



**Agenda for ICTA Spring AGM  
March 28, 2017, 6:30 p.m.  
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1. Call to Order and Determination of Quorum
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes of Spring AGM, March 22, 2016
4. President's Report – Anton Katz Opening Remarks
5. Vice-president's Report – Sonja Zibin
6. Financial Report - Sagar Karri
7. ICTA Tournament Report – Stuart Teather
8. CIO Report -- Adrian Cordea
9. Mixed League Report - Gary Hophan
10. Ladies League Report - Adwynna Mackenzie
11. Over 55 League Report - Eric Poon
12. Junior League Report - Todd Orrett
13. Member Club Agreement and Rule Interpretation – Adwynna Mackenzie
14. Set Date for Fall 2017 AGM
15. Other Motions
16. Adjournment

**Executive Attendees:**

- Anton Katz
- Rick Bertozzi
- Stuart Teather
- Sonja Zibin
- Adrian Cordea
- Sagar Karri
- Todd Orrett
- Adwynna MacKenzie
- Gary Hophan
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**Executives Absent:**

- Eric Poon

**Non-Executive Attendees**

- See attached

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

Anton called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM, and reported that the quorum conditions were met.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

Question from audience re some motions that are on the Agenda yet were previously discussed at the Fall AGM. Anton responds that there is nothing to restrict members from repeating motions and as such we have to put them on the Agenda for discussion.

- David Maples (Valley TC) made a motion to accept the agenda.
- Bruce Young (Lambton TC) seconded the motion.
- Result: Passed unanimously

**3. Approval of Minutes of Spring AGM, March 22, 2016**

Carolyn (Brampton TC) asks a question re point #5 in the President's Report. Wording refers to "very severe penalty is being proposed, that is that all players on a team will be suspended for one year if any player on that team is found to be not eligible". Was that ever passed at the Fall AGM?

- No it was not.
- Laura Wilcox (Newmarket TC) made a motion to accept the minutes.
- Jasmin Carleton (Henry Farm TC) seconded the motion.
- Result: Passed unanimously

#### **4. President's Report – Anton Katz** (See appendix - PowerPoint file, slide 4)

Anton thanks the Executive Board for their hard work and dedication during the winter months. All members are volunteers and dedicate their own time to the Association.

New clubs that asked for permission to enter the ICTA and enter teams:

- Mayfair Parkway would like to enter teams in the Ladies League and the Over 55 League
- Thornhill Golf and Country Club would like to enter an Over 55 team

Both clubs meet our criteria for admission.

Open discussion:

Gary: received a phone call from someone at Thornhill Golf & Country Club. They were considering to enter a team in the Mixed League.

Marina: Thornhill G&CC used to play in the Over 55 league; Rick clarifies that they stepped down and would now like to return to the league.

- Brian (Pleasantview TC) made a motion to accept the two clubs to the ICTA.
- Sue Fletcher (Palgrave TC) seconded the motion.
- Result: Passed unanimously

Anton provides an update on the Human Rights case – see presentation attached, pages 6,7.

Anton announces the creation of a task force to look at league expansion and marketing – see presentation attached, page 8

#### **5. Vice-president's Report – Sonja Zibin** (See appendix - PowerPoint file, slides 9 - 23)

Sonja presents three by-law changes for which the ICTA would like to introduce changes, as follows:

1. Section 37 of the by-laws entitled Vacancy in Office: Include the reference “director” to the existing by-law concerning removing “officers” of the Association and modify this section to allow members to remove directors and officers of the Association – see pages 9 and 10 in the appendix

Discussion/ questions from the floor:

- If we plan to remove someone from the Board, do we have to present another candidate to take their spot?
  - o Not necessarily, there could be a vacancy on the Board that would be filled through our current process
- Marina Mihailovic (Wishing Well TC): If a special meeting is called, is there a requirement for a minimum number of attendees?
  - o Yes, as per the by-laws
- David Maples (Valley TC): The logic seems good. Was this change brought up because of a particular situation?
  - o No, we thought it made sense to allow members of the Association at large to remove members of the Board
- What is the length of the term for a Board member?
  - o One year.

➤ Sonja moves motion, seconded by Jassma Ashiq (Howard Park TC). Passed unanimously.

2. Insert new Section 46 regarding Nominations of Officers and Directors – see pages 11-16 in the appendix

Discussion/ questions from the floor:

- Sue Fletcher (Palgrave TC): Are you presenting to the membership a slate for the proposed Board
  - o Yes, we typically do

➤ Sonja moves motion, seconded by Rita Lee (Leaside TC). Passed unanimously.

