

Annual General Meeting 2021

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PRESENT:

VOTING MEMBERS OF THE COMPANY

INDIVIDUAL COMPANY MEMBERS

Mrs S Deaton (Chairman, Director, Honorary Life Member), Mrs S Venner (Elected Deputy Chairman, Vice President) Mrs S Sutcliffe (Chief Executive, Director), T Purcell (Director, Vice President), S Kemish (Director), S Griew (Director, Vice President), Ms P Samuel (Director) R James (Director) Miss E Vickers (Director) K Adjepong (Director) R Venner (Director),

COUNTY & LEAGUE REPRESENTATIVE COMPANY MEMBERS

D Hockney (Avon, Vice President), B Whitehead (Aylesbury) A Powell (Bristol), A Murdoch (Bedfordshire, Honorary Life Member), P Charters (Berkshire, Honorary Life Member), I Langley (Royal County of Berkshire), C Homewood (Bromley), Mrs S Hayes (Buckinghamshire) M Atkinson (Buckinghamshire, Vice President), P Hadley (Bournemouth), Mrs G Johns (Cheshire), Mrs K Tonge MBE (Cheshire, Honorary Life Member, BPTT), A Ransome OBE (Cleveland, Honorary Life Member), D Davies (Devon), A Millman (Devon) M Berry (Devon), L Allwood (Derbyshire), T Pett (Didcot & District), R Lindner (Dorset), P Ashleigh (Essex), Mrs L Reid (Evesham, Vice President), A Eagles (Flintshire), D Hutchinson (Hartlepool), G Longland (Hampshire), W Moody (Hampshire), H Jutle (Herefordshire), R Andrews (Hertfordshire), B Hudson (Hull), B Holt (Haywards Heath & District), N Brierely (Old Harlow), M Wood (Hampshire), D Edwards (Hertfordshire, Vice President), N Le Milliere (Kent), C Hollingsbee (Kent), M Howard (Milton Keynes), I Jones (Northamptonshire), M Allsop (Nottinghamshire, Vice President), J Bolton (Lancashire), R Barr (Leicestershire), Mrs S Pickering (Leicestershire, Vice President), H Rawcliffe (East Lancashire), S Clarke (Liverpool), D Goulden (Warrington, Vice President), A Dias (Middlesex), G Pearson (Northumberland), N Hurford (Oxfordshire), J Kenny (South Yorkshire, Vice President), C Dangerfield (Shropshire) M Newton (Somerset), K Field (Southend, Vice President), D Adamson (Stroud), J Waters (Suffolk) Ms M Fraser (Surrey, Vice President), Adam Laws (Surrey), Mrs D Webb (Hastings & DTTA, Vice President), E Williams (Warwickshire, Vice President), M Clarke (Worcestershire, Honorary Life Member), D Brown (Worcester), RB Hudson (Yorkshire, Vice President), Ms M Hazell (West Sussex)

NON-COMPANY MEMBERS

Mrs J Parker (President), Mrs C Williams (Leamington, Vice President), G Wood (British League, Vice President), Mike Smith (British Universities and Colleges Sports, Honorary Life Member) J Fairweather (Woking), T Giles (Ryde), S Leven (Hertfordshire), D Maddison (Nottingham), H Arthur (Kettering), J Kelly (Somerset), H Webb (Bexhill-on-Sea, Honorary Life Member), E Lynn (West Midlands), M Clarke (Worcestershire) M Gunn (Berkshire), P Nichols (Scrutineer) Mrs J Ferguson (Scrutineer) P Cox (Kent), R Jemmott (Bristol), R Hoy (East Sussex), Mrs S Nash (Hertfordshire), T Catt (East Sussex)

Apologies:

C Sewell (Wiltshire) Mrs L Dare (Norwich) M Sealey (Somerset)

STAFF

Joanna Keay-Blyth (TTE Staff), Greg Yarnall (TTE Staff), Victoria Wiegleb (TTE Staff), Matt Stanforth (TTE Staff, MS) Mrs J Rogers (TTE, Vice President)

Meeting Commenced at 9am

Mrs S Deaton (Chairman) welcomed all present, introducing Deputy Chair Mrs S Venner and Chair of Finance & Audit Committee S Kemish. Mrs S Deaton (Chairman) introduced the new Board members of TTE & thanked those Board members who have now left for their time and dedication during their term.

The Annual General Meeting was opened everyone was thanked for attending via Zoom.

The protocol for the meeting was advised and everyone was reminded that polling is for company members only.

1. Members of the table tennis family who had sadly passed away this year were remembered.
2. **Report of Standing Orders Committee**

Mrs S Deaton (Chairman) introduced the report of the Standing Orders Committee.

D Hockney (Avon), Chairman of the Standing Orders Committee made it clear for Special Resolutions 5&6 and 8&9 they will be debated together and also advised on amendment 22A, 22 and 23 and how this will be voted on explaining the process.

D Hockney (Avon) welcomed any comments. No comments were made.

3. Adoption of Standing Orders

An electronic zoom polling vote was visible to all for company members only to vote on.

The Standing Orders were adopted with 98%.

Mrs S Deaton (Chairman) advised that our legal representative Thea Longley was available during this section for any legal questions. None raised.

4. Declaration of Business Interests

Mrs S Deaton (Chairman) asked for any Declarations of Business Interests to be added to the Q&A section.

A Ransome (Cleveland, HLM) declared a business interest.
C Dangerfield (Shropshire) advised he no longer has a business interest to declare.

5. Approval of Minutes of Annual General Meeting July 2020

Mrs S Deaton (Chairman) noted that points of accuracy should have been submitted in advance but asked if there were there anymore.

Mrs D Webb (Hastings, Vice President) advised in the minutes there were two points of accuracy in that a HLM cannot also be a VP – (amended) & also noted that Mrs D Stannard should be listed as Honorary Past President – (amended).

An electronic zoom polling vote was visible to all for company members only to vote on.

The minutes were approved with 94%.

Any matters arising from those minutes were requested to be added in the Q&A.

6. Approval of EGM Minutes January 2021

Mrs S Deaton (Chairman) welcomed points of accuracy.

Mrs D Webb (Hastings, Vice President) advised of a point of accuracy in that a HLM cannot also be a VP - amended. Also, there is an error after Martin Ireland (Lancashire, Vice President) there is a blank name – amended.

