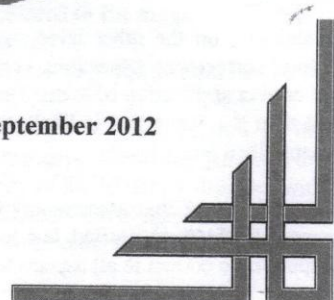


Issue 20

September 2012



## **FROM THE CHAIRMAN**

Having received the NURC selections for the events for the first half of the new season, it will soon be upon us and I hope to see many of you in due course. For those of you who were unable to attend the AGM the minutes should be included in this edition. As well as the formal agenda there was some interesting exchange between those present which will be discussed by your Committee.

Since its formation in 2004 the Association has been without a President, and I am pleased to report that following the meeting we now have as President Tony Chatwin, a distinguished member of the ETTA, the ETTU and the ITTF. For those new to umpiring Tony has been an umpire and referee at many top events, Chairman of the NURC, Vice Chairman of the ETTA and is currently a blue badge evaluator for the ITTF. On behalf of the Association I would like to welcome Tony as our President.

This will be the last edition of the magazine to be produced by Geoff Taylor, who has made an excellent job of it. Future magazines will be produced by Dot Macfarlane, who I am sure will also do an excellent job. As a result of increased postal charges the committee has discussed the cost of distributing the magazine, and several options were looked at. However, it was agreed that for the coming year there would be no change.

I have just received details of the umpires' refresher course to be held at Halton Table Tennis Centre on the 23rd of September and hope that members in that area will support this NURC initiative. There should be another one in the south to follow.

In conclusion I would like to record my thanks to the officers and committee members for their support and interest in the Association and for travelling regularly to committee meetings at their own expense.

Let the new season commence - love all.

George Tyler

---

## **ASSESSMENT OR EVALUATION**

According to the dictionary the meanings of assessment and evaluation are the same. Assessment - to estimate the quality of: Evaluation - to appraise, assess. However in table tennis parlance there does appear to be a difference. Umpires have assessments at certain events when the assessors look at aspects of umpires' performance with regard to correctness, procedure, control, knowledge of the laws and regulations and the correct application of them. At the end of the assessment the assessor discusses the performance of the umpire emphasising the good points and pointing out areas which may need improvement. There is no pass or fail rating to the assessment, merely encouragement for the umpire to improve performance.

Evaluation, on the other hand, requires umpires to reach certain requirements as before, correctness, procedure, control, knowledge of the rules and regulations and the correct application of them. The difference being that if any requirements are not met then the evaluation is likely to result in 'does not meet requirements' which is essentially a fail.

It would appear that assessments when carried out are aimed at improving performance. Evaluations carried out to maintain blue badge status usually require the umpire to be correct in all aspects to meet requirements or pass.

From the world of football in an article regarding refereeing decisions, Graham Poll wrote, and I quote. "Referees should be coached to improve on the weaknesses in their game, just as players are. Referees are too worried about achieving a certain score - and that is actually having a detrimental effect. Believe me, if you had somebody reviewing your every move you would be a nervous wreck as a player - and it is the same for

referees. When a referee makes a mistake, he should be taken aside and spoken to. Just giving someone a grade week in, week out doesn't help anyone".

+++++

**MINUTES OF AETTU ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
BULKINGTON VILLAGE CENTRE  
2PM SUNDAY 19th AUGUST 2012**

Meeting commenced 14:15 hrs.

**In attendance:** George Tyler (Chair), Derek Sherratt (V. Chair), Steve Welch (Treasurer), Tom Purcell (Secretary), Stan Clarke (Ctte), Geoff Taylor (Ctte), Barry Granger (Ctte), Mike Payne (Ctte), Lilian Payne (Ctte), John Lawton (Ctte), Cliff Bell, Lynda Reid, Inky Moss, Peter Williams, Brian Watkins, John Mackey, Russell Sutcliffe.

**Apologies:** Ken Eliot, Nick Osland, Dave Wilson, Brian Savage, Janie Kirby, Dot Macfarlane, Bob Watts, Bob Williamson, Jamie Taylor, Paul Nichols, Les Welch, Dave Goulden, Janice Crompton, Margaret Calver, Dennis Calver, Terry Boxhall, Dolly Gilbert, Danny Sullivan, Josh Reynolds, Dave Brown, Dong Xia, Dianne Webb, Lyndon Griffiths, Tim Harris, Gary Whyman, Hamish Jutle, Dave Gough and Bill Moran.

**1. Chairman's Welcome:** The Chairman, George Tyler, welcomed everyone to the 2012 AETTU AGM and thanked Geoff Taylor for arranging the venue and the refreshments for the meeting.

