



Ratoath Tennis Club

AGM Notice 2017

Agenda (1.0)

This is to inform all our members of our AGM this coming Tuesday at 8:00 sharp.

VENUE: The Venue Theatre: Ratoath

TIME: 8:00 to 10:00

Thank you in advance for your attendance at the AGM of Ratoath Tennis Club. The following is our agenda for the evening.

Schedule:

AGM 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm.

1. Chairperson's opening address:
2. Minutes of the 2015 AGM:
3. Treasurers Report:
4. Junior Committee Report:
5. Lady's Captain Report:
6. Men's Captain Report:
7. Membership Report:
8. Motions :
9. Election of Officers:
10. AOB

Read complete details here: <http://www.ratoathtennisclub.ie/agm-2017>

Motions

We have a number of motions already put forward by members and have a full schedule. If you wish to submit a motion; please submit it to the committee via our contactus@ratoathtennisclub.ie email address before Sunday evening please.

The following motions have been put forward.

MOTION 1:

Constitution Change: Proposed by the Carol / Treasurer

Meetings and AGM

I propose to change article 12.1 the date of our AGM based on advice from our accountants.

Current Text:

12.1 The Annual General Meeting of the club shall be held between the first day of January and the last day of February. This is to elect officers and other members for the coming season. 21 days Notice of AGM shall be given to members.

New Text

12.1 The Annual General Meeting of the club shall be held between the first day of April and the last day of April. 21 days Notice of AGM shall be given to members.

MOTION 2:

New Rule: Proposed Graham Barry

Motion: We setup a club competitions Committee. The sole purpose of the committee will be to schedule, organise and run the competitions within the club.

The Committee will not be involved in Team selections nor will have any input into the team selections that will still come under the remit of the Club captains nor will it be part of the Clubs executive committee. Also this committee will not be responsible for running the American tournaments that happen in the club.

The minimum number of people on the committee should be 3, the maximum number is 5

There are couple of reasons for this

- Lessen the load on the club captains. They will no longer have to worry about organising club competitions. They have enough to be getting on with just the league teams.
- Schedule competitions to happen throughout the year. Currently we have only the Spring round robins and the Summer championships. I would like to see a doubles round robin run after the Summer championships and the in the summer after the Spring round robins a Hopman cup style competition that will pair a mixed couple

together and they each play a singles and a mixed doubles match against other pairings.

- Put more structure on the competitions. One of the most frustrating elements of the clubs competitions is the lack of urgency of players to play the matches. In the case of the round robins instead of just sticking up the groups and then leaving it to the players to arrange the matches, this committee would similar to DLTC put in who is playing who in rounds 1, 2 etc and allow 7 days for each round to be completed. Failure to play a round before the next round begins means both players get no points.
- Look to play the summer championships like an Open and maybe look to play it over 2 weeks instead of 6 weeks it is currently run over. This would hopefully eliminate matches being scratched because people are on holidays and holding up the competitions.

MOTION 3:

New Rule: Proposed Graham Barry

Motion: Introduce warning/fines for players who smack balls between points and throw rackets

My second proposal relates to behaviour on the court. There have been a few instances of players if they lose a game or a point taking their frustration in smacking the ball to the other of the court or in another instance flinging their racket. There is always a danger that someone could be hit by a ball or racket. This is not acceptable behaviour.

I'm not sure if the DLTC have a rule for this or not but I think that we should have a rule that if a player does this and hits an opposing player that the match is immediately conceded and to apply this rule to all league and club competitions.

In addition to this that the offending player is reported by their team captain to the club captain and is given a warning by the club captain for the first offense and the next time it happens the player is either fined or suspended from the next game, this is regardless of whether they hit anyone or not.

MOTION 4:

Constitution addition: Proposed by the Committee (Chairman)

Tennis Rules:

To incorporate the provisions of Tennis Ireland "Complaint, Objection and Disciplinary Rules and Procedures" into the existing Club Constitution and replace all existing complaints, objections and disciplinary rules and procedures. [See Document Here](#) or link on our website.

MOTION 5:

Constitution Addition: Proposed Niall

Any Member who disrupts or Undermines the Committee and their decisions and who threaten the good will of the club and its members shall be expelled from the club.

MOTION 5: Proposed by the Stephen Foley

Constitution Addition:

Committee Membership 8.6

We propose to insert a new article 8.6 as follows.

8.6. Only 1 person from a family or related family member may sit on the committee at any given time in any position.

MOTION 6:

Constitution Addition: Proposed Shane

Tennis rules new addition 17.x League and Competition Selection

"Any player who pulls out of league teams uninjured or without reasonable cause to the club shall be ineligible for the next 2 League competitions and the Club Championships."

MOTION 7:

New Rule: Proposed Graham Barry

Motion: Add a section into the constitution for rules around charities and charity events.

In light of the Charity issue and that is to introduce into the club constitution rules about charities and charity events/raffles. Rules like

- Sufficient Notice to be giving to the committee for a charity event ie Raffle/collection or Tennis event. Maybe something between 2 - 4 weeks notice.
- The charity must be a registered charity.
- A receipt of the charity Donation or acknowledgement from the charity of the donation would need to be required.

MOTION 8:

Constitution Change: Proposed Damian Scattergood

Motion: I propose to change wording of section 8.1 on membership of the committee that limits the number of members on the committee to 9. I propose to change the last line from

-and up to 9 ordinary members

To

-up to a maximum of 9 members including the officers.

This will also need an edit to section 13.3 of our constitution stating the maximum number of the committee to no more than 9.

MOTION 9: Ordinary Resolution

To bring our club constitution in line with the relevant provisions of the 2014 Companies Act where required. This includes re-writing the relevant sections of our club constitution that currently do not comply with the provisions of the 2014 Companies Act and to state in the club constitution, "The provisions of the Companies Act 2014 are adopted".

MOTION 10: Special Resolution

To amend the existing Memorandum and Articles of Association (Company Constitution) of Ratoath Tennis Club CLG currently registered in the Companies Registration Office, by the inclusion of our existing club constitution and all amendments and variations to date.

What has to be lodged in CRO after AGM:

G1 – Special resolution to have new club constitution incorporated as part of the company constitution in the CRO – within 15 days of resolution passed

G2 – Ordinary Resolution – to change our club constitution to incorporate all recent motions and amendments

B2 – Change of registered Office – currently Community Centre

B3 – Address where all our documents held

B10 – Change of director and/or secretary

Election of Officers

As we have some time restrictions on the night and a full agenda members are requested to email their interest in applying for committee membership in advance of the AGM. If you are interested in joining the committee please email your nomination to the club contact us email address no less than 48 hours in advance of the AGM.

AOB Process

If you have any other motions or AOB you would like to add to the agenda please email it to the club in advance of the AGM 48 hours before.

The order of business for AOB is that each member will be given 3 minutes to put forward their motion/agenda. 3 minutes will be given to reply. A further 2 minutes will be offered for feedback before a vote of members present is taken if required as directed by the chair.

If you are unable to attend

Proxy Voting: If you cannot attend the AGM you may appoint someone to act/vote on your behalf. To appoint a proxy you must complete the proxy voting form as follows:

Per Article 26 of our Articles of Association votes may be given personally or by proxy.

Proxy votes must be completed in writing on the official form which can be downloaded here:

<http://www.ratoathtennisclub.ie/agm-2017>

Proxy votes must per Article 28 be dropped into the club mailbox by the court entrance **not less than 48 hours in advance** of the meeting to be valid. The deadline is 8pm on Sunday night. No proxies can be accepted after this deadline.

Kind regards

Damian Scattergood

Chairperson

Ratoath Tennis Club.