Present

Iain Mackintosh (Chair), Jim Anderson, Peter Bennett, George Pyrich (all Perth); Gordon Anderson, Alan Borwell, Kevin Paine, (all Skype).

Apologies

None.

Minutes of the 36th AGM

On the proposal of Jim Anderson seconded by Alan Borwell the minute of the meeting held on 16th June 2013 was accepted as an accurate record and approved.

Matters arising from the 36th AGM

None.

President's Remarks

Iain Mackintosh summarised another busy and productive year for the SCCA.

On the domestic front, membership renewals were slightly down. The 2013-14 Scottish Championship has yet to complete, but David Cumming is assured of at least joint first place. Derek Price won one 2012 Premier section outright and shared the other with Eoin Campbell. Robert Gilbert won the Open with a score of 8/8, and thus joined the 100% Club. David Cumming retained the Challengers' medal. Hounds of the Scheming Mind won division 1 of the Webserver League, while Perth Correspondents and Social Stars shared the spoils in the Postal League. The 3rd Webserver Open was started, and featured two competitions (<2000 and 2000+), both with two preliminary sections. The 1st Annual Best Game Prize was adjudicated by Philip Giulian and won by Richard Beecham. Peter Bennett received the SM title after recording four grading norms.

Internationally, we continued to participate actively in both team and individual events (refer George's report below).

Once again the SCCA has been indebted to its hard-working committee members and event controllers, all of whom deserve thanks for their efforts and commitment. The work done by those assisting in the ICCF Veterans' World Cups should ensure several IA title awards later this year.

Secretary's Report

No secretary's report had been received. We initiated online membership renewal forms last year, which resulted in a notable saving in postage costs. Annual renewals were down slightly while life and patron memberships remained steady. All domestic events were proceeding smoothly. We changed our website hosting without incident. The online magazine was produced on schedule all year, while subscribers to the printed version reduced.

Treasurer's Report

Gordon Anderson presented a full set of accounts and once again expressed his thanks to Alan Hind for an efficient audit. We ended the year to 31st March 2014 showing a surplus of £142 and net assets of £10,482.

Income amounted to £2,584.46 (2013-£2,882.09), the main contributors to the fall in income being reduced membership fees, reduced donations and reduced interest income. The falls in income in these areas was offset a little by increases in team league entry fees and 100 club subscriptions.

Expenditure in the year was £2,442.85 (2013-£2,558.33). Committee expenses fell significantly due to the use of electronic distribution of renewal papers, however, this was offset by a significant increase in the cost of prizes and trophies to £826.00 (2013-£283.50). The main cause of that increase was the provision for prizes for the recently commenced 3rd Webserver tournament.

Our overall financial position remains very acceptable. Iain Mackintosh proposed a vote of thanks to Gordon which was unanimously agreed. Gordon moved adoption of the audited accounts, seconded by George Pyrich and unanimously agreed.

International Secretary's Report

George Pyrich reported that we finished 8th in preliminary section 2 of the 20th Olympiad, and have begun play in the semi-finals of the delayed 10th European Team Championships.   In the 5th Champions League, the Lewis Chessmen finished 8th in section 1 and the Scottish Claymores were 9th in section 7. The Scottish Claymores (different team) are lying 4th in preliminary section 2 of the European Postal Cup.

New friendly matches were started against Venezuela (twice) and France, with a first Tri-Nations match versus Wales and England also initiated. Unusually for us, we managed to win matches against Denmark, Peru and Venezuela.

Through Alan Borwell, we continue to organise and sponsor the ICCF Veterans' World Cup, with cycles 2-4 all proceeding to schedule and the first trophies from cycle 2 expected later this year.

Individual entries into ICCF events reached record levels (98 during the calendar year 2013), and Peter Bennett is participating in the preliminary stage of World Championship 38.

The 2014 ICCF Congress will be held in Sydney, Australia from 11th to 18th October.

Iain Mackintosh proposed a vote of thanks to George which was unanimously agreed. Alan Borwell moved adoption of George's report, seconded by Jim Anderson and unanimously agreed.

Election of Office Bearers

The following were elected to office for 2014-15, proposed en bloc by Peter Bennett and seconded by George Pyrich:

Office	Name
President	**Iain Mackintosh**
Vice President	**George Pyrich**
International Secretary	**George Pyrich**
Secretary	**See note ***
Membership Officer	**Kevin Paine**
Treasurer	**Gordon Anderson**
Committee Members	**Alan Borwell**
	Jim Anderson

* No nomination received. Kevin Paine (enquiries), Jim Anderson (domestic events) and Iain Mackintosh (minutes) will continue to provide interim cover.

Appointment of Auditor

Alan Hind was proposed by Gordon Anderson, seconded by Alan Borwell, and duly reappointed.

Subscriptions

Gordon Anderson proposed no change to domestic membership and entry fees for 2014-15. This was seconded by Kevin Paine and unanimously agreed. As expected, reductions in ICCF fees took effect from January 2014.

AOB

A vote of thanks to the chair was proposed by George Pyrich and unanimously agreed.