



**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of  
Irish Table Tennis Association Company Limited by Guarantee “(the Company/Association)”  
held in the Pavilion Building, National Sports Campus, Snugborough Rd, Blanchardstown,  
Dublin 15, D15 DY62 on the 7th day of June 2025 at 10.30am.**

**Present:**

Eoin Kelly	Louise Patricia McCarron	Greg Yarnall
Goldston Joseph	Sam Logue	Robert Cashell
Sissy Goldston	Ted Bollard	Claire Hughes
Adrian Brown	Paul N Ivory	Joe Hickey
John finn	Daniel Kovac	Rob Cowan
Delia Boyce	Igor Chamilla	Jing yi Graham
John Dempsey	Niall O Flaherty	Willie Allan
John White	Con Ó Céadaigh	Conn Higgins
Emma Geary	Chris Cowan	Stuart Grannell
Ala Al-Janabi	Liam O Ceallaigh	Cecilia Armelin
Tara Fusco	Karine Adobet	Sean Geoghegan
PAT HUNTER	Tom Mitchell	Pat McCloughan
Jennifer Thompson	Richard Butler	

**In attendance:** David McNally (CEO), Catherine Finegan (Finance & Governance, Company Secretary), Ivanna Yates (CCDO Leinster), Molly Doyle (Coaching & Volunteer Officer), Clair Hughes (Safeguarding Officer).

**Apologies:** Ken Strong, Alan Strong, Stephen Gray, Marie Power, Dilyara Boncheva, John Dempsey, Brenda Burns, Niall O’Flaherty, John Finn., Michael Carson.

**Proxy Votes 75:**

Irene Morgan	Sylvia Pollock	Maria Kovacova	Simon Gough
Evalda Pusinskas	Herbie Ross	Paul McCreery	Simon Shelden
Gary Mahoney	Neil Magrath	Donna Ryan	Joe Sheard
Philip Shaw	Bella Agnew	Gus Agnew	David Sheard

Una Cunningham	peter Lee	Paula Livingstone	jeff Irvine
ben Haughton	Miao Cowen	Daphne Purcell	Albert Hunter
Patrick McCormack	Norman Pollock	Patricia McKnight	Norman McBride
Gary Sorenson	James Magrath	David Feely	Aedan McGivern
Temitope Idris	Esther ross	George Killough	Jude Sheldon
Frank Koma	Anne Ludlow	Keith Thompson	Fergal O'Hagan
Aoife Kelly	Emily White	Michael Bolger	Tomasz Toman
Patrick Sweeney	Marek Dobrowoiski	Edward Coughlan	Gilbert Graham
Susan Crossan	Ben watson	Wilbert Armstrong	Jim Weir
John Quinn	Hilary JewHurst	Michael Tivnan	Don Mulholland
Peter Ahearne	Joanne McMillan	Kieran Everett	Tom Irwin
Catherine Morrissey	Tom Colvin	Eileen Murphy	Mark Irwin
Kevin Kelly	Joe Colvin	Sylwester Hajdul	John Fall
Angela Coffee	Susan irwin	Fiona Sorenson	John Mcfaul
		Petre Lesko	Ken Strong
			Ranjit Singh

## 1. Approve the Chairperson for the Meeting and Introduction.

The Chair (Mr. Arnold Morgan) for the meeting was approved by the attendees:

**Proposed:** Chris Cowan

**Seconded:** Ala Al-Janabi

The chair introduced himself, greets and welcomes all in attendance. he is accompanied by fellow board members, Pat McCloughan, Sanjeev Shelar and Greg Yarnell. The Chair also welcomed Officers, Branch Members (Ulster, Munster, Leinster, Connacht), and Committee members.

Housekeeping rules are listed including the positioning of fire Exits. Please speak only when invited, keep any questions or comments relevant and concise and no interruptions or personal remarks.

### **Quorum Declaration:**

The quorum for the meeting to continue has been met with attendance and proxy votes.

The chair mentioned members who we are aware of have passed since our last AGM . From the Munster Branch, Bill Power, Tramore, Waterford. Bill was a stalworth in the Southeast of the county for many years as a player and organiser in the Waterford and is sadly missed by family and friends. Alfie Wright also mentioned, Rest in Peace.

