



Intercounty Tennis County Tennis Association
Fall 2013 AGM
November 5, 2013

Agenda

1. Call to Order and determination of quorum
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes of Spring AGM 2013 (see League News on the website)
4. President's Report – Rick Bertozzi
 - Opening Remarks
 - Proposed Constitution and By-law changes
 - Article 1(d) Annual Membership clarification
 - Article 2 (a) Purpose: Tennis instruction
 - Article 3(c) ICTA Executive day to day decisions
 - Article 4 (a) AGM locations
 - Article 4(b) Posting of AGM documents
 - Article 4(f) ICTA Executive meetings
 - Some minor word changes to assist with clarification
5. 2013 ICTA Tournament – Stuart Teather
6. Treasurer's Report – Ilse Berk
7. CIO's Report – Adrian Cordea
8. League Reports
 - Ladies League – Adwynna MacKenzie
 - Proposed League changes (see League News or Website)
 - Juniors League – Todd Orrett
 - Proposed League changes (see League News or Website)
 - Plus 55 League – Eric Poon
 - Proposed League changes (see League News or Website)
 - Mixed League – Bill Crothers
9. Liaison Report – Sonja Zibin
10. Executive Elections
11. Set date for Spring 2014 AGM (suggested date is Tuesday, March 25, 2014)
12. Other Business
13. Adjournment

**Executive Attendees:**

- Rick Bertozzi
- Stuart Teather
- Adrian Cordea
- Sonja Zibin
- Todd Orrett
- Eric Poon
- Bill Crothers
- Sagar Karri

Executives Absent:

- Ilse Berk
- Adwynna MacKenzie
- Sherry Shannon-Vanstone
- Suzanne Cote

Rick called the meeting to order at 7.05pm and mentioned that the meeting could not be held the last Tuesday of October as has been done historically as the Miele facility was not available

Approval of the agenda for the meeting

Jasmin C. (Don Mills) motioned to approve the agenda

Istvan K. (Swansea) seconded the motion

Result: Passed

Approval of the Spring 2013 AGM Minutes

Bob McDonald (York Weston) motioned to approve the minutes

Marissa D. (Central) seconded the motion

Result: Passed

President's Report*Technical Data*

- Had a total of approximately 6,000 players for the 2013 season participating in 4 leagues with over 90 clubs participating
- Announced the passing away of Bill Wright and ICTA's donation to Little Aces in memory of Bill W.

2013 updates

- 2013 ICTA season was officially launched in May 2013 at the Miele facility and was well received and had good attendance
- Suzanne Cote was appointed as the new Vice President starting May 2013
- Overall all the leagues ran well over the year



- No fee increases for the members for the 2014 season

Constitution and Bylaw Changes (Double click the following document for all changes)



Constitution and
Bylaw changes

The changes proposed were changes to the by-laws, not the rules

Note: *The bylaw/constitution changes presented had a mix of wording changes which were considered minor (i.e. did not require extensive discussion) and also other material changes. Minor wording changes were first presented and were approved all at once at end. Material changes, which required further discussion, were approved individually. Refer below for details of approval.*

By-Law changes which were approved individually

By-law 2a

Motion to remove the wording "It shall also assist and encourage tennis instruction whenever possible" from By-law 2a

Motion made by: Danny P., Seneca Hill TC

Seconded by: Jasmin C., Don Mills

- All in favour; none opposed

Result: Passed

By-law 3c

Current: The ICTA Executive shall be empowered to conduct the day to day business of the Association

Proposed (V1): The ICTA Executive shall be empowered to conduct the day to day business of the Association, *including making temporary changes to the By-laws as it deems necessary and passed with a majority vote from the ICTA Executive, such changes to be in effect until the next AGM.*

- The purpose of the change is to allow the Executive to make temporary changes to the by-laws during the year, until the next AGM, when the changes will be summarized and presented again if the change needs to be made permanent

An amendment was proposed by Carolan C. (Ajax) about the communication of any such changes to the members as follows:





Motion to add: *“and all changes to be communicated to the member clubs.”* to the motion on the floor.

