



**Intercounty Tennis County Tennis Association
Spring 2014 AGM
March 25, 2014**

Agenda

1. Call to Order and Determination of Quorum
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes – November 5, 2013 ICTA Fall AGM (see website)
4. President’s Report - Rick Bertozzi
5. Treasurer’s Report – Sagar Karri
 - a. Presentation and Approval of the 2013 Financial Statements
 - b. Presentation and Approval of the 2014 Budget
6. External Liaison Report – Sonja Zibin
7. ICTA Tournament – Stuart Teather
8. CIO Report -- Adrian Cordea
9. League Reports and Issues
 - a. Ladies -- Adwynna MacKenzie
 - b. Plus 55 – Eric Poon
 - c. Juniors – Todd Orrett
 - d. Mixed -- Bill Crothers
10. Set Date for Fall AGM – October 28, 2014
11. Other Business
12. Adjournment



Executive Attendees:

- Rick Bertozzi
- Sherry Shannon-Vanstone
- Stuart Teather
- Adrian Cordea
- Sonja Zibin
- Todd Orrett
- Eric Poon
- Sagar Karri
- Adwynna MacKenzie
- Anton Katz

Executives Absent:

- Bill Crothers

Non-Executive Attendees: (see Schedule "A" attached.)

Rick called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and thanked Miele for the use of its facilities.

Approval of the agenda for the meeting

Motion moved by: Banuji Guneratna (Scarborough Bluffs)

Seconded by: Laura Willcox (Newmarket)

Result: Passed

Approval of the Fall 2013 AGM Minutes

Motion moved by: Val Swail (Newmarket)

Seconded by: Adrian Cordea (Parkway)

Result: Passed

President's Report – Rick Bertozzi

- Rick provided various updates
- Treasurer Ilse Berk has resigned. Her role has been assumed by Sagar Karri, who acted as Secretary last year. Anton Katz assumes the position of Secretary.
- Rick welcomed Anton to the Board
- Vice President Suzanne Cote has resigned
- Absent any expressions of interest, the VP role will remain vacant
- Various projects are underway for 2014:



- The website will be revised so as to more accurately and completely reflect the history of the ICTA, which was formed in the early 1980s
- Each executive member has a role definition document. He or she is encouraged to review and update it during the year
- The ICTA will continue to look for sponsors
- Prospective sponsors should contact Stuart
- We have approximately 6,000 players and this represents an excellent market for sponsors
- Six new clubs wish to join the ICTA:
 - Agincourt (Mixed)
 - Thompson Park (Mixed)
 - Badminton & Racquet (Mixed)
 - Guildwood (Junior)
 - East York (Junior)
 - Erin (Junior)
- Representatives of Thompson Park and East York addressed the meeting
- Bill has spoken with the first three. Todd has spoken with the latter three
- All six meet the eligibility criteria set out in Article #1(b) of the ICTA Constitution and By-Laws (availability of at least 2-3 courts, lights (if there are evening teams) and provision for washrooms)

Motion to allow the six to join

Motion moved by: Adrian Cordea (Parkway Valley)

Seconded by: Banuji Guneratna (Scarborough Bluffs)

Result: Passed

Ladies League Overview

- Adwynna addressed the meeting
- She is seeking three Division Chairs. They are volunteers and are the front line for communicating with club captains. Adwynna handles scheduling and division setting.
- The season starts Wednesday, May 7 and Thursday, May 8
- 90 teams are confirmed
- she will post schedules by April 30
- She coordinates play on Thursdays with the Plus 55 league (Eric)
- A captains' meeting is scheduled for May 1. It will include an overview of the tenniscotes.com website as well as rules of play
- She schedules approximately 85 teams on a Wednesday and so she cannot accommodate rescheduling requests
- She has replacement glass trophies for those that shattered at last summer's year-end tennis tournament





Treasurer's Report – Sagar Karri

- Rick reviewed the Balance Sheet as at December 31, 2013
- Our chequing account has a balance of \$10,154
- Sagar reviewed the 2013 Income Statement, including the budgeted versus actual income and expenses. Everything was within range
- With respect to GS&A, there was a minor variance due to unanticipated software update expenses and a lower honorarium for the Vice President, who served a half term
- Sagar also reviewed budgeted vs actual expenses for each league. Everything was within range
- For the year-end tournament, the actual expenses exceeded the budget by \$1,558

Motion to approve the 2013 Financial Statements

Moved by: Adrian Cordea (Parkway Valley)

Seconded by: Brett McBurnie (Hillcrest)

Result: Passed

- Sagar reviewed the budget for 2014. It is similar to 2013. Expenses should be lower. The unfortunate shattering of last year's trophies will not likely recur
- There will be minor variances for the leagues and administrative expenses
- The deficit for this year's tournament is projected to be \$195 (as opposed to \$1,268 last year)
- Sagar is not concerned with the slight deficit, as the ICTA has in excess of \$10,000 in its bank account

Motion to approve 2014 Budget

Moved by: Vicki Young (Seneca Hill)

Seconded by: Brett Mc Burnie (Hillcrest)

Result: Passed

Liaison Report – Sonja Zibin

- In her role as external liaison officer, Sonja interacts with Tennis Canada, the OTA and various sponsors and other stakeholders
- The purpose of such efforts is to add benefits for our member clubs and to promote tennis generally
- Last year's ICTA season launch was held here at Miele's facilities and was a great success
- Sonja will be in contact with Miele regarding other promotional opportunities
- The ICTA has entered into a Strategic Partnership Agreement with the OTA
- An event has been planned for this June, which Todd will address in his report
- There have been changes at Tennis Canada. There is a new CEO and Marketing Officer



