

Company Membership and Voting Review Group

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The Company Membership and Voting Review sub group (CMVRG) was established to examine the current voting procedures in Table Tennis England after the Independent Review Panel (IRP) reported that the two different voting systems for the AGM and Director voting were complicated, resulted in duplication of representation and did not represent good governance.

The CMVRG, chaired by myself, has met on a number of occasions to consider the outcomes of the IRP and reported to the Board.

At the 2019 AGM the Board submitted a proposal for changes to the Articles of Association and proposed:

- Voting at the AGM and voting for Directors should be the same with “one company member – one vote “
- Company membership should be extended to include a Club Representative Company Membership.

Papers regarding the proposal were submitted to the National Council meeting in February 2019.

After due consideration the Board decided to withdraw the proposal from the 2019 AGM but advised the meeting that the review would continue.

The views of National Councillors are important and NC is requested to consider the current voting procedures and company membership requirements of Table Tennis England. It is also requested to consider other possibilities.

The Chair of National Council has agreed that a discussion on voting and company membership will take place at the meeting on 14th December 2019. Councillors are asked to consider the following questions;

1. Should the same voting procedures be used at the AGM and for Director voting? If yes answer question 2 and 4, if no answer question 3 and 4.
2. If you favour changing to one set of voting procedures which system do you prefer:
 - a) using the Director elections voting system based on team numbers (simplified to 1, 2, 4 or 6 votes) for both elections and AGM
 - b) using the AGM system based on player numbers for both elections and AGM
 - c) using a system where all company members only have one vote unit for Director elections and at the AGM
 - d) using a system where all player members have individual voting rights with one vote each (this will have cost and other implications due to the size of the electorate so may not be easy to implement immediately)
3. If you do not favour changing to one set of voting procedures
 - a) are you happy with the current AGM voting procedures and if not how do you think it should be changed?
 - b) are you happy with the current Director voting procedures and if not how do you think it should be changed?(If wanting to change either consider the systems listed in Question 2)
4. Should company membership include club representation?
 - a) If yes consider what system should be used to decide on what votes should be given to the club
 - b) If yes consider whether this should be restricted to Premier Clubs, or open to all clubs over a certain size or open to all clubs.

The opinion of National Councillors who cannot attend the meeting and discussion will also be welcome.

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