Motion made by: Carolan C., Ajax

Seconded by: Istvan K., Swansea

Result: Passed

Proposed (V2): The ICTA Executive shall be empowered to conduct the day to day business of the Association, *including making temporary changes to the By-laws as it deems necessary and passed with a majority vote from the ICTA Executive, such changes to be in effect until the next AGM and all changes to be communicated to the member clubs.*

Motion to include the following addition to the proposed rule above

Motion made by: Carolan C., Ajax TC

Seconded by: Bob M., York Weston TC

No further changes proposed or discussions made about the addition in V2 above.

Vote to approve the addition of the wording in V2 above

- All else in favour; none opposed

Result: Passed

No further changes proposed or discussions made about all changes to by-law 3c (including changes to V1 and V2).

Vote to approve the addition of the wording in V1 and V2 above

- 3 opposed
- All else in favour

Result: Passed

By-law 4b change

Current: Three weeks prior to the Spring and Fall AGM, the Secretary shall post to the web site

Proposed: ***At least 14 days*** prior to the Spring and Fall AGM, the Secretary shall post to the web site

- Since all proposed constitution/rule changes are to be submitted to the ICTA executives (the latest) one month prior to the Fall AGM, the additional week of time proposed above provides the executives with more time to discuss the proposals before posting them on the ICTA website for all members

Motion to approve the proposed change above

Motion made by: Laura W., Newmarket

Seconded by: Jasmin C., Don Mills



- All in favour; none opposed

Result: Passed

By-law 4f addition

Current: By-law 4f) does not currently exist

Proposed: ICTA Executive meetings may be conducted either by telephone or e-mail discussions, as appropriate. Any decisions required to be made by motions and subsequent voting during the course of the year may be conducted at these meetings by e-mail.

Motion to approve the above proposed addition

Motion made by: Bob M., York Weston TC

Seconded by: Carolan C., Ajax TC

Vote to approve the motion above

- 1 opposed; All else in favour

Result: Passed

By-Law changes which were approved through one overall vote

Motion to approve the wording changes with regards to the by-law sections/sub-sections stated below through one overall vote

- Document Title: InterCounty Tennis Association Constitution and By-laws
- Document Footer: October 2013
- Sections/Sub-sections: 1b, 1d, 3b, 3f, 4a, 4c, 5d, 6c, 6d, 8b, 9a, 9b, 9c

Motion made by: Ron G., Central TC

Seconded by: Banuji G., Scarborough Bluffs

- All in favour; none opposed

Result: Passed

ICTA Tournament Report – Stuart Teather

- Overall the playoffs and tournament were successful
- The Finals were played at the Rexall Centre for 14 out of the 15 division matches
 - o Mixed B Final on September 16 to accommodate teams that had a conflict because of Yom Kippur
 - o ICTA will review future tournament dates and will remain cognizant of any such conflicts
- Reduced time allocation of 1.5 hours from 2 hours, previously, for matches with no ill effects
- \$600 of additional expense incurred related to broken trophies



- An overall thanks to all volunteers for their time and dedication on the day of the tournament

Treasurer's Report – Rick Bertozzi (on behalf of Ilse Berk)

- None of the figures presented at the Fall AGM needed to be approved. Any approvals to be done at the Spring AGM
- Overall, the association is financially sound and there will be no increases to the fees for FY 2014

Note: All slides were presented to the members; no specific questions or concerns were raised

CIO Report – Adrian Cordea

- Several complaints received from players about their work emails being collected on the ICTA database without their permission. The emails are added on Tenniscores by captains; hence captains must communicate to the players that they will receive emails if they provide them
 - o The ICTA policy is not to add any such emails, unless authorized by the respective individuals
- As long as their email is present on tenniscores, they will be receiving notifications from ICTA about their availability for the season
- Most of the notifications do not go to all players – mainly captains, club and level representatives, commissioners

