

SCCA 46th AGM Minutes
Sunday 21st May 2023, 4.00pm via Zoom

Present

Iain Mackintosh (Chair), Gordon Anderson, Mickey Blake, Alan Borwell, David Kilgour, Graham Morrison, Kevin Paine, Ian Whittaker

Apologies

None.

Minutes of the 45th AGM

On the proposal of Gordon Anderson, seconded by Alan Borwell, the minute of the meeting held on 22nd May 2022 was accepted as an accurate record and approved.

Matters arising from the 45th AGM

None.

President's Remarks

Iain Mackintosh reviewed the preceding year which, after 2 unsuccessful attempts due to Covid disruption, saw us host the 2022 ICCF Congress in Glasgow during August. Gordon and Margaret Anderson deserve fulsome praise for their work; the business agenda finished a day early and the events programme was thoroughly enjoyable!

Our domestic events saw the Championship shared by Robert Montgomery and Iain Sneddon who posted identical points and SB scores. Social A, and Scheming Minds C and D won League divisions 1-3 respectively. We are currently placed 4th in the 11th European Team Final, but some teams behind us are likely to overtake in the run-in. We continued our active participation in numerous ICCF individual and team competitions.

We added a Twitter account to our media outlets of website, Facebook and magazine with Mickey Blake now responsible for social media.

Once more, 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 112 current members of SCCA (3 Patrons, 88 Life, 21 Annual and 0 Associates). 53 members are classed as 'active' on ICCF.

Mickey reported that the 2021-22 Championship was won by Allan Buchan. Alistair Maxwell won the 2021 Premier, while Andrew Macmillan and Andrew Taylor (with a 100% score) bested the two 2021 Open sections. Robert Gilbert was victorious in the 2021-22 Challengers. The Webserver League comprised 3 divisions again, with winners as last year: D1: Hounds of the Scheming Mind A; D2: Hounds of the Scheming Mind C, and D3: White Rose C. Iain Mackintosh won the 10th Annual Best Game Prize adjudicated by IM Austin Lockwood of Wales.

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

- IM Title: Alan Bell (Sep 22); IM Norm: Iain Sneddon (Jul 22).
- CCM Title: Kevin Paine (Dec 22); Robert Montgomery (Jan 23); Graham Morrison (May 23); CCM Norm: Wilf Taylor (Dec 22).
- CCE Title Ian Whittaker (Jun 22); Wilf Taylor (Dec 22), Graham Morrison (Mar 23).

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

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Treasurer's Report

Ian Whittaker reported that the handover of duties from Gordon Anderson was now complete and new bank arrangements are operational. Holiday clashes with Alan Hind over Easter and the May Bank Holidays meant that the Accounts remain unaudited for now. With Alan now retired, this year's examination will be undertaken by John Fanning FCA and presented to SCCA members on completion. The following summary is based on unaudited figures.

As at March 31, 2023 the bank account stood at £9,006 (31 March 2022:£7,398) and is all now held within one Bank of Scotland current account. After various adjustments for prepayments and accruals, members accounts were represented by net assets at the year-end of £8,829 (2022: £7,228).

The ICCF Glasgow Congress was the major expense item over 2022-23. Total costs were £22,348, but we were successful in obtaining grants and sponsorship as well as delegate fees, resulting in a net deficit of £191 – a very good outcome.

Ian made two proposals:

1. Merge the Development Account into our main Capital Account (Balance Sheet Net Assets). NB the Development Account was introduced in 2005-06.
2. No change to Members' Subscriptions for 2024.

Both were agreed by those present.

Iain Mackintosh proposed a vote of thanks to Ian, seconded by Kevin Paine and unanimously agreed.

International Secretary's Report

Friendly matches have continued against

Germany	(47 boards, Germany leads by 56½-34½ with 3 games to finish)
Canada	(17 boards, Canada leads by 16-15 with 3 games to complete)
New Zealand	(10 boards, Scotland won 11½-8½)
Philippines	(31 boards, Philippines lead 40-13 with 9 games in play)
Wales	(22 boards, match level at 10½-10½ with 21 games remaining).

In the Final of the European Team event, we now sit 4th with 47 points from 95 games (49%) with 1 game still in play. Austria lead with 47½ points although the favourites appear to be Wales who also have 47 points but with 5 games remaining. At the same time as the ETC Final started so too did the ETC 12th Semi-Final. At this stage we have 34½/70, with 2 games still in play.

The Carlos Flores Gutiérrez team event commenced in July 2020. Scotland scored 23 points and finished 2nd bottom in the event. This was followed by the Nol van't Riet Memorial team event for players rated <2300. Scotland finished second with a score of 19/36 and therefore qualifies for the Final of that Memorial event, with play scheduled to commence on 1st June 2023. We will be represented by the same team which qualified for the final.

Also under way is the Horst Rittner Memorial, where Scotland sits 4th with a score of 30/61 with 11 remaining games. The next <2300 team event is the Francois Riva Memorial which is due to start on 1st July 2023.

The North Sea V Team event which commenced on 1 September 2021 has only a few games still in play. Scotland will finish second bottom, ahead of Denmark, having scored 22/48.

Iain Mackintosh proposed a vote of thanks to Gordon, seconded by Alan Borwell and unanimously agreed.

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Election of Office Bearers

The following office-bearers were elected for 2023-24.

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

Appointment of Auditor

Ian Whittaker reported that the 2022-23 Accounts were not yet fully audited due to holiday clashes between himself and Alan Hind. Alan has now formally retired, but will assist the incoming auditor to complete the work. Ian's proposal is that John Fanning FCA (former president of the ICAEW's Members in Scotland) should take on the Auditor role forthwith. This proposal was seconded by Gordon Anderson and unanimously agreed.

Subscriptions

Ian Whittaker proposed no change to domestic membership fees for 2023-24. They are currently Annual £10; Life £100 and Patron £125. With the disappearance of printed magazines after January 2024, their associated fees and conditions will need to be removed from the website. Both proposals were seconded by Kevin Paine and unanimously agreed.

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