**2. Minutes from the AGM 2011:** Proposed by Stan Clarke and seconded by John Lawton that the minutes be accepted as a true record. Carried

**3. Matters arising:**

**Action 1: Chair to obtain details of tournaments and organisers for inclusion in the AETTU magazine.** On-going..

**Action 2: Copy of Constitution to be circulated in AETTU Magazine.** On-going.

**Action 3: List of members and counties to be circulated in the magazine.** To be included in the September 2012 edition of the magazine.

**Action 4. Secretary to obtain dates and venues for regional seminars.** To be discussed under item 17 on the agenda.

**Action 5. Secretary to contact NURC for to discuss a Q&A section in the magazine on the TT Laws and Regs and knotty problems.**

Secretary informed the meeting that he had contacted Colin Clemett, Secretary of the NURC re this idea with the possibility of Q&A being supplied by the NURC. The suggestion was not supported by CC. He stated that his selection of questions and knotted problems were used in the various umpires' test papers. The subject was discussed by the meeting and it was agreed that members could forward questions to the editor and they could be printed in the magazine to raise debate and opinion.

**Action 6. Secretary to contact ETTA & NURC suggesting that the IR records be amended to include details of umpires and other volunteers thereby giving annual up to date records.**

Secretary informed the meeting that he had sent an email to the NURC making the suggestion that the IR records to include details of umpires and other volunteers. Colin Clemett replied that he had not seen an IR form but he could see no value in the records being amended to include umpires' details. There was a general discussion on this subject. Russell Sutcliffe

advised the meeting that the ETTA and the NURC had a legal obligation, under the Data Protection Act, to keep their records up to date, accurate and relevant. They did not appear to be complying with the Act.

#### **4. Chairman's report:**

I would like to welcome you and to thank you for coming. I would also like to thank Geoff Taylor for arranging the venue and the refreshments. It has been a quiet year for the Association with membership steadily climbing and an increasing number of members attending events.

The magazine has appeared regularly and there has been a welcome contribution from members. Thanks to Geoff Taylor for this: he has worked hard to make the magazine what it is. However, he now feels that it is now time to hand over to someone new and I am pleased to say that Dot Macfarlane has agreed to take over. The annual tournament was held at Draycott; thanks to Brian Savage, enjoyed by all, despite the late finish.

Committee meetings have been well attended with initiatives regarding selection, uniform and recruitment discussed and passed to the NURC. In conclusion I would like to thank all members of the committee for their wisdom, the vice-chairman for his wisdom, the secretary for his hard work and the treasurer for keeping the association solvent.

George Tyler (Chairman)

Proposed: Stan Clarke      Seconded: Russell Sutcliffe      Carried

#### **5. Secretary's Report:**

The reporting year, 2011-12, has come to an end and the number of members in the AETTU has been maintained. One or two members, who are no longer umpiring have withdrawn from the Association but a number of new members have joined. It has been an exciting year with the build-up to the Olympics and Paralympics. John Mackey and I, together with Mick Strode and John Whittaker (from Scotland), umpired at the Olympic Games. We went to the opening ceremony and for two weeks we were privileged to take part in a fantastic table tennis tournament. The facilities were outstanding and the support given by the technical officials, game makers and spectators was fabulous. I hope the umpires taking part in the Paralympic Games have an equally exciting tournament.

The one downside to the Olympic TT tournament was the treatment given to one of our international colleagues who umpired the Ladies Singles Final. The umpire warned one of the finalists about her service and later penalised her for a foul service. The umpire also issued a yellow card to the player and later issued her with a yellow/red card for a towelling offence. Unfortunately the finalist broke down crying in the middle of the match and eventually lost the match.

The reaction from the audience was hostile towards the umpire and later that evening it became apparent that abusive and uninformed comments, about the umpire and her decisions, were being posted on social network sites. Some of the comments were from members of the ETTA and it is hoped that the ETTA will investigate these comments and take appropriate action. In addition the ITTF and tournament organisers were noticeable in their absence of support for the umpire.

A few years ago members of the AETTU were concerned about the lack of refresher training for umpires. The Association, in partnership with the NURC, organised a successful, national training day. Feedback from the AETTU and other umpires recommended that regular training days should take place. I am pleased to report that the NURC has organised regional training days for umpires with the first taking place in Widnes in September.

During the year members of the AETTU voiced their concerns about the process adopted to select umpires for the World Schools Tournament in Italy and other international ESTTA tournaments. On behalf of the Association I wrote to the NURC highlighting these concerns and

recommending that the selections or recommendations should fall in line with NURC policy. I was advised that the selections were made by the ESTTA, not the NURC, and to avoid future conflict the NURC would withdraw from advertising the invitations leaving the ESTTA to send private invitations. This decision now raises the question of how the NURC are going to deal with their policy about private invitations being received by umpires.

