



**InterCounty Tennis Association  
Fall 2014 AGM  
October 28, 2014**

**Agenda**

1. Call to Order and determination of quorum
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes of Spring 2014 AGM, as held March 25, 2014  
(see ICTA website)
4. President's Report – Rick Bertozzi
  - a. Opening Remarks
  - b. Proposed Constitution and By-law changes  
(Chair: Anton Katz) - (Motion to Approve Revised Constitution. See revised Constitution on the ICTA website)
5. Treasurer's Report – Sagar Karri
6. 2014 ICTA Tournament – Stuart Teather
7. CIO's Report – Adrian Cordea
8. Liaison Report – Sonja Zibin
9. League Reports
  - a. Ladies– Adwynna MacKenzie
    - Proposed rule changes (see ICTA website)
  - b. Plus 55 League – Eric Poon
    - Proposed rule changes (see ICTA website)
  - c. Juniors – Todd Orrett (Whitby)
  - d. Mixed - Stuart Teather (Acting)
    - Proposed rule changes (see ICTA website)
10. 2015 Executive Slate for Election
11. Set date for Spring 2015 AGM (suggested date is Tuesday, March 24, 2015 @ 7 pm)
12. Other Business
13. Adjournment

**Executive Attendees:**

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| - Rick Bertozzi  | - Eric Poon   |
| - Stuart Teather | - Sagar Karri |
| - Adrian Cordea  | - Anton Katz  |
| - Sonja Zibin    |               |



**Executives Absent:**

- Todd Orrett
- Adwynna MacKenzie
- Sherry Shannon-Vanstone

**Non-Executive Attendees**

- See Schedule "A", attached

**1. Call to Order and determination of quorum**

Rick called the meeting to order at 7:05pm and thanked Tennis Canada for the use of their meeting facilities at the Rexall Centre.

**2. Approval of the agenda for the meeting**

Bruce Young (Lambton) motioned to approve the agenda  
Banuji Guneratna (Scarborough Bluffs) seconded the motion

**Result:** Passed

**3. Approval of Minutes of Spring 2014 AGM, as held March 25, 2014**

Marina (North York) motioned to approve the minutes  
Laura Willcox (Newmarket) seconded the motion

**Result:** Passed

**4. President's Report – Rick Bertozzi**

**a. Opening Remarks**

Rick thanked Bill Crothers. Bill stepped down as Mixed League Director on August 20, having served for approximately 32 years. The Mixed League has 166 teams and over 3,000 players. Rick thanked Bill (in his absence) for his dedication.

Rick also thanked Stuart Teather (Davisville) for serving as Acting Mixed League Director in Bill's absence.

Intercountry tennis features approximately 850 weekly matches (500 in the mixed league / 168 ladies, 160 juniors and 45 in the +55 league). There are over 6,000 players.



The leagues are volunteer run.

**b. Proposed Constitution and By-law changes**

A task force was struck (Chair: Anton Katz (Thornhill Park)) in late August to review the ICTA Constitution and By-Laws. The task force consisted of Flaviu Dinca (Richmond Hill Lawn), Bruce Young (Lambton), John Mowat (Lawrence Park), Stuart Teather (Davisville) and Adwynna MacKenzie (Wallace Park).

Two weeks ago, the proposed revised ICTA Constitution and By-Laws was posted to the website and emailed to the Governing Council. The proposed revisions were blacklined. The document is here: [insert .pdf].

There was discussion in the room. There was consensus that the changes were extensive and some commented that they would have preferred more than 2 weeks to review them. Others, such as Marina (North York), indicated that everyone had the constitutionally required 2 weeks to review the document and should have accordingly prepared themselves better for tonight.

A motion was brought by Bruce (Lambton) to approve the revised ICTA Constitution and By-Laws. It was seconded by Josie (Credit Valley) and passed, with no one opposed and 3 abstentions.

**5. Treasurer's Report – Sagar Karri**

- Sagar (Brampton TC) is still receiving a few invoices and is sending some out
- There are no big surprises
- Year-end tournament revenues were down due to rain on day one of the two day tournament
- John Mowat (Lawrence Park) asked if Tennis Canada charges us by the day (no, says Sagar)
- Sagar does not have financial statements (draft or otherwise) ready yet

**6. 2014 ICTA Tournament Report – Stuart Teather**



Stuart thanked those who assisted with the year-end tournament, 4 of whom were in the room. It rained on Saturday but the weather held on Sunday. Juniors played indoors on Saturday. +55, Mixed League and Ladies played on Sunday. Play was competitive and enjoyable. Photos have been posted online.

The Merchant of Tennis was a sponsor and has expressed interest in returning next year with a more comprehensive deal. The tournament remains a vital part of ICTA and there was 100% participation in it this year.

#### **7. CIO Report – Adrian Cordea (Parkway Valley TC)**

Tenniscotes will be implementing some changes and will be aiming for a mobile launch next year. We may not have access to our bookmarks. In terms of tenniscotes, some captains need to be more careful with inputting names of players and email addresses. Occasionally, non-ICTA people will receive emails and complain.