Mrs D Webb (Hastings, Vice President) asked for it to be recorded that she will not accept the minutes of the EGM as she felt they were inadequate and did not reflect the meeting.

An electronic zoom polling vote was visible to all for company members only to vote on.

The minutes were approved with 69%.

Any matters arising were requested to be put in the Q&A – none recorded.

Special / Ordinary Resolutions

A test vote was held to ensure all attendees were able to vote. No comments / issues were raised. Mrs S Deaton (Chairman) ran through the process of how the next stage of the AGM will work.

Ordinary Resolution 1:

Affiliation Fee Refund for those that paid season 20/21 (7771/0721/JKB) (Chris Dangerfield)

C Dangerfield (Shropshire) was welcomed to speak and provide his rationale on this Resolution 1.

The full resolution details are available on the website:

<https://tabletennisengland.co.uk/our-sport/governance/agm/>

S Kemish (Board) was welcomed to speak on behalf of the Board.

S Kemish (Board) advised that the Board do not support this resolution for financial reasons as it is unreasonable. The Board felt this would have a detrimental impact on the Sport and the cost of this is approx. £220k. This is half of the reserves we hold, affecting the reserves policy.

S Kemish (Board) made everyone aware of how grateful the sport is for their contributions this year & explained how these costs are also put into the Performance Budget (details on the website), the impact of covid and how we haven't had to make redundancies like other sports.

S Kemish (Board) also advised of the extended offer of a 50% discount to those members who did pay their membership & advised that very few members (9%) have actually requested a refund.

Questions were welcomed in the Q&A box and were as follows:

M Clarke (Worcestershire, HLM) understood the principle but felt the Board's resolution of it being unaffordable & unreasonable was confusing. The budget for next year has a deficit of £63,873 which seems to imply the Board is ignoring its own reserves policy.

Mrs Sara Sutcliffe (CEO) replied to M Clarke (Worcestershire, HLM) and advised that the budget has been set with a deficit & with the caveat of "cutting our cloth accordingly". This has been budgeted with a very conservative membership number, being monitored monthly.

Mrs S Deaton (Chairman) welcomed C Dangerfield (Shropshire) the chance to summarise his resolution.

C Dangerfield (Shropshire) was surprised at the lack of support this resolution appears to be receiving and felt the Board should have communicated better. C Dangerfield (Shropshire) proposed his resolution and Mrs S Deaton (Chairman) opened the vote upon which everyone had 2 minutes to cast their vote using Mi-Voice.

The results of this vote were:

For:	13,396	35.25%
Against:	24,611	64.75%
Abstained:	2,023	

Resolution 1: Failed.

As it is an Ordinary resolution a 50% majority is required.

Resolution 2

In Article 3, amend definition of Independent Director as follows:

Independent Director means a director of the Company appointed in accordance with Article 24, who is not the Chairman and is determined by the Board as being independent

(7772/0721/JKB) (Peter Charters)

Mrs S Deaton (Chairman) welcomed P Charters (Berkshire, HLM) to speak and provided his rationale to Resolution 2.

The full resolution details are available on the website:

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S Griew (Board) advised that the Board do not support this resolution but do agree with the principle behind it. The Board have already amended the definition of the Independent so that TTE members are not excluded simply by virtue of them being members. However, the articles are not the place to document this.

S Griew (Board) felt the most appropriate way to manage this is to have the detail in the Board Guidance Pack. The current definition in the articles clarifies that someone with a financial interest in the company, would not be independent, which the Board feels is important but the amendment deletes.

Questions were welcomed in the Q&A box and were as follows:

A Ransome (Cleveland, HLM) was welcomed to speak and understood the principle, but he felt the Board have gone too far in terms of how they interpreted this point. As A Ransome (Cleveland, HLM) understands it, if the Table Tennis player is playing the local league club, they would not be considered to stand for a Board position. Whilst he accepts there is a line in defining independent the Board have been too hard on it.

C Dangerfield (Shropshire) echoed A Ransome (Cleveland, HLM) comments.

T Purcell (Board) spoke and supported S Griew (Board) adding that the definition concerning Independent Directors has been updated & amended by the Board and under the new rules "the person who has an official function in the club /league will not be independent" but that does not represent a player from being classed as Independent. .

A Murdoch (Bedfordshire, HLM) requested to speak and confirmed his support for this resolution.

There were no other questions.

P Charters (Berkshire, HLM) proposed his resolution & Mrs S Deaton (Chairman) opened the vote upon which everyone had 2 minutes to cast their vote using Mi-Voice.

The results of this vote were:

For:	27,209	67.92%
Against:	12,852	32.08%
Abstained:	291	

Special Resolution 2: Failed

As it is a Special resolution a 75% majority is required.

Special Resolution 3

Definition of Registered Players

(7773/0721/JKB) (Board – Tom Purcell)

Mrs S Deaton (Chairman) welcomed T Purcell (Board) to speak and provide the Board's rationale to Resolution 3.

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Questions were welcomed in the Q&A box and were as follows:

Mrs D Webb (Hastings, VP) requested to speak and said there was not enough clarity on this resolution, as it only mentions players being registered if they play in local league or pay TTE a league fee, there is no mention of paying county fees which is essential. Does this mean that any player who has a license but who does not play in a local league is not a registered player, neither are players in premier clubs, or those from other countries? Mrs D Webb (Hastings, VP) asked for clarity on this.

A Ransome (Cleveland, HLM) asked to speak and believed there is a glitch in this, as it says the player has to pay the local leagues fees, but this isn't how many local leagues operate.

N Le Milliere (Kent) advised that his county was discussing this and their concern was that it didn't mention players having to pay county fees through their leagues which seems to be missed out. Kent shall be voting against until this is made clearer.

C Dangerfield (Shropshire) requested to speak, and felt when he read this he was originally going to support, however now he has questions and although he understands the principle it is too woolly and he will vote against this.

T Purcell (Board) was asked to respond to the questions and advised that members of a premier club do not have a voting right under our current rules, and when the voting review group presented to National Council it was suggested that another category be set up for premier clubs. This hasn't taken place yet but will be looked at again.

Local league fees as T Purcell (Board) understands it is that if the club pays the fee for the player, then the players fees are paid – his own league used to do this and still does. They are registered to play in the local leagues.