3. Amendment of previously introduced Section 46 to allow for nomination of officers and directors to be made at the Fall AGM – see pages 17-19 in the appendix

- This is more of a technicality as we need to comply with the Federal Act under which the Association is incorporated

No questions from the floor:

➤ Sonja moves motion, seconded by Nina Sampaleanu (Mayfair West). Passed unanimously.

Sonja presents the new responsibilities of the Association's Vice-President as a result of the merger of the VP position with the External Liaison position. This merger was approved at the Fall AGM – see pages 20-22

Discussion/ questions from the floor:

- David Maples (Valley TC): What were the responsibilities of the Liaison Officer.
  - o Sonja clarifies
- Sonja moves motion, seconded by Jasmin Carleton (Henry Farm TC). Passed unanimously.

Sonja discusses recent activity associated with the previous role of Liaison Officer (now merged into the VP role) – see page 23 in the Appendix.

## **6. Financial Report - Sagar Karri (See appendix - slides 24 - 28)**

Sagar made a small change to correct a calculation error to the documents posted online (\$1016 on variance total expenses was \$1006)

As at Dec. 31 we were in good financial position. All the receivables and payables were settled as of that date. We had a number of nine clubs who have a credit outstanding; two of them have already used it up. For the future, it is important for clubs to complete the online registration form in order for the ICTA to be able to reach clubs and issue credits.

Last year was the first year in which we increased member fees; this helped us to finish with a positive balance sheet despite unexpected expenses related to the legal case. Our revenues for 2016 were slightly lower than budgeted mainly due to lower tournament revenues. For expenses the major drivers were tournaments and legal fees (which were higher than estimated as mentioned above).

Anton noticed that we have been able to hire a legal firm that has offered us a significant discount for legal fees (\$4,500 instead of the estimated \$30,000+).

Discussion/ questions from the floor:

- GST/ HST recoverable?
  - o Sagar is looking into that
- We should consider taking advantage of a “public service body rebate” that is available to not-for-profit organizations

Sagar discusses specifics regarding the tournament revenues and expenses – see attachment page 26.

Discussion/ questions from the floor:

- We should include year over year comparisons on the financial statements.

Sagar presents 2017 budget (see attachment page 27) and the 2017 tournament budget (page 28)

No questions or discussion

- Sagar moves motion to approve financials, seconded by John Mowatt (Lawrence Park TC). Passed unanimously.

## **7. ICTA Tournament Report – Stuart Teather (see appendix page 29)**

This year's tournament will be scheduled for Sept 16, rain date Sept 17 as usual at the Aviva Centre.

Stuart would like to thank our sponsors that make the tournament possible.

Stuart would like to poll the participants as to whether to have top 2 teams or just the top 1 team to participate in the tournament to avoid any arrangements by teams to come in second place and avoid promotion while still qualifying for the tournament.

Discussion/ questions from the floor:

- Does the tournament result determine promotion or relegation?
  - o No, this is not the case
- Are there a lot of second place teams that win the tournament?
  - o No, it is typically the top 4 teams in all levels

Tournament rules will probably be similar to last year's and will be published earlier than last year so that everyone can familiarize themselves.

## **8. CIO Report - Adrian Cordea**

Adrian was on his way to the AGM but was delayed and as such Sonja presented for him – see page 30 in the appendix

Anyone with any technical/IT issues may contact Adrian via e-mail, who is always glad to help.

Discussion/ questions from the floor:

- Is tenniscotes working now, can we post our teams online?
  - o No, the website was not yet opened for team management. If you need new passwords, please contact Adrian

## 9. Mixed League Report - Gary Hophan

Gary recently took over the responsibility of League Director for the Mixed League from John Mowatt and explains how the transition was done. Gary presents how the decisions were made regarding promotions and relegations – see pages 31 & 32 of the attached file. Gary would like to thank John Mowatt for his mentorship and guidance during the process as well as Sonja Zibin and George Mihailovic for their help. We have decided to eliminate as much as possible 6 team divisions for consistency and avoid situation where last minute withdrawals compromise divisions. Also it is questionable whether 6 team divisions produce similar strength winners/ losers as 8 team divisions.

Gary has reversed some relegations for geographical reasons but only when the team records were adequate for the division in which they were placed. First place teams were all promoted, some second place teams were also promoted but only with the agreement of the respective teams.

