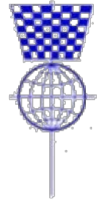


Scottish Correspondence Chess Association

<https://www.scottishcca.co.uk/>



48th Annual General Meeting Minutes

Sunday 11th May 2025, 4pm. Online.

Present: Iain Mackintosh (Chair), David Kilgour, Kevin Paine, Michael Blake.

Apologies for Absence. Ian Whittaker, Alan Borwell, Gordon Anderson.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting. On the proposal of Michael Blake and seconded by David Kilgour, these were agreed as an accurate record.

Matters Arising. None

President's Remarks.

Iain Mackintosh confirmed his wish to stand down from his roles as President, Magazine Editor and Webmaster. His health has deteriorated and he needs to hand these roles over to others. The magazine reverted to an online offering in pdf format and has been produced quarterly. It is available for download at our website. We have had a reasonable year playing chess, activity is down but our tournaments and International commitments have been met.

Membership Secretary's Report.

The Association has 107 current members of whom 58 are marked as active players by ICCF. We have 5 Patrons (3 active). 88 Life Members (42 active) and 14 Annual members (13 active). During the membership renewal period we received £49 in donations. Membership renewals were reduced as was income.

Our domestic tournaments all started in good time with no issues reported. The level of participation was lower than in previous years -

- 7 for the Championship
- 4 for the Premier
- 3 for the Open, and
- 4 for the Challengers.

We have started 2 Challenger pairings but have been unable to start any more due to rating differences in the competitors. Typically we would start many more double pairings but this is on hold until further entries are received.

The Scottish League fares well with increased participation despite the recent loss of Civil Service and BCCA. England has entered 6 teams again and this year we are joined by NATCOR with 3 teams.

Iain Mackintosh proposed a vote of thanks for the work in setting up the domestic tournaments, Kevin Paine seconded.

International Secretary's Report.

We are competing in the following tournaments -

- North Atlantic Team Tournament VIII <https://www.iccf.com/event?id=106849> where Scotland are currently 5th of 13 teams.
- North Sea Tournament VI <https://www.iccf.com/event?id=107913> where Scotland are 9th of 11 with a lot of games still to complete.

We have two International Friendly matches, both are ongoing.

- Scotland v USA <https://www.iccf.com/event?id=106221>
- Scotland v Poland <https://www.iccf.com/event?id=106529>

Ian Sneddon and Allan Buchan are very active with International tournaments and representing Scotland.

The online ICCF Congress will require a meeting of the SCCA EC to agree how we vote. Proposals must be sent by the 10th August. We should meet in good time to vote from the 19th October.

Treasurer's Report.

1. Income.
 - Membership fees received totalled £130 (2024: £330 which in that year included one new life membership).
 - Receipts for all Competitions (League, Individual Domestic and ICCF events) totalled £192 (2024: £249).
 - Income from the 100 Club in the year to date has decreased slightly to £566 (2024: £636).
 - Other Miscellaneous income primarily consisted of donations totalled £63 (2024: £592) which were all gratefully acknowledged.
2. Expenditure
 - The association's costs in the year totalled £434 (2023: £1,214) and primarily covered the 100 Club prizes of £271 (2024: £296) with the balance being made up of Chess Scotland affiliation fee of £50 (2024: £50), competition fees, prizes and trophies £64 (2024: £331) and other miscellaneous items.
3. Surplus for the year
 - The association achieved a surplus of £516 for the year (2024: £592) which was transferred to the Capital Account.
4. Balance Sheet
 - As at March 31 2025 the bank account stood at £10,156 (previously at 31 March 2023: £10,106). After various adjustments for prepayments and accruals, members' accounts were represented by net assets at the year-end of £9,937.23 (2024: £9,421)
5. Accounts Examination
 - The accounts have been independently examined by John Fanning FCA who has indicated that he is willing to take on the work going forward. It is recommended that the association provides an honorarium to the auditor of an annual amount of £25 (equivalent to a bottle of

wine or a whisky!) for his work. **Action: Treasurer to send the Auditor the agreed honorarium.**

6. Subscriptions 2026

- It is recommended that subscription rates for next year remain unaltered. **Action: Agreed.**

Graders Report

David Kilgour reported that there were no new titles awarded to players in 2024. Clive Murden has recently achieved the Senior International Master title but this will be recorded for 2025. Clive also obtained his first Grandmaster norm whilst competing in the 5th Marian Vinchev Memorial B Elo 2450-2499 tournament. Well done Clive!

Election of Office Bearers

The following were elected for 2025-26.

Office	Name	Proposer	Seconder
President	vacancy		
Vice President	vacancy		
Secretary	Michael Blake	David Kilgour	Kevin Paine
International Secretary	David Kilgour	Kevin Paine	Michael Blake
Membership Secretary	Michael Blake	Kevin Paine	David Kilgour
Treasurer	Ian Whittaker	David Kilgour	Michael Blake
Committee Members	Alan Borwell Kevin Paine Iain Mackintosh	Iain Mackintosh David Kilgour Kevin Paine	Kevin Paine Iain Mackintosh David Kilgour

Any Other Business

David Kilgour is to meet with Iain Mackintosh with a view to taking on the website. Michael Blake to liaise with Iain for the purpose of publishing our magazine whilst we look for new volunteers.

Iain Mackintosh Honorary President

Kevin Paine nominated Iain Mackintosh to be awarded the Honorary President title in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the Scottish Correspondence Chess Association. The motion was seconded by David Kilgour and agreed by the meeting. Kevin Paine spoke of the tremendous work and commitment given to SCCA by Iain Mackintosh. He spoke of his grateful thanks for the work Iain had done as President, Webmaster and Magazine Editor over many years. The meeting agreed and expressed their thanks and pleasure that Iain was able to continue on the committee.

Next Meeting Date to be notified.

Michael Blake
Secretary
11/05/2025