T Purcell (Board) was asked to clarify the question from Mrs D Webb (Hastings, VP) and C Dangerfield (Shropshire) – in response to county fees, these are paid by local leagues but the local leagues pay the county fees based on the number of players / clubs they have in the league. This impacts on the county voting (National Council) as a player will be registered in the local league and the county vote is equal to the number of players in that county.

Mrs S Deaton (Chairman) opened the vote upon which everyone had 2 minutes to cast their vote using Mi-Voice.

The results of this vote were:

For	17,145	43.01%
Against	22,717	56.99%
Abstain	704	

Special Resolution 3: Failed

As it is a Special Resolution a 75% majority is required.

Special Resolution 4

Elected Director Increase from 3 to 4

(7774/0721/JKB) (Peter Charters)

Mrs S Deaton (Chairman) welcomed P Charters (Berkshire, HLM) to speak and provide his rationale to Resolution 4.

The full resolution details are available on the website:

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S Griew (Board) was welcomed to speak on behalf of the Board & explained why the Board does not support this Resolution. In looking at the composition of the Board it is important that it contains a good balance of skills, balance and diversity inside and outside of the sport. A skills matrix is used for this and identifies 23 areas of skills and experience to be covered across the Board in total, including those associated with Table Tennis. The process for advertising and interviewing allows the Board to prioritise gaps and ensures suitable people are appointed. The Elected Directors process is not targeted at skills or expertise and there is no guarantee that Directors elected will be done so based on the skills they may bring.

S Griew (Board) advised that a move from 3 to 4 Elected Directors would represent a significant change. The Code as a maximum is 'one third' and it is up to us what the best balance is. The Board believes the current composition provides the optimum balance.

Questions were welcomed in the Q&A box and were as follows:

A Ransome (Cleveland, HLM) asked to speak and was concerned that the Board has taken this position as a minimum of Elected Directors being 3, and he didn't feel the previous speaker was right, as Badminton have 8 Elected members on their Board. He also believed it is important that the Board have experience within Table Tennis and the current Elected Directors do have this.

M Clarke (Worcestershire, HLM) asked to speak about the skills matrix and how the Elected Directors do not need to be part of this process, as well as finance skills being low on the current Board since the departure of the two Board members with Finance skills, and asked for an explanation on this.

Mrs S Venner (Board, VP) was welcomed to speak. Elected Directors put forward their CV's not just Table Tennis experience, trusting the membership to take that into account. The importance of the skills matrix was advised and how it is taken seriously – the most recently appointed Directors have strong Table Tennis backgrounds.

Mrs S Venner (Board) also advised that whilst on the Board, everyone has the same responsibilities as per company law. Concluding, Mrs S Venner (Board, VP) advised that the Board have talented people who are appointed, as well as those who have a Table Tennis background.

A Murdoch (Bedfordshire, HLM) supports this Special Resolution as he can't see why we can't change, making us more compatible helping the membership and being on the memberships side.

Ms P Samuel (Board) asked to speak. The skills matrix was discussed and how important this is going forward. This document ensures a range of skills amongst Board members highlighting areas that need to be fulfilled when vacancies. Diversity commitments are now met by the Board, moving forward and progressing in all areas.

N LeMilliere (Kent) requested to speak and confirmed the point that the fundamental difference between membership organisations and companies – if this was a member organisation then the whole Board would be elected. N Le Milliere (Kent) supports this resolution.

S Kemish (Board) spoke and that what we are all looking for is the best possible people and collective team for our Sport. In response to M Clarke's (Worcestershire, HLM) earlier comments, it was advised that Finance is covered by Sam Garey and that the Board is there to guide and steer the ship, and we have more than enough experience in finance through Sam Garey (SG), Head of Finance.

T Catt asked to speak, and as a non-company member was permitted to by Mrs S Deaton (Chairman). T Catt advised the skills matrix is very important and that 20 applicants were received and the Board missed the opportunity to appoint an accountant. He felt the strategy should be set and monitoring the performance of the SLT, although there is no doubt in SG's ability, however, it is about asking the right questions of her. He believes there should be 4 Elected Directors.

Mrs S Hayes (Buckinghamshire) was permitted to speak and mentioned the points Ms P Samuel (Board) made on the diversity and inclusion as whenever we vote for an Elected Director we tend to vote for friends, those who fit our own selves and there is a danger by increasing the number of Elected Directors this will reduce the diversity and inclusivity we need in the governing body of our sport. Mrs S Hayes (Buckinghamshire) does not support this resolution.

C Dangerfield (Shropshire) asked to speak. Going back to the AGM 2017, he felt having read this resolution that Sport England have said it is ok to have 4 Elected Directors, as other sports have, yet in 2017 we were told categorically we could only have 3. He felt this shows the Board do not want 4 Elected Directors and he is very disappointed and can't understand why our sport doesn't want a more democratic approach – Shropshire will vote for this resolution.

Mrs S Deaton (Chairman) summarised and said that the 2017 AGM was about the Code requirement of appointment of the Chair (not elected). The articles at the time were keeping in with history, where it has always been 3 Elected Directors.

Mrs S Deaton (Chairman) also advised that Badminton do not elect 8 members, they appoint their Board from the membership (as we can) and the AGM ratify those appointments. That is not the same as the open democratic election process we have.

P Charters (Berkshire, HLM) was welcomed to summarise his Resolution 4 in which he felt there is no issue with diversity and that he is unsure of the benefit of the skills matrix where only 6 skills are Table Tennis related. P Charters (Berkshire, HLM) felt this document is not fit for purpose and has dismissed this until it is more meaningful.

Mrs S Deaton (Chairman) opened the vote upon which everyone had 2 minutes to cast their vote using Mi-Voice.

For:	29,156	73.95%
Against:	10,268	26.05%
Abstain	1,003	

Special Resolution 4: Failed

As it is a Special Resolution a 75% majority is required.

Special Resolutions 5&6

Elected Directors Title

(7775/021/JKB) (Board – Susie Venner)

6. Member Elected Director

(7776/0721/JKB) (Peter Charters)

Mrs S Deaton (Chairman) welcomed Mrs S Venner (Board, VP) to speak and provided the Board's rationale to Resolution 5.

The full resolution details are available on the website:

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Mrs S Deaton (Chairman) welcomed P Charters (Berkshire, HLM) to speak and provided his rationale to Resolution 6.