Gary presents the divisional chair system that was initially introduced by John Mowatt – see page 33 of the attachment. The division chairs will be responsible for roster approval prior to the beginning of the season. Division chairs are responsible for rule enforcement. Gary is particularly focused on the severe breaches of rules such as playing under assumed names, team stacking, defaulting top lines. There is only a small minority of clubs and teams that would do this and in administrating these rules we are not doing it for the enjoyment of it but rather to support the vast majority of clubs and teams who play by the rules, who are honest and good sports!

All clubs need to have an official club representative; they are the bridge between the ICTA and the clubs. It is the clubs' responsibility to promote the idea of fair competition as the clubs are ICTA members.

Gary is encouraging clubs to enter new C teams to ensure a pyramidal shape of the league; it is still not too late for that.

Sir Winston Churchill (SWC) is in danger of losing their courts for up to two years. They currently only have access to 7 out of 10 courts until the end of July. Alternate arrangements were made by SWC to play at other clubs (they will not have a Majors team this year; A team will play at Banbury; B team at Bellbury; C team at Eglinton Flats)

Discussion/ questions from the floor:

- Rod Larmer (East Gwillimbury TC): Allowing a 40 min delay before applying a default is causing problems for late matches, as they are waiting for a court to become available while early matches are allowed to start with long delays. Hoping that the ICTA will reconsider this rule in the Fall; suggests to use the summer as testing ground for the new graduated default rule

- We did not intend with this rule change to give teams a license to late starts. We just wanted to get away from the start watch type of approach in applying defaults. Division chairs will be asked to monitor this and provide feedback.
- Gary emphasizes that his role is not to make the rules but to enforce the rules, including the ones he does not agree with. Notes that all rule changes are on the intercounty home page, captains are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the rule changes.
- Is it possible to add a second C team on another day other than Thursday night?
  - This creates problems for all the other teams in the respective division and would be difficult to implement
- Mike Sangwin (Thornhill Park TC): Going back to 3 full sets is going to lengthen matches in combination with the new default rule of 40 min.
  - There are conditions in the rules that allow the play of a super tie-break. We will strictly monitor the 40 min default rule and investigate any such situations that may occur. The membership at large voted to play a full third set rather than super tie-breaks.
- Anton recommends that any proposal for rule changes should be sent by captains to division chairs who will discuss them at the end of season meeting

## **10. Ladies League Report - Adwynna Mackenzie**

The season starts May 10; Adwynna will do her best to post the divisions and schedules as soon as possible. Adwynna emphasizes that the Mixed League rosters will now have an option to add the players' gender; it is important for us to understand the distribution of players by gender in relation to the human rights legal case.

We will make two additions to the Ladies' League glossary of terms: "advanced junior" and "classified player" – see page 36 in the attached file. Adwynna presents proposed changes to rules A1 G, A1 H, D2, D7 C – see pages 37-39 in the attached file. These rule changes will mostly affect Majors and A divisions.

A classified player designation will be added in tenniscodes similar with the existing jr. designation.

- Adwynna moves motion to approve the additions and rule changes as written; seconded by John Mowatt (Lawrence Park TC).



## Discussion/ questions from the floor:

- Carolyn Theil (MRTC): If a Club does not have a Majors team then a classified player cannot play?
  - o No, they cannot. We anticipate having only a handful of classified players, former tour players and some college players.
- Nina Sampaleanu (Mayfair West): Nina is part of a team that has quite a few of these top players. She feels that by introducing these rules re classified players and by limiting the number of players that a team can have it limits the play time for these players. It is difficult to understand why we are limiting play time for high level players that actually want to play, no other league does that. She feels that this could be a discrimination based on skill level which goes against Tennis Canada's promotion of ladies tennis. More girls are playing tennis than in the past, many of them have college scholarships and return during the summers and want to play. Does not see why we are doing this for just the top category, considers it unfair for these players.
- Nina Sampaleanu: Under what condition can a team use a third classified player? If the opponents have also 3 such players on roster, does the captain have to verify in advance how many of them will actually be in the lineup?
  - o No, captains do not have to check in advance with their opponents. They are allowed to use 3 classified players if the opponents have an equal number on roster regardless whether all of them are in the lineup.
- What happens if a team has more than 3 classified players on roster?
  - o Only 3 can be used in the lineup every week and only under the conditions described in the new rules. Mayfair West is fortunate to have many top players and won easily the division last year; they only lost 3 matches the entire season and lineups were done on the "big sister approach" where top players were paired with lower level players on all lines.
- Nina suggests that such lineups were allowed by the rules. She suggests that we should encourage clubs to bring as many good players to the league
  - o Anton acknowledges that the point was made loud and clear however what the ICTA is striving to do is to ensure balance throughout the leagues and Mayfair West maybe a unique example in this regard. Would like to hear other opinions in the room from other clubs to see if they share this concern.
- No other participants raise any concerns. The motion is moved to a vote. Passed with one vote opposed, all other vote in favour.