A minute's silence was held as a mark of respect for deceased members since the last AGM.

## **2. Approval of the Minutes of the Last Annual General Meeting:**

Minutes from 2024 were included in the 2024 appendix file circulated through email in advance of the meeting and on the website. Any comments were invited by the chair.

**Proposed by:** John White

**Seconded:** Adrian Brown

It was requested by EK of the Munster branch that actions and tasks arising from the AGM be listed at the end of the Minutes for review and allow updates for the next years meeting. This was noted. It was also suggested the Actions agreed should be formatted in the minutes clearly stating by who and when it will be executed. This was noted also.

## **3. To receive and consider the Directors' and Auditors' Report and Financial Statements (Year Ending 31st Dec 2024)**

The report is contained in the Annual report available electronically and circulated before the meeting and on the Website.

In the absence of the financial Director the CEO read the report that was also available digitally in the Annual Report. This report included all spending of the organisation and Grants received in 2024 and an increase in membership numbers and income. The Organisation is in a Strong financial position according to the Auditors report.

### **Questions raised:**

A question was asked who the financial Director was, and it was explained the last Director resigned in October and it is intended that a new Finance Director Michael Carson will be appointed at the AGM today.

It was pointed out that the lack of paper reports should be addressed, and it was suggested it reduces scrutiny of the reports. The chair explained the reasoning behind this including Environmental awareness and the waste of paper. All reports were available digitally for members to download or print if needed.

It was also suggested the Actions agreed should be formatted in the minutes clearly stating by who and when it will be executed. It can be addressed at the end of the minutes. This was noted.

**Proposed by:** Robert Cashel

**Seconded by:** Chris Cowan

#### **4. Authorisation of Directors to Appoint and Fix Remuneration of Auditors**

Approval to authorise the Directors to re-appoint OSK Audit Ltd and fix their remuneration for the next financial year and audit 2025.

**Proposed:** Sanjeev Shelar

**Seconded:** Pat McCloughan

#### **5. Reviewing Company Affairs and Annual Report**

The Chair advised the members present that the reports were present in the Annual report pack available digitally and questions can be asked once all reports have been delivered.

##### **a. Company Secretary Report**

Company Secretary's Report was presented by the CEO on behalf of Catherine Finegan and is included in the Annual Report pack circulated by email to members and on the Website. Report includes Governance updates, board members and board meeting details and Legal updates and filing details throughout the year.

Questions: NO Questions

**Proposer:** Ala Al-Janabi

**Seconder:** Adrian Brown

## **b. Chair's Report**

The full report is available in the Annual return report pack available digitally for members to view.

A brief overview of the Board's activities and engagement over the past year provided by the chair. Last two years of the Chair's position have been interesting and eventful including the appointment of a CEO. The chair mentioned all the stakeholders at all levels involved in the organisation on their involvement in the sport. The chair highlighted a few items in his full report which again is available digitally. He spoke about changes to the board over the year, the structure of the board which will increase to 10 board members this year. A special mention made to the outgoing Finance Director Kathy Enderson. The importance of the branches in the sport was mentioned and thanks given for their efforts. The chair has reached out to branch chairs over the year to discuss matters that are important to each branch individually. The governance review will be brought to the branches and members over the next year to give an overview of the importance of Governance in the sport. The chair discussed the sports involvement with Parkinsons and Alzheimer's groups and the league app and the success of these projects. Female participation has dropped after Covid times, but the WIS programmes and HER MOVES projects are working to improve this. Event software is being investigated going forward to ease the work involved with Events and Rankings. This is a work in progress. Table Tennis is not a HP sport and not recognised as so by Sport Ireland and SPORT NI. We need to try expanding in particular with the PARA side and work on developing these areas of the sport. The chair noted the hours spent in clubs throughout the country on development and enormous amount of work involved from volunteers and coaches. The TTI budget is very tight, and the best is done to support these groups. Community Development Officers are present in each province now and recruitment was a challenge. Excellent work done across the provinces. Again, it was mentioned that the Full report is included in the Annual Report pack circulated by email to members and on the Website.

The chair commented on how Irish vets and para players continue to amaze everyone, and umpires and referees were acknowledged and thanked giving up all their time and effort.

