

## SCCA Executive Committee Minutes

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2:30pm, by Skype

### Present

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

### Apologies

George Pyrich.

### Minutes of the Meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2013

Accepted.

### Matters Arising

- No new committee members as yet, item carried forward. **(Action: Iain Mackintosh)**
- 2012 trophies were distributed.
- Online membership forms were made available from October 2013.

### Membership Secretary's Report

Kevin reported 25 annual subscribers, with life and patron membership slightly up. A number of non-renewed regular members will be chased up. Income will be banked w/b 3<sup>rd</sup> March. Expenses were significantly down as a result of online forms.

### Domestic Events Report

Jim reported that all 2014 events were progressing satisfactorily. Championship numbers were up by 1; Premier numbers were steady; Open numbers were down. Postal League entries were down, but the Webserver League attracted an extra division. Kevin reported Challengers games by webserver had started and postal games would kick off shortly. All income would be banked during March.

### Treasurer's Report

Gordon reported that our net assets stood at £12,420 10 months into the year. The last two months are traditionally the busiest, with membership income (expected drop); league fees (expected rise); trophy fees (expected same); committee expenses (expected drop); magazine costs (expected same); ICCF and audit fees (expected same) all still to be finalised. Overall, we should be near break-even for the year.

The Barclays bank mandate update is currently in progress. **(Action: Gordon Anderson)**

### International Secretary's Report

George reported that a new friendly match versus France should start soon and other opponents were being sought. The 10<sup>th</sup> Euro team semi-finals have been further delayed due to late completion of the last cycle.

Our individual entries to ICCF events during 2013 reached a new high of 98 (83 World; 15 European). We submitted one nomination to the recent 2014 Preliminaries of the ICCF World Championship (Peter Bennett).

The 2014 ICCF Congress will take place in Sydney, Australia from 11<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> October. George is unable to attend, so the meeting agreed that we should ask Austin Lockwood (Wales) to carry the SCCA proxy. **(Action: George Pyrich)**

### Grader's Report

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George reported Peter Bennett has now recorded 3 grading norms towards the SM title. Robert Montgomery is also close – 1 further 2300+ rating with at least 5 more games will suffice.

### ICCF Veterans' World Cup (VWC)

Alan reported the following status:

- **VWC2:** (TD George Pyrich) is nearing conclusion, although there is no fixed closing date. With 6 ongoing games which could all affect the final medal placings, we expect final results around August 2014. 3 trophies will be awarded in the form of engraved quaichs and we also need a contingency plan for any tied places. **(Action: Alan Borwell, George Pyrich)**
- **VWC3:** (TD George Pyrich) started on 15/2/2014 with 13 players. Although there is no closing date, it should end in late Summer 2015.
- **VWC4:** (TDs Gordon Anderson, Alastair Maxwell and Kevin Paine) 7 groups of 15 players each with a Final of 15 players envisaged. Play started 15/2/2013 with closing date of 15/11/2014 Final February 2015.
- **VWC5-7:** (Organised by the BdF) VWC5 has 36 groups closing 1/3/2014. Semifinals June 2014 Alan Borwell finished third in one of his groups, qualifying for the Semifinals. VWC6 has 42 groups started 1/9/2013 – no set closing date. VWC7 is due to start September 2014 – announcement awaited.

### Chess Scotland Articles

Iain reported that no articles had been published recently, but that we will try to provide further copy. The CS Forum was noted as a method of making future SCCA announcements, e.g. upcoming events. **(Action: Iain Mackintosh, Alan Borwell)**

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Webserver Open

Alan reported that both sections were progressing well.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Best Game Prize

Iain reported that Philip Giulian had now judged all the 2013 entries and awarded 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places. The players involved are currently providing annotations and the winning games will be published in the next magazine. One miniature trophy will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> place. **(Action: Iain Mackintosh, Jim Anderson)** We'll decide if previously published games should be eligible for the 2014 Prize when we next convene. **(Action: All)**

### British CC Championships

Alan reported no further discussions.

### Website and Magazine

Iain reported that we have changed our website hosting company from Webfusion to Easyspace (Glasgow) after renewal prices became prohibitive. The new site went live at end-January - there were a couple of teething problems on the first weekend, but it's been running smoothly since. The next Magazine copy date is 31 March. All contributions gratefully received as ever!

### Next Meeting

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June. Committee 2pm, AGM 4pm. Perth if you can manage; Skype if not.