

SCCA 47th AGM Minutes
Sunday 12th May 2024, 4.00pm via Zoom

Present

Iain Mackintosh (Chair), Mickey Blake, David Kilgour, Kevin Paine.

Apologies

Gordon Anderson, Alan Borwell, Alistair Maxwell, Robert Montgomery, Graham Morrison, Ian Whittaker.

Minutes of the 46th AGM

On the proposal of David Kilgour, seconded by Kevin Paine, the minute of the meeting held on 21st May 2023 was accepted as an accurate record and approved.

Matters arising from the 46th AGM

John Fanning was duly appointed as Auditor and filed his first audit report.

President's Remarks

Iain Mackintosh summarised the preceding year

Our domestic events saw the Championship unfinished, with the final game to decide the outcome. Our Leagues were under threat after the BCCA/EFCC merger, but rallied after sponsorship was obtained. Mickey's report follows.

We continued our international participation in numerous ICCF individual and team competitions. David's report is below.

Mickey continued to run Facebook and Twitter services, and our website was active as usual. The final edition of our printed magazine (164) was issued in January 2024.

Yet again, the SCCA has been indebted to its hard-working committee members and tournament directors, all of whom deserve a huge vote of thanks for their efforts and commitment.

Membership Secretary's Report

Mickey Blake reported we have 115 current members of SCCA (4 Patrons, 87 Life, 24 Annual and 0 Associates). 61 members are classed as 'active' on ICCF, though 18 are non-members.

Mickey reported that the 2023-24 Championship is still in progress with one result awaited. Derek Price won the 2023 Premier, while John Armstrong won Open A and Colin Macgregor did likewise in Open B. The 2023-24 Challengers is still ongoing.

League chess looked under threat after BCCA merged with EFCC, but sponsorship was obtained from Mickey and Phill Beckett in the first instance, followed by EFCC promising to fund English teams from 2025. Our Websaver League comprised 3 divisions again, all won by BCCA teams – Tigers (D1), Panthers (D2) and Leopards (D3).

Allan Buchan and Robert Montgomery shared the 11th Annual Best Game Prize adjudicated by IM Valer Eugen Demian of Canada.

Iain Mackintosh proposed a vote of thanks to Mickey, seconded by David Kilgour and unanimously agreed.

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Grader's Report

Alistair Maxwell summarised new title- and norm-holders over the past year:

- CCE Title Mark Smith (Aug 23);

We picked up a couple of new members following the amalgamation of EFCC and BCCA. The grading list has shown some volatility following recent system upgrades.

Treasurer's Report

Income: Membership fees received totalled £330 (2023:£665) which this year included one new life membership. Receipts for all ICompetitions (League, Individual Domestic and ICCF events) totalled £249 (2023: £463). Income from the 100 Club in the year to date has decreased slightly to £636 (2023: £720). Other Miscellaneous income including printed magazine and donations, which included a grant from the Slater Trust of £500, totalled £592 (2023: £157).

Expenditure: The association's costs in the year totalled £1,214 (2023: £1,154) and primarily covered the 100 Club prizes of £296 (2023: £360) with the balance being made up of Chess Scotland affiliation fee of £50 (2023: £50), competition fees £331 (2022: £422), printed magazine costs of £189 (2023: £160) and other miscellaneous items.

Surplus for the year: The association achieved a surplus of £592 for the year (2023: £560) which was transferred to the Capital Account.

Balance Sheet: As at March 31 2024 the bank account stood at £10,105 (previously at 31 March 2023:£9,006). After various adjustments for prepayments and accruals members accounts were represented by net assets at the year-end of £9,421 (2023: £8,829)

Accounts Audit: As last year, a clash between the Treasurer's and the Auditor's vacations over the Easter and the May Bank holidays means the accounts have not been independently examined by the date of the AGM. This year's examination will be undertaken by John Fanning FCA who has indicated that he is willing to take on the work going forward. Audited accounts will be presented to members on completion.

Subscriptions 2024-25: It is recommended that subscription rates for next year remain unaltered.

International Secretary's Report

Recent friendly match results have included:

Wales	24½-17½	win
USA	28-32	loss

Also Edinburgh beat London 56-28 in the stagecoach rematch played on the ICCF server

In the Final of the 11th European Team event, we finished 9th with 49%. Congratulations to Wales who won the event with 52%. In the ETC 12th Semi-Final we are struggling in 9th place with 47%. In the Final of the Nol van't Riet Memorial team event we are sitting 9th with 46%.

The last few months have seen relatively low activity in team and individual events. The immediate priority is to process ICCF Congress proposals, then arrange friendly matches to satisfy new member expectations. We'll also contact the ICCF Tournament Office to develop an upcoming schedule.

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Election of Office Bearers

The following office-bearers were elected for 2024-25.

Office	Name	Proposer	Seconder
President	Iain Mackintosh	Kevin Paine	David Kilgour
Membership Secretary	Mickey Blake	David Kilgour	Kevin Paine
International Secretary	David Kilgour	Kevin Paine	Mickey Blake
Treasurer	Ian Whittaker	Mickey Blake	Kevin Paine
Committee Members	Alan Borwell Kevin Paine Graham Morrison	Iain Mackintosh Iain Mackintosh Iain Mackintosh	David Kilgour David Kilgour David Kilgour

Appointment of Auditor

Ian Whittaker reported that the 2023-24 Accounts were not yet fully audited due to holiday clashes between himself and John Fanning. Ian proposed that John Fanning FCA should continue the Auditor role. This proposal was seconded by Mickey Blake and unanimously agreed.

Subscriptions

Ian Whittaker proposed no change to domestic membership fees for 2024-25. They are currently Annual £10; Life £100 and Patron £125. The proposals were seconded by Kevin Paine and unanimously agreed.

A vote of thanks to the chair was proposed by Mickey Blake, seconded by David Kilgour and unanimously agreed.