



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Tennis Ireland CLG, held at the Sport Ireland Campus, Dublin, on 21st. June, 2025

Attendance and Apologies

In attendance at the Sport Ireland Campus:

Letty Lucas (President, Tennis Ireland); Ronan Reid (Chair of the Board of Directors, Tennis Ireland); David Spillane (Company Secretary, Tennis Ireland; Glenageary); Kevin Quinn (CEO, Tennis Ireland); Deirdre Brady (Director, Tennis Ireland, Carlingford); Aine Dunne (Director, Tennis Ireland, Lower Aghada); Julie Hastings (Director, Tennis Ireland); Caroline Murphy (Director, Tennis Ireland); Jim Rafferty (Director, Tennis Ireland); Aileen Kealy (Executive Finance Director, Tennis Ireland); George Lucas (Downshire); Manus Sweeney (Lansdowne); Bryan O'Neill (Monkstown); Donnacha Harkin (Tullow); Aileen Rogan (Operations Manager, Tennis Ireland); Emma Hoare (Financial Accountant, Tennis Ireland)

In attendance via Zoom:

Gerry Smyth (President, Tennis Connacht); Derek White (Brookfield); Marguerite Cremin (Carrickmines); Gary McCarthy (Elm Park); Maurice Johnston (Fitzwilliam); Bridget Harrington-Barry (Galway); Martin Moloney (Galway); Richard Keevey (Monkstown); Margaret Quinn (Monkstown); Elizabeth Sitko (Mullingar); Dave Doyle (Naas); Simon Sparrow (Naas); Barbara Reamsbottom (Sutton); Greg O'Rawe (President, Tennis Ulster, Windsor); Rosamund Thompson (Windsor); Simon McFarland (Competitions Manager, Tennis Ireland)

Apologies:

Celbridge; Charleville; Coleraine; De Vesci; Dunboyne

Opening the Meeting / Proxies / Quorum

The Chair (Ronan Reid) opened the meeting at 11.11 and apologised for the delayed start.

He introduced the top table which comprised of himself as Chair of the Board; Letty Lucas, President; David Spillane, Company Secretary; and Kevin Quinn, CEO.

There was a minute's silence in recognition of deceased members of the tennis community in the past year. Mr. Reid recalled his personal memories of Kay Lonergan, and Matt Doyle, both of whom had left a lasting impression on the sport. Kay had served for almost 50 years bringing the Parks Tennis programme to life, and Matt had performed, on court, at the highest levels, and had been responsible for one of the biggest moments in Irish tennis, in the Davis Cup match v the USA.



The Company Secretary confirmed that 11 proxies had been received prior to the meeting, and that all were valid. He also advised that there were 7 members present in the room, with another 9 online, and, therefore, a quorum had been achieved.

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The Chair outlined the voting process, and a successful test vote for the online attendees was carried out to ensure that the technology was working effectively.

Notice of Meeting

Mr. Reid noted that all documentation for the Meeting had been sent to all member Clubs, and posted on the Tennis Ireland website, in line with the Constitution, and was taken as read.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 15th. June, 2024 had been available on the TI website, and had been approved by the Board.

Address by the TI President, Letty Lucas

Mrs. Lucas highlighted that she was struck by the current momentum across the Organisation – from participation, to performance. She thanked the Board for their hard work, and noted the strong communication between the Branches, by way of the Inter Branch Forum.

The President was very proud of Ireland's role in developing female participation and female leadership within the sport. She added that there is always more to do, and noted the progress in wheelchair tennis, and recent introduction of parastanding tennis.

She reminded the Meeting of the health benefits associated with tennis, which has been scientifically proven to add approximately 7-10 years to a player's life.

Improved infrastructure, including metal-framed structures is required to further assist the development of tennis on the island of Ireland.

Mrs. Lucas referenced the progress that had been made by way of Tennis Ireland's new brand and identity. She also thanked all the volunteers, across all disciplines, citing that they are the lifeblood of the sport, and commended them for their tireless work.

She remarked that the best part of being President is the opportunity to visit Clubs, and meet the tennis community, across the entire island. She looks forward to meeting more people in the future. The tennis community should reflect on the successes achieved and she trusted that the momentum would be maintained.



Address by Kevin Quinn, Chief Executive Officer

Kevin noted:

- That affiliated Clubs have increased to 190.
- That all metrics have increased – performance, community, schools and Women in tennis.
- That TI have appointed a new Executive Finance Director, Aileen Kealy, who he welcomed and noted that Aileen would address the meeting later.
- The success of certain events including Davis Cup and Irish Open.
- That significant Sports Capital Funding of over €7 million had received by the tennis community.
- That he was at Shankill TC the prior day, to open new facilities. The Club opened 40 years ago, and was now an incredible facility. He noted his congratulations to Liam O’Donohoe, and Carol Beamish, and all the members, for a great job.
- That Liam was also instrumental in setting up the Enjoy Tennis programme, and with grant funding, the programme has now come in-house to TI with 166 locations now active.
- The ongoing development of the new Performance Programme, tailored to individual players. Another new addition was the parents/player seminar with positive feedback from players, coaches and families involved
- Mr. Quinn noted the focus of *“more players, better players”*.