## **11. Over 55 League Report - Eric Poon**

Eric is in Florida and Stuart will read his report – see attached file pages 40 and 41. New teams were added this year – see page 41. For any questions please contact Eric. There are no motions re the Over 55 League.

Discussion/ questions from the floor:

- When does the Over 55 league play?
  - o Traditionally on Thursday morning with a format of 3 men and 3 ladies

## **12. Junior League Report - Todd Orrett**

Todd presents the league report – see pages 42-46

The number of teams playing in the league increased last year as NYTA teams joined the league. Saturday mornings are the more popular time slots. There are more boys than girls' teams but girls can play on boys teams. Todd will try to recruit at least 4 girls' teams to participate in the East in order to create a division. The same applies for the boys Majors East division. Conversely all the Sunday league teams are in the East division, no West teams. There are some unique rules to the Sunday leagues as substitutions are allowed, cheering is allowed and coaching is allowed, so it is a fun league. Last year the Future Stars league was initiated for under 10 and under 12 players playing on full courts with green dot balls. It was a huge success, looking to expand in the West. Boys and girls play on the same team in this league. Todd discusses challenges to growing the league – see page 42 attached.

Todd presents last year's tournaments results – see page 43. Will try to include the Future Stars in the 2017 tournament.

Tennis Rocks will be organized on June 3 at the Aviva Centre this year; looking for volunteers. We will have access to 10 courts this year.

Registration for the Junior League will be allowed this year until April 23 in order to maximize the number of team participating.

Todd presents rule changes – see page 46 in the attached file. These rule changes were approved at the Fall AGM, no motion needed at this point.

Discussion/ questions from the floor:

- Roland: It is important to have consistency in the expectation to play every week in this league. Finds that byes and long weekends disrupt this and suggest to play the tournament on a Sunday rather than Saturday and avoid byes during long weekends. There are some situations when teams do not play for 3 weeks in a row.
  - o Todd tries very hard to avoid byes as the season is short anyway, however he also tries to find a balance to juggle geography and byes

and avoid excluding teams from the league. The format of the tournament favours the junior teams, so looking at it from an overall point of view that adds some play time to the juniors.

### **13. Member Club Agreement and Rule Interpretation – Adwynna Mackenzie (See appendix – pages 47-49)**

As new club reps are elected, the Agreement defines roles and responsibilities of club reps. It is also important that club reps act as the one point of contact between the ICTA and member clubs. This year we are asking all club reps to verify player eligibility of all players on their club's rosters. All players should be paid members of their clubs. The club rep is the person that the league directors will contact when a grievance is filed. Also club reps are the only ones that can make an appeal on behalf of the club. Club reps should recuse themselves in situations when there is a conflict of interest. It is important that club reps are open and honest in their communication with the ICTA.

- Adwynna moves motion to add a Club Member Agreement as Appendix A to our by-laws and constitution. This Agreement is to be signed every year by the club rep. The motion is seconded by Anne Madden (Parkway Valley TC)

Discussion/ questions from the floor:

- If a club rep changes from one year to the next, is it the club's responsibility to have their new club rep sign the Agreement?
  - The ICTA will notify the clubs and will send the agreement for electronic signature to club reps.

Motion passed unanimously.

Adwynna then presents the ICTA's interpretation of a paid member – see appendix page 49. Our voting members define the rules that govern the leagues and one such rule requires that all league participants have to be "current paid Club members from the date of their first match". The overwhelming feedback from our member Clubs is that they all want this rule being adhered to. As such, Adwynna draws on the USTA experience and proposes to introduce an interpretation document for this rule. Clubs need to also recognize that some of their special membership policies may contradict ICTA requirements and accept that ICTA rule, take precedence in such cases. Ex: Clubs may require that guest fees are paid for any non-member using their courts but an exception to this rule has to be made by clubs that want to participate in ICTA play. Similarly if Clubs have special policies re free memberships, it would mean that some of these members may be ineligible for ICTA play even if

they meet special club requirements. This is important in order to achieve a level playing field for all Clubs and players that participate in ICTA competitions. Also we do not allow players to get compensated for playing in the ICTA leagues, this is not a professional league. The proposed rule interpretation of the membership requirements have been posted online for review; this is how the ICTA chooses to interpret what a “paid member” is.