Tenniscores

- ICTA wants to track the number of visitors to the ICTA website
 - o Although bookmarking Tenniscores is easier to access, however, for sponsorship purposes it would be beneficial to have the members arrive on the ICTA website to enhance the number of visitors
 - o Adrian is working with developers to enable this feature to redirect members to ICTA instead of directly to the Tenniscores website
- As of Nov 4, 2013 the website had 1.3 million visits, with an average of 350K unique visits every 6 months
- Adrian is also planning to implement a new website which will mostly be live by April 2014
- Tenniscores app – Tenniscores has released an app which can be downloaded on iOS and Android devices and costs \$4. Tenniscores is currently working on an updated app that addresses a few issues and adds a few new features. The mobile app description is available on all ICTA leagues on Tenniscores.com

Ladies League Report – Rick Bertozzi (on behalf of Adwynna Mackenzie)

- 12 divisions, 85 teams with approximately 1750 players
- The league will require at least two volunteer Division Chairs for 2014



Proposed change to rule C3

Current: When the City of Toronto Medical Officer for Health issues an Extreme Heat Alert on any match day (regular fixture or makeup match) all matches must use the super tie break option

Proposed: When the City of Toronto Medical Officer for Health issues an **Extreme** Heat Alert on any match day (regular fixture or makeup match) **all** matches must use the super tie break option

Motion to remove the word "Extreme" from rule C3 of the Ladies League rules

Motion made by: Carolan C., Ajax TC

Seconded by: Donna L., Aurora TC

- All in favour; none opposed

Result: Passed

Junior League Report – Todd Orrett

- Overall enrollment was up; more on the Saturday Leagues compared to the Sunday League
- OTA sent an email to all club presidents and all junior members of the OTA to publicize and increase awareness of the ICTA Junior League; resulted in the addition of a club

Challenges for Boys A division – some of the divisions were too big and it is difficult to commit Junior players after June due to the end of the school term

- Change for next year: larger divisions will be divided into 2 parts
 - o Will help play sufficient number of home/away games
 - o Each of the divisions will mostly comprise of clubs which are geographically close

Proposed Rule addition – Rule F4-F

Current: No such rule exists for the Junior League

Proposed:

When fixtures are defaulted:

a. *the offending team(s) (as determined by the Divisional Chair) will be given zero points for the fixture and may be subject to discipline by the Association.*

b. *the team offended because of defaults will be awarded points based on the percentage of possible points that they won during the balance of the schedule or points equivalent to those obtained in the other fixture played between the two teams whichever is greater*

Motion to add the above rule to the Junior League rule – Section F4

Motion made by: Todd O., Whitby TC

Seconded by: Sonja Z., Parkway Valley TC



Amendment: Bill C. proposed to add “At the discretion of the league director” to the beginning of sub-point F4-Fb) above to make the rule change more consistent and in-line with the rules for the mixed league, which has been effective since implementation

Motion made by Todd O., Whitby TC

Seconded by Jasmin C., Don Mills TC

- All in favour of the amendment; none opposed

Result: Amendment passed

Vote to add rule F4-F, with amendment above to the Junior League Rules

*Refer to the details of the motioner and seconder above

- All in favour; none opposed

Result: Passed

Proposed rule changes to Junior League rules

Note: *The ICTA Junior League has adopted certain rules for their league which have been enforced by the Junior World Team Tennis association, to make the ICTA format as comparable to the WTT league. The following are changes/departures to the WTT rule policies which had been adopted by the ICTA Junior League previously to customize them to the requirements of the ICTA Junior League. ICTA is not obliged to adopt all rules specified by the WTT for the Junior League*

Rule change 1

Current: World Team Tennis Rules need the players to switch sides every 4 games

Proposed: To depart from this rule for the ICTA Junior League and instead the players should switch sides after every odd game

Rule change 2

Current: World Team Tennis Rule awards 1 point for a win and a 0 for a loss, which has been followed for the ICTA Junior League as well

Proposed:

- 2 points for a win,
- 1 point for a loss in a Supertiebreak (i.e. a tie),
- 1 BONUS point for a complete lineup (min 2 girls and 2 boys)
- NOTE: A default win will be recorded as 3-0.