Marisa (Central) asked about the player search feature and Adrian confirmed that it does work.

Josie (Credit Valley): what is the difference between tenniscotes and ICTA website. Adrian: the first hosts our reporting system. Rick pointed out that tenniscotes.com charges us \$15 per team and there are 166 in the Mixed League alone.

The Unionville rep. asked if there are any plans for an Android app. Adrian is not sure but will look into it. Rick pointed out that, from a sponsorship point of view, it is better for people to visit tenniscotes.com by first visiting the ICTA website. Adrian pointed out that it may soon be people's only option.

Intercountytennis.com website will contain a pluggable version of Tenniscotes (details to follow in the next few months).

#### **8. External Liaison Report – Sonja Zibin (Parkway Valley TC)**

Her role is to liaise with Tennis Canada, OTA, Miele and the different sponsors. She promotes the ICTA and tennis generally. She helped organize the TENNIS ROCKS! FESTIVAL held in June at the Rexall Centre. Tennis Canada provided a special offer on Rogers Cup tickets for ICTA players and a number of them purchased tickets. Her 2015 goal is to work out a strategic partnership agreement with Tennis



Canada and she looks forward to continuing to work with OTA to provide benefits to ICTA clubs.

## **9. League Reports**

### **a. Ladies– Adwynna MacKenzie Sagar Karri (on behalf of Adwynna Mackenzie)**

The 2015 season starts on May 6 and 7. In 2014, there were 86 teams, with 1,332 players. B2 played on Thursdays. Majors, A and B played on Wednesday. Sagar (on behalf of Adwynna) thanked the division chairs.

### **Proposed Rule Changes**

- Remove Rule D8) D.
  - ***Changing a Lineup for Absent Players:***
    - A player not listed on the original line-up may play in a match that has not already started, to fill a vacancy created by an absent player or a player who is injured during warmup.
    - Players listed may not be moved downward on the scorecard.
    - Players listed on a scorecard/lineup may be moved upward.
    - Once a player has been removed from the scorecard/lineup they cannot participate in the fixture that day.
  - Rationale: Adwynna did not feel that this was appropriate after play had started and created an advantage for home teams and caused the order to sometimes be compromised.

Motion by Sagar to remove Rule D8 d.

Seconded by Carol Ann (White Oaks)

Motion passes unanimously.

### **Proposal to change Rule E2 B under Inclement Weather**

- Current Rule E2. B All completed matches are scored.
- Proposed Rule E2 B All completed matches are scored. For matches in a third set, the team leading by two (2) games, or two (2) points in a super tie



break) will be awarded the win and declared a completed match.

Add a Rule under Inclement Weather

Add E8 - The home team may provide light refreshments, rather than lunch, for makeup matches.

Stuart moves to amend it to add the words "or makeup matches" following the words "Inclement Weather".

Seconded by Josie (Credit Valley)

All in favour of calling a vote

Motion carries unanimously

Vote called.

All in favour of amending E2B

Motion passes with 5 opposed.

Stuart then brought a motion regarding the Rule under Inclement Weather

It was seconded by Sonja.

Motion carries unanimously.

#### **b. Plus 55 League - Eric Poon (Brampton 2)**

The league is small, compared with the Mixed League.

Five divisions, 2 levels (1 and 2).

Had a division chairs meeting on September 15.

Division 1 champions were Bramalea 2

Division 2 champions were Newmarket

- Change Rule D4
  - Current: Teams will have the right to refuse promotion in the Plus 55 League.
  - Proposed: Teams must accept promotion in the Plus 55 League.
  - MOTION – To Change Rule D4 as above
  - Moved – Maria (**Club?**)
  - Second – Bruce (Lambton)
  - All in Favour – Motion Passes
- Change Rule M10
  - Current: Should a fixture be abandoned after play has started any completed matches will



- stand. Matches not completed will be re-scheduled in their entirety on another **night** using players who have not already played in the completed matches.
- Proposed: Should a fixture be abandoned after play has started any completed matches will stand. Matches not completed will be re-scheduled in their entirety on another **day** using players who have not already played in the completed matches.
  - MOTION – To Change Rule M10 as above
  - Moved – Eric Poon (Brampton)
  - Second – Nigel (Club?)
  - All in Favour – Motion Passes
- Change Rule M5
    - Current: There must be a minimum of **three** courts available for play. Host captains should inform visiting captains of club rules (i.e. dress code) prior to the day of the match.
    - Proposed: There must be a minimum of **two** courts available for play. Host captains should inform visiting captains of club rules (i.e. dress code) prior to the day of the match.
    - MOTION – To Change Rule M5 as above
    - Moved – Eric Poon (Brampton)
    - Second – Nigel (**which Nigel – Griffiths? McLean? Nabuurs?**)
    - All in Favour – Motion Passes
  - Change Rule D1
    - Current: The host club captain will forward match results along with the player roster by the following day, to their respective Division Chairperson.
    - Proposed: The host club captain will forward match results along with the player roster by the following day, to their respective Division Chairperson. (**will add match results along with the player roster in 24 hours to the score sheet of +55 League web site. The visiting club captain can add that result if it was not posted after 24 hours.**)
    - MOTION – To Change Rule D1 as above
    - Moved – Eric Poon (Brampton)
    - Second – Carol (White Oaks)
    - All in Favour – Motion Passes