The full resolution details are available on the website:

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Questions were welcomed in the Q&A box and were as follows:

A Ransome (Cleveland, HLM) raised a point of order for the Standing Orders Committee and how Mrs S Deaton (Chairman) participated in the last debate, and would like a ruling from the Standing Orders on this point. Mrs S Deaton (Chairman) advised she summarised the debate and was not making the Board's position

T Catt non company member was granted permission to speak and advised he would like to see the choice of the Deputy Chair being limited to Elected Directors, so the Board can't simply choose "one of their own".

C Dangerfield (Shropshire) asked for the Standing Orders Committee to comment on A Ransome (Cleveland, HLM) comment. N Le Milliere (Standing Orders) advised this point has been raised to Mrs S Deaton (Chairman).

Mrs S Venner (Board, VP) was asked to speak and confirmed that the Board & P Charters (Berkshire, HLM) both want one of the Elected Directors to have the position of Deputy Chair. The principle was agreed, it was just the wording of the resolution that differed. The Board have said they will do this, in the Board Guidance Pack. However, P Charters (Berkshire, HLM) wants this in the articles.

P Charters (Berkshire, HLM) was asked to summarise Special Resolution 4.

Mrs S Deaton (Chairman) opened the vote upon which everyone had 2 minutes to cast their vote using Mi-Voice.

The results of this vote were:

For:	19,787	51.07%
Against:	18,960	48.93%
Abstain:	599	

Special Resolution 5: Failed

As it is a Special Resolution that requires 75% majority.

Mrs S Deaton (Chairman) opened the vote for Resolution 6 upon which everyone had 2 minutes to cast their vote using Mi-Voice.

The results of this vote were:

For:	33,477	83.95%
Against:	6,401	16.05%
Abstain	564	

Special Resolution 6: Passed

As it is a Special Resolution that requires a 75% majority this has been reached

Ordinary Resolution 7

Election of Directors Vote Units

(7777/0721/JKB) (Board – Tom Purcell)

Mrs S Deaton (Chairman) welcomed T Purcell (Board) to speak and provided the Board's rationale to Resolution 7.

The full resolution details are available on the website:

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Questions were welcomed in the Q&A box and were as follows:

Mrs D Webb (Hastings, VP) felt Special Resolution 7 has to be read in conjunction with Resolution 17, the two are interlinked.

Mrs D Webb (Hastings, VP) disagrees stating that T Purcell (Board) had advised teams are based on 4 players, whereas TTE are encouraging teams of 2 players, so this will significantly reduce the voting of the league. There is also no mention of Counties, whereas in Special Resolution 17, it is proposed that multiple league players will identify their primary league and will only be credited with that vote. In summary, in her view a lot more thought is required before this can be approved.

C Dangerfield (Shropshire) was welcomed to speak and agreed with the principle; however, he felt this is still only tinkering, and doesn't really change what needs to be changed, and would like to see this Resolution fail.

A Ransome (Cleveland, HLM) asked to speak and advised that he disagreed with the proposition. For clarity, A Ransome (Cleveland, HLM) asked for his understanding of the county vote for the AGM as being the number of players in that county and the county vote for Elected Directors is just simply one vote to be confirmed as correct.

T Purcell (Board) was welcomed to summarise & answer these questions & advised this resolution is only for changing voting units in local leagues, not counties. The county vote in 23:6 remains the same (1 unit) and the county vote in the AGM is for the registered players in the county.

Mrs S Deaton (Chairman) opened the vote upon which everyone had 2 minutes to cast their vote using Mi-Voice.

The results of this vote were:

For:	19,069	47.03%
Against:	21,478	52.97%
Abstain:	349	

Resolution 7: Failed

Special Resolution 8 & 9

Elected Director's Term of Office

(7778/0721/JKB) (Board – Susie Venner)

Elected Director's Term of Office

(7779/0721/JKB) (Peter Charters)

Mrs S Deaton (Chairman) welcomed Mrs S Venner (Board, VP) & P Charters (Berkshire, HLM) to speak each and provided the respective rationales to Resolutions 8 & 9.

The full resolution details are available on the website:

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Questions were welcomed in the Q&A box and were as follows:

N LeMilliere (Kent) stated is disappointed in these resolutions as they have gone about it the wrong way in his view. He believes that fulfilling vacancies ensures proper rotation.

Mrs S Sutcliffe (CEO) responded that rotation is greatly increased by ensuring we don't have 3 Elected Directors coming on and off every 3 years together. Also, the Board and P Charters (Berkshire, HLM) are both in line with the principle, it is simply

that the last part of the sentence in Resolution 9 is not needed to achieved the agreed principle.

T Catt who is not a company member was allowed to speak by Mrs S Deaton (Chairman) and advised he felt we were all agreed in principle. T Catt also wondered if the 4-year term could be applied retrospect fully to R Venner (Board) and D Parker (Board) who had both been recently elected fulfilling vacancies.

Mrs S Venner (Board, VP) was asked to summarise and agreed it was clear that there is agreement in principle. She confirmed that when R Venner (Board) was elected, the paperwork made it clear his term would be extended to a full 3 years if the proposition accepted at the AGM. Regarding Don Parker it was not so clear because this rule change was only being introduced now. The Board would need to discuss it.

P Charters (Berkshire, HLM) had nothing further to add in summary.

Mrs S Deaton (Chairman) opened the vote upon which everyone had 2 minutes to cast their vote using Mi-Voice.

The results of this vote for Special Resolution 8 were:

For:	26,886	66.15%
Against:	13,760	33.85%
Abstain	0	

Special Resolution 8: Failed
It is a Special Resolution that requires 75% majority

The results of this vote for Special Resolution 9 were:

For:	32,318	81.14%
Against:	7,512	18.86%
Abstain	0	

Special Resolution 9: Passed
As it is a Special Resolution that requires a 75% majority this has been reached

Special Resolution 10
Re-Appointment of Directors
(7780/0721/JKB) (Peter Charters)

Mrs S Deaton (Chairman) welcomed P Charters (Berkshire, HLM) to speak and provide his rationale to Resolution 10.

The full resolution details are available on the website:
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Questions were welcomed in the Q&A box and were as follows:

S Griew (Board) asked to speak on behalf of the Board & advised that the Board agree with the principle but doesn't agree with the change being required in the articles. Sport England have confirmed that the requirement for open and transparent recruitment is only required for new Directors. None the less, the current Board has agreed to advertise for re-appointments as demonstrated this year, but it would not be appropriate for future Boards to be bound by this. Hence why this is better being the Sports Guidance Pack rather than the articles.

