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23<sup>rd</sup> January 2012

To: National Councillors,  
County Association Secretaries, Local League Secretaries, PremierClub Secretaries

Dear Councillor/Secretary

Re: National Council Meeting 21<sup>st</sup> January 2012

I am pleased to provide a summary of the main points discussed at last Saturday's National Council Meeting and hope that it will assist you in reporting back to your members.

1. Members stood in silence for Trevor Felton (Shropshire National Councillor). The Chairman advised members that Doug Young (Worcestershire National Councillor) was not in attendance due to the recent death of his wife, Wanda. Members expressed their sincere condolences to both families.
2. The Chief Executive gave members an update on Sport England funding activities and the next Whole Sport Plan together with levels of funding potentially available to National Governing Bodies of £475M for the next four-year funding cycle. ETTA must pitch for its share with 46 sports, which are supported. Emphasis will now be on the 14 to 25 age group and details will be circulated as soon as is available from Sport England.
3. Council approved the recommendation from the Chairman for the Rules Committee to bring to the April Meeting proposals in regard to changing the name of Management Committee to the Management Board and the introduction of Independent Management Board members.
4. Discussions took place on a number of other Matters Arising from the October meeting including Policies, Financial Protocols and Competitions.
5. National Council approved competition entry fees for the 2012/13 season, which were increased by an inflationary measure except for the National Cadet League and National Junior League, which remained the same as for this season.
5. It was agreed to defer discussion and decision on the proposed fee levels regarding Individual Membership for 2012/13 until the April National Council meeting.
6. The Chairman of the Trade Committee discussed trade matters and included tenders concerning equipment.
7. Rule Change Propositions concerning Honorary Associate Members (as contained in NC UU.59) were withdrawn by the Rules Committee Chairman.
8. Members agreed changes to Appendix 'A' to Rules with regard to penalties for persistent misbehaviour following a detailed debate.
9. The Treasurer gave a financial update for the first nine months of the year to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2011. He reported on an additional £288,000 funding for the period to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013 due to the diligence of the Chairman and the Chief Executive, with their liaison with Sport England and the major steps made to be compliant with their requirements of constitutional changes to the ETTA rules.
10. The Operations Manager gave members an update on proposed developments for Membership Manager and urged members to contact those Local Leagues which are

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not currently using Membership Manager. He also gave details of the main changes due next season, including the assigning of Roles Manager for Regional and County level.

11. Discussion took place in regard to items included in the detailed Vice Chairman's reports.
12. The Vice-Chairman (Operations) appealed to members to book their accommodation requirements within the timeframe requested before the meeting of National Council to avoid difficulties.
13. The Vice-Chairman (Competitions/Marketing) had referred members to the difficulties of the current agreed date for the County Championships Conference. Members agreed to move it back to 26<sup>th</sup> May 2012. He also reported on the staging of the World Men's Team Cup during September in Liverpool. The ITTF were underwriting the prize fund and tickets will be on sale from February.
14. A report was given by Peter Taylor on behalf of the BTTAD which included significant medals and performances by their players over the last 3 months as part of qualification for the Olympics.

**ALEX MURDOCH**  
**Chairman**