The 2012 AETTU TT competition took place at Draycott TTC, Derbyshire. The tournament was very successful with an increase in competitors from 2011. The venue was a dedicated table tennis centre with very good facilities and all the competitors and their guests enjoyed the table tennis and an evening meal at a local hotel.

The AETTU magazine has been published since May 2005. Fellow umpire and committee member, Geoff Taylor, has been the editor during that period and he has published an interesting and popular magazine. Geoff has decided to hang up his editorial pen but he will continue to support the Association and its members. I am pleased to report that Dot Macfarlane has agreed to take over as editor. On behalf of the Association I would like to thank Geoff for the service he has provided.

Finally I would like to remind members that the Association is managed, on their behalf by the Officers and Committee members of the AETTU. The majority of the Officers and Committee have been in place for a number of years and it is vitally important that new blood is introduced to the Committee. The Committee members are all long standing, experienced umpires and members with National and County qualifications, who can bring fresh ideas and opinions, are invited to join the committee.

T.V.Purcell (Hon Secretary)

Proposed: Inky Moss Seconded: Brian Watkins Carried.

A discussion then took place between the members about the abuse that had taken place against the umpire in the Ladies Singles Final. After the discussion it was agreed that the Secretary would write to the chairs of the ETTA and the NURC to voice members concerns about the abuse and to discover what the ETTA was doing about inappropriate postings on social network sites linked to the ETTA website.

**Action 1. Secretary to write to ETTA and NURC about written abuse of umpire on social network sites linked to the ETTA website.**

## **6. Treasurers Report:**

Treasurer submitted his report to the meeting. The Association finances showed a balance of £1704.00 at the end of the financial year compared to a balance of £1078.00 for 2010-11. Membership has now increased to 119 current members. A few members had dropped out of the Association because they were no longer active, however, overall the membership had increased from 104 the previous year.

There was a general discussion on the Treasurers report. Treasurer reported there had been an increase in the cost of postage relating to the magazine which resulted in an increase of approximately £60.00 per annum. The magazine would be discussed on a later agenda item.

The treasurer advised the meeting there was a steady balance in the account which would increase as the members paid their fees and there had been a small profit from the 2012 umpires' tournament compared with 2011. The treasurer did not recommend an increase in membership fees but this would be kept under review.

Proposed: Pete Taylor Seconded: Mike Payne. Carried.

## **7. Auditor's Report.**

Auditor, John Mackey, reported that he had examined the Association accounts and balance sheet and was satisfied the accounts were being managed in an appropriate manner

Proposed: Lynda Reid. Seconded: Stan Clarke. Carried.

**8 to 11. Election of Officers:**

There had been no nominations for the posts of Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer and the current post holders were therefore re-elected un-opposed.

**12. Election of Committee:**

There had been no nomination from members for election to the committee. Geoff Taylor had decided to stand down as Committee member and editor of the magazine. Dot Macfarlane had agreed to take over the post of magazine editor but at this stage did not wish to be a full committee member. All Committee members with the exception of Geoff Taylor were therefore re-elected un-opposed subject to agreement. All such Committee members agreed to be re-elected.

Chair reminded the meeting that most of the current committee and officers had been in post since the start of the Association in 2004. It was important that new committee members and officers were identified and took part in the running of the AETTU. The Chair encouraged members to become involved in the committee.

**13. Election of Auditor:**

John Mackey was re-elected un-opposed.

**14. Uniform:**

John Lawton informed the meeting that he was totally opposed to the change in the rules on uniform worn by umpires and that there was now four different types of uniform worn by umpires making umpires appear to be un-coordinated at tournaments. JL also commented that he was proud to wear the English badge on his umpire's uniform and he thought that English umpires should continue to wear a badge.

The Chair informed the meeting that the new rules on umpires' uniform had been approved by Mancom and had been changed to encourage new, younger umpires to obtain affordable uniforms. The new rules stated that badges would not be worn with the dark blue blazers.

There was a general discussion about the new rules. Members accepted that the rules had been changed and why they had been changed. Some members pointed out that umpires from a number of overseas associations wore removable association badges on their blazer pockets and members considered that such badges would be worth considering for English umpires. After further discussion it was agreed the Secretary would write to the NURC re the wearing of pocket badges on umpires' uniforms.

**Action 2. Secretary to write to NURC re the wearing of pocket badges on umpires' uniforms.**

**15. Magazine:**

Geoff Taylor advised the meeting that he was standing down as Editor of the AETTU magazine. Dot Macfarlane had agreed to take over as editor. GT stated that he intended to remain a member of the AETTU and would help with the magazine if needed. GT reminded the meeting that the circulation of the magazine had increased by 15p per copy due to increased postage costs. There was a discussion about costs and it was agreed that the magazine would continue to be circulated by post for the next 12 months. In the meantime the Secretary would canvas members on their preferred means of circulation.