Ms P Samuel (Board) contributed we do have an open and transparent recruitment process. The Board as a whole does consider the feedback from the Nominations Committee.

T Catt who is not a company member, was granted permission to speak and advised that the recent appointment of Directors was very welcomed following over 20 applications. But he felt that without P Charters (Berkshire, HLM) putting in this resolution and the Board would have simply rolled over and reappointed the previous 3 Directors.

Mrs S Deaton (Chairman) welcomed P Charters (Berkshire, HLM) to summarise. He stated it is all about a level playing field for Elected and Appointed Directors. P Charters (Berkshire, HLM) was pleased with the recent Director appointments and felt this was a move in the right direction.

The results of this vote were:

For:	26, 861	65.29%
Against:	14,283	34.71%
Abstain:	0	

Special Resolution 10: Failed

As it is a Special Resolution that requires 75% majority

Special Resolution 11

Company Membership

(7781/0721/JKB) (Board – Tom Purcell)

Mrs S Deaton (Chairman) welcomed T Purcell (Board, VP) to speak and provide the Board's rationale to Resolution 10.

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Questions were welcomed in the Q&A box and were as follows:

Mrs D Webb (Hastings, VP) asked to speak and felt it was always her understanding that if you are a company member, qualified umpire etc then you were automatically an affiliated member. This is now not the case, and all those in these categories who do not renew are not covered by insurance. If this does change, then all those in that category should be informed. Mrs D Webb (Hastings, V) will vote against this resolution.

C Dangerfield (Shropshire) had a question. In terms of how this will be implemented, his understanding is that company members do not need to be paying players, many of them are not. Therefore, it would seem this is a paper exercise That could be handled by protocol.

T Purcell (Board, VP) was asked to summarise and answer C Dangerfield (Shropshire) question. There are a number of reasons why someone doesn't remain as a member, they may not play anymore, their league may not renew them and therefore they cease as being a company member, and cannot vote. During Covid, there are a number who have not renewed their membership and therefore they are not entitled to vote. This has been pointed out to many, and chases have been done.

With regards to Mrs D Webb (Hastings, VP) question, this is only to do with company members who can vote at AGMs, for clarity, a company member may not act as a company member during pending renewal.

The results of this vote were:

For:	36,399	90.65%
Against:	3,755	9.35%
Abstain:	826	

Special Resolution 11: Passed

As it is a Special Resolution that requires 75% majority this has been reached.

Special Resolution 12

Directors as Company Members

(7782/0721/JKB) (Board – Tom Purcell)

Mrs S Deaton (Chairman) welcomed T Purcell (Board, VP) to speak and provide the Board's rationale to Resolution 12.

The full resolution details are available on the website:

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Questions were welcomed in the Q&A box however; no questions were asked.

The results of this vote were:

For:	39,708	97.59%
Against:	982	2.41%
Abstain:	143	

Special Resolution 12: Passed

As it is a Special Resolution that requires 75% majority this has been reached.

Special Resolution 13

Company Members who are National Councillors (7783/0721/JKB) (Board – Susie Venner)

Mrs S Deaton (Chairman) welcomed Mrs S Venner (Board, VP) to speak and provide the Board's rationale to Resolution 13.

The full resolution details are available on the website:

<https://tabletennisengland.co.uk/our-sport/governance/agm/>

Questions were welcomed in the Q&A box and were as follows:

Mrs D Webb (Hasting, VP) asked to speak, and advised that she didn't see any need to change County Rep / Company Member as it describes what it is. Also, if you look at Article 23.6 it already has County Rep / Company Member so two different terminologies would be used in the articles which would be confusing. Mrs D Webb (Hastings, VP) does agree with the Director Company Member and the latter part.

Mrs S Venner (Board, VP) was welcomed to summarise however there was nothing further to add.

The results of this vote were:

For:	28,711	73.40%
Against:	10,406	26.6%
Abstain:	1,420	

Special Resolution 13: Failed

As it is a Special Resolution that requires 75% majority

Special Resolution 14

Honorary Appointments (7784/0721/JKB) (Board – Tom Purcell)

Mrs S Deaton (Chairman) welcomed T Purcell (Board, VP) to speak and provide the Board's rationale to Resolution 14.

The full resolution details are available on the website:
<https://tabletennisengland.co.uk/our-sport/governance/agm/>

Questions were welcomed in the Q&A box however, none were asked.

The results of this vote were:

For:	38,921	97.30%
Against:	1,081	2.70%
Abstain:	312	

Special Resolution 14: Passed

As it is a Special Resolution that requires 75% majority this has been reached.

Special Resolution 15

Clarification Affiliation Fees Increase (7785/0721/JKB) (Board – Susie Venner)

Mrs S Deaton (Chairman) welcomed Mrs S Venner (Board, VP) to speak and provide the Board's rationale to Resolution 15.

The full resolution details are available on the website:
<https://tabletennisengland.co.uk/our-sport/governance/agm/>

Questions were welcomed in the Q&A box and were as follows:

C Dangerfield (Shropshire) asked to speak and advised he is against this Resolution as he felt it was a further removal of power from the membership to the Board. If he understands this correctly, if for any reason, the membership wanted to reduce the fees in the future, this would not be able to be done without a Special Resolution requiring 75%, or having another Special Resolution to reverse the one passed today. The members have the right to set the fees.

Mrs D Webb (Hastings, VP) spoke and didn't feel the Resolution rationale said what the proposition is. It doesn't say that any Company Member can propose a reduction, it doesn't say any Company Member can propose an increase, only one aspect is stated in that the Board can set these. Mrs D Webb (Hastings, VP) will vote against this.

M Clarke (Worcestershire, HLM) advised he is not comfortable with this Resolution, and referred to the Resolution held at the AGM 2019 and how the members saw the effect this had on the association and felt it is a fundamental right for the memberships to make Resolutions relating to fees. In January this year, the Board put forward a proposal to National Council to increase the Affiliation Fee and M Clarke (Worcestershire, HLM) argued against this. This Resolution removes this right.

S Kemish (Board) spoke and advised this wouldn't give the Board absolute power to make increases, the reverse of this (from a Governance Review) is to make sure that a reduction of fees can't be forced through and jeopardise the association financial position.

