

**EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING**

Minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held at the Holiday Inn, Birmingham Airport, on Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> July 2012 commencing at 3pm.

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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

**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 (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))

**2.3.2 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)

**2.3.3 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)

## **2.4 PRESIDENT**

Deceased

## **2.5 VICE-PRESIDENTS**

'M Allsop', J Arnold, 'PR Bradley', 'JM Burtenshaw', 'PA Charters', 'MG Clark', 'S Clarke', M Close, Mrs S Deaton, 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'

## **2.6 HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS**

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

## **2.7 OTHERS**

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

## **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), B Shearer (Operations Manager), B Skinner (Finance Manager), J Pett (Coach Education Manager)

## **3. OPENING OF THE MEETING**

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

## **4. STANDING ORDERS (Document 5814/1/RHS)**

4.1.1 DL Hockney (Standing Orders Committee) drew attention to the failure to comply with Ruled 12.12 in setting the affiliation fees for the following Administrative Year that had denied the membership the opportunity and time to propose any amendments. As a consequence, the Standing Orders Committee, in the interests of the membership, proposes that amendments from the floor shall be accepted and voted upon for this EGM agenda item only.

4.1.2 AL Seward (Wiltshire) said he could not support the Standing Orders Committee as it was completely wrong for the Annual General Meeting to accept amendments on the day.

4.1.3 AE Ransome (Cleveland) said that the circular regarding the proposed affiliation fees for 2012/13 (7121/1/MGC) should have been distributed to members in time to allow amendments by the membership in accordance with Rule 17.9 and proposed that the meeting deals with the propositions as they stand.

4.1 Adoption of Standing Orders was proposed and agreed.

## **5. TELLERS**

5.1 It was proposed by S Clarke (Vice-President) and seconded by DA Young (Worcestershire) and agreed that J Palmer (Malvern)) and M Close (Regional 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 County), 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 Chairman: None

6.6 Regional Coaching Chairmen: None

6.7 Other Affiliated Persons: JA Blackband (ESTTA), Mrs J Ransome (Ormesby)

## 7. PROPOSED AFFILIATION FEES 2012/13(document 7121/1/MGC)

### 7.1.1 Player Members

Under Rule 12.5, Directly Affiliated Members eligible to play Competitive Table Tennis – e.g. as a Local League player.

Seniors £10.00

Cadets/Juniors £ 5.00

### 7.1.2 Associate Members

Under Rule 12.6, Directly Affiliated Members not eligible to play Competitive Table Tennis.

Associate Members (Compulsory) –

Members of Directly Affiliated Clubs and Affiliated Organisations £5.00

Associate Members (Voluntary) –

Recreational players, Officials and Supporters £5.00

7.2.1 MG Clarke (Treasurer) apologised for the present position as the original proposition to National Council in January was withdrawn as Councillors required further discussion on the matter. He then gave a detailed report on the proposed increase of Individual Membership fees.

7.2.2 Mrs C Palmer (Malvern) was against the proposed increase and referred to the diary and other perceived benefits, saying they could be placed on the ETTA website. However, the proposed accident insurance cover was a tangible benefit.

7.2.3 KA Field (Southend) said his membership had been against the increase and suggested a more structured approach to the proposal.

7.2.4 AE Ransome (Cleveland) said he was instructed to vote against the proposal and he asked that the matter be placed on the Agenda of the October National Council meeting for discussion.

7.2.5 AL Seward (Wiltshire) spoke of the lack of forward planning and of the need for a three-year plan.

7.2.6 MGR Smith (Leicestershire) agreed with the previous speaker and referred to the alternative proposal of £8 put to National Council in April.

7.2.7 Mrs DM Jermyn (Cornwall) called for a card vote which was supported.

7.2.8 The result of the card vote was:

Votes in favour 12,511

Votes against 34,639

The motion was therefore lost.

8. **RULE CHANGE PROPOSITIONS 2012 (7120/1/CJC)**  
*(deleted wording crossed through, new wording underlined)*
- 8.1.1 **Proposition 1 Proposed by National Council**

#### **MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE BOARD**

30.1 There shall be a ~~Management Committee Board~~ Board to manage the affairs of the Company in accordance with the policy and directions of the National Council.

30.2 The ~~committee~~ Board shall consist of the Officers and up to three non-executive members.

30.3 Non-executive members, who shall have no departmental responsibility, shall be appointed by the Board in accordance with a procedure, and on terms and conditions approved by, the National Council.

30.4 The period of office of non-executive members shall normally be limited to two consecutive terms of four years.

30.5 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 a member of the Board. *(formerly 23.6)*

~~30.6 Any casual vacancy occurring in the Committee shall be filled in the manner laid down by Rule 24 or 26 as far as applicable. (This duplicates 23.7)~~

30.6 The quorum for the transaction of business at a ~~Management Committee Board~~ Board meeting shall be four members present, including at least one from the Chairman, Deputy Chairman and Treasurer.

30.7 Except as herein otherwise provided, every question at a Board meeting of ~~the Committee Board~~ shall be determined by a majority of votes of members present and voting, every member having one vote; if there is an equality of votes the chairman of the meeting shall have a second or casting vote. The President shall not be entitled to vote unless he is ~~a member under the provisions of Rule 30.2.~~ also an Officer.

30.8 The Standing Orders for the ~~Management Committee Board~~ Board shall be as approved by the National Council.

30.9 Notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 23.7, when a casual vacancy occurs amongst the Officers the ~~Management Committee Board~~ Board may decide to leave that vacancy unfilled until the end of the term of office of that Officer. In reaching such a decision the ~~Management Committee Board~~ Board shall take into account the functions of the position vacant, the period remaining before the end of the term of office and the activities foreseen during that period. *(Reference in 23.7 to be changed from 30.7 to 30.9)*

30.10 Unless directed otherwise by the National Council the ~~Management Committee Board~~ Board may delegate any of its duties and powers to another committee or to an individual.

#### **34 INDEMNITY**

34.1 Every ~~Officer and other~~ member of the Board and of the National Council, and every official or servant of the Company (whether honorary or otherwise) shall be indemnified out of the assets of the Company against all losses and liabilities which any such person may incur or sustain in the bona fide execution of his duties on behalf of the Company or in relation thereto except in so far as this provision may be avoided by the provisions of the Act or any statutory modification or re-enactment thereof for the time being in force.

(Elsewhere in Rules, "Management Committee" to be changed to "Board")

*Sport England, who control government financial aid for sports Associations, have set out a number of criteria in relation to the governance of such organisations, and the purpose of these changes is to bring the ETTA Constitution into line with their requirements.*

- 8.1.2 CJ Clemett (Rules Committee Chairman) introduced and proposed Rule Change Proposition 1 and this was seconded by Mrs KM Tonge (Cheshire) and was carried on a show of hands.

**8.2 Proposition 2 Proposed by National Council**

- 8.2.1 49 BOARD OF APPEAL  
Add:

49.7 The decision of an Appeal by the Board of Appeal shall be final and binding on all parties.

*Under Rule 47.4.3, there is no right of appeal against a decision of the Board of Appeal, but there is no statement of the possible consequences of refusal to accept such a decision. The addition of 49.7 above would make it clear that a refusal would be a breach of rule, which could be dealt with under the established procedures.*

- 8.2.2 CJ Clemett (Rules Committee Chairman) introduced and proposed Rule Change Proposition 2 and this was seconded by Mrs DM Stannard (Middlesex) and was carried on a show of hands.

The business of the EGM being concluded, the meeting returned to the AGM at 4.05pm

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