Motion to accept the 2 rules above as one slate and accept the rule changes

Motion made by Val S., NCTC

Seconded by Carolan C., Ajax TC

- All in favour; none opposed

Result: Passed



Boys Majors Format Changes

FORMAT:

- Current - 6 singles and 3 doubles matches
- Proposed - 4 singles and 2 doubles matches

SINGLES MATCHES:

- Current - 2U18, 2U16, 1U14 and 1U12
- Proposed - 2U18, 2U14

DOUBLES MATCHES:

- Current - U18, U16, U14/U12
- Proposed - U18, U14

Eliminate Rules L11, T1C, F1A and F3B

Change Rules L12, T1D, F1B, F3A and F3C – Cleanup due to format changes

Due to the differences in the number of teams in the West and East divisions, each division could be impacted differently due to the above proposed format. Hence, the following amendment was proposed by Jerry H.

Amendment: To comply with the needs of each of the West and East divisions, only the East Division will adopt the proposed format for a period of one year; the West division will play under the current format

Motion to incorporate the above amendment to the proposed format

Motion made by: Val S., NCTC

Seconded by: Carolan C., Ajax TC

- 1 against; all else in favour

Result: Passed

Vote to implement the amended rule, impacting only the East Division for FY2014

All in favour; none opposed

Result: Passed

OTA/ICTA Partnership

- Strategic partnership to promote junior tennis in Ontario and to ensure that the kids playing in the ICTA league are aware of opportunities available in the OTA league as well
- OTA is promoting ICTA events and opportunities to its members, and vice versa

Proposing a Junior Tennis Festival, starting in June 2014, to be done every year

- Co-promoted by the OTA and the ICTA
- A 2 day team tennis event for all junior players who are members of an OTA or ICTA club



Main emphasis is to promote team tennis and also attract and increase corporate sponsorships who can also be informed about the ICTA activities as well

Plus 55 League – Eric Poon

The Plus 55 and Division Chairs of the various divisions met at the Brampton Tennis Club on Sept. 16, 2013 to develop the proposed changes and other developments of the Plus 55 League

Present: Eric Poon, Agnes Kern, Vaughan Grator, Sharon Menczel

Absent: Frank Cooper, Jasmin Carlton

Proposed Rule Changes

Rule L1

Current: There will be two divisions called Division "1" West and Division "1" West. Each level may be sub-divided into geographical divisions which will contain an approximate equal number of teams.

Proposed: There will be two main divisions called West Division and East Division. Each division has 2 levels: level 1 and level 2. Each level may be sub-divided into geographical Divisions which will contain an approximate equal number of teams.

Motion to approve the change to rule L1 above

Motion made by: Carolan C., Ajax

Seconded by: Jasmin C., Don Mills

- All in favour; none opposed

Result: Passed

Rule M1a.

Current: Each match will consist of the best of three sets with 12 point tie-breaker at six games each. The option is also available to replace the third set with a twelve (12) point tie-breaker if agreed upon by both captains, for instance, with adverse weather conditions.

Proposed: A 3rd set Super Tie-Breaker and an optional full set can be played only if both captains agree with the exact wording as Mixed League Rule No. M1a.