The CEO was thanked along with the Dublin and Lisburn staff, CCDO's, WIS coach and PARA coach thanked, and it was pointed out to the members that their job is not easy.

Without members no one would be here, so the chair again thanked all volunteers and members for everything they do for the sport in Ireland.

## Questions/Comments:

EK introducing himself and Emma Geary who is the incoming Munster Chair. He had comments regarding the Chairs report. He pointed out that there had been 3 meetings with the chair with provinces and he felt this was not sufficient. Quarterly meeting is requested. The Chair noted this and will plan to aim for this in the coming year. The chair explained the 3 meetings that took place were spread out over the playing season but can agree to expand this to 4 per year.

Also brought up was a tournament software training. This will happen in due course. Tournament software will help to improve the execution of tournaments across the provinces.

Munster want event organisation training as well as software training. A training group could be established with the collective knowledge in the room. AB said Ulster can come forward to help deliver training courses, but provinces need to come forward and ask for the help. If people don't come forward, there is no one to train. The Interest in training will generate the momentum for training. It was said that The software has been about for a few years, but background knowledge of the rules and regulations of the sport is needed to use it. Understanding rules and referee level knowledge needed.

Comment: W.A., Requested Hard copies of the report be sent to club secretaries for people who are not computer savvy. Schools in Dunboyne and Leixlip should be contacted. The chair advised this should be addressed to the Leinster branch and then through TTI. The CEO advised Leinster as an area is huge and we have to be strategic in our approach to how we deploy resources on the ground. The Leinster CCDO spoke to explain the example of the work being done with Kildare sports partnership starting a primary school roadshow and schools will be contacted. The Leinster chair explained schools league contact all schools each year and all are on the mailing list. It is up to the school to participate after that. W.A. also asked if starter packs for schools and WIS groups are they available? He was advised if they contact the office, TTI can advise them and help out. As barrierless as possible is our approach to getting schools involved.

A member Commented on Directors movements and new directors resigned and new directors. Poor attendance at meetings was commented on. It was explained the graph in the pack is for a full year and the Directors in question were only voted in half way through the year.

It was pointed out that New director elections would take place today at the meeting. It was felt by some that no introduction to new directors given before election was poor. Their Profile should have been circulated before the voting day. The Point was taken by the Chair. He also said TTI have struggled to attract new directors, and advertising did take place online and through board match and the Federation of Irish sport as well as through members communication on the website and social media. Each director bio will be given before the elections. Going forward it was asked their profile is advertised before election. The directors and chair were thanked by JW for their work.

Joe Hickey made a point that: Recruiting directors and committee members is high on the list for the CEO in relation to activities. A Bio should be circulated before the election. Mr. Hickey then asked about Unspent grant money. CEO advised Sport Ireland are aware we have a lot of deferred funding and over the past year a lot of this money has been spent. DAF money lands in December so it is

deferred into the next year to spend as does WIS funding. Some of the Funding is deferred to fund CCDO's over a 18 month period.

A member made a comment that there was no mention of the Special Olympics in the meeting and report. She feels TTI should recognise the special Olympics under our umbrella and Table Tennis is so beneficial to people with special needs. The CEO has met with Special Olympics and community games this year and an MOU will be in place that allows anyone affiliated with TTI as a coach can coach with Special Olympics and to access more CPD for coaches for coaching people with disabilities.

Con Ó'Céadaigh thanked all the umpires who helped with special Olympics but said the numbers were lower than they should be. Provinces need to run events together to get the numbers up. He reached out to members to try get the momentum going in their clubs and areas.

Conn Hlggins commented how important Table Tennis is to Dementia and Parkinson's. We could use this to get moving and involved in Nursing homes etc to encourage the use of the sport in Rehabilitation. The CEO noted, and this will be driven forward to several organisations. We need to find other avenues for funding here and we have already researched this. PH told the room how successful the Parkinson group in NI, They have 2 mornings per week and it helps enormously.

**Proposer:** John White

**Secunder:** Rob Cowan

### **c. CEO and Executive Report**

Presented by the CEO and Includes Highlights from: Coaching Education, Women in Sport Report, Anti-Doping report, Membership, Affiliation and Events, strategic development. Full report included in the Annual Report pack circulated by email to members and on the Website. All reports have a lot of detail, so the power point presentation displayed was just highlights of the reports in the Annual report available Digitally.

