

SCCA 41st AGM Minutes
Sunday 27th May 2018, 4.00pm by Skype

Present

Iain Mackintosh (Chair), Gordon Anderson, Alan Borwell, Kevin Paine, (all Skype).

Apologies

Alastair Dawson.

Minutes of the 40th AGM

On the proposal of Gordon Anderson, seconded by Kevin Paine, the minute of the meeting held on 28th May 2017 was accepted as an accurate record and approved.

Matters arising from the 40th AGM

None.

President's Remarks

Iain Mackintosh reviewed the preceding year which had been dominated by the sudden and devastating news of the death of George Pyrich in December 2017. The SCCA was represented at a Memorial Service held in Kirkcaldy during January. George's responsibilities have been re-allocated across our various committee members and ICCF has now appointed a new Financial Director. Catherine Pyrich will be an honoured guest at the ICCF Congress in Llandudno during August, and we will begin rating-based Memorial Tournaments in George's memory after the Congress. George was one of the best and will be much missed.

On the playing front, it was another busy year for the SCCA. All domestic events, except the Postal League, ran on schedule and results are summarised below. Internationally, we continued to participate actively in both team and individual events (refer International report below).

Our website was regularly updated with new content. Our Facebook page continues to attract a worldwide following. The online magazine was produced on schedule each quarter; and subscribers to the 2018 printed magazine held steady.

As ever, the SCCA has been indebted to its hard-working committee members and tournament directors, all of whom deserve generous thanks for their efforts and commitment – particularly in the aftermath of George's demise.

Secretary's Report

Kevin Paine reported that membership currently stands at 24 Annual (including 3 new members); with 1 new Life member. A further 100 Patron and Life members are on our list.

Kevin also summarised new title-holders: Alan Bell acquired both CCE and CCM titles during the year, with Gordon Anderson collecting the CCE title. CCE norms were obtained by Robert Montgomery, Geoff Lloyd and Kevin Paine, while Alastair Dawson notched up a CCM norm.

Iain Mackintosh reported that the 2017-18 Championship was still in play with five players still able to win or share the title. Jim Anderson and Derek Coope shared the 2017 Premier with 4½/5. Jim Anderson won the Open with a 100% score of 8/8. Mickey Blake won the Challengers with a score of 11½/12. The Postal League wasn't contested once more, but the Webserver League again featured 3 divisions: In 1, Hounds of the Scheming Mind A triumphed with 17½/24; in 2, Knights of the Board won with 18½/24; and in 3, Civil Service B finished on top with 18½/24. The 5th Annual Best Game Prize was adjudicated by Clive Murden and won by Tom Matheis.

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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 2018 showing a deficit of- £112 (2017: £852 surplus) with net assets of £11,073 (2017: £11,185).

Income in the 12 month period amounted to £1,841 (2017: £2,131). The decrease was attributable to lower membership, donation and 100 Club incomes (partly due some 2017 income being carry-over amounts from 2016). Bank interest income was almost non-existent due to low base rates

Expenditure in the year increased to £1,952 (2017: £1,279). The main reason was a donation of £500 to the Welsh Federation for this year's ICCF Congress in Llandudno, plus some extra trophy costs and admin expenses for George Pyrich's funeral.

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

International Secretary's Report

Gordon Anderson reported our various Friendly International team matches are continuing as before. Of those started in 2017, we have lost to Finland, beaten Australia and stand level with SchemingMind. Planning has started for a match against Belgium, likely to start in August and the next edition of the Tri-Nations will also begin soon.

Individual entries to ICCF events are being maintained for 2018 and, to date, 24 entries have been recorded.

In the Olympiad 21 Preliminaries, Scotland is presently sitting second in the table with 29.5 points, behind Ukraine, who are the winners. Scotland has completed all of their games with Lithuania, Argentina and Romania still having games to complete. Depending on the outcome in these games Scotland may be overtaken in the final placings.

In the Semi-Finals of the 11th European Team Championship, Scotland are sitting second with 35 points and have 15 outstanding games, a half point behind Iceland who have 10 games to complete. There are still a total of 100 games to be completed in this event and we have a realistic chance of finishing in the top three.

In the British Tri-Nations 2017 Scotland will finish last, England being the winners although there are some games still in play. In the Esko Nuutilainen Memorial Team Tournament Scotland are lying 8th from 11. We are on 50% with 23 games outstanding. In the North Atlantic Team Tournament VII, we are lying last with 2 games outstanding, while in the 3rd North Sea Team Tournament we have 5 games remaining with only Norway sitting below us.

The 2017/18 British Team Championship commenced on 1 December 2017 and to date our team has 4.5 points from 9 games.

The 2018 ICCF Congress will be held in Llandudno, Wales from 19th to 23rd August, with Gordon attending as delegate and Alan hoping to catch the last 2 days. Tributes will be paid to George Pyrich at the closing banquet.

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

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Election of Office Bearers

The following office-bearers were elected to office for 2018-19.

Office	Name	Proposer	Second
President	Iain Mackintosh	Gordon Anderson	Alan Borwell
Vice President¹			
International Secretary	Gordon Anderson	Alan Borwell	Kevin Paine
Secretary²			
Membership Officer	Kevin Paine	Iain Mackintosh	Gordon Anderson
Treasurer	Gordon Anderson	Iain Mackintosh	Kevin Paine
Committee Members	Alan Borwell Alastair Dawson	Gordon Anderson Alan Borwell	Kevin Paine Gordon Anderson

¹ No nomination received.

² No nomination received. Kevin Paine (enquiries and domestic events) and Iain Mackintosh (minutes and trophies) will provide interim cover.

Appointment of Auditor

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

Subscriptions

Gordon Anderson proposed no change to domestic membership fees for 2018-19. Small changes would be made to ICCF event entry fees due to currency exchange fluctuations. This was seconded by Kevin Paine and unanimously agreed.

AOB

Gordon Anderson raised the issue of introducing new blood on to the committee as George Pyrich's departure had highlighted our vulnerability to loss of experience. We should speak to active players who are prepared to consider administrative work. **(Action: All)**

A vote of thanks to the chair was proposed by Alan Borwell and unanimously agreed.