A Ransome (Cleveland, HLM) spoke and didn't feel comfortable with this. Although not suggesting this current Board would do anything currently, but future Boards might and therefore he feels the Affiliation Fees are for the AGM, not for the Board.

T Catt who is not a company member, but was permitted to speak advised that a lot of the problems with the articles is a lack of definition and accuracy. Had they been better written they would have passed. Food for thought for the future.

Mrs S Venner (Board, VP) was welcomed to summarise and reiterated that any increase in fees would have to go to the AGM, any reduction would require 75% instead of 50% and the principle behind this is the Board have financial responsibility for the company. In response to Mrs D Webb (Hastings, VP) question, the wording "Set" would cover up and down, whereas the proposal is to change this to "Increase".

The results of this vote were:

For:	15,712	40.64%
Against:	22,946	59.36%
Abstain:	1,699	

Special Resolution 15: Failed

As it is a Special Resolution that requires 75% majority

Special Resolution 16

Requisitioning of EGM

(7786/0721/JKB) (Board – Tom Purcell)

Mrs S Deaton (Chairman) welcomed T Purcell (Board, VP) to speak and provide the Board's rationale to Resolution 16.

The full resolution details are available on the website:

<https://tabletennisengland.co.uk/our-sport/governance/agm/>

Questions were welcomed in the Q&A box but none were raised.

The results of this vote were:

For:	40,314	100%
Against:	0	0%
Abstain:	0	

Special Resolution 16: Passed

As it is a Special Resolution that requires 75% majority this has been reached.

Special Resolution 17

Members who play in multiple leagues

(7787/0721/JKB) (Board – Tom Purcell)

Mrs S Deaton (Chairman) welcomed T Purcell (Board, VP) to speak and provide the Board's rationale to Resolution 17.

The full resolution details are available on the website:

<https://tabletennisengland.co.uk/our-sport/governance/aggm/>

Questions were welcomed in the Q&A box and were as follows:

Mrs D Webb (Hastings, VP) advised a lot of her comments were the same as for Resolution 7. She felt there is a lot more work required on this to get it right.

C Dangerfield (Shropshire) asked to speak for this resolution. Understood the points being made by Mrs D Webb (Hastings, VP) but felt that this should have been addressed right from the beginning of individual membership. C Dangerfield (Shropshire) will support this resolution.

N LeMilliere (Kent) was conflicted in this Resolution as he has long held the view of 1 Member 1 Vote, however his League and County Representatives felt concerned as they don't know the impact. He believes that members need to nominate their preferred league first and then leagues will understand the impact before voting on this proposal at a later date. N LeMilliere (Kent) is voting against.

T Purcell (Board, VP) was welcomed to summarise and advised that he and N LeMilliere (Kent) were on the voting review group a couple of years ago, and this was discussed with C Dangerfield (Shropshire) previously too about the unfairness of the voting system. Although we do not know the results yet, when people register, we will find out the impact and each League will know their voting figures.

The results of this vote were:

For:	25,632	63%
Against:	15,011	36.93%
Abstain:	0	

Special Resolution 17: Failed

As it is a Special Resolution that requires 75% majority

Special Resolution 18

Casting vote at General Meetings

(7788/0721/JKB) (Board – Susie Venner)

Mrs S Deaton (Chairman) welcomed Mrs S Venner (Board, VP) to speak and provide the Board's her rationale to Resolution 18.

The full resolution details are available on the website:

<https://tabletennisengland.co.uk/our-sport/governance/agm/>

Questions were welcomed in the Q&A box and were as follows:

A Ransome (Cleveland, HLM) asked to speak and advised that the question of a casting vote goes against tradition and the principle of needing to achieve the right number of membership votes to affect change. A casting vote should not overrule this principle not matter how rare it might be.

N LeMilliere (Kent) asked to speak and concurred with A Ransome (Cleveland, HLM.)

The results of this vote were:

For:	18,332	46.75%
Against:	20,883	53.25%
Abstain:	466	

Special Resolution 18: Failed

As it is a Special Resolution that requires 75% majority

Special Resolution 19

Right to Appeal

(7789/0721/JKB) (Board – Sara Sutcliffe)

Mrs S Deaton (Chairman) welcomed Mrs S Sutcliffe (CEO) to speak and provide the Board's rationale to Resolution 18.

The full resolution details are available on the website:

<https://tabletennisengland.co.uk/our-sport/governance/agm/>

Questions were welcomed in the Q&A box and were as follows:

Mrs D Webb (Hastings, VP) advised she felt very passionately about this, and urged everyone to vote against this –about it's a change from members being aggrieved by a decision, to members being decided by the Board if they are significantly / adversely affected.

A Ransome (Cleveland) asked to speak and was concerned that this is a very big change to the current position. The current rule says any member / organisation that

is “aggrieved” – the new one states “significantly / adversely” and A Ransome (Cleveland, HLM) felt this is completely changing the opportunity to appeal and not acceptable.

Mrs S Deaton (Chairman) welcomed Mrs S Sutcliffe (CEO) the chance to respond and summarise. In response to Mrs D Webb (Hastings, VP) it was advised that the Board has no role in the appeal, the only job for the Board is to make the regulations. With regards to A Ransome (Cleveland, HLM) point, if you just have the ability to appeal an aggrieved decision, the ability to appeal becomes abused by people who are just upset with a decision and this change would mean that they would also need evidence that they were affected by the decision not just aggrieved by it.

The results of this vote were:

For:	15,428	42.42%
Against:	20,938	57.58%
Abstain:	2,464	

Special Resolution 19: Failed

As it is a Special Resolution that requires 75% majority

Special Resolution 20

Proxies

(7790/0721/JKB) (Board – Tom Purcell)

Mrs S Deaton (Chairman) welcomed T Purcell (Board, VP) to speak and provide the Board’s rationale to Resolution 20.

The full resolution details are available on the website:

<https://tabletennisengland.co.uk/our-sport/governance/aggm/>

Questions were welcomed in the Q&A box but there were none raised.

The results of this vote were:

For:	39,504	99.14%
Against:	344	0.86%
Abstain:	0	

Special Resolution 20: Passed

As it is a Special Resolution that requires 75% majority this has been reached.

Special Resolution 21

Votes to be available to League Secretary (7791/0721/JKB) (Chris Dangerfield)

Mrs S Deaton (Chairman) welcomed C Dangerfield (Shropshire) to speak and provided his rationale to Resolution 20.

