BGM 1985

Minutes of the General Meeting held at the Svenska Massan, Gothenburg, on the 30th March and 5th April 1985

1. **Welcome**
Delegates were welcomed by Mr. Ulf Lonnqvist, President of the Swedish Table Tennis Association, who noted that the 38th World Championships were the largest ever and wished delegates success in their meetings. In replying, the President expressed his appreciation of the facilities which had been placed at the disposal of the ITTF.

2. **Appointment of Chairman**
It was agreed that the ITTF President should act as Chairman of the Biennial General Meeting.

3. **Announcements**
All delegates observed a silence in memory of Mr. Ivor Montagu, Life Founder President of the ITTF, and the President spoke of his great service to the sport of table tennis.

The President also announced with regret the death of Mrs. Hanne Schlaf, formerly of the DTTB.

4. **Roll Call**
At the two sessions a total of 90 Associations were represented, plus 3 proxies. A list of these Associations, and of others present is attached as Appendix One.

A letter had been received from the President of the South African Table Tennis Board explaining that he had been prevented from attending the BGM by the South African Government, which had refused to grant him a passport. The letter was circulated to all delegates and a reply was later sent expressing the sympathy of all member Associations with the difficulties faced by the SATTB.

5. **Scrutineers,** nominated by the Vice-Presidents, were appointed and it was noted that observers from a number of Associations were present.

6. **Membership**
Membership of a number of Associations was discussed and agreed as follows:

Guinea and Gabon were admitted to membership, and the membership of Maldives and Sri Lanka (already granted provisionally by the Council) was confirmed.

Laos, Togo and Benin were reaffiliated.

Chinese Taipei (member 'in good standing') was granted full membership in accordance with Rule 1.15.1.4 and the following resolution of the BGM was noted:

"The ITTF admits the table tennis association located in Taipei as a member under the name 'The Chinese Taipei Table Tennis Association'. The IOC abbreviation TPE will be used, or the Association's name may be abbreviated to CTTTA. The flag, anthem and emblem used by the Chinese Taipei Table Tennis Association must be in full conformity with the relevant resolution taken by the IOC."

Gambia and Ghana were suspended under Rule 1.15.3.2 for non-payment of subscriptions, and the following Associations remained suspended: Madagascar, Mauritania, Panama, Sudan, Uganda and Zambia.

The Secretary-General was given authority to accept the affiliations of Sierra Leone and Liberia when all formalities are completed.

7. **The Minutes** of the Biennial General Meeting in Tokyo on the 30th April and 7th May 1983 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

8. **Report of the Standing Orders Committee**
This was submitted and accepted. The meeting then discussed the late business submitted by the Associations of China and Japan. A proposition that this late business could be admitted for discussion in Gothenburg received 87 votes in favour and 84 votes against (counting 2 votes for each Association but only one for Chinese Taipei). As this proposition required a two thirds majority, it was defeated.

9. **President's Report**
This was presented and the President commented further on the following items:

World Cup
Tentative arrangements for the 1985 World Cup, to be held near Guangzhou in China on August 19th were announced. Mr. Xu Yinsheng said that the Table Tennis Association of the People's Republic of China welcomed this event in principle and awaited final confirmation of the details from the local table tennis association concerned.

World Grand Prix
The finals of this new event, which replaces the Norwich Union Grand Prix, are to take place at the end of May in Seoul, Republic of Korea.

10. **Reports of Vice-Presidents**
These were submitted and accepted. (It was noted that some mention of Bermuda should have been made in the report of the Vice-President for North America). The President thanked all Vice-Presidents for their work on behalf of the ITTF.

11. **Report of the Council**
This was submitted and accepted.

12. **Report of the Hon. Treasurer**
This was submitted and accepted.

13. **Reports from Committees** were submitted and accepted, and the President thanked the Chairmen for their work over the past two years.

14. **Reports from Olympics Commission**
These were submitted and it was noted that further discussion would take place on the matters raised in these reports under later agenda items at the BGM.

15. **Propositions**

No. 1 Not agreed.

No. 2 Withdrawn.

No. 3 Agreed:
That in the absence of the President, the Deputy President shall act as Chairman of a Council Meeting.

15. Propositions (continued . . .)

No. 4 Agreed: (84 for, 76 against)
A Management Committee is to be created, consisting of the Officers and Vice-Presidents, which shall meet every six months.

No. 5 Agreed:
That the Council shall lay down in general terms the duties and rights of Consultants to the Council and the Technical Committee. Also agreed that the Secretariat should send invitations for future World Championships to all ITTF Officers, Personal Hon. Members, Committee Members, and to delegations when requested.