The Chair thanked Geoff Taylor for his work as editor of the magazine and member of the Committee. Members of the AGM also thanked Geoff for his services.

**Action 3. Secretary to canvas members on preferred means of circulating the AETTU Magazine.**

**Action 4. Editor to circulate list of members and counties in September magazine.**

**16. Training:**

Secretary informed the meeting that the NURC was organising regional training days for umpires. The seminars will be for umpires at all levels bring umpires up to date on the Laws and Regulations, table management and knotty questions. The first seminar will be held at Widnes, Cheshire on Sunday 23/9/2012. Further seminars will be held around the country throughout the year and all umpires are encouraged to attend. John Mackey informed the meeting that the seminars will be an ideal opportunity for experienced and new umpires to obtain further training.

There was then a discussion about umpires' knowledge of the TT Laws and Regulations. Secretary reminded the meeting that the ITTF website contained a section under the URC page which gave examples of TT issues and Q&A re the Laws and Regulations.

**17. Umpires Tournament:**

Chair informed the meeting that a successful umpires' tournament had taken place at Draycott TTC in June. There had been an increase in the number of players and the standard of play had also increased. An evening meal had taken place at the Midland Hotel, Derby where the players, partners and friends enjoyed a social evening. Secretary advised the meeting that some of the events over ran and the meeting agreed that the format of the tournament should be reviewed before the 2013 event. Derek Sherratt informed the meeting that he had obtained a new sign for AETTU which will be used at future meetings and the tournament.

Secretary thanked Brian Savage from Draycott TTC who helped to organise the event and accommodation in Derby.

On behalf of members Chair thanked Joyce and Margaret who organised and dealt with the refreshments during the tournament.

**18. A.O.B.**

**(a) AETTU —President:**

Stan Clarke advised the meeting that the constitution of the AETTU allowed for the post of President and the person holding this post would be a person who had given great service to the Association and table tennis. The Chair informed the meeting that the Committee had earlier discussed the post of President and had nominated Tony Chatwin for the position. Tony was a very experienced umpire who was also a Blue Badge Assessor. He was always willing to help umpires and the AETTU. After discussion by members at the meeting the nomination was unanimously adopted.

**Action 5. Secretary to write to Tony Chatwin informing him of the nomination.**

**(b) Junior Umpires:**

Russell Sutcliffe informed the meeting that he was trying to promote the use of junior umpires (JU) in his county. He had made a number of contacts with the ETTA and had suggested a number of initiatives to promote the use JU's however, he had no response from the ETTA or the NURC. There was a general discussion on the subject. John Mackey advised the meeting that junior umpires did not fall under the control of the NURC. Mike Payne commented that there was confusion about the use and development of JU's.

Steve Welch informed the meeting that Sheila King from the ETTA Development Department was responsible for the development of junior umpires and that any questions should be directed towards her and the department. Russell Sutcliffe commented that he would contact Sheila King but there was confusion and the ETTA would serve their members better if there was improved working between the departments.

**19. 2013 A.G.M to be arranged. Meeting concluded at 15.50hrs**

\*\*\*\*\*

**UMPIRES REQUIRED**

Umpires are needed for the following events please see if you can assist:

20th/21st October 2012 JUNIOR BRITISH LEAGUE  
Venue: Tipton (Wolverhampton) Contact: Mike Payne;  
Phone 01332- 557162

3rd/4th November 2012 VETERANS BRITISH LEAGUE  
Venue: Hereford Contact: Gill Smith. Phone: 01242-255033

\*\*\*\*\*

**Editorial**

As I have a little space left and as this is the last magazine I will be editing I thought I would like to thank all people who have had input into the magazine. At times it has been hard because of lack of input. I have had few articles from members but fortunately I have always had my regular contributors. Dot Macfarlane is taking over the production of the magazine and I am sure she will also need plenty of input so I would like to ask all members to help by contributing.

I have been on the AETTU Committee since it was formed in 2004 and have enjoyed every minute of it. The Officers and Committee members have always been supportive of all Members and the thing I shall miss most about not being on the Committee is that I will not know what is going on and as I do not now do much umpiring I sincerely hope that I do not lose touch with all the people I know well and a lot of the people who I do not know so well. I am sure however I will not lose complete touch with you all as I will still be around at our tournament and also at the AGM. I would like to close by wishing all of you the very best of luck.

Geoff Taylor

\*\*\*\*\*

**DANGEROUS PRACTICE**

The following letter was sent to Colin Clemett for advice on dangerous practice.