The full resolution details are available on the website:
<https://tabletennisengland.co.uk/our-sport/governance/agm/>

Questions were welcomed in the Q&A box but there were none raised.

Mrs S Sutcliffe (CEO) asked to speak and advised that the Board supports this Resolution and would look to integrate this within relevant regulations as soon as practical, but will also support that if it does pass it will take immediate effect, the voting record of this meeting will be made available.

D Hockney (Avon) asked to speak and advised that he does not feel that in the Standing Orders is the right place for this to sit. Standing Orders fully supports them going into the articles/regulations.

A Ransome (Cleveland, HLM) supports C Dangerfield (Shropshire) resolution and felt it is important that all company members take their responsibility seriously. We should think carefully about what we consult our members on, before we take a decision. We are responsible to our members. This is in line with transparency.

T Catt who is not a company member was allowed to speak and totally agreed with this resolution. There are some GDPR factors to bear in mind, and company members are giving away their votes – especially if discretion is used. As shown today 40% have not voted today.

Mrs S Deaton (Chairman) welcomed C Dangerfield (Shropshire) to summarise his resolution however he felt the points had been raised.

The results of this vote were:

For:	38,317	95.68%
Against:	1,732	4.32%
Abstain:	0	

Ordinary Resolution 21: Passed

As it is an Ordinary Resolution that requires 50% majority this has been reached

Ordinary Resolutions:

22. Performance Sub Committee

(7792/0721/JKB) (Neil Le Milliere) – discussed second

22a. Performance Sub Committee Proposed Amendments

(7793/0721/JKB) (Alan Ransome) – discussed first.

Mrs S Deaton (Chairman) welcomed A Ransome (Cleveland, HLM) to speak and provided his rationale to Resolution 22a (amendment).

The full resolution details are available on the website:
<https://tabletennisengland.co.uk/our-sport/governance/agm/>

Questions were welcomed in the Q&A box and the following were raised:

N LeMilliere (Kent) advised that Kent do not support this Resolution as the Board do need to remain in overall control.

A video was played from D Parker (Board) explaining the Board rationale and his views as chair of the Talent and Performance subcommittee of the Board.

S Griew (Board) was welcomed to speak and felt this is another Resolution where the Board supports the principle but not the detail. The Board have engaged in considerable depth, listened and acted in this area – and as such a Sub-Committee is now set up to oversee the Talent and Performance programme. The committee does have teeth in its advisory capacity, but it doesn't undermine the governance structure of the organisation. The TOR includes scope, delegation, composition, frequency of meetings etc, all published on the website. However, the AGM is not the right place to discuss the detail and set KPIs. That is a Board role, so the Board do not support the Resolution but do support the principle and have already acted on it.

P Charters (Berkshire, HLM) spoke and supports this resolution because the proposal gets down to the point of where the membership needs to be, ensuring the committee has teeth. The Association needs to support the committee to ensure they make the right decisions.

R Venner (Board) asked to speak and advised he is honoured to be part of the T&P Sub Committee, giving thanks to N LeMilliere (Kent), A Ransome (Cleveland, HLM) and P Charters (Berkshire) for their resolutions. R Venner (Board) felt the committee will do a very good job, with all the experience that sits on that group.

A Murdoch (Bedfordshire) spoke and advised he supports this Resolution and that anything we can do to support our talent is positive.

Miss E Vickers (Board) was welcomed to speak and felt it was appropriate to talk and following a catch up with D Parker (Board) we have applications for co-opted

individuals which look positive. Guidance to the Board is required but the Board will have the overall decision.

C Dangerfield (Shropshire) supports both Resolutions with the preference being 22a but hoping that at least one passes today. If 22 goes through then we shall put our faith into those people.

M Stanforth (Staff) spoke and updated everyone at the AGM about his new role as Head of England Performance and welcomed the creation of the T&P Sub Committee.

A Ransome (Cleveland, HLM) was welcomed back to summarise and advised that the Board do stay in control of all matters. Two further points were raised about finance – firstly, how A Ransome (Cleveland, HLM) feels the young players should receive £250,000 which is required for training & competition programmes, not for Coaches' salaries. Secondly, if this committee is given the authority, this will enable them to do a much better job. Currently, under the TOR this committee is only advisory and their advice can be rejected.

The results of this vote for **22a** were:

For:	22,653	57.79%
Against:	16,547	42.21%
Abstain:	202	

Ordinary Resolution 22a: Passed

As it is an Ordinary Resolution that requires 50% majority this has been reached

N LeMilliere (Kent) asked for the amendment summary to be read out: "The amendment now means that what will be recorded is that this meeting recommends the Board follow the High-Performance management methods used by the management committees and Boards over previous decades which has consistently produced far better results in International Rankings. These include appointing a Voluntary Committee Chairman to manage the area of work and is given full delegated powers".

A Ransome (Cleveland, HLM) thanked everyone for passing this resolution and advised this resolution is simply to support the Board and ensure this committee is given teeth, authority and the finance to move forward.

No one from Kent wished to speak before the vote opened.

The results of this vote for **22** were:

For:	33,777	86.40%
Against:	5,319	13.60%
Abstain:	402	

Ordinary Resolution 22: Passed

As it is an Ordinary Resolution that requires 50% majority this has been reached

Special Resolution 23

Instruct the Board in Performance KPI's

(7794/0721/JKB) (Peter Charters)

Mrs S Deaton (Chairman) welcomed P Charters (Berkshire, HLM) to speak and provided his rationale to Resolution 23.

The full resolution details are available on the website:

<https://tabletennisengland.co.uk/our-sport/governance/agm/>

N LeMilliere (Kent, Standing Orders Committee) advised that P Charters (Berkshire, HLM) is unable to withdraw the resolution, however he is able to ask everyone to vote against it.

Questions were welcomed in the Q&A box and were as followed:

Mrs S Sutcliffe (CEO) asked to speak and advised that the Board supports the principle of KPIs, and everyone has seen the operational plan presented to National Council which is a much more detailed plan than previous years, which is now available on a quarterly basis to National Councillors. This will include KPI's for Performance. Mrs S Sutcliffe (CEO) made the point that all staff are accountable to her, and she is accountable to the Board. Staff work with committees and take decisions collectively, working together as a group. No one person overrules the majority. The setting of KPI's exists, and will be enhanced, produced to the Board across the business, made available to National Council through the website.