In regard of developments in 2025 Kevin noted;

- That new poraflex courts have been installed in the SI Campus and that all are welcome to come and try out what is proving to be a great surface.
- That TI launched its new brand platform, and new mantra – *“giving you the game of your life”*.
- That the 2025 Irish Open will return again to Carrickmines C<C noting his thanks to the Club, Committee and Members for hosting.
- That TI has also launched the Access Platform, which can be used to book courts
- That the Dundalk Tennis Arena will open later in the year, containing 4 acrylic courts and should be a spectacular venue.
- That the Davis Cup v China will be hosted in the SI Campus, on 13th. and 14th. September.
- That a new MOU has been signed with the LTA, including wild cards for Irish players to UK tournaments.
- His thanks to all in Sport Ireland, and to George Lucas in Sport Northern Ireland, for their advice and support.



- His thanks also to the TI management team, doing extraordinary work; and also to the sport's volunteers, without which nothing would be possible.
- Kevin noted thanks to
 - the Branches, and the Board.
 - Paul O'Connor (former Chair) who was progressive in re-setting governance standards, and was a great support to the CEO.
 - Ronan Reid who has taken up the baton, as Chair, and setting even higher standards, and that he is looking forward to working with Mr. Reid.
 - Letty Lucas, who does her role, as President, fantastically.
 - David Spillane, as Company Secretary, for his support.
 - to all the Clubs for their support.
- Finally, Kevin again remembered Matt Doyle, and Kay Lonergan. Kay was a force of nature, over almost 50 years dedication to Parks Tennis.

Presentation of Financial Statement by Aileen Kealy, Executive Finance Director, TI

Aileen noted;

- Increased of fees of 7% due to higher memberships.
- The increase in Competition revenue, and grant income. She also highlighted the various income sources to the sport.
- That the return of AIG Irish Open, coupled with the home Davis Cup tie in Limerick also increased match costs.
- That the addition of new staff has also increased salaries, and associated costs.
- That in regard of the Cash/Bank balance of 1.85m - a lot of funds are ring-fenced, leaving 680k of true operational cash.
- Her congratulations and thanks to Emma Hoare on the completion of the audited accounts. The auditor issued a clean bill of health.
- That Capitation Fees, once approved, will be advised to the Clubs in 2026, for payment in 2027.

Mr. Reid thanked Aileen, and asked for questions.

Bryan O'Neill (Monkstown) asked about Davis Cup/BJK costs – asking if the €300k was a net cost? Aileen Kealy said that it was not, as there was also a revenue line, which was on a different page. Mr. O'Neill said that the Davis Cup is the best event Tennis Ireland runs, and that it is great PR for the sport. Mr. Reid mentioned that any cost associated with the event is an investment in the sport. Mr. Reid also noted that the Irish Minister of Sport and Postal Policy, Mr. McConalogue and H.E. Ambassador for China, Zhao Xiyuan attended the launch of the Davis Cup between the two countries. He also felt that, ideally, a bigger facility would be available, going forward.



The CEO added that TI wants future events to proceed on a sustainable multi-year basis.

There were no further questions.

RESOLUTIONS:

No. 1

“To receive and consider the accounts for the Company for the year ended 31st. December, 2024 together with the reports of the Directors and Auditors thereon, and a review of the affairs of the Company.”

The Resolution was proposed by Jim Rafferty, and seconded by Aine Dunne.

After the online vote was closed, the votes in the room were tallied, and added to the valid proxies already received, it was announced that the Resolution had been approved unanimously. *(26 FOR / 0 AGAINST)*

No. 2

“To authorise the Directors to determine the remuneration of the Auditors.”

The Resolution was proposed by Bryan O’Neill, and seconded by Manus Sweeney.

After the online vote was closed, the votes in the room were tallied, and added to the valid proxies already received, it was announced that the Resolution had been approved unanimously. *(25 FOR / 0 AGAINST)*

No. 3

“In accordance with Article 26.3 of the Articles of Association of the Company, and having been nominated as a Representative Director by the Leinster Branch, the appointment of Deirdre Brady as a director of the Company, be and is hereby approved.”

The Resolution was proposed by Donnacha Harkin, and seconded by George Lucas.

After the online vote was closed, the votes in the room were tallied, and added to the valid proxies already received, it was announced that the Resolution had been approved unanimously. *(26 FOR / 0 AGAINST)*

The Chair thanked Mary Goodman for her considerable work, integrity, manner, and overarching fairness during her time as a Director. He welcomed Deirdre Brady to the Board.

Mr. Reid advised that the formal business of the AGM was now concluded.



The Chair opened the meeting under AOB.

- Bryan O'Neill (Monkstown) commented that it was not satisfactory that only 24 Clubs from a total of 190 affiliated Clubs had attended the AGM. He suggested that Tennis Ireland should consider hosting additional events on the same day to encourage a broader participation.
- Martin Moloney (Galway) asked about the application of tournament regulations, and if Tournament Committees were permitted to override or interpret these regulations. Mr. Moloney appreciated that the AGM may not be the forum for a detailed answer in this regard, and Kevin Quinn provided his email address for a more detailed conversation on the matter.
- David Doyle (Naas) complimented Darko Palavra (Development Officer South Leinster) for reaching out to Clubs in the Kildare/Leinster region. Mr. Doyle suggested that more of this collaborative good work would be welcome.
- Marguerite Cremin (Carrickmines) stated that Carrickmines is looking forward to hosting the upcoming 2025 Irish Open.

There being no further business, Mr. Reid closed the meeting at 11.54.