Hello Colin,

Venues used for T.T. tournaments have non slip floors and good footwear is designed to provide suitable grip. So why do a minority of players need to use wet towels to dampen their trainers? I do not think it is to get a better grip. I find damping their trainers is more of a ploy to waste time between rallies as is, walking to, and wiping a hand on the table adjacent to the net, instead of on their clothes. All these activities appear to be permitted by referees and umpires.



The reason I am raising this is because I fell flat on my back on Saturday at Walsall 10-14 National Championships. Some tables that were not required had been put away, but soggy papers tissues were left. As I passed spectators I failed to notice the obstruction. I was lucky not to incur a serious injury.

I have never noticed basketball, badminton or any other indoor sport players using this folly. I must also say players usually use below the net post and on occasions the corner of the court for this. Either case is hazardous for players and officials. Has there been a study on this practice? As I feel this is a dangerous practice, please may it be stopped before someone is badly injured and following the possibility of liable action?

Kind regards Derek Sidaway

**Reply:**

Hello Derek,

I have every sympathy with your views, but it is hard to know what can be done to stop these undesirable actions. For as long as I can remember players have been using damp cloths or towels to counter what they claim are slippery floors and certainly in the early years, they were often justified in doing so. But now, as you say, most floors are non-slip and certainly those used in National Championships should be perfectly safe without any extra treatment.

Wiping a hand on the table is something to which I have always objected, not least because of the damage that sweat does to the playing surface. But when we raised this matter at ITTF committees there was little support for any action to prevent it, not even a recommendation against it, and it appears that most people don't find it as objectionable as I do.

I will raise these matters at the next meeting of the NURC to see if we can come up with some guidance for organisers and match officials. Thank you for bringing it to my attention.

Best wishes,  
Colin Clemett

\*\*\*\*\*

**MY FIRST YEAR IN UMPIRING by Joshua Reynolds C.U.**

I thought it would be appropriate to reflect on my first year as an umpire with my first official tournament being the School's Invitation Event at Lillishall in June 2011. I can remember walking up to the referee's desk in Steve Welch's spare jacket with no cards, no name tag, no badge and think; why did I sign up for this? I was placed under the watchful eye of Peter May who said " give this first match a try and we will see how you do". I suddenly remembered why I was doing this, it was an amazing feeling and the ability to control the match in such a manner with a great deal of respect from players was an odd sensation.

After this, I did not do anything further until September when by this stage I had a set of cards, a name badge and my CU's badge and doing the under 15 boys final between Tom Jarvis and Alex Ramsden, I was thinking this could be a national final and this is happening at a 2\* event. What a great first final it was for me to do.

Moving into October, I did the JBL at Tipton; this was my first main experience of meeting and talking to other umpires and starting to get along better with them. I had particular pleasure of listening to Inky Moss tell jokes while eating our meal which meant that half of my food was probably still on my plate due to the laughter from the man.

This wrapped up 2011 for me and I started again in January 2012 at the East Midlands 4\* where I did 3 finals including an amazing Cadet Girls Final between Tin-Tin Ho and Maria Tsapsinos which was an absolute cracking match and gave me my first experience of umpiring and assisting. February and March led me to doing the BUGS individual and Team events which was another great experience, especially trying to explain to some of the other umpires what a 'Jagerbomb' was and other types of cocktails — never again.

March was a very busy month as I had the BUGS Team Event, British League Premier and Junior and Senior County Championships so I virtually had no rest during this period but did not regret any of it as I was doing something I enjoyed and wanted to do for the foreseeable future.

The end of the season provided me with my 2 main tournaments, The Junior Masters and the under 11-14 Nationals. I learnt a lot from the Junior Masters about how to control players and different ways to talk to them and was very grateful after speaking to Steve Smith the referee at the UI 1-14 Nationals to be given the U14 Girls Doubles Final which was an honour to be given your first national final. Unfortunately it was over very quickly but I enjoyed all of it very much.

It looks like the only way is up and I will certainly be carrying on again next year and hope to learn a lot more and meet more umpires and get to know the 'Laws and Regulations' even better. Finally I would like to thank everybody who has helped me through my first year by giving me evaluations or through advice. You have truly helped a shy young umpire become a confident force for good.

\*\*\*\*\*

## LONDON 2012

The TV coverage of the Olympic Games was quite outstanding; my remote control was never out of my hands as I switched from the Swimming to Athletics and Cycling and an occasional glance at the Beach Volleyball (Women). Joyce says I must start taking my tablets again?

I even spent an inordinate amount of time gazing at the table tennis which for some strange reason I found quite absorbing. Forget the Chinese dominance. This was a superb festival of table tennis at its best.

I did however get quite sick of seeing some well-known umpire's faces beaming at me through the screen and I tried in vain to find some serious criticism to throw at them in a fit of petulance when the opportunity arose. Not a hair out of place, creases in their trousers and military precision in their steps.