A Ransome (Cleveland, HLM) requested to speak and felt the main thing we are looking for is that the juniors and cadets are in the top position in Europe. The main issue is that we get there, with KPI's as suggested and we follow these and see good results.

S Kemish (Board) asked to speak and reminded everyone of the EGM results and how the CEO was given a resounding vote of confidence. This doesn't feel like a Board issue, but a SLT and CEO responsibility who should be left to get on with their job. S Kemish (Board) asked that this is voted against.

M Stanforth (Staff) was allowed to speak and pointed out that the performance team want to see England teams being successful. The great thing about the performance team is that they work together.

N LeMilliere (Standing Orders Committee) advised that if you are carrying a proxy, by law you need to follow that proxy. Also, if you have been instructed on how to vote

you need to be confident that you can change your vote. The AGM were asked to bear this in mind.

The results of this vote for 23 were:

For:	4,416	11.87%
Against:	32,798	88.13%
Abstain:	2,871	

Special Resolution 23: Failed

As it was a Special Resolution that requires 75% majority

Special Resolution 24

Urges the Board in Performance KPI's (7795/0721/JKB) (Peter Charters)

Mrs S Deaton (Chairman) went straight to Special Resolution 24 as agreed by Standing Orders Committee but would not announce the vote until the results of Special Resolution 23 was advised.

The full resolution details are available on the website:
<https://tabletennisengland.co.uk/our-sport/governance/agm/>

The results of this vote for 24 were:

For:	25,438	69.06%
Against:	11,396	30.94%
Abstain:	1,978	

Ordinary Resolution 24: Passed

As it is an Ordinary Resolution that requires 75% majority this has been reached

10. Financial Report & Audited Accounts

Receive and acceptance of the financial report, including audited accounts for the Financial Year ending 31st March 2021 (7766/0721/JKB)

A presentation was made to the AGM comprising of 7 slides presented by S Kemish (Board) Chair of Finance Committee. Attached to these minutes.

Questions were welcomed in the Q&A box and were as followed:

C Dangerfield (Shropshire) asked to speak and commented that firstly, without being negative he felt that although they look professional, he found them useless. If any detail is required it cannot be found. Less and less detail relating to finance has been evident over the last 10 years. C Dangerfield (Shropshire) queried the £112,000

spent on marketing and asked how this was so given the Covid situation where nothing was done?

M Clarke (Worcestershire, HLM) spoke and commented on his respect for Sam Garey (staff), having said that, it is fundamental that the financial policies are overseen with the accounting function, made by a qualified accountant on the Board. M Clarke (Worcestershire, HLM) advised of the transparency requirement and how at National Council these figures were discussed, raising 2 questions:

- 1) Expenditure to cost centre "Talent" of £381,568 which was £90,000 over budget. Bearing in mind lockdown, none of this could have been spent on the Talent spoken about previously, & no one answered this question and the minutes from National Council didn't answer this question either. Therefore, not being transparent.
- 2) £15,000 was shown as income from Talent, given the furlough scheme M Clarke (Worcestershire, HLM) didn't feel this was correct and requested a break down.

A Ransome (Cleveland, HLM) spoke and concurred with the comments from the two previous speakers. More information is required to National Council and there are people on National Council who are able to ask questions. In the future, A Ransome (Cleveland, HLM) asked if there has been an amount allocated to the juniors and if not, when will this be?

Mrs S Sutcliffe (CEO) asked to speak and commented on the Talent staff query, advising that they are all publicly funded therefore not being eligible for furlough. Sport England provided a lot of flexibility around how the funding was used in this pandemic year – if money was needed from one pot to balance another, then this was granted. Also, the answers given to National Council as per M Clarke (Worcestershire, HLM) were absolutely correct.

S Kemish (Board) was welcomed back to summarise and advised that the marketing cost was allocated to website, which could have been spread out over a number of years, however given the situation and lack of spending in other areas we were able to put some of that money into that area. Being able to break even this year is a major accomplishment. S Kemish (Board) agreed that more transparency is needed, but sometimes not all the information is needed to be publicly available – this isn't hiding anything, just making sure the right level of information to available.

In response to M Clarke (Worcestershire, HLM) S Kemish (Board) advised Sam Garey and her team have led us in the most trying of times, to break even. The auditors support our accounts.

The results of this vote for Agenda Item 10 were:

For:	34,155	97.8%
Against:	777	2.2%
Abstain:	3,840	

Agenda Item 10: Passed

11. Reappointment of Auditors

Reappointment of Auditors and authorise the Directors to agree their remuneration

(7767/0721/JKB)

A zoom poll was launched for this vote.

For: 96%

Against: 4%

Agenda Item 11: Passed

12. Election of Standing Orders Committee

David Hockney

Neil Le Milliere

1x Vacancy

Mrs S Deaton (Chairman) welcomed interest in the vacancy available as June Watts has come to the end of term and does not wish to be considered for re-appointment. Thanks were given to June Watts for her service over the years. Also, thanks were given to David Hockney and Neil LeMilliere for all their hard work.

A zoom poll was launched for the reappointment of David Hockey (retiring on rotation, willing to be re-elected)

For: 99%

Against: 0%

Abstain: 1%

13. Vice President Renewals

Approval of Renewal for Vice Presidents & Approval of Vice Presidents 2021

The AGM were asked to confirm their acceptance of the new appointments as renewals were no longer required as Resolution 14 passed

A zoom poll was launched for this vote

For: 96%

Against: 0%

Abstain: 4%

Agenda Item 12: Passed

There was no AOB sent in advance of this meeting and therefore nothing further was required to be discussed however, A Murdoch (Bedfordshire) asked for the Board to look into the lack of the votes this year. This was noted.

A Ransome (Cleveland, HLM) advised that at the last National Council meeting he raised the issue of the timeline for questions for the August meeting, J Keay-Blyth (Staff) will check.

Thanks were given by Mrs S Deaton (Chairman) to Mrs Caroline Williams (Returning Officer) for her outstanding service and work provided for this AGM. Also, thanks were given to J Keay-Blyth (Staff) and V Wiegleb (Staff) for their hard work behind the scenes in getting the virtual AGM and Mi-Voice voting system arranged. Board members were also thanked along with all the AGM attendees who attended today.

The Annual General Meeting for 2021 was closed by Mrs S Deaton (Chairman).