ICTA Tournament Report – Stuart Teather

- This year's tournament is scheduled for Saturday, September 13. Rain date is Sunday, September 14
- Stuart is awaiting confirmation, from Tennis Canada, that we can use the Rexall Centre facilities on those dates
- In an effort to inform members of the tournament, emails will be sent out (4 of them). We are looking for 6 sponsors for the event (one title sponsor, five lower tier sponsors)
- The tournament will be promoted on the websites for tenniscores.com and intercountytennis.com
- There will be sponsors' signs and banners at the tournament, as well as award presentations

CIO's Report – Adrian Cordea

- Adrian administers two websites: tenniscores.com and intercountytennis.com
- Tenniscores has a "player search" window on the main page
- there are links to player statistics
- he has otherwise improved the "look and feel" of the website
- within the next three weeks, he will have redesigned the intercountytennis.com website
- it will be easier to find documents and forms and simpler to update teams and changes in captains
- there will be a mobile version by May 3. It will be a light version, and will include rules, so as to facilitate easy reference during match play
- As of March 20, there were close to 1.4 million site visits
- Adrian encouraged captains and club reps to review their rosters so as to ensure that members' preferred email addresses are inputted into the system

Plus 55 League – Eric Poon

- Five new teams have been admitted into the league
- Rule Numbers L1 and M1A were reviewed and approved at last Fall's AGM
- **Revised rule L1 is as follows:**
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.
- **Revised rule M1A is as follows:**
Each match will consist of the best of three sets with a 12 point tie-breaker at six games each in the first two sets. Any third set shall be a super tie-breaker (first team to ten (10) with a margin of two (2) points, unless both captains agree to play a full third set. Such decision should be made before play commences. 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 (AND/OR MATCH) SHALL BE THE TEAM THAT IS AHEAD AT THE TIME.

- There are 5 divisions, each with one division chair
- Play is coordinated on Thursdays with the ladies league
- Eric expects it to be as successful as in previous years

Junior League Report – Todd Orrett

- It is an 8 week season, commencing May 1 and continuing until the end of June
- There are three junior leagues: boys, girls and mixed
- Last year 50 teams participated. Todd hopes for 55 this year
- New clubs this year: Veneto, Guildwood, Headwaters, Don Mills, East York, Erin
- Returning Clubs: German Mills, Hillcrest
- The junior league has the widest geography
- Top teams qualify to play at Rexall
- Todd spoke about the strategic partnership with OTA
- OTA wants to encourage junior tennis participation
- OTA will send out an email blast to OTA club executives so as to raise awareness of the ICTA junior leagues
- OTA will also send an email blast to the approximately 2,000 juniors who participate in OTA tournaments. The email blast will encourage participation in the ICTA
- Todd spoke about Tennis ROCKS
- Steering committee is Todd, Sonja and OTA marketing manager Peter Malcomson
- The main feature of the Tennis ROCKS festival is the Junior Tennis Team Championships which is being held at the Rexall Centre on June 7 and 8 and, as such, junior league play will be suspended that weekend
- The ICTA is assisting with behind the scenes work at the championships, which will feature juniors from across the province
- Activities include Smash Cage, skill games, exhibition matches, entertainment, food and beverages, retail sponsor mini village, OTA sponsor prizes, behind the scenes stadium tours, awards presentations and more
- Will have access to centre court as well as 10 surrounding courts
- Trying to create a festival experience
- Entry fee is \$120 per team
- Doubles round-robin format both days
- Pro set to 8, sudden death at 7 all
- Perhaps half the participants will be ICTA members
- Todd looking for volunteers
- Food, music, trophies, medals, centre court, smash cage, photography, registration, security, first aid, court monitors, umpires, signs



- Sponsors include Babolat, Merchant of Tennis, Head, Wilson and Tennis Canada
- Hopefully this festival will become an annual events
- Perhaps bring younger kids in to play in future years – and expand accordingly
- Information will soon appear on OTA website with link to ICTA website
- Hopefully close registration by May 23 with some flexibility thereafter
- Goal is to break even
- OTA will do an email blast with an e-poster

Mixed League Report – Rick Bertozzi (on behalf of Bill Crothers)

- Bill was absent and so Rick presented on his behalf
- The mixed league has approximately 166 teams
- Bill is awaiting confirmation from several clubs regarding division and level placement
- Bill has been involved since 1982
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Set Date for the Fall 2014 AGM: Proposed October 28, 2014

Motion made by: Adrian Cordea (Parkway Valley)

Seconded by: Eric Poon

Result: Motion passed.

Other Business

- Rick has some plaques from 2012 – Wishing Well, Mayfair and Banbury – Brett McBurnie will distribute these
- Roland Verkaik from Applewood Tennis Club spoke about the junior leagues:
 - o Start times should be the same at each club
 - o Should have an even number of home and away matches
 - o Should not be able to go on tenniscodes website and view a player’s history
 - o Until a few years ago, the OTA did not publish scores for under 12 players
- Todd responded to Roland’s first two points: Todd uses best efforts to accommodate start times and balance between home and away matches
- Stuart sought clarification re Roland’s third point: is it the player’s season-to-date scores, or scores from previous years that is concerning Roland?
- It was suggested that perhaps players’ names could be identified by first name and initial letter of last name
- All of Roland’s points were heard and will be considered by the appropriate league director and executive.

Motion to Adjourn Spring AGM

Moved by: Rick Bertozzi (Richmond Hill)

Seconded by: Sonja Zibin (Parkway Valley)

Result: Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

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MANVILLE TC
SCARBOROUGH BLUFFS

Rick Bertozzi
Eric Poole

RICHMOND HILL LTC
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