No. 6 Agreed:
To limit the number of full members of committees to 8 and the number of corresponding members to 4.

No. 7 Withdrawn.

No. 8 Agreed:
That the Standing Orders Committee shall obtain the comments of Committee Chairmen and Vice-Presidents regarding nominees for committees.

No. 9 Automatically withdrawn.

No. 10 Withdrawn.

No. 11 Not agreed.

No. 12 Agreed:
That the Secretariat would publish the ITTF Handbook as soon as possible in French and Spanish, as well as English. It was also agreed that 4,000 Swiss Francs should be contributed by the ITTF towards the cost of a German ITTF Handbook, and the same amount for an Arabic ITTF Handbook. The Hon. Treasurer was authorised to increase the 1985 budget for publications and translations by SF 15,000 to cover all these items.

No. 13 Agreed:
That identity cards no longer serve any purpose and that the Secretariat will provide any ITTF Officer or Committee member with a letter of introduction to organisers of events in any language or languages requested.

No. 14 No agreed.

No. 15 Not agreed.

No. 16 Agreed:
That the minimum ITTF levy on World Championships television fee should be 20,000 Swiss Francs.

No. 17 Agreed:
That, with effect from the 1st July 1986, racket coverings used in World, Continental and Open International Championships must be bright red on one side of the racket and black on the other.

Note: The Equipment Committee was instructed to consider specifications to define these colours.

No. 18 Automatically withdrawn.

No. 19 Not Agreed.

No. 20 Not Agreed.

15. **Propositions** (continued. . .)

No. 21 Not Agreed.

No. 22 Not Agreed.

No. 23 Not Agreed.

No. 24 Not Agreed.

No. 25 Not Agreed.

No. 26 Not Agreed.

No. 27 Withdrawn.

No. 28 The Proposition regarding service was deferred for consideration at the next BGM, and Associations were recommended to carry out experiments.

No. 29 Agreed:
That the clothing regulations should be relaxed, and the Rules Committee is to draft new wording for 4.2.2.2 which will permit more variety while still prohibiting distracting patterns.

No. 30 Agreed:
That advertising on umpires' tables (within 750 sq.cm.) and players' numbers (within 100 sq.cm) should be permitted.

No. 31 Withdrawn.

No. 32 Withdrawn.

No. 33 Withdrawn.

No. 34 Agreed:
That at World, Continental and Open International Championships an assistant umpire shall be appointed.

No. 35 Not agreed.

No. 36 Not agreed.

No. 37 Agreed:
That the umpire should have the authority to choose the match ball when the players cannot agree.

No. 38 Agreed:
That all players from the same Association shall be separated in the draw as far as possible.

No. 39 Agreed:
That the requirement for Associations to nominate one tournament as their official open international championships should be abolished.

No. 40 Agreed:
That the limit on prize money at open competitions should be abolished.

No. 41 Automatically withdrawn.

No. 42 Withdrawn.

No. 43 Agreed: (By 104 votes to 66)
To abolish the category system for World Championships. It was further agreed by 104 votes to 64 that the system of play should be based on the principles set out in some notes submitted by the Table Tennis Associations of China and Japan.

No. 44 Withdrawn in favour of No. 43.

No. 45 Withdrawn.

15. **Propositions** (continued. . .)

No. 46 Agreed:
That in World Championships team competitions, the right of a team captain to agree a change in the order of play shall be abolished.

No. 47 Agreed: (By 120 votes to 38)
That national flags and anthems of winning teams and players shall be used at World Championships award ceremonies.

Resolutions

A Withdrawn.
It was noted that development would be among the responsibilities of the Management Committee.

B It was agreed to defer consideration of the establishment of a Players' Committee to the next meeting of the Management Committee.

C It was agreed to defer consideration of the possibility of holding an annual World Championships to the next meeting of the Management Committee.

D It was noted that the Classification Committee was endeavouring to include larger numbers of players in the ITTF World Classification Lists.

E It was noted that the Classification Committee was carefully considering the use of computers to help with classification.

F Not agreed.

G It was agreed to defer consideration of the possible use of Olympic T.V. income to the next meeting of the Management Committee.

H It was agreed in principle that world titles for various special groups might be approved.. It was noted that the World Veterans' Championships was already an established event supported by the ITTF.

I It was noted that neither the Council's nor the Olympics Commission's recommendations for qualifying systems for players in the Olympic Games were approved by the General Meeting and that the Olympics Commission would therefore prepare further recommendations.

J It was agreed that the system of play for the World Cup should be revised in accordance with recommendations of the Technical Committee.

