

SCCA Executive Committee Minutes
Sunday 20th August, 2pm, 2006 at 7 Tullylumb Terrace, Perth

Present

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

Apologies

Stuart Mackenzie.

Minute of the Meeting of 4th June 2006

Accepted.

Matters Arising

Alan Brown reported that the copies of the brochure describing the Association's activities had been issued with the Scottish Chess magazine.

It was also confirmed that in light of the matters to be discussed later under item 10 of today's agenda (SCCA Domestic Events) there would be a need to update present publicity material as well as prepare new information. A number of priorities were discussed:

- preparation of an advert to appear regularly in "Scottish Chess"
- update of information about the Association on the Chess Scotland Website
- preparation of an article for "Scottish Chess"
- update of our current brochure

(Action: Alan Brown, Iain Mackintosh and Jim Anderson)

International Report

George Pyrich reported:

- a. No further sales of the ICCF Gold Book – 12 copies remain in stock. George to liaise with James Anderson re tournament winners who will receive a copy as previously agreed
(Action: George Pyrich/James Anderson)
- b. Two entries submitted to date for new ICCF World Cup 15 and some interest in new BdF 60th Jubilee Server tournament.
- c. Currently play is continuing in Olympiads 16 and 17 as well as the 7th European Team Championship. The long running anniversary SCCA v. ICCF match has now been completed and friendly matches against Canada, Romania, BCCS (ENG), Netherlands, Australia, Denmark and Sweden are still in progress and it is hoped to start a new match against Germany soon.
- d. Iain Mackintosh is carrying the flag in the BCCA 100th Jubilee GM tournament and Alan Borwell is to play in the H.J. Mostert Memorial Webserver Open.
- e. So far this year there are 12 entries for ICCF Server events and 2 for postal events. A further 2 players entered Thematic events and there were 2 entries for the World Cup listed above. During 2005 we had a total of 27 entries (from 16-18 players) for ICCF individual events.
- f. The 2006 ICCF Congress is scheduled to be held in Dresden, Germany from 13th to 20th October.

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ICCF Congress – preview

George Pyrich confirmed that although elections were not due until next year there may, as a result of expected resignations, be some vacancies to be filled (circa 3) on a temporary basis until next year's elections.

Alan Borwell felt that it would be necessary to review the current membership of the Executive Board to ensure the best fit of skills and experience to address the important priorities of the next year or two. To this end he urged much more use of the internet to speed up voting and to ensure true democracy in the process.

After discussion it was unanimously agreed in light of information to hand to make £800 available to meet the expenses of attendance at the Congress by George and Alan.

Grading Matters

Raymond Baxter indicated that there was nothing to report at present.

Web Developments

Iain Mackintosh confirmed that this item would be subsumed in the next agenda item.

Webserver Open Tournament

George Pyrich confirmed that one free introductory national webserver event per country had been agreed at the Argentine Congress in 2005 and that this was still the case.

Following full discussion it was agreed to offer a webserver event as follows:

- ❑ A promotional event aimed mainly at Scots players home and abroad
- ❑ Entry criteria per the current rules for representing Scotland as players
- ❑ Free entry
- ❑ ICCF webserver format and rating of games
- ❑ A limited prize fund drawn from the development fund (total £200 with a first prize of £100; second and third prizes respectively of £70 and £30)
- ❑ TD George Pyrich
- ❑ Start date early 2007
- ❑ Advertising to include our website; the SCCA magazine; Chess Scotland; emails to national associations and players living abroad in countries such as Australia, Canada, USA, India, South Africa, Spain, New Zealand, Malta, Cyprus and Hong Kong

Contact with ICCF to verify free operation and start date. **(Action: George Pyrich)**

Final choice of event name. **(Action: George Pyrich/Iain Mackintosh)**

Finance Report

The Treasurer's email indicated that there have been no financial transactions out of the ordinary so far this year. The bank balance (not including the money held with Standard Life) at 1st August was £2,125.93.

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SCCA Domestic Events

Alan Brown presented the new draft enrolment/membership form and tournament notes which took into account the changes in the structure of domestic events agreed by the committee at their last meeting and by the AGM held on 4th June 2006 with a view to their introduction from the beginning of the 2007 season.

Following discussion these documents were approved with the Championship cycle events to be known as:

- Championship
- Premier
- Open

The committee also agreed that in principle the Association would seek to place as many domestic events as possible (both Championship and other events) on the webserver provided that the fees charged for these arrangements are acceptable/reasonable. It was remitted to George Pyrich to investigate the extent to which this could be achieved and at what rate and cost. **(Action: George Pyrich)**

At the same time it was confirmed that for domestic events delivered on the webserver James Anderson, SCCA Secretary would act as Tournament Director. **(Action: James Anderson)**

Next Meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting of the committee would be held on Sunday 4th February 2007 at 34 Laggan Rd, Newlands, Glasgow at 2pm.