It was mentioned in the reports that Growing membership was welcomed, new memberships are becoming available, and Gender balance in the sport is a priority. The Club handbook has been launched and club affiliation went very well this year, the first year it has been implemented.

Brilliant events theme needs is a work in progress. There is an Increase in visibility with schools and clubs with the appointment of the CCDO's. The corporate sector needs to be looked at and projects developed in that area. Media coverage is growing and will grow more over time. Building the profile and branding, there has been a lot of work with staff to address these topics. Sponsors and corporate sponsor groundwork to be done. The new website is under construction and nearly ready to launch. A Volunteer has been recruited to update the media

and web pages going forward. We have been Leveraging our digital platforms more effectively this year and promotion has improved but can get better.

Strengthening governance and Risk management thanks to Rob Cashel as Chair of the ARC for his help here. Safeguarding compliance work on going with clubs and training and work is being done constantly to improve and encourage this. Gender balance is at amber but work here again is ongoing. Succession planning was mentioned, and gender balance and board recruitment is improving. Engagement with clubs, branches and leagues can be improved and ongoing.

Questions:

EK wanted to hear more about working committees in particular the EDI committee, the CEO advised this is a work in progress. An Events review was to take place and has not, a strategy review was to take place and this has not happened either. Communication and consultation has not been followed through. CEO advised that for a number of reasons these have not taken place but fully intend to start on the reviews and new committee set up. When the new directors come on board we will be in a better place. The volunteer who will look after social media have a survey to circulate over the next week or so to start this communication review.

RB asked why it was that questions could not be asked after each report but at the end of the report section. He also would like to have had a bio on all directors incoming; he went on to say Events are disappointing and the Connaught open and junior classifications in the IWA was poor because of lighting. The InterPro's was insulting and there was basketball training on during the event. Distracting to players and was not suitable, feedback won't be given because it is felt TTI do not take heed. He asked why the office lost 8 staff over the years and this does not show a healthy organisation. The chair explained recruiting is not easy, depends on who we need, who applies for the positions and the qualifications they have. Not all are suitable to the position, sometimes they only want a stepping stone in the sports sector, and as a result they don't always stay. Low wages and yearly contracts are part of this also. CEO advised a work force development programme being developed by Sport Ireland at the moment as this is problem for all NGB's. We have no increased funding to make pay increases. A new staff member is starting Monday for membership. RB asked were all exit interviews positive, and he was aware of some who were not. In the last 2 years the CEO advised all were, he is not aware of anything before that. RB moved on to say Leinster is not being kept up to date on CCDO events and programmes. The chair feels it is a problem and local branches need to be active and proactive and communication is a two way street. RB comments the Leinster email is always open. RB commented a Strategic review has not been done and should be done by now, a full report was expected. A strategic review is a work in progress and will be done in due course, Point taken by Chair.

RB asked why there is no dedicated senior camps for seniors, this was brought up last year. Regular training there is no structure there. The chair advised the members point was taken. TF said the seniors have few events they can strive towards, this year was a better year with more events, an under 21 events also was a bonus. This can be kept on the calendar now year on year. 15 seniors

are invited to camps and on average 3 attend, and dedicated camp cannot be held with such small numbers. Top juniors play with seniors at this camp. Improvement is always needed.

It was expressed Interpros should be held in Dublin to allow people to travel less (this year it was in Ulster.) A Printed program was needed and disappointing it wasn't available. This was noted by the chair and a printed program is a nice souvenir, but Participants do not seem to have a problem using QR codes. Limited number can be printed and be available. There is push on all NGBs to become Green. Carbon footprinted noted in relation to the travel distance to Ulster for the interpros.

RB: Capital grant update requested, and the CEO advised this will be out to tender in the next month. Also asked was the Strategic review was due in January but was postponed and will be arranged ASAP. Could we not commit to a date that will be changed? This was Noted by the CEO

The CEO advised the next board meeting in June will be the time this is arranged. Autumn is proposed and everyone will be given notice.

RB asked Online vetting is now available online is TTI on board with this? CEO advised this system is very new and if we can afford it we will move in that direction. AB said access NI do everything online and checks are done; this system is very easy. The ROI system is different to AGS.