16. World Championship Venues

39th 1987
The dates for these Championships in New Delhi (6th to 16th February) were confirmed and the Table Tennis Federation of India explained further details to delegates.

40th 1989
Only one application to host these had been received and it was therefore agreed by acclamation that these championships will take place in the Federal Republic of Germany.

41st 1991
It was noted that the USA and Japan had expressed interest in organising these Championships and would submit applications to the next BGM.

17. Election of Officers
The following were elected by acclamation:

President	H. Roy Evans (WAL)
Deputy President	Ichiro Ogimura (JPN)
Vice-Presidents	
Africa	Counsellor Amin Abou Heif (EGY)
Asia	Xu Yinsheng (CHN)
Europe	Dr. György Lakatos (HUN)
Latin America	Dr. Helios Farrell (MEX)
North America	Tim Boggan (USA)
Oceania	Ken Wilkinson (NZL)

Mr. Jean Mercier, Honorary Treasurer since 1969, announced his retirement. The President, in speaking of Mr. Mercier's long service to the ITTF, confirmed his appointment as a Personal Honorary Member.

In the election for the position of Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Hans Giesecke (FRG) gained 126 votes, while Mr. Vito Penna (ITA) gained 46 votes. Mr. Giesecke was therefore elected Hon. Treasurer.

18. Election of Council and Olympics Commission
There was only one candidate for each post available and members of these bodies were therefore elected by acclamation.

Council Members

Africa
Lamine Damba (GUI)
Dr. A.A. Efunkoya (NGR)
Cherif Hajem (TUN)

Asia
I.S. Bindra (IND)
Soliman Al Jabhan (SAU)
Rabee H. Al Turk (PAL)
Koji Kimura (JPN)
Li Jong Ho (PRK)
Yap Yong Yih (MAL)

Oceania
Eric Coster (AUS)

Europe
Esa Ellonen (FIN)
B. Denis George (SCO)
S-O. Hammarlund (SWE)
Mihovil Kapetanic (YUG)
Dr. Vladimir Palecek (TCH)
Henk van Dilst (HOL)

North America
George Pardon (CAN)

Latin America
Victor Cowan (TRI)
José Pereira Antelo (BRA)
Edgar Perez (VEN)

Olympics Commission	
Africa	Omar Bellali (MAR)
Asia	S.H. Shah (PAK)
Europe	Dr. G. Lakatos (HUN)
Latin America	Carlos I. Taranto (URU)
North America	Dr. Chandra Madhosingh (CAN)
Oceania	Noel Bell (AUS)
Rep. of Korea	Han Sang Kook

19. Election of Committees

The recommendations made by the Standing Orders Committee were approved. Two names which had been omitted by administrative error were added and a further name by general agreement. The President then announced his choices for the Chairmen of these Committees. The full lists are given as Appendix Two.

20. Auditors

Messrs Spain Brothers, Jukes and Company were appointed Auditors for the period 1985-1987.

21 ITTF Magazine

Following the recommendations of the Press and Publicity Committee it was agreed that the ITTF should publish its own magazine.

22. ITTF Certificates were presented to the appropriate delegates for the team members of the winning teams in the Second Category (FR Germany and Chinese Taipei) and, the Third Category (Bulgaria).

23. Votes of thanks

The President thanked his fellow officers, interpreters, and the ITTF staff for their work, and the Secretary-General thanked those who had worked at the ITTF Secretariat during the Championships.

The Deputy-President expressed thanks to Mr. Evans for his work and his chairmanship of the meeting.

All these votes were greeted with acclamation.

H. Roy Evans
Chairman
April 1985

Appendix One

ITTF BIENNIAL GENERAL MEETING

MARCH/APRIL 1985

ATTENDANCE LIST

Officers
H. Roy Evans (President), Ichiro Ogimura (Deputy President), Jean Mercier (Hon. Treasurer), Amin Abou Heif (Vice-President, Africa), Xu Yinsheng (Vice-President Asia), Dr. György Lakatos (Vice-President, Europe), Dr. Helios Farrell M. (Vice-President, Latin America), George Pardon (Vice-President, North America), Len Haycraft (Vice-President, Oceania).

Council
Soliman Al Jabhan, Omar Bellali, Colin Clemett, Victor Cowan, Andre Damm, Henk van Dilst, Dr. A.A. Efunkoya, Esa Ellonen, Mrs. Nancy Evans, Hans Giesecke, Cherif Hajem, S-O. Hammarlund, Rufford Harrison, Mihovil Kapetanic, Koji Kimura, Li Jong Ho, Dr. Vladimir Palecek, Dr. Jose Pereira A., Dr. Edgar Perez, Rabee H. Al Turk, Ken Wilkinson, Yap Yong Yih.

