

SCCA Executive Committee Minutes
Sunday 28th May, 2017, 2:00pm, by Skype

Present

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

Apologies

Alastair Dawson,

Minutes of the Meeting on 12th June 2016

Accepted.

Matters Arising

None outside agenda items.

Membership Secretary's Report

Kevin reported that 26 annual members (2 new, 6 lapses) and one new life member have subscribed. Further leaflets round CS congresses were mooted. **(Action: Iain Mackintosh [editing]; Alan Borwell [distribution])**

Domestic Events Report

Kevin reported that all events started early and are progressing satisfactorily. 11 players are contesting the Championship; 6 in the Premier and 5 in the Open (though some duplication). The Webserver League has 3 divisions, each with 7 teams (4 Scots-based in total). We have sufficient TDs, despite Alistair Maxwell and Alastair Dawson not yet having completed the ICCF exam to qualify.

Domestic Rules Report

Kevin went through his proposals to bring the published rules up to date. All were accepted and the SCCA website will be updated forthwith. **(Action: Iain Mackintosh)**

Trophies Update

Iain reported that the SCCA Championship trophy had been recovered from Manchester and had now been engraved up to 2016. We agreed to keep the main trophy in Perth in future, and Championship winners would continue to receive a miniature to keep. Medals had been awarded to Premier and Open winners. A new trophy design had been acquired for the Annual Best Game Prize, and this had been issued to 2015 and 2016 winners (Peter Bennett and Kevin Paine). Quaichs had been delivered to all VWC winners to complete our sponsorship obligations. A stock of ICCF CCE and CCM medals had been received from Andrew Dearnley and both David Cumming and Peter Bennett had received them on gaining their titles.

Treasurer's Report

Gordon reported that we ended the year to 31st March 2017 showing a surplus of £852 (2016: -£420 deficit) and net assets of £11,185 (2016: £10,333).

Income in the 12 month period amounted to £2,131 (2016: £2,135). Increases were recorded in membership income (partly due to late 2016 renewals); one new subscription for life membership; and donation income. These increases were offset by reductions in entry fees for ICCF tournaments, interest income, team league fees, magazine income and 100 club pledges.

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Expenditure in the year reduced to £1,279 (2016: £2,556). The main reason was the absence of costs for this year's ICCF Congress in Bremen, plus a modest reduction in ICCF entry fees.

Full details will be published on the website and upcoming magazine.

Gordon intimated that HBoS require us to complete an Indemnity form which allows us to refer to our account as Scottish Correspondence Chess Association; Scottish CCA or SCCA for cheque purposes. All agreed the change should be submitted to HBoS. **(Action: Gordon Anderson)**

Alan raised the issue of the use of funds (a) to promote chess currently and (b) in the event of dissolution of the SCCA. **(Action: Gordon Anderson [liaison with CS]; Iain Mackintosh [update to SCCA Constitution])**

International Secretary's Report

George reported that our team contesting the 21st Olympiad Preliminaries currently sits on top of its section, albeit with more games completed than our nearest challengers. The Semi-Finals of the 11th European Team Championship are scheduled to commence on 1 June with our team being 1. Tom Matheis 2. Richard Beecham 3. Clive Murden 4. Alan Bell 5. Iain Mackintosh 6. Peter Bennett 7. Gordon Anderson 8. Kevin Paine.

The SCCA Selection Committee (George Pyrich, Tom Matheis and Richard Beecham) recently selected teams for the 3rd North Sea Team Tournament (1.David Kilgour 2.David Cumming 3. Robert Montgomery 4. Eoin Campbell 5. Alastair Dawson 6. Derek Price), and the Esko Nuutilainen Memorial Team Tournament (1.David Kilgour 2. Alan Borwell 3. Geoff Lloyd 4. Eoin Campbell 5. Colin Beveridge 6. Alastair Dawson). George Pyrich is Team Captain in both events.

New friendly matches were started against Canada, Indonesia, Italy and Finland during the year. A total of 88 entries were submitted for ICCF Individual events during 2016 and a further 19 to date in 2017. Our team secured first place on tie-break in the 2015/16 BCCA British Team Championship. David Cumming is our representative in the 9th ICCF Interzonal Tournament (Board 5) and Eoin Campbell is presently playing in the 4th Welsh Federation International Tournament.

Both David Cumming and Peter Bennett secured the newly-introduced CCE and CCM ICCF titles. Several other players now hold one or more norms towards one or both (CCM: Gordon Anderson; CCE: Gordon Anderson, Colin Beveridge, Eoin Campbell, Geoff Lloyd).

The 2017 ICCF Congress will be held in Albena, Bulgaria from 2nd to 8th September, with George attending as delegate. George mentioned that 2017 proposals were now starting to be posted on the ICCF website. We will have a further Skype session to determine voting intentions in good time before the 2017 Congress – refer next meetings (below). **(Action: All)**

Grader's Report

George reported no candidates for the SM title at this juncture, though Kevin Paine is nearly there. We agreed no change to SM criteria following the newly-introduced CCE and CCM titles.

ICCF Veterans' World Cup (VWC)

George reported that VWCs 2-4 are now fully complete, with all prizewinners having received their trophies. This completes our sponsorship obligations to ICCF. In future, VWC reporting will be subsumed into the International Report.

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Website, Facebook and Magazine

Iain reported that the website continues to run smoothly and our Facebook page also provides more limited worldwide communications. The magazine has benefited from regular contributions by George, Peter Bennett and John Hawkes in recent times. The next copy date is 30 June - all contributions gratefully received as usual.

AOB

Iain raised the issue of the George Livie Memorial Tournament. There had been some communication delays with the Livie family, but we remain hopeful that an event can be organised this year. The most likely format is an Invitational, comprising some of George's overseas contacts plus a core of Scottish players. Prize money could be made available to utilise surplus SCCA funds. **(Action: Iain Mackintosh)**

Next Meetings

1. Provisionally mid-August 2017 – depending on the closing date for ICCF Congress 2017 Proposals (above).
 2. Provisionally early-February 2018 – overview of the new season.
- Dates to be confirmed. **(Action: Iain Mackintosh)**