RB also asked about Coaching courses, certs are sent out as attachments, but can they be sent out a proper certificate also for display. Thanked the organisation for removing the first aid requirement also, he felt it should be a personal choice there. Putting candidates through vetting for level 1 and then vetting in the venue they are coaching - it was asked is this a needless extra layer. CH advised she was aware of the Duplication of vetting and TTI have no control over requirements by the national system. TTI policy is all coaches need to be vetted, and this is a Sport Ireland requirement. As an organisation we need to be responsible to issue people who take a coaching course with us to have a system to issue certificates to coaches with full vetting. CH will investigate. AB advised this is not best practice to not vet coaches and this will not work. You cannot vet enough it was said, and no one can categorise victims.

It was asked are there regulations in place to stepping over barriers, the chair advised yes there is. There is someone nominated to supervise this at each event and club events.

It was mentioned that Training camps dates and interpro camps should not clash can this be looked into ? TF said national camps are planned the year before and on the calendar. They take priority over anything else.

EK asked the board about funding and the four branches, how much funding do they get from the Core grant? The chair advised to revisit this outside the meeting. It was mentioned by the chair a meeting will be arranged with each province to discuss.

**Proposer:** Ala Al-Janabi

**Secunder:** Sam Logue

#### **d. Safeguarding Report**

Safeguarding report to be read by CEO. . Full report included in the Annual Report pack circulated by email to members and on the Website.

Proposed: Adrian Brown

Seconded: Pat McCloughan

JW suggested linking the Safeguarding cert and coaching certificate together under membership link. This was noted and this procedure is in place. CH advised best practice is SG cert should be done before coaching cert, so it is in place.

#### **e. Branch and Committee Reports**

The Chair advised he did not propose that we read through all the following list of reports as All have been included in the Annual Report document ahead of the meeting. He invited the Chairs of these committees to make any additional comments regarding their respective Reports if wished to.

Committee Reports included were:

- a) Audit and Risk Committee
- b) Performance Pathway Report
- c) Para Development/Pathway Report
- d) Leinster League Report
- e) Irish Veterans Table Tennis Society Report

Questions were invited from the floor on these reports.

The chair of the meeting invited the Chairs of these committees to make any additional comments regarding their respective Reports if they wished to.

#### **Branch Reports**

- a) Connacht Report
- b) Leinster Report
- c) Munster Report
- d) Ulster Report

The chair invited someone to propose and second the Branch and Committee Reports:

**Comments:** Ulster very grateful to Sport NI for funding to allow them for their support and thanked the board and the CEO for their continued support.

New Munster chair Emma Geary was welcomed by the chair.

**Proposer:** Tom Mitchell

**Seconded:** Sanjeev Shelar

The chair and The Board extended its thanks to everyone involved in the preparation of these reports

Short Break here for lunch 1.15pm - 1.45pm

## **6. Election of Officers:**

### **a. Directors**

Before elections, we wish to acknowledge those directors stepping down this year.

#### **Resigning Directors:**

Dilyara Boncheva

Marie Power

#### **Directors Not Up for Re-Election:**

Sanjeev Shelar

Greg Yarnall

#### **Directors Seeking Re-Election: (end of first 2 year term)**

Arnold Morgan

**Proposed by:** Ala Al-Janabi

**Seconded by:** Tom Mitchell

Pat McCloughan

**Proposed by:** John white

**Seconded by:** John Finn

## **Finance Director**

Previous FD Kathy Enderson resigned mid-way through the year – thanks Kathy for steering the association through the last few years.

### **Nomination for Finance Director is Michael Carson.**

Short bio--Michael is Chartered Accountant so well qualified for the position as FD. Michael worked in Dublin for several years and is now based in Ulster. Engaged with the bat and chat groups and is learning Table tennis.