When I learned that one of their number was to officiate in the Men's Final I was overcome with a warm feeling of intense jealousy. It seemed fitting that on that very day the essayist Gore Vidal died. It was he who said "that when a friend succeeds something inside of me dies". At least he will not be in Rio I shouted to Joyce as she peeled the potatoes.

Of course success is only transient, we must all return to the real world; back to the bog standard event close to some dark satanic mill. It was also refreshing to see some of our foreign colleagues, some known others not so. One interesting face was that of a young man from Ecuador - Freddy Almandariz, who according to Ian Marshall, is at 22 the youngest Blue Badge Umpire in the World. Whilst I admire his engaging personality and do not question his ability as an umpire, I was totally surprised, even shocked to learn of his age. It set my thoughts to wonder if this would be a realistic target or is even feasible for a young person setting out on an umpiring career in the English system.

Unfortunately most of us are described in terms such as 'greybeards' and whilst I recognise the attempts by NURC to recruit young umpires, it another

thing to establish them on the circuit. This begs the question by which process did a very young Freddy achieve such an exalted reputation. After all Ecuador is hardly a leading light in the table tennis world. One cannot imagine someone so young getting their 'National' let alone the I.U. at that age in this country.

Fortunately, I believe, Shakespeare got it slightly wrong when he wrote "desire outlives performance" (back to volleyball again). If it wasn't the case, our major championships would be a sorry affair. Nevertheless returning to Freddy again, there must be some lessons to be learned if the decline in numbers is to be addressed.

### As seen through the eyes of Derek Sherratt

\*\*\*\*\*

#### A GUY NAMED BRIAN

A man walked out to the street and caught a taxi that was just passing by. he got into the taxi, and the cabbie said, "Perfect timing. You're just like Brian".

**Passenger:** "Who?"

**Cabbie:** "Brian. He's a guy who did everything right all the time. Like my coming along when you needed a cab, things happen like that to Brian, every single time.

**Passenger:** "There are always a few clouds over everybody".

**Cabbie:** "Not Brian. He was a terrific athlete. He could have won the Grand Slam at tennis. He could golf with the pros. He sang like an opera baritone and danced like a Broadway star and you should have heard him play the piano. He was an amazing guy".

**Passenger:** "Sounds like he was someone extra special".

**Cabbie:** "There's more. He had a memory like a computer. He remembered everybody's birthday. He knew all about wine, which foods to order and which fork to eat them with. He could fix anything. Not like me. I change a fuse and the whole street blacks out. But Brian he could do everything right".

**Passenger:** "Wow some guy then".

**Cabbie:** "He always knew the quickest way to go in traffic and avoid traffic jams. Not like me, I always seem to get stuck in them. But Brian, he never made a mistake and he really knew how to treat a woman and make her feel good. He would never answer her back even if she was in the wrong; and his clothing was always immaculate, shoes highly polished too. He was the perfect man! He never made a mistake . No one could ever measure up to Brian...".

**Passenger:** An amazing fellow. How did you meet him?

**Cabbie:** "Well, I never actually met Brian. He died. I'm married to his -----' widow."

Insert which word you think would describe his wife - ideas: loving, late, or perhaps you could think of others.

# **ASSOCIATION OF ENGLISH TABLE TENNIS UMPIRES**

## **CONSTITUTION**

(As amended and adopted at the Annual General meeting, August 2011)

### **1. NAME**

This association of English table tennis umpires shall be called the Association of English Table Tennis Umpires (AETTU) (hereinafter called "the Association").

### **2. OBJECTIVES**

The Association shall be conducted on the principles:

- a) To promote the welfare of its members.
- b) To improve the working conditions of its members.
- c) To safeguard the interests of members.
- d) To make representations to ETTA Ltd on any matter involving the Association or its members.
- e) To assist informally in the recruitment and retention of umpires who shall be trained and qualified by ETTA Ltd.
- f) To establish links with other National Table Tennis Associations to enable and exchange views, information and agreements to attain standardisation for umpires.

### **3. OFFICERS**

The officers of the Association shall be Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer who shall be elected by the Annual General Meeting (AGM) each year.

### **4. MANAGEMENT**

The affairs of the Association shall be controlled by a Management Committee (the Committee) consisting of the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer together with five elected members of the Association to be elected by the Annual General Meeting each year (AGM).

Five members shall form a quorum two of whom must be officers.

The committee shall have the power to co-opt additional members with or without powers to vote.

The committee shall have the power to fill any casual vacancies in the official posts, as they occur, but any member so appointed shall only hold office until the next AGM.

Every Motion at a meeting of the Committee shall be determined by the majority of votes of members present and voting, every member having one vote. In the case of equality of votes the Chairman of the meeting shall have a second or casting vote.