In attendance: Tony Brooks (Secretary-General).

Also present: A.K. Vint (Council Consultant), T.D. Ranga Ramanujan (Consultant to the Technical Committee), B. Popovic (Personal Hon. Member).

Associations
Angola, Australia, Austria, Bahrain, Belgium, Bermuda, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, China, Chinese Taipei, Colombia, Costa Rica, Curacao, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Ecuador, Egypt, England, Ethiopia, Faroe Islands, Finland, France, German DR, Germany FR, Greece, Guernsey, Guinea, Hong Kong, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Japan, Jersey, Jordan, Kenya, Korea DPR, Korea R, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Malta, Mauritius, Mexico, Morocco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Palestine, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Puerto Rico, Qatar, Romania, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Scotland, Singapore, Somalia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland, Syria, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, Uruguay, USA, USSR, Venezuela, Wales, Yemen Arab Republic, Yugoslavia, Zimbabwe.

Total 90

Proxies
Argentina, Paraguay, South Africa.

Total 3

Classification Committee
Chairman: André Damman (BEL)
Secretary: Zhang Junhan (CHN)
Jean Devys (FRA)
S-O Hammarlund (SWE)
Jochen Leiss (FRG)
John Read (USA)
Ferenc Sido (HUN)
Hiroshi Yaoita (JPN)

Corresponding members:
Jean Duquette (CAN)
Radivoj Hudetz (YUG)
G.O. Segun (NGR)
E.C. Welsink (HOL)

Equipment Committee
Chairman: J. Rufford Harrison (USA)
Secretary: Yasuomi Miyamoto (JPN)
Ron J. Crayden (ENG)
Odd Gustavsen (NOR)
Kim Chang Jae (KOR)
Werner Lüderitz (GDR)
Ivan Passos Vinhas (BRA)
Norbert Wolf (FRG)

Corresponding members:
M.C. Chowhan (IND)
Phua Cheng Kiew (MAL)
Dr. Oyekan (NGR)

Medical Committee
Chairman: Dr. David Ryde (ENG)
Cho Jang Won (SWE)
Knut Håvåg (NOR)
Dr. Jean Francois Kahn (FRA)
Dr. Jiri Leso (TCH)
Dr. Branko Sbutega (YUG)
P. van Schie (HOL)
Dr. Stan Szajkowski (CAN)

Corresponding members:
Dr. Filomeno Fortes (ANG)
Dr. NorbertFohler (FRG)
Dr. Tamas Halasi (HUN)
Dr. Edgar Perez (VEN)

Press and Publicity Committee
Chairman: Mrs. Nancy Evans (WAL)
Secretary: Keith Bowler (AUS)
Bas den Breejen (HOL)
Gerard Lollier (FRA)
Felix Przybylski (POL)
George R. Yates (ENG)
Yue Yun Hing (HKG)
Zdenko Uzorinac (YUG)

Corresponding members:
Joe L. Brown (BER)
Ali Abali (TUR)
Fouad Habib (LIB)
Mrs. Jane Pinto (KEN)
George Kennedy (USA)

Rules Committee
Chairman: Colin Clemett (ENG)
Secretary: Mal Anderson (USA)
Abdel Hay Abou Heif (EGY)
Cheng Jiayan (CHN)
Ruben Kairy (PER)
Börge Karlsson (SWE)
Art Koberstein (CAN)
Henrik Petersen (DEN)

Corresponding members:
Matti Kolppanen (FIN)
Dragica Kovac-Vladarski (YUG)
Park Do Cheon (KOR)
Paul Schiltz (LUX)

Technical Committee
Joint Chairmen: Dr. Vladimir Palecek (TCH) and Yap Yong Yih (MAL)
Secretary: Slobodan Jeremic (YUG)
Mrs. Ella Constantinescu (ROM)
Yoto Drianovski (BUL)
Li Furong (CHN)
Hans Norell (SWE)
Georges Roland (BEL)

Corresponding members:
B. Dennis George (SCO)
C.R. Kelekar (IND)
Kim Hui Jin (PRK)
Park Sung In (KOR)
H. Shoji (JPN)

Standing Orders Committee
Chairman: Counsellor Amin Abou Heif (EGY)
Secretary: Mrs. Margaret Walden (CAN)
Nils Bergström (SWE)
Chung Wing Kwong (HKG)
Tibor Horvath (HUN)
Mihovil Kapetanic (YUG)
Vladimir Kosmatov (URS)
Jean Mercier (FRA)
Mrs. Leah Neuberger (USA)
Vito Penna (ITA)
Xu Yinsheng (CHN)
Yap Yong Yih (MAL)