**Proposed by:** Greg Yarnell **Seconded by:** John White

## **b. Company Secretary**

**Current Secretary:** Catherine Finegan, Role reaffirmed

**Proposed:** John White

**Seconded:** Con Ó'Céadaigh

## **c. New Director Nominations:**

1. **Stephen Gray** – Retired Solicitor, advises a number of other organisations, he plays Table Tennis League and new to the sport through Bat & Chat group in Ulster

**Proposed by:** Greg Yarnall

**Seconded by:** Jing Yi Graham

2. **Jennifer Thompson** – retired senior manager in Govt Health agency, coach developer and former Irish International player

**Proposed by:** Tara Fusco

**Seconded by:** Sam Logue

3. **Sugandha Parma** – Risk management, Governance and AI specialist and director in Centre for Gender and Politics.

**Proposed by:** Ala Al-Janibi

**Seconded by:** Chris Cowan

4. **Louise McCarron** – retired senior training manager in - integrity, diversity and conflict resolution. Played as a junior and recently returned to the sport

**Proposed by:** Jennifer Thompson

**Seconded by:** Pat Hunter

5. **Karine Adobet** – Finance – Senior application support analyst for multinational company – finance and payroll experience.

**Proposed by:** Chris Cowan

**Seconded by:** Conn Higgins

**A Show of hands from the members approved the election of the new director's appointment to the board. The chair welcomed all the new Directors and is excited for what comes in the next year.**

## **7. Appointment of Officers**

### **a. President**

Outgoing president Patricia Hunt was acknowledged and thanked by Chair on behalf of the Board, Staff and members. She was presented with a gift as a gesture of thanks from all at TTI. She was also awarded Honorary Life Membership Award and was asked if she would like to address the meeting. Mrs Hunter said a few words of thanks after the presentation.

The Nominee for the New president was **Alan Strong**. Who could not attend the meeting today. The chair gave a brief description of Alans experience and involvement in the sport.

- **Proposed by:** Joe Hickey
- **Seconded by:** Pat Hunter

**Show of hands from the members all in favour.**

The CEO read the following note from Mr Strong in his absence.

"I am greatly honoured to accept the nomination as Honorary President of Table Tennis Ireland and to follow in the impressive footsteps of such marvellous Presidents, none less that the outgoing post holder Mrs Pat Hunter, who has served with such dignity and energy. I look forward to learning on the job, and representing this great Association in ceremonial and advocacy roles. To this end, I will be privileged to work along with your Board Chairman Mr Arnold Morgan and your Board and with Mr David McNally CEO and his Staff. I offer my sincere apologies for not being available to attend the AGM as I have been committed for some time to attending a 2.5 day Conference in which I have some roles to play. May I wish all the delegates a most successful Annual gathering and a progressive year ahead. I hope to talk to you later via the TTI Website through some reflections and observations. Kindest Regards. Alan Strong

### **b. Vice Presidents**

New Nomination for Vice President was **Tom Mitchell**. Umpire, international umpire and Umpire trainer.

**Reappointments:**

- Anna Kelly
- Pat O'Brien
- Tony Philips
- Tommy Keenan
- Ivan Shorten
  
- **Proposed by:** Ala Al-Janibi
- **Seconded by:** Willie Allen

**Show of hands from the members all in favour**

**c. Disciplinary Committee**

**Nominees:**

- Kenneth Nixon
- Anna Kelly
- Louise O'Loughlin
- Neil Shanahan

All happy to stay on the committee

- **Proposed by:** Conn Ó'Céadaigh
- **Seconded by:** Liam O Ceallaigh

**Show of hands from the members all in Favor.**

**d. Appeals Committee**

**Reappointments:**

- Keith McGarry
- Chris Cowan
- Triona Leahy

All Happy to stay on the committee

- **Proposed by:** John white
- **Seconded by:** Sam logue

**Show of hands from the members all in Favor.**

## **8. Motions**

The following motions have been submitted by the Munster Branch.

**Motion 1:**

*In light of the current percentages of eligible members for the respective branches, who are entitled to vote at general meetings, that TTI carry out a review of the current block voting arrangements for general meetings and make the necessary changes to reflect current membership levels effective as soon as possible.*

Comments:

EK said Munster member ship has increased by 300% and the voting arrangements should reflect that

Joe Hickey gave a history on voting rights in TTI, he established the voting percentages at the time and they were designed with the idea that even if Leinster and Ulster got together there were enough votes from the rest of the organisation to get something through. More than 2 provinces would be needed to pass a resolution etc. He suggested exercise caution changing this and recommended the 35% available to members stays the same, Connaught should stay the same and Munsters extra votes should come from Leinster to Munster. One person one vote would not be a fair proposal. RB: not good practice to change things from year to year as membership changes each year. The CEO suggested this voting change should be included in the upcoming Governance review and to see what is fit for purpose and then brought back to the members through a consultation process and onto an EGM or AGM if deemed appropriate. JT disagreed and said the membership should agree the principle and assess going forward. Chair would like to leave things as they are and look closely at it for review and keep things as they are for now.

