

SCCA 31st AGM Minutes

Sunday 18th May 2008, 4pm at BB Headquarters, Dalgleish Court, Stirling

Present

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

Apologies

Raymond Baxter, Richard Beecham, George Livie.

Minutes of the 30th AGM

On the proposal of Jim Anderson seconded by George Pyrich the minute of the meeting held on 3rd June 2007 was accepted as an accurate record and approved. There were no matters arising.

President's Remarks

Iain Mackintosh drew attention to recent anniversaries:

- a. The 30th Anniversary of the formation of the SCCA, now being celebrated with a 50-board friendly international versus Rest of the World.
- b. The 10th Anniversary of our website, celebrated by a makeover.
- c. The production of the 100th edition of the SCCA magazine.

There were a number of changes to committee this year, with Raymond Baxter retiring as grading officer after exemplary service over many years. Also standing down were Dr Alan Brown as membership secretary and Stuart Mackenzie as treasurer, replaced respectively by Dr Kevin Paine and Gordon Anderson. We experimented with Skype to connect up far-flung members for committee meetings.

Once again the SCCA was 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 that most domestic events are now administered and graded via the ICCF webserver, and we will need to convert the Leagues and Challengers tournaments this year to complete the set. Two new records were set – Richard Beecham became the first player to win the Championship 4 times, and Perth Correspondents (jointly) won division 1 of the League for the 7th time.

In 2008, events are going well although we are down slightly on the numbers of players participating. We have 7 playing in the Championship, 2 sections of 7 and 6 in the Premiers and 2 sections of 6 in the Open. All tournaments started on time except the League which was still a couple of weeks late.

Although membership is down slightly, we have a few new members and Kevin Paine is organising introductory games for them to play. Sadly, we recorded 3 deaths last year – long-serving members David Crichton and Rev Albert Norris, and newcomer Gordon MacArainn, fatally injured in a road accident.

Treasurer's Report

Gordon Anderson presented audited accounts for 2007-08 showing a surplus of £575.75. There were slight falls in membership and entry fees income, offset by higher donations and reduced international and magazine expenses. We have also secured our grant from Chess Scotland for

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the next three years, that being the point when CS has to re-apply to the Scottish Executive. Our overall position remains satisfactory, and detailed figures will be published on the website and in the next magazine.

International Secretary's Report

George Pyrich drew attention to his regular reports to the Executive Committee and confirmed that the Association had another successful year internationally. The Douglas Livie Memorial event has now completed, almost 4 years after it began. It was a fiercely contested affair, and a fine tribute to Douglas. We continue to field individuals and teams in a wide selection of international events, including 4 teams involved in the current ICCF Champions' League.

Election of Office Bearers

The following were elected to office for the 2008 season:-

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

Following Raymond Baxter's retirement, no election of a Grading Officer was made. George Pyrich will administer grading matters in addition to his other duties.

Appointment of Auditor

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

Subscriptions

On the proposal of Gordon Anderson seconded by George Pyrich it was agreed that there be no change in subscription rates.

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Alan Borwell proposed a vote of thanks to Iain Mackintosh for all the hard work he puts in with the website, magazine, grants and much more.

Jim Anderson proposed a vote of thanks to Raymond Baxter who stepped down as Grading Officer after many years of service. An inscribed quaich will be presented to Raymond in the near future.