

SCCA Executive Committee Minutes
Sunday 4th June, 2pm, 2006 at BB Headquarters, Stirling

Present

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

Apologies

Alan Borwell and George Livie.

Minute of last Meeting

Accepted.

Matters Arising

The 21st Anniversary Tournament games have been published on the website.

The issue of copies of the Gold Book as prizes is ongoing.

The 400 copies of the brochure describing the Association's activities and issued to the SCA for inclusion in last summer's issue of their magazine are meantime with Sam Collins the previous Editor. A request will be made that these now be passed to the new Editor for inclusion with the magazine to be issued this summer (**Action: Alan Brown**).

Iain Mackintosh reported that Chess and Bridge Suppliers (Scotland) would continue their generous sponsorship of the Championship for the 05/06 and 06/07 events. Thereafter the position will be reviewed.

Alan Brown thanked members for their help in updating the database which now more accurately reflects the current membership and their chess activities.

Stuart Mackenzie confirmed that a new licence had been obtained to allow the **100 Club** draws to continue. He also indicated that Perth and Kinross Council had indicated that they did not require monthly returns of the **100 Club** activities.

Raymond Baxter confirmed that the Grading report had been issued as described.

2004/05 – Trophies and Medals

Trophies were presented to the three Championship winners who tied for first place in the 2004/05 Championship.

Jim Anderson reported that all medals with one exception had been sent to the relevant tournament winners for 2004/05 and that the remaining medal would be sent out within the week.

Raymond Baxter delivered the Postal Shield trophy which had been passed to him.

International Report

George Pyrich reported:-

- a) There had been no further sales of the ICCF Gold book and that 12 copies remained
- b) 4 entries had been submitted for the 2nd Web Server Open tournament scheduled to start mid-June
- c) Play was continuing in Olympiads 16 and 17 as well as the 7th European Team Championships. Only 3 games were outstanding in the Anniversary SCCA v. ICCF match.

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Friendly matches against Canada, Romania, BCCS (ENG), Netherlands and Australia are still in progress with new matches recently commenced against Denmark and Sweden.

- d) The ICCF direct entry scheme is now up and running but with little uptake meantime by Scottish players. George also confirmed that he had enrolled SCCA to the "enhanced" Direct Entry Scheme. It was noted that the ICCF Rating system is now operated almost entirely on the ICCF server with national delegates responsible for entering results from events under their control – a paper entry being no longer required. Iain Swan had qualified for the Candidates stage of the World championship by finishing 3rd in semi final section.
- e) The 2006 ICCF Congress is scheduled to be held in Dresden, Germany from the 13th to the 20th October. Following discussion the Chairman proposed that the Association support the attendance of a delegate (namely George Pyrich) at the Congress at a cost of £550-600. There was unanimous agreement with this proposal.

The matter of possible part payment to support the attendance of Alan Borwell was held over to the next meeting.

Grading Matters

Raymond Baxter presented a report outlining the rules for the award of the SCCA Master title and asked the Committee to ratify the award of one norm to Ian Reeman in light of his joint Championship win 2004/05 with 6 points out of a possible 8 i.e. a 75% score. This was agreed. Raymond then drew attention to the current position of Iain Swan and indicated that as he was not currently a member of the SCCA no norm could be awarded for his recent performance in qualifying for the Candidates stage of the World Championship. It was unanimously agreed that no retrospective award of norms could be made for a period when players were not in membership of SCCA.

Web Developments

It was noted that any events that we designated could be included on the Webserver although appropriate tariffs would have to be set for these events. (**Action George Pyrich**).

Domestic Events/Promotion 2006/07

Consideration was given to the introductory papers issued by the Chairman and to the comments thereon from Committee members. All of which had been circulated previously. Following a very full discussion on the way ahead the following alterations which sought to recognise two main divisions within our tournament base were agreed for submission to the AGM:-

A – Competitive Chess

The Championship/Candidates tournaments would be merged into one 2-year event called the **Championship Final** with mixed modes of play - the mode for individual games to be agreed by participants. The default mode being by post – either using postcards or a scoresheet as agreed by participants.

The Premiers and Majors would be retained as part of the Championship cycle and renamed **Championship Level 1** and **Championship Level 2** respectively (to be confirmed). These events to remain as 1-year tournaments again with the same arrangements with regard to mode of play in each game as indicated above as per the Championship Final.

B- Social Chess

Minors, Quartets, Challengers Tournament, Endings and Opening events would be replaced by a single event available through out the year which will be ungraded, without categories and free.

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Members would be able to challenge others without restriction at any time. Results to be published (say) quarterly.

Additionally to encourage play through the Webserver it was recommended that a free Open Webserver tournament for players in Scotland (not just current SCCA members) be arranged and extensively advertised on our website and through the chess press for next season.

These far reaching changes were proposed for further consideration at the AGM by Iain Mackintosh seconded by Alan Brown.

Next Meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Committee would be held on Sunday 20th August at 7 Tullylumb Terrace Perth at 2pm.