

SCCA Executive Committee Minutes
Sunday 17th February 2013, 2pm, by Skype

Present

Iain Mackintosh (Chair), Gordon Anderson, Jim Anderson, Alan Borwell, Kevin Paine, George Pyrich.

Apologies

None.

Minutes of the Meeting on 10th June 2012

Accepted.

Matters Arising

- IA qualifications were discussed and will be handled under the VWC item below.
- No new committee members as yet, item carried forward. **(Action: Iain Mackintosh)**
- Marketing used by commercial chess organisations carried forward. **(Action: All)**

Membership Secretary's Report

Kevin reported that annual subscriptions had reached 30, with Allan Petrie's cheque pending. A new patron member (Eoin Campbell) had been enrolled, and combined life and patron membership was steady at 84.

Distribution of forms had been slow in 2012, and some changes were proposed by Kevin. Forms would be split to reflect membership and events/services (the latter useful for life members not renewing). To cut postal costs, download copies of forms would be placed on the website. Members would be emailed in the autumn, and the Autumn magazine would contain a feature with links in the pdf version. **(Action: Kevin Paine, Iain Mackintosh)**

Domestic Events Report

Jim reported that all 2013 events were now in progress. The championship cycle, challengers and webserver league had all been started in January, with the postal league recently begun after an admin hiccup. Requests made of Jim were to allow TCs to monitor activity on the webserver; change TDs; and collect league fees from TCs. **(Action: Jim Anderson)**

Treasurer's Report

Gordon reported that our current surplus is £314, but expects a break-even for the year after committee expenses are paid. Absence of the CS grant was offset by there being no ICCF Congress delegate expenses this year. Expense claims to be submitted promptly to allow the accounts to be processed in good time for the AGM. **(Action: All)**

The committee unanimously endorsed Gordon's proposal to update our bank mandates and signing authorities. The BoS papers are ready to send and Barclays forms will be processed in due course. **(Action: Gordon Anderson)**

International Secretary's Report

George reported that the progress article in the recent Winter magazine was still current. New friendly matches against Germany, Spain and Czech Republic will start during the year. The Euro team semi-finals are scheduled to start in the autumn.

No applications had yet been received for the 2013 world championship cycle, where Scotland has 3 places. Closing date is 1st March, and George may take one of the places himself.

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The 2013 ICCF Congress will take place in Krakow, Poland from 20th to 27th July. George is hopeful he can attend. **(Action: George Pyrich)**

Grader's Report

George reported Alan Bell has secured his first IM norm in the 9th Euro team championship.

ICCF Veterans' World Cup (VWC)

George reported the following status:

- **VWC2:** final started 1 Feb 13. No issues flagged up so far.
- **VWC3:** semi-finals are in progress and will end 14 Nov 13. No issues flagged up so far.

Alan reported the following status:

- **VWC4:** preliminary sections will be closed on 1st March. The plan is to operate 7 semi-final groups of 15 players leading to a 15-player final. Alan's draft announcement was approved and George will provide additional wording for adjudication submissions. Iain will act as adjudicator and Richard Beecham as appeal judge. Decisions on semi-final TDs will be taken on performance to date plus IA qualification status. **(Action: Alan Borwell, George Pyrich)**

Chess Scotland Articles

Iain reported that two articles had been published and a third submitted. Illustrative games were required to follow up the submitted article and Alan volunteered to help. Kevin proposed that future articles could feature playing for Scotland – a distinctive feature of SCCA membership over commercial sites. **(Action: Iain Mackintosh, Alan Borwell)**

3rd Webserver Open

The best date to start this was agreed as late Oct/early Nov 2013. The format will be finalised at our AGM-day committee meeting. Things to be considered before then include our objectives (e.g. new SCCA members of any strength; introducing strong OTB players to webserver; attracting former CC players back to webserver chess); numbers of events (e.g. a single open event with multiple rounds versus separate grading-based events); suitability of events (e.g. what is likely to appeal most to our player targets – absence of computers, realistic winning chances, chance of title norms, etc.); prize funds (for one or many events). **(Action: All)**

Next Meeting

June 16th – committee meeting at 2pm and AGM at 3pm. Venue 7 Tullylumb Terrace, Perth if you can get there, or by Skype if you can't.