A timeframe was suggested on this decision and review. Chair advised, this won't be a radical decision. Joe Hickey advised The board could be asked their views on regularly looking at voting rights changing annually perhaps. In advance of next year's AGM, the board should look at options around voting percentages changing on an annual basis with membership figures. The Chair was happy to revisit this next year before the AGM. EK asked is the governance review going to take 18 months? CEO advised no, the report is done but all changes will take up to 18 months to complete. Joe Hickey added Annual or regular review of voting blocks should be back before the AGM next year with a decision. If the Governance Review can be put in the AGM agenda for next year to look at it all together. Board will look at that and Commitment is given to come back on this issue before the AGM next year.

Conclusion: Board will review and give a suggestion to the membership and Munster before the AGM. Motion was amended to reflect the outcome of the discussion.

**Amended Motion:**

*In light of the current percentages of eligible members for the respective branches, who are entitled to vote at general meetings, that TTI carry out a review in line with the Governance review of the current block voting arrangements for general meetings and Return with a suggestion to the membership before the next AGM.*

**Show of hands from the membership all in Favor.**

**Motion 2:**

That TTI take as given that every province should be able to host an Open Championships and to be financially supported by TTI to do so.

**Comments:**

EK advised there was no Munster open this year and this topic was brought up last year. TTI should be supporting the branches open events at the very least. Commitments are requested from TTI to help financially support Branches with events. The Chair advised the organising supports the domestic events but not provincial ones. EK does not see a difference between national and provincial championships. Asking for a change of mind in allocation funding for events, TTI ask provinces to hold championships but don't support them financially. Can the budget be spread more evenly. JT asked at what level do the events fall. Ulster get a grant for the council to host their open. Joe Hickey suggested can the board give a % to the province's affiliation for events. The Chair advised that is not new territory and it could be done if looked at closely. Mr. Hickey also said The provinces could be given a guaranteed minimum each year and a % from extra affiliation. The CEO can sit down with the board and discuss this. Our budgets are low and we don't have the funds at the moment. Mr Hickey suggested that 30% of the affiliation spread over the provinces would be a good idea. It was suggested to amend the Motion and remove open championship from the motion and leave financial support in the motion to funds available to branch. Conditions put on the spend would be needed.

SL: Open championships are important to the players but must be careful with the language here, prioritise this issue of events in the organisation to provide opportunities for the players. PV said more cohesive model of competitions needed. More events needed is the most important factor here to show more ambition.

Mr C Cowen added that Reasonable financial support towards events/competitions could be given but ensure funds are used for events only.

JYG. Pointed out again a plan is needed for events catering for all ages and abilities. Events review is needed; ulster has a structure for events. Based on ability and opportunity for players, players are playing the same players each time and more diversity is needed participation should be included in championships.

PV: found a lot of people find it hard to let go of traditions in this sport and rankings should be an incentive for players events for top 20 or top 40 and not fear change in this matter.

**Amended Motion:**

*That TTI take as given that every province should be able to host an Open Championships and to the extent possible be financially supported by TTI to do so.*

**Show of hands from the membership all in Favor.**

**Motion 3:**

That TTI release a calendar of international events, as targeted by Performance/Para coaches, as early as possible in the 2025/26 season and beyond, in order to allow for the earlier block booking of accommodation/flights etc by TTI and to allow players and families of junior players to provide early expressions of availability if selected.

Comments:

EK stated that is meant not as a complaint at the Performance Committee but a reflection of concern expressed at the Munster Branch General Meeting by members. TF explained the provisional calendar is up on the website in January and circulated with players showing all potential events planned. Issues with booking in advance can be a problem but this can be looked at going forward. Communication needed should be clearer and in advance. Information is to be given as early as possible to all involved.

