

16 May 2023

Re: Extraordinary General Meeting of Tennis Ireland CLG to be held on 8 June 2023

Dear Member,

Enclosed with the envelope containing this letter is a Notice of an Extraordinary General Meeting (“EGM”) of Tennis Ireland CLG (“TI”) which is being convened for the purpose of considering, and if thought fit, resolving, by way of special resolution, to adopt new Articles of Association for TI (“**the New Articles**”).

Also enclosed are the following documents:

1. Form of Proxy
2. Template Letter of Appointment of Representatives (“**Template Letter**”)

Whether or not you intend for your representatives to be present at the EGM, can you please complete and return the Form of Proxy in accordance with the instructions contained in it?

For the avoidance of doubt, if any member is, pursuant to a Template Letter, represented at the EGM by its duly appointed voting representative (whether in person or via the online conference platform, Zoom) and that voting representative votes at the EGM, the vote of that voting representative will supersede the voting indications in the Form of Proxy submitted by that member.

To enable as many members as possible to attend the EGM, members can attend the EGM, via their duly appointed proxy (if the Form of Proxy is completed and returned in accordance with the instructions contained in it) or representatives (if the Template Letter is completed and returned in accordance with the instructions contained in it), either at the venue for the EGM or through the online conference platform, Zoom.

To facilitate the smooth conduct of the EGM for those members who wish to appoint their representatives under the Template Letter in preference to appointing a person as their proxy under the Form of Proxy, can you please complete the Template Letter in accordance with the instructions contained in it and return it by email to egm@tennisireland.ie If you have any questions regarding the Template Letter, please contact egm@tennisireland.ie For the avoidance of doubt, the Form of Proxy may not be emailed to this address. To be valid, the Form of Proxy must be completed and returned in accordance with the instructions contained in it.

The convening of the EGM for the purpose of adopting the New Articles is the culmination of a lengthy period of review by the Board of Directors of TI (“**the TI Board**”) of ‘best practice’ governance issues and the way the TI Board believes the affairs of TI, as a company, and of the TI Board, can most effectively and efficiently be carried out in the best interests of all the members of TI. A very important element of this review involved consultation with each of the 4 Branches of TI and, in particular, the meetings held with the members of each of the Branches in March and April were extremely helpful and beneficial.

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In September 2021, the TI Board engaged the Institute of Public Administration (“IPA”) to conduct a review of the TI Board and its effectiveness. IPA was requested to make recommendations on how the TI Board could improve its work practices, to include processes and behaviour, with a particular focus on ongoing, and enhanced, compliance with The Sports Ireland Governance Code.

The IPA report was received by the TI Board in June 2022 and in it there were 14 recommendations which were accepted by the TI Board. As many of those recommendations that could be adopted by the TI Board have been adopted but those that required change to the TI Articles are subject to the adoption of the New Articles at the EGM.

In addition to the IPA recommendations, the TI Board has also included provisions in the New Articles designed to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the operation of the TI Board.

A summary of the key changes included in the New Articles is set out in Appendix 1 attached to this letter.


In addition, a copy of the New Articles has been uploaded to the Tennis Ireland website and will remain on the website until the conclusion of the EGM.

The TI Board recommends members to vote in favour of the adoption of the New Articles and encourages members, wherever possible, to attend the EGM, whether personally or via Zoom.

Finally, a separate email address has been established by TI, egm@tennisireland.ie, for the purpose of members submitting whatever queries they may have in respect of the New Articles. Members are encouraged to submit queries through this channel.

The TI Board looks forward to meeting, whether via Zoom or personally, as many members as possible at the EGM.

Yours faithfully,


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