- Adwynna moves motion to add this Interpretation as Appendix B to our by-laws. Rita Lee (Leaside TC) seconds the motion.

Discussion/ questions from the floor:

- Mike Sangwin (Thornhill Park TC): How could you possibly verify whether a free membership is offered by a Club to player? If the player is shown on the Club’s membership list how can you verify and enforce his ineligibility?
  - Adwynna: We can’t do that directly but there is the possibility that a whistleblower would come forward. We then have to count on club reps to be honest in responding to the ICTA’s enquiry. Additionally, there is the deterrent aspect and we would like to introduce severe penalties for anyone that encourages such practices including potentially for Clubs.
  - Anton: It is not a perfect system but it is intended to act as deterrent. Perhaps in the proper cases we can ask for proof of payment.
  - Adwynna: The penalties need to be against the Club because all club reps sign agreements that confirm their adherence to the rules.
- Marina Mihailovic (Wishing Wells TC): Would like to move an amendment to the motion to mention explicitly in the rules that Clubs are to be held accountable and penalized in case of non-compliance. David Maples (Valley TC) seconds the amendment.
- Discussion/ questions from the floor re the amendment:
  - Anton: Would you like to make the club penalty mandatory or at the discretion of the League?
  - Marina: It should be mandatory to act as an effective deterrent.
  - David Maples: Disagrees; would like to leave it at the discretion of the League Director that investigates the specific violation as some violations may be inadvertent.
  - After some discussions Anton clarifies the text of the amendment to include the fact that the penalty for Clubs should be discretionary but the determination should be mandatory.

- Voting on the amendment proceeds. Results: 19 in favour; 12 against. Amendment passes.
- Bernard Assouad (Henry Farm TC): The City usually asks the Club to make donations of free membership to people from the community that are financially challenged so the club will have members that technically did not pay.
- Adwynna: These type of situations would be considered legitimate exceptions.

Voting on the motion proceeds. Motion passes with 1 vote against.

#### **14. Set Date for Fall 2017 AGM**

Anton moves the motion to schedule the Fall AGM for Tuesday October 24, 2017. Stuart seconds the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **15. Other Motions**

Nigel McClean suggests that we should consider changing the time and venue of the AGM's to allow for more time for discussions. Weekends would possibly be more appropriate.

Anton comments that most organizations have only one AGM per year while the ICTA has two. Also the time allocated to the AGM by the ICTA is actually longer than that of most organizations. The comments are well taken but maybe some of the detailed discussions should happen in different groups such as division chair meetings for example.

- Nigel makes a motion to move his motion C forward ahead of all the other motions that he introduced. Stuart seconds. Passed unanimously. Discussion on motion C proceeds.

Nigel presents maps of the various league boundaries starting with the B divisions. Don Mills is a club that is moved around every year into different divisions and regions. As such the club is losing many members and he would like to be able to support a team that moves up with another team that stays at the same level.

- As such Nigel moves a motion that if a team is promoted the Club is given the opportunity (if they so decide) to field another team at the lower level and fill the void left by the promoted team. Motion is seconded by Mike Sangwin (Thornhill Park TC).

## Discussion:

- Mohammed (Bramalea) describes a similar situation as one of their teams was promoted to A and they would have liked to keep a team in B
- Anton asks if anyone else experienced a similar situation?
- Andrew Bric (Markham TC): They had a similar situation last year.
- Mike Sangwin (Thornhill Park TC): One of their teams moved up to Majors and now they do not have an A team.
- Gary Hophan, Mixed League Director explains that the league works on the principle of promotions and relegations. He understands Nigel point, however suggests that there should be Director prerogative in deciding whether the club can keep a team at the lower level. He does not favour a mandatory approach as this would potentially conflict with the principle of promotion and relegation. Only after all promotions and relegations have been processed and if there is room in the lower division clubs can ask for permission to fill this void.
- Anton emphasizes that there is nothing in the current rules preventing clubs from asking to maintain a team in the lower level.
- Nigel argues that current boundaries for divisions are too large and we should focus on grouping teams in divisions to minimize travel. North York teams being centrally located makes them a target to be moved from one division to another; as such they lose players to other clubs. Players would like to get consistency and not change divisions every year. Maybe we should reconsider the 8 team division approach and reduce divisions to 6 teams. The 8 team divisions are conducive to travel. Also we should consider the fact that not all players on a team move up when a team is promoted.
- Nigel appreciates the fact that he was given the floor and would like to vote on the A and C motions.
- Anton asks for other opinions from the floor
- Rick questions whether Nigel's model would result in mostly 6 team divisions.
- David Maples considers that the B division map shown implies rather extensive travel for some of the teams but understands that there may be good reason for it. Also considers that we should take into consideration situations when a club has 1 Majors and 2 B teams play on Tuesday night – such situations are difficult to accommodate. Considers that Nigel has a point.
- Speaker from the floor considers that there is too much focus on winning or losing through promotion and relegation and we should rather focus on promoting tennis; as such we should allow clubs to field a team to fill the void in a lower division.

