

SCCA 29th AGM Minutes

Sunday 4th June, 4pm, 2006 at BB Headquarters, Dalgleish Court, Stirling

Present

Iain Mackintosh (Chair), Stuart Mackenzie, Jim Anderson, Raymond Baxter, Alan Brown and George Pyrich.

Apologies

Alan Borwell, George Livie and Richard Beecham.

Minutes of the 28th AGM

On the proposal of Jim Anderson seconded by Stuart Mackenzie the minute of the meeting held on 5th June 2005 was accepted as an accurate record and approved. There were no matters arising.

President's Remarks

Iain Mackintosh spoke of the wide programme of events in the season 2005/06 and to the very respectable level and range of activity of the members. This included Web friendlies with Sweden, Denmark and Australia as well as BCCS.

Olympiads 16 and 17 and the 7th European Championships had commenced with Scottish teams taking part.

The Douglas M. Livie Memorial Tournament had been completed and resulted in a win for Frank Geider of France.

The Scottish Championship had resulted in a three- way tie for first place – only the 2nd time in the life of the Association that this result had happened.

The enrolment of members for the 2006 season had been completed very timeously and fees collected promptly- all of which allowed tournaments to commence immediately after the New Year.

In short it had been a busy and entertaining season and the Chairman thanked all of those including Controllers and Officials who had worked to make it a success.

Secretary's Report

Jim Anderson, Secretary and Alan Brown Assistant Secretary and Membership Officer reported on the current membership and described ongoing work to improve the accuracy of our database. Changes to improve the method by which intending members join the Association especially by email were also described. The numbers of members entered in this year's tournaments were also considered (i.e. Championship - 6; Candidates - 6; Premiers - 9; Majors -6; Minors - 5+5; Challengers - 6; Openings -3) with particular reference to the way ahead to be considered under item 11 of the agenda – "SCCA domestic events- Structure/Promotion."

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer indicated that the profit and Loss A/c described a small loss due to:

- The higher than usual costs associated with sending a representative to the annual ICCF Congress held in Argentina.
- The donation made to the Tsunami Appeal.
- The payment of the prize money to the winner of the Douglas M. Livie Memorial Tournament. (The prize money provided having been received in the last financial year). Second and third places were still being contested, and their prize monies were being held over meantime.

It was also reported that Iain Campbell was now standing down as Auditor. It was agreed that the Chairman write to Iain to express our thanks for his work on our behalf and it was remitted to the Executive Committee to arrange for the appointment of a suitable replacement during the year.

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Finally it was agreed that unallocated income should in future appear under a separate budget head.

International Secretary's Report

George drew attention to the international report prepared for the Executive Committee meeting held immediately prior to the AGM and emphasised the extensive role/ involvement both through play and administration/ management of ICCF by Scottish players.

Election of Office Bearers

On the proposal of George Pyrich seconded by Jim Anderson it was agreed to re-appoint the current Executive Committee en bloc for the following year. Stuart Mackenzie indicated while he was agreeable to continuing as Treasurer meantime he would like to relinquish the post in a year or two to concentrate on his chess.

Subscriptions

Following comment from the Treasurer it was unanimously agreed to leave the annual subscription at the current rate although it was remitted to the Executive Committee to consider any charges necessary to enter new web server events.

Proposed Associate SCCA Membership

The meeting considered the establishment of a grade of membership (Associate Member) which would allow non-playing supporters of the Association to contribute directly (e.g. through the 100 Club; by subscription to the magazine or through other contributions, etc.) without the requirement to pay an annual membership fee. After discussion and on the proposal of George Pyrich seconded by Stuart Mackenzie this was unanimously agreed.

SCCA domestic events-Structure/Promotion

The meeting considered a report from the Executive Committee which followed a review of the decreasing entries to our tournaments in recent years and the advent of the Webserver. This report set out a possible restructuring and reorganisation of events to more accurately reflect the activities of our members and provide more opportunity for new players to be integrated into the Association during a season.

After discussion the restructuring was described under the following headings:

A) Competitive Chess, which would consist of:

- 1) The **Championship Final** (by the amalgamation of the current Championship/Candidates tournaments);
- 2) Two feeder events – the **Championship level 1** (at a level equivalent to the current Premiers event) and the **Championship level 2** (at a level equivalent to the current Majors event);
- 3) The existing **Leagues**.

B) Social Chess, which would be based around a revised Challengers event. Undersubscribed events such as Openings, Endings and Quartets would be discontinued.

All of the above events would be mixed mode (postal, email and Webserver) wherever practical. Next season a Webserver Open tournament would be organised for Scottish players.

On the proposal of Iain Mackintosh seconded by Alan Brown these recommendations were approved and it was remitted to the Executive Committee to further consider the most appropriate

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terminology/titles for the events and finalise the details of the changes in time for issue with membership renewal forms in September.
Additionally the Committee was asked to consider any effect on entry fees in light of the use of the Webserver.

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There being no other business the meeting closed with thanks to the Chairman.