.

22.2 The Chairman thanked members for their attendance and wished them a safe journey home.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 5.45pm.

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