

SCCA Executive Committee Minutes

Sunday 6th February, 2pm, 2005 at 63 Orchard Brae Avenue, Edinburgh

Present

Iain Mackintosh (Chair), Jim Anderson, Raymond Baxter, Alan Borwell, George Livie and George Pyrich.

Apologies

Stuart Mackenzie.

Minutes of Last Meeting

Accepted.

Matters Arising

The date inaccuracies in the last magazine were corrected.

The article on the Bulletin 21st Anniversary tournament is still not completed. If Alan writes a summary of the event, Iain will annotate a selection of games (**action Alan, Iain**).

100 Club advertisements were distributed with membership forms.

No new sponsors had been forthcoming, though the search would continue.

The idea of a members' dinner attracted a poor response, so we will restrict activity this year to lunch or high tea on the day of the AGM (**action George L**).

Membership

A first meeting on database improvements was held, but no further work will be possible until after Easter (**action Jim, Iain**).

Membership processing again ran late this year. Despite some new annual members, numbers are down, though several previous members still have to be chased up. Most 2005 events are now under way, but the start of this year's Leagues has been delayed by a computer crash. Extra help will be sought to improve efficiency in the coming year (**action Jim, Iain**).

Finance

A 60-day account with Standard Life Bank was opened with an initial £5,000 deposit. Development and ordinary accounts would be tracked in the annual report (**action Stuart**).

Grading

Iain's SM certificate has still to be produced (**action Jim**).

International

There have been no further sales of the ICCF Gold book since our last meeting,

The 7th European Team Championship preliminaries are scheduled to start 15 October 2005.

The 16th Olympiad (postal) is due to start on 1 May 2005.

Play is nearing completion in the 15th Olympiad and NSTT2 events.

The Douglas Livie Memorial event is progressing well.

The Silver Jubilee match v ICCF is 90% complete, and a magazine article is planned (**action George P**).

Friendly matches are in progress against Catalonia, Norway, Canada, Finland and Romania.

New friendly matches against BCCS and Netherlands have been organised and will start soon.

We entered 2 players to the XIV World Cup, but took up no places in the new World Championship Semi.

ICCF Direct Entry Scheme

The proposal from the Mumbai Congress that individuals could enter ICCF events directly without being vetted by national federations was debated. A blacklist would be maintained, and national federations would receive commission for any residents paying direct fees. The scheme is expected to operate from 1st April, and the committee voted unanimously to accept it. We require to inform the ICCF secretary (**action George P**).

ICCF Champions League

The Lewis Chessmen team has been allocated to division 3 and play has started.

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ICCF Entry Fees

Following ICCF fee revisions effective from 1st January, the following rates were agreed for SCCA members entering ICCF events, effective from 1st March:

Event	New ICCF Fee (CHF)	Old SCCA Fee (£)	New SCCA Fee (£)
World/EU Team (per player)	25	nil	nil
World Champions League (per team)	60	24	30
World/EU Individual Candidates	25	n/a	12
World/EU Individual Semi-Final	50	18	25
World Ladies Individual Semi-Final	25	n/a	12
World/EU Individual 7-player	8	6	4
World/EU Individual 11-player	13	8	7
World Cup	20	12	10
Thematic Events	13	8	7
Master Norm	40	18	20
GM Norm	60	18	30

Note: current exchange rate approx. 2.1 CHF = £1

ICCF Extraordinary Congress

Following the recent resignations of prominent ICCF office bearers, plus various announcements and correspondence on the ICCF website and message board, a proposal to hold an EGM had been circulated by a number of senior ICCF officials. At least 22 member countries need to support the proposal for the meeting to be called. The committee voted unanimously to endorse the EGM proposal. The cost of any SCCA attendance was raised, and the committee needs to be informed of estimated expenses once the venue and dates are known. If necessary, precedence will be given to the EGM if combined delegate expenses for the extraordinary and normal congresses are excessive (**action Alan, George P**).

ICCF Congress 2005

This year's normal ICCF Congress is planned for Villa la Angostura, Argentina, in October-November. Travel and accommodation costs need to be estimated and circulated for budget purposes (**action George P**).

100 Club

The January draw was held, with prizes awarded to George Pyrich (1st) and Mark May (2nd).

Next Meeting

This will be held on Sunday 5th June 2005 at 14:00, followed by the AGM at 16:00. The venue will probably be Stirling, but needs to be confirmed (**action Jim**).