Subject to the approval of the Management Committee representation will be available to a member with a grievance.

When necessary the Chairman, or in his absence the Vice Chairman, together with the Secretary and Treasurer will be empowered to act on behalf of the Association.

President, Vice President and Life Members may be elected at the Annual General Meeting but only on the nomination of the Committee.

## **5. MEMBERSHIP**

### **a) Full Members**

Only qualified ETTA umpires shall be eligible for full membership of the Association.

### **b) Associate Members**

In accordance with the Association's Constitutional objective 2(f) - To establish links with other National Table Tennis Umpiring Associations - qualified umpires from other National Associations may apply to join the AETTU as an Associate Member. Membership will be subject to approval by the AETTU Committee and a £5.00 membership fee.

### **c) Honorary Members**

Honorary membership shall be awarded by recommendation of the Committee and approval of the AGM, to persons who have provided service to the AETTU.

## **6. SUBSCRIPTIONS**

The Annual General Meeting shall determine the initial registration fee and the annual membership fee. The annual membership fee shall be payable no later than 1st October of each year.

## **7. FINANCE**

The Treasurer shall collect all monies due to the Association and shall keep a proper account of receipts and expenditure which must be submitted to the AGM.

The financial account year for the Association shall be from 1st July to 30th June the following year.

All monies received by the Association must be banked in the name of the Association.

The signature of two of the following officers, namely the Chairman, Secretary or Treasurer shall be necessary before a withdrawal can be made from the Association account (s).

An interim statement of accounts shall be placed before the Committee.

The income and property of the Association shall be applied solely to the furtherance of its members and the sport of table tennis.

No member of the Association shall receive payment for his/her services to the Association.

The financial accounts of the Association shall be examined annually by an Auditor who shall be elected by the Annual General Meeting each year. An Auditor's report shall form part of the yearly accounts presented to the Annual General Meeting.

## **8. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

An Annual General Meeting will be held no later than the 31st August of each year to receive, and if approved, adopt the records and accounts, elect officers and transact any other business of which due notice has been given.

Nominations for official positions and any proposed amendments to the Constitution or motions for the AGM agenda must be submitted to the Secretary, in writing no later than 1st May of each year. Unless nominations for official positions are thus received the incumbent officers will, if willing, be re-elected.

The Secretary will send a notice to members convening the AGM accompanied by a agenda and details of any amendments or motions received at least 21 days before the date of the meeting.

Amendments to any item on the AGM agenda must be received by the Secretary in writing no later than 7 days prior to the date of the meeting.

Ten members shall form a quorum.

The Treasurer will submit a Statement of accounts, Balance sheet and an Auditor's report for approval by AGM.

## **9. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING**

A Special General Meeting (SGM) of the Association shall be held within 28 days of the receipt, by the Secretary, of a requisition, in writing, stating fully the reason for which the meeting is required and a copy of each resolution to be submitted to the meeting. Such a requisition must be signed by at least one third of the Association members.

The Secretary shall give at least seven days, written notice of the SGM.

No other business will be discussed at the SGM except with the unanimous consent of the members present.

## **10. ALTERATIONS TO RULES OR CONSTITUTION**

No alteration of, amendments to or recession of the rules of the Association can be made except at AGM or SGM expressly called for that purpose. Decisions made at the AGM SGM shall be decided by a majority vote of members present and eligible to vote.

## **11. PROCEDURE AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

- a) The Annual General meeting shall be managed by the Chairman, or in his absence, the Vice Chairman, or any other member agreed by those present.
- b) With the exception of amendments to the Constitution which shall be conducted in accordance with the Rules of Debate, the Chairman of the AGM may limit the number of times members may speak on any one proposal but the proposer of a motion shall, at all times, shall be given the right of reply before the motion is put to the vote.
- c) A point of order may be raised at any time and shall take precedence over any other business.

- d) The Chairman's decision on a point of order will be final.
- e) All proposals shall have a mover and a seconder
- f) Voting on all matters shall be by a show of hands unless agreed otherwise by the meeting.
- g) In all cases of equality the Chairman shall have a casting vote.

## 12. GENERAL MATTERS

No agreement made with any other party shall be adopted until ratified by a meeting of the Management Committee. Agreements, when adopted, shall be binding on all members. The Chairman and Secretary shall be signatories for the Association to agreements made with any other party.

The Management Committee shall select, from the Committee, representation for meetings with other Bodies. Wherever possible such representation must include the Chairman and Secretary plus one or more Committee members. Total representation at a meeting with any other party shall not be less than that of the other party.

## 13. DISSOLUTION

If upon the winding up or dissolution of the Association there remains, after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever the same shall not be paid or distributed among the members of the Association but shall be given or transferred to some other institution having objects similar to the object of the Association.

