

**SCCA 44<sup>th</sup> AGM Minutes**  
Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2021, 4.00pm by Zoom

**Present**

Iain Mackintosh (Chair), Gordon Anderson, Mickey Blake, Alan Borwell, Kevin Paine, Ian Whittaker (until technical problems intervened).

**Apologies**

Alastair Dawson, Alistair Maxwell, Iain Sneddon.

**Minutes of the 43<sup>rd</sup> AGM**

On the proposal of Gordon Anderson, seconded by Kevin Paine, the minute of the meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2020 was accepted as an accurate record and approved.

**Matters arising from the 43<sup>rd</sup> AGM**

None.

**President's Remarks**

Iain Mackintosh reviewed the preceding year which unfortunately saw our bid to host the 2021 ICCF Congress in Glasgow during August founder again due to Covid restrictions. Gordon Anderson deserves a further big vote of thanks for all his work to date and we'll keep on trying!

On the playing front, it was another busy year for the SCCA. Domestic events all ran on schedule and results are summarised below. Internationally, we have had a long wait to contest the 11<sup>th</sup> European Team Final which will now start in August 2021. We were widely represented in ICCF individual and team competitions.

Our website was regularly updated with new content. Our Facebook page continues to service our social media following. The online magazine was produced on schedule each quarter; while the printed magazine was interrupted by Covid restrictions, but has now resumed.

As usual, the SCCA has been indebted to its hard-working committee members and tournament directors, all of whom deserve our grateful thanks for their efforts and commitment.

**Secretary's Report**

In March 21, Iain Sneddon was forced to resign at short notice due to his wife's ill-health. We'd like to thank Iain for all his hard work to date and wish him well. Also due thanks is Mickey Blake, who stepped forward quickly to take over. We have still to finalise our 2021 membership figures, but expect a slight rise in Annual subscriptions and the same number of Life/Patron members.

Mickey reported that the 2020-21 Championship was still in progress, with 3 players still in contention. The 2020 Premier was won by Allan Buchan with a 100% score. Andrew Macmillan won the 2020 Open. John Dunn triumphed in the 2020 Challengers. The Webserver League featured 3 divisions: in 1, Hounds of the Scheming Mind A prevailed; in 2, Hounds of the Scheming Mind C won it; and in 3, White Rose C finished on top. The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Best Game Prize was adjudicated by SIM Per Söderberg and won by Iain Mackintosh.

Grader Alistair Maxwell summarised new title- and norm-holders:

- IM Norm: David Cumming (May 20); Iain Sneddon (Sep 20); Alan Bell (Jan 21); Gordon Anderson (Feb 21).
- SM Title: Iain Sneddon (Sep 20).
- CCM Title: Mickey Blake (Aug 20); Iain Sneddon (Aug 20), Allan Buchan (May 21).
- CCM Norm: Allan Buchan (Mar 21); Robert Montgomery (Apr 21).
- CCE Title: Robert Montgomery (Oct 20); Allan Buchan (Dec 20).
- CCE Norm: Raymond Burrige (May & Jun 20); Mark Smith (Nov 20).

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**Treasurer's Report**

Gordon Anderson presented a full set of accounts and once again expressed his thanks to Alan Hind for a comprehensive audit. We ended the year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 showing a deficit of £965 (2020: £134 deficit) with net assets of £7,925 (2020: £8,891).

Income in the 12 month period was higher than that in 2020, amounting to £1,729 (2020-£1,561). Membership subscriptions recovered well, from £133 in 2020 to £196 in 2021. Donation income increased slightly to £147, (2020-£128), while Bank interest reduced slightly. Income from Magazine sales was also slightly higher, mainly due to electronic copies, a consequence of increased membership fees, of the excellent publication. Income from the 100 club was relatively flat following new subscribers coming on stream following on from an appeal made last year. Entries to domestic competitions also declined while there has been an increase in fees paid to ICCF for entries on behalf of members.

Expenditure in the year increased to £2,694 (2020-£1,696). The increase in expenditure results primarily due to the costs incurred for trophies and postage for sending the quaichs to winners, following the completion of the George Pyrich Memorial events. It is of interest to note that the total costs of setting up, running and rewarding participants was spread over 3 sets of accounts and in total amounted to just over £3,200.

Iain Mackintosh proposed a vote of thanks to Gordon and Alan Hind which was unanimously agreed. Gordon moved adoption of the audited accounts, seconded by Kevin Paine and unanimously agreed.

**International Secretary's Report**

Current friendly matches are with Sweden (postal on one board), Venezuela and the USA. No further matches are planned at present, due to upcoming team events.

In 2020 we entered 22 players into 89 ICCF tournaments. So far in 2021 there have been 17 entries by 12 players.

In the 22nd Olympiad Preliminary, we are likely to finish 2nd bottom of our section ahead only of Nicaragua.

The final of the 11th ETC is now scheduled to start on 1st August 2021. Our team will be that which qualified for the final apart from Iain Sneddon replacing Peter Bennett (unavailable). The semi-finals of the 12th ETC start on the same date and our team is currently being selected.

In the Carlos Flores Gutiérrez team event, Scotland has scored 21½ points with 2 games left.

The Nol van't Riet Memorial team event has been announced for players rated <2300. The next edition of the North Sea Team event has also been announced and will start on 1st September. Teams have been selected for both events.

We are being stretched by all of these events in view of our limited resources.

The 2021 ICCF Congress will be a virtual affair due to the Covid restrictions. Delegates will vote online on proposals during August. We'll propose the 2022 Congress be held in Glasgow.

Iain Mackintosh proposed a vote of thanks to Gordon which was unanimously agreed. Kevin Paine moved adoption of Gordon's report, seconded by Mickey Blake and unanimously agreed.

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**Election of Office Bearers**

The following office-bearers were elected to office for 2021-22.

Office	Name	Proposer	Second
<b>President</b>	Iain Mackintosh	Gordon Anderson	Kevin Paine
<b>International Secretary</b>	Gordon Anderson	Iain Mackintosh	Alan Borwell
<b>Secretary<sup>1</sup></b>			
<b>Membership Officer</b>	Mickey Blake	Gordon Anderson	Alan Borwell
<b>Treasurer</b>	Gordon Anderson	Kevin Paine	Alan Borwell
<b>Committee Members</b>	Alan Borwell Kevin Paine	Gordon Anderson Gordon Anderson	Iain Mackintosh Alan Borwell

<sup>1</sup> No nomination received. We will review secretarial and membership functions during the year and hope to recruit another committee member to assist.

**Appointment of Auditor**

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

**Subscriptions**

Gordon Anderson proposed no change to domestic membership fees for 2021-22. This was seconded by Alan Borwell and unanimously agreed.

**AOB**

The Edinburgh CC Bicentenary takes place in November 2022, and the club hopes to reproduce the famous Edinburgh-London postal match, and perhaps others. SCCA is happy to provide support, but decisions are required re playing format. **(Action: GA, IW)**

A vote of thanks to the chair was proposed by Gordon Anderson and unanimously agreed.