- Andrew Bric suggests that after promotion and relegations are processed we should give priority to clubs affected by promotion and relegations to field voids in divisions if such voids exist.
- Gary agrees, however the key phrase is “competitive”. He would not want to grant a club a B team if he does not think that the club can be competitive at that level.
- Nigel would like to see the teams and divisions finalized on the website by February in order to be able to recruit earlier for the teams. The uncertainty around whether these teams are granted and their placement has a negative effect on recruiting.
- He also thinks that the scoring system should be changed and points should be granted for each set won.
- Marina considers that this is not the right time to discuss these issues. Suggests that this discussion should be conducted at a later time as the issues raised have far too many consequences for the league and all consequences should be thoroughly considered.
- Mohammed suggest to form a committee to look into all these suggestions and recommendations
- Anton mentions that both John and Gary spent a very significant amount of time in defining the divisions, this was a complex process that cannot be changed at this point. Maybe it is appropriate to look further at this in the future through some type of a task force.
- Discussion continues in a rather disorganized way
- Stuart reminds the audience that we have a motion on the floor and a seconder and that all the discussion should be about that motion and then we can vote on it.
- Stuart reads the motion: “If a team is due for promotion they should be given the opportunity to field a team in the level that they are leaving if they wish to do so. Not all players on the promoted team are able to compete at the higher level therefore those players would continue to compete at the lower level.”
- Mike Sangwin reiterates that he seconds this motion.
- Discussion should be exclusively focused on this motion
- Anton would like to clarify if the league director would have discretion in such situations. Nigel disagrees, he would like the club to have the right to decide.
- Jasmin questions whether this rule would allow the promoted team to implicitly refuse promotion.
- Sandra Cimmetta does not understand why this issue is coming up now and is given such significance. She believes in the principle of promotion and

relegation, which should determine team movement and divisional distribution.

- John Mowatt considers that this issue is being raised now given the strict adherence to promotions and relegations over the past 2 years. In the previous 7-8 years the divisional allocation process was less formalized and much more accommodating to club requests. In the past there was very little movement up and down in divisions. John suggests that Nigel's points are important and should be considered further but not decided on tonight. In the end this is a league that is run by the director based on the rules defined by the ICTA members; it is therefore up to the members to change the rules and then the director will adapt accordingly.
  - Gary does not consider that any such change can technically be applied to the 2017 season due to the short time to the start of the season. Suggests that Nigel's proposal should be discussed at the Fall AGM as this gives enough time to change the rules and adapt to the new rules. Alternatively these rules can be voted on at a special meeting. He considers that a task force may be appropriate to review these proposals.
  - Speaker from the floor would like to see team distribution being decided earlier to allow captains to recruit accordingly.
  - Miele representative requests that we conclude the AGM and vacate the room as we passed our allotted time. An extra 3 minutes is given based on request from Stuart.
  - Speaker from the floor: The league needs to trust the clubs of their good intentions and allow them more time to recruit.
  - Stuart requires clarification if this rule only applies to the Mixed League or to all ICTA leagues. Nigel does not consider that it applies to the ladies league. Adwynna agrees.
  - Gary emphasizes that these requests are mainly coming from two clubs only (Gwendollen and Don Mills) but he needs to accommodate multiple requests from all clubs.
  - Stuart is calling a vote on Nigel's motion. Speaker from the floor considers that we should not have a vote given that the motion is still improperly defined.
- Stuart moves a motion to call a vote for Nigel's motion. Anton seconds. In favour: 11; Against: 27. Motion defeated. Nigel's motion C will not be voted on tonight.

## **16. Adjournment**

- Motion to adjourn: Stuart, seconded by Anton. Passed unanimously



- Meeting adjourned at 9:58 PM