**Show of hands from the membership all in Favor.**

## **9. Any Other Business**

EK said there is No clarification on residency when competing internationally. Tony martin gave notes on nationality and clarity needed on residency in lines with the ITTF. More important now with non-nationals in the country. Chair will look at it and get back to Eoin Kelly after review. Will be taken to the board and clarity will be addressed. Eligibility will be looked at and reviewed, age, nationality and Residency.

Para funding needed for a pathway development programme, and all funded by DAF, CCDO salaries paid from DAF EK worries about the remit of the CDO working outside the lines of the funding to which it is given. PARA should be funded from DAF. CEO said DAF can fund participation but not Para pathway performance. Development is used incorrectly in the title is was said and should be grassroots and participation. There is no funding for coaching in this area, and it was suggested this could be relabelled and funding looked for under this umbrella. CEO clarified again how the DAF and WIS funds work.

Joe Veselsky will be 107 in October and TTI should send him a card, he lives in St Johns nursing home and would love a visit. Noted by TTI staff and a card will be sent.

**Closing Remarks from the Chair.**

Mr Hickey gave closing remarks on the meeting and was delighted to see a constructive meeting. He said the board should reach out to the branches and committees in relation to the strategy. Thanks to all and their work.

Mrs Pat Hunter spoke to the room and said thanks you again and good luck to Sam and Colin in their journey and to everyone else her best wishes.

The chair thanked all fellow Board Members for their hard work and commitment this past year, as well as the volunteers, branch officials, and our dedicated staff. Thank you all for attending today and supporting the development of table tennis in Ireland.

## Table Tennis Ireland

### Outstanding Actions by Responsibility from 2025 AGM — Updated Tracker

*Updated: June 2026 | Includes reconciliation with 2025 AGM Minutes actions table. New item highlighted in blue.*

Responsibility	Action	Status	Notes
Board	Review block voting arrangements (Motion 1) and present a proposal before AGM 2026.	<b>Outstanding</b>	Constitution review work by GARC
Board	Contribute to scheduling and completion of the Strategic Review (Autumn 2025).	<b>Complete</b>	
Board	Review potential annual adjustments of voting rights based on membership.	<b>Outstanding</b>	Constitution review – with GARC
Board	Provide clarification on Residency/Eligibility rules aligned with ITTF.	<b>In Progress</b>	A report has been brought to the board and is being discussed
Board	Decide approach to financial support for Provincial Opens during budget setting.	<b>Complete</b>	All provincial comps ran to budget
Board	Engage in quarterly Chair–Province meetings.	<b>In Progress</b>	
Board	Ensure director biographies are circulated prior to elections.	<b>Complete</b>	As part of nominations process if needed

Responsibility	Action	Status	Notes
CEO	Schedule and circulate Strategy Review date (Autumn 2025).	<b>Complete</b>	
CEO	Restart Strategic Review, Events Review, and committee setup.	<b>Complete</b>	Comp review starting now
CEO	Lead communication improvements including Communications Survey.	<b>Outstanding</b>	
CEO	Issue and manage Capital Grant Tender (June/July 2025).	<b>Complete</b>	
CEO	Explore feasibility of online vetting.	<b>Complete</b>	Not possible
CEO	Clarify Para funding structure and terminology.	<b>Complete</b>	
TTI /Branches	Engage in Events Organisation & Software Training Group.	<b>In Progress</b>	Just Go - EXAI app and integration with just go
Committee	Confirm venues and dates for 2025/2026 Domestic Events.	<b>Complete</b>	
Committee	Review feasibility of printed Interpros programme.	<b>Complete</b>	
Committee	Release international events calendar earlier each season (Motion 3).	<b>Complete</b>	
TTI	Maintain Level 1 coaching vetting requirements.	<b>Complete</b>	
Shared	Conduct full Events Review including competition pathway.	<b>In Progress</b>	An initial proposal has gone to the committee
Shared	Strengthen CCDO–Branch collaboration on schools outreach.	<b>In Progress</b>	Always a work in progress
<b>CEO/Board</b>	Provide updates on the progress and development of the EDI Working Group.	<b>In progress</b>	First meeting held September 2025. Added from AGM minutes — not previously captured in tracker.

