

SCCA 32nd AGM Minutes

Sunday 7th June 2009, 4pm at BB Headquarters, Dalgleish Court, Stirling

Present

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

Apologies

Gordon Anderson, Richard Beecham, George Livie, Colin Macgregor.

Minutes of the 31st AGM

On the proposal of Alan Borwell seconded by Kevin Paine the minute of the meeting held on 18th May 2008 was accepted as an accurate record and approved. There were no matters arising.

President's Remarks

Another busy and enjoyable year for the SCCA.

On the domestic front, the League format was extended to incorporate webserver play and we achieved good entries for both this mode of play and the traditional postal method. Our 1st Webserver Open nears completion, and the final game will determine the top positions. Tom Matheis was awarded the SM title and Ian Reeman picked up his second SM norm.

Internationally, we are active as ever in friendly matches, have begun play in the 8th European Team Championships and have selected our team for the upcoming 18th Olympiad. We are organising and sponsoring the next cycles of the ICCF Veterans' World Cup. Iain Mackintosh was awarded the IM title.

Once again the SCCA has been indebted to its hard-working committee members and controllers, all of whom deserve thanks for their efforts and enthusiasm.

Secretary's Report

Jim Anderson reported a satisfactory year with membership holding fairly steady. Entries to domestic tournaments remained healthy, with the Championship down but the Leagues well up. All events started on time with the exception of the Leagues where the new format and some late team submissions caused a short delay. Colin Macgregor will be taking over the running of the Leagues next year and Kevin Paine has now taken over the running of the Challengers from Bernard Milligan.

Treasurer's Report

Gordon Anderson reported that his first full year was easier than last year, and expressed his thanks to Alan Hind for a helpful and efficient audit.

The surplus of income over expenditure in the 12 months ended 31st March 2009 was £953.51.

Looking at income, annual membership revenues were down, but we attracted 3 new Life members. Donations were slightly up. International match fee income was down, but individual income from ICCF entries almost doubled. Magazine income has reduced due to lower annual membership and fewer people opting for the printed version. Other income categories remained relatively steady.

Total expenditure in 2009 was lower than 2008, mainly due to a significant drop in Prizes and Trophies (the 2008 figure included prizes for the Douglas Livie Memorial tournament). Our ICCF Affiliation fee was lower due to movement in exchange rates and to the fact that the 2009 account

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was for a single year. Committee expenses increased, while other expense categories were broadly similar. Thanks are due to our president who donates the cost of website hosting and domain fees to our Association.

Iain Mackintosh proposed a vote of thanks to Gordon which was unanimously agreed.

International Secretary's Report

George Pyrich reported that, despite a relatively small pool of active players, the Association continues to be very active in team and individual events. Friendly matches, European Team Championships, the Olympiad and Champions League are all well subscribed, and there has been an upsurge in individual entries. Congratulations were due to St Margaret's of Airdrie who finished 2nd in the inaugural ICCF Senior Schools event.

Eric Ruch (FRA) had been elected as ICCF president during May. Alan Borwell congratulated George on his impending appointment as ICCF financial director, which was unanimously supported.

Changes to Constitution

Management of the Association

1. Management of the Association shall be carried out by an Executive Committee consisting of: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, International Secretary, Membership Secretary and up to three Committee Members.
3. The organisation of domestic tournaments, leagues and matches will be controlled by a sub-committee(s) chaired by the Secretary.
4. The organisation of international tournaments and matches, including team selection will be controlled by a sub-committee(s) chaired by the International Secretary.
6. The Association, through its Executive Committee, shall be empowered to allocate duties to other Committee Members, appoint sub-committee members and co-opt temporary officers to carry out special duties.

Procedure

AGM (Item 7), SGM (Item 3), Executive Committee (Item 2)

A quorum of four shall be required at the AGM/SGM/Executive Committee meeting.

The above proposals were agreed unanimously by those present, and passed with additional proxy votes from Gordon Anderson and George Livie.

Election of Office Bearers

The following were elected to office for 2009-10:

Office	Name	Proposer	Second
President	Iain Mackintosh	Jim Anderson	George Pyrich
Vice President	George Pyrich	Alan Borwell	Kevin Paine
Secretary	Jim Anderson	George Pyrich	Alan Borwell
Membership Officer	Kevin Paine	Jim Anderson	Iain Mackintosh
Treasurer	Gordon Anderson	George Pyrich	Kevin Paine
Committee Members	Alan Borwell George Livie Colin Macgregor	Iain Mackintosh Iain Mackintosh Kevin Paine	Jim Anderson George Pyrich Jim Anderson

Appointment of Auditor

Alan Hind was proposed by Gordon Anderson, seconded by Jim Anderson, and duly reappointed.

Subscriptions

Gordon Anderson proposed the following w.e.f. 1st September 2009:

SCCA Membership Subscriptions

Patron Member £125 (currently £100)

(Life subscription, free entry to all domestic events for life, printed Magazine free if requested for 1st year, e-magazine)

Life Member £100 (£80)

(Life subscription, entry to domestic events each year per Annual members, printed magazine free if requested for 1st year, e-magazine)

Annual Member £10 (£8) with additional benefits:

(Annual subscription, free entry to one Championship cycle event, free entry to all friendly international and Challengers events, additional Championship entries and League chess per published rates, e-magazine)

Associate Member £nil (£nil)

(100 Club member, magazine subscriber, and/or Team League player)

ICCF Entry Fees

Individual 7 player £5 (£4)

Individual 11 player £8 (£6)

World individual preliminaries £30 (£20)

World individual semi-final £30 (£20)

World individual candidates £15 (£10)

Grand Master Norm £36 (£24)

Master Norm £25 (£20)

Thematic £8 (£6)

World Cups £12 (£8)

Webserver Open £7 (£5)

All the proposals were adopted unanimously by those present.

AOCB

Alan Borwell proposed a vote of thanks to Iain Mackintosh for his work as president, webmaster and magazine editor, which was unanimously agreed.