**c. Juniors – Todd Orrett  
Sonja Zibin (on behalf of Todd Orrett)**

a) ICTA - There are 58 teams and 650 junior players, the most ever. There were 49 teams last year. We have a database of 90+ clubs and 170+ club contact names. The end of season tournament took place at Rexall Centre on Saturday, September 13. The league awards ceremony took place in the Centre of Excellence. There were also 3 junior achievement awards and a new award - junior captain achievement award which was presented to Val Swail.

b) Tennis Rocks - The first of what we hope will be annual event was held on June 7 and 8 for U14 and U18. This event was organized in partnership with the OTA and the ICTA. It was a 'festival-like' atmosphere on Centre Court. Rogers Cup volunteers helped out. There are photos on ICTA website. Tennis Rocks is brand name of the event and the tournament part of the festival is called the Ontario Junior Doubles Team Championships. One suggestion for next season was the event should be held in May. Rose (Headwaters) pointed out that her son enjoyed playing in it.

**9 d. Mixed League Report – Stuart Teather (Acting)**

Stuart's term as Acting Director commenced on August 20, 2014, following the resignation, earlier that day, of Bill Crothers. Bill was Mixed League Director for 32 years and, during that time, did a remarkable amount of work.

The Mixed League features 166 teams in 4 divisions (Major (10), A (32), B (63) and C (61)). There are 4,363 players.

It is a challenging league to run. A task force has been struck to review the Rules and Regulations. There was a meeting on October 21, attended by 70 people representing approximately 50 clubs. The results were non-binding but provided good direction. Minutes will be posted on the website.

There was next discussion regarding the removal of Rule D5. It was pointed out that Rule D3 gives discretion to the League Director to determine promotion and relegation. Marvin (Swansea) proposed to defer consideration of this amendment (the removal of D5) to the Spring AGM. He suggested it be considered by the task force and not rushed. Marina (North York)





pointed out that the Governing Council had had 2 weeks to review it. Jeff Farkas (Thornhill Park) suggested we consider it now, given that it may affect scheduling. Florin (German Mills) said D3 gives the appropriate context to the Mixed League Director. John Mowat said existing D5 stifles change and that the integrity of the league should supercede that of a particular team.

Liz (York Weston) brought a motion to table it so that no vote would occur tonight. Rose (Caledon) seconded it. A vote was taken and the motion was defeated.

Stuart motioned and Rick seconded to remove D5 (teams have right to refuse promotion in the Mixed League). Motion passed with the following "no" votes: Soheil (Unionville), Mladen (Swansea), Doug (Banbury) and Rose (Headwaters).

#### **10. 2015 Executive Slate for Election**

##### **ICTA Executives for the 2015 season (Elected in one all-encompassing vote)**

- President - Rick Bertozzi (Richmond Hill Lawn)
- Vice President – Anton Katz
- Treasurer - Sagar Karri
- Secretary – Andrew Fan (Seneca Hill)
- Past President – Sherry Shannon-Vanstone (Milton)
- CIO - Adrian Cordea
- External Liaison - Sonja Zibin
- Tournament Director - Stuart Teather
- +55 League Director – Eric Poon
- Ladies League Director - Adwynna MacKenzie
- Mixed League Director – John Mowat
- Junior 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: Nigel (Don Mills)

Seconded by: Florin (German Mills)

- All in favour, none opposed



**Result:** Passed

**11. Set date for Spring 2015 AGM (suggested date is Tuesday, March 24, 2015 @ 7 pm)**

Date for the Spring 2015 AGM: Proposed Tuesday, March 24, 2015  
Motion made by: Laura (Newmarket)  
Seconded by: Sahaj (Brampton)

**12. Other Business**

None.

**13. Adjournment**

**The meeting was adjourned at 9:53 p.m.**

**[attach Schedule "A" – sign in sheet]**



NAME	CLUB	POSITION/ROLE
LAURA WILLCOX	NEWMARKET	INTERCOUNTY REP
ANDREW FAN	SENECA HILL	" " / TREASURER
ROSE WEYER-KEUER	CALEDON	HEADWATERS RC CAPTAIN/EXECUTIVE
-12 VAN WUNDEREN	YORK WESTON	C-TEAM CAPTAIN

NAME

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BANUJI GUNERATNA

SCARB. BLUFFS

PRESIDENT

JOHN MOWAT

LAWRENCE PARK

CAPTAIN

BRUCE YOUNG

LAMBTON GCC

CLUB REP

MARISA DEFENESEW

CENTRAL TC

CLUB REP

PAULA BAILLEN

DUNLACE

CAPTAIN

JAIME BELTRAN

DUNLACE

CLUB REP.

DOUG BRATEA

BENBURY

CLUB REP + CAPT'N

~~ALLEN HALL~~

~~FRANKLIN~~