- Issue: There is no consistency with regards to the format adopted in the case of a third set or a super tiebreaker as members either adopted the Ladies League format or the Mixed League format at their choice

Amendment: The proposed rule above should have been stated as it had been presented on the agenda, on the slides. The rule will be changed to:

- Any third set shall be a super tiebreaker, first team to ten, with a margin of 2 points unless both captains agree to play a full third set, at the beginning of each fixture. Where both captains agree to play a full third set, if for any reason play is interrupted to the extent that



the match or any other match in the fixture cannot be completed, the winner of that set or match shall be the team that is ahead at the time

Motion to supplement the proposal initially presented on the slide with the detailed rule above

Motion made by: Carolan C., Ajax

Seconded by: Sonja Z., Parkway Valley TC

The above proposal is being presented for the sake of safety (Heat Alert reasons etc.) for the older members of the Plus 55 league

- The rule change proposed above was discussed by the Division Chairs at the Sept. meeting (previously stated), and represents a common consensus among the Division Chairs present

Vote on the amended proposed rule above

3 opposed; all else in favour

Result: Passed

Mixed League Report - Bill Crothers

Technical data

- 21 leagues
- 156 teams, 150 playing each week
- 1,800 players playing each week
- 6 teams had a bye each week plus playoffs

- Weather was a major problem, especially early in year

- Playoffs: Total of 44 teams played representing 33 different clubs for a total of 42 fixtures and 252 matches

Members should use the rules as a guideline to guide play; not for penalizing the players/opponents

8C, 8B, 4A and 1 Majors

- Suggested the possibility of a different format – in the B league split 8 teams into two equal halves based on their skill level, with the better teams playing in one division

Liaison Report - Sonja Zibin

- Had the ICTA launch party at the Miele Gallery on May 26th
 - o ICTA Club members enjoyed a complimentary gourmet lunch and drinks
 - o The Mayor of Vaughan was also present at the event
 - o Tennis Canada CMO presented a special ticket offer for the Rogers Cup to ICTA players



- Will try to continue collaborating with OTA and Tennis Canada to strengthen our partnership
- Will be held again next year in late May 2014

ICTA Executives for the 2014 season (Elected in one all-encompassing vote)

- President - Rick Bertozzi
- Vice President - Suzanne Cote
- Treasurer - Sagar Karri
- Secretary - Vacant
- Past President - Sherry Shannon-Vanstone
- CIO - Adrian Cordea
- External Liaison - Sonja Zibin
- Tournament Director - Stuart Teather
- 55+ League Director – Eric Poon
- Ladies League Director - Adwynna MacKenzie
- Mixed League Director - Bill Crothers
- Juniors League Director - Todd Orrett

Any nominations from the floor for any of the positions above

- None

Motion to approve the above individuals as executives in the roles stated

Motion made by: Jasmin C., Don Mills

Seconded by: Eugene K., NYTC

- All in favour, none opposed

Result: Passed

Any nominations from the floor for the position of Secretary

- None

Date for the Spring 2014 AGM: Proposed Tuesday, March 25, 2014

Motion made by: Istvan K., Swansea TC

Seconded by: Soheil K., Vaughan TC

New Club Membership Entries

Moore Park Tennis Club

Representative: Andre V.

- 5 lit courts
- Clubhouse with washroom facilities for gents and ladies
- Location: St. Clair and Mt. Pleasant



Angus Glen Tennis Club

Representative: Yari G.

- Run by City of Markham
- 4 indoor and 4 outdoor courts lit/heated
- Washrooms/ lounge facilities available
- Location: Major Mackenzie and Warden

Motion to approve Moore Park Tennis Club

Motion made by: Adrian C., Parkway Valley TC

Seconded by: Sonja Z., Parkway Valley TC

- All in favour

Result: Passed

Motion to approve Angus Glen Tennis Club

Motion made by: Jasmin C., Don Mills TC

Seconded by: Bob M., York W. TC

- All in favour

Result: Passed

Motion to approve Club Meadowvale

- All club requirements have been met
- Location: Mississauga

Motion made by: Laura W., NCTC

Seconded by: Agnes K., Brampton TC

- All in favour

Result: Passed

Motion to adjourn the Fall AGM

Motion made by: Adrian C., Parkway Valley TC

Seconded by: Sonja Z., Parkway Valley TC

- All in favour

Result: AGM adjourned