\*\*\*\*\*

## AETTU MEMBERS AND COUNTIES

First name	Surname	County
Tim	Harris	Avon
Mark	Kinlocke	Avon
Malcolm	Makarian	Bucks
Terry	Boxall	Bucks
Steve	Smith	Cambridgeshire
Derek	Sidaway	Cambridgeshire
Brian	Freer	Cambridgeshire
Peter	Williams	Cheshire
John	Appleton	Cheshire
Peter	Degg	Cheshire
Bob	Evans	Cleveland
John	Lawton	Cleveland
Gary	Whyman	Cleveland
Bruce	Lowther	Derbyshire
Pat	Byrne	Derbyshire
Les	Allwood	Derbyshire
Tony	Chatwin	Derbyshire
Lilian	Payne	Derbyshire
Mike	Payne	Devonshire
Shawn	Haskell	Devonshire
Jill	Knightly	Devonshire
Taff	Whiting	Devonshire
Ron	Douglas	Durham

Trevor	Vincent	Essex
Michael	Smith	Essex
Alan	Shepherd	Essex
Lyndon	Griffiths	Essex
Steve	Barker	Essex
Barry	Granger	Essex
Janie	Kirby	Gloucestershire
Gill	Smith	Gloucestershire
Alan	Thomas	Gloucestershire
Dave	Gough	Gloucestershire
David	Wiles	Gloucestershire
Mick	Reynolds	Hampshire
Hamish	Juttle	Hampshire
David	Edwards	Hertfordshire
Tom	Purcell	Lancashire
David	Cochrane	Lancashire
Bob	Williamson	Lancashire
Stan	Clarke	Lancashire
David	Goulden	Lancashire
Martin	Ireland	Lancashire
Ray	Jackson	Lancashire
Kirit	Chauhan	Lancashire
Tim	Fields	Lancashire
Russell	Thorton	Lancashire
Dong	Xia	Lancashire
Leslie	Welch	Lancashire
David	Griffiths	Lancashire
Graham	Rollinson	Lancashire
Peter	May	Lincolnshire
Steve	Welch	Lincolnshire
Bill	Moran	Lincolnshire
Peter	Taylor	Lincolnshire
David	Brown	Lincolnshire
George	Tyler	Lincolnshire
Sylvia	Tyler	Lincolnshire
John	Mackey	Lincolnshire
Tony	Hempsall	Lincolnshire
Eileen	Allison	Lincolnshire
Peter	Edwards	Lincolnshire
Alex	Mercer	Lincolnshire
Ken	Eliot	Lincolnshire
John	Malone	Lincolnshire
Russell	Sutcliffe	Middlesex
Paul	Nichols	Northamptonshire
Kevin	Bird	Northamptonshire
Brian	Rimmer	Nottinghamshire



Peter	Cowbum	Nottinghamshire
Dennis	Calver	Norfolk
Margaret	Calver	Norfolk
Chi Wei (Peter)	Young	Northumberland
Adrian	Barnes	Northumberland
Steve	Ralph	Northumberland
Janice	Crompton	Oxfordshire
Tim	Jennings	Somerset
Richard	Walters	Surrey
Dolly	Gilbert	Surrey
Wilf	Rhodes	Staffordshire
Derek	Sherratt	Staffordshire
Brian	Watkins	Staffordshire
Cliff	Bell	Staffordshire
Bob	Watts	Suffolk
Rory	Scott	Sussex
Derek	Baseley	Sussex (East)
Neil	Curtis	Sussex (East)
Alan	White	Sussex (West)
Diane	Webb	Sussex (East)
Ken	Brown	Tyne and Wear
Geoff	Taylor	Warwickshire
Dot	Macfarlane	Warwickshire
Inky	Moss	Warwickshire
Bob	Montgomery	Warwickshire
Tom	Davies	West Midlands
Alan	Duke	Wiltshire
John	Stalker	Worcestershire
Martin	Clarke	Worcestershire
Lynda	Reid	Worcestershire
John	Hardcastle	Yorkshire (West)
Peter	Ryalls	Yorkshire (South)
James	Kenny	Yorkshire (South)
Lewis	Ward	Yorkshire
David	Wilson	Yorkshire
David	Evans	Yorkshire
Joshua	Reynolds	Yorkshire (West)
Rodney	Hullah	Yorkshire

## **ASSOCIATE MEMBERS**

Jackie Williams	Wales
Peter Higgins	Wales
Rebecca Berkfelt	Sweden
Kieron Choudhury	Ireland
Joe Finnegan	Ireland
Brenda Munroe	Ireland
Charles Brown	Scotland
Roy Claxton	Scotland