Present

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

Apologies

None.

Minutes of the Meeting on 8th June 2014

Accepted.

Matters Arising

- The Barclays bank mandate update is complete.
- ICCF Congress 2014 proxy voting arrangements are complete.
- IA titles were awarded to Gordon Anderson and Kevin Paine at the ICCF Congress.

Membership Secretary's Report

Annual members are down slightly from this time last year, though one has upgraded to life membership. We'll chase up a number of slow returns and also elicit feedback from previous members on Gordon Anderson's list. **(Action: Kevin Paine)**
Relatively few renewals were paid by online banking so we need to retain cheques/POs.
Some members found the website hard to navigate, so we'll do some streamlining. **(Action Iain Mackintosh)**

Domestic Events Report

Most 2015 events are started and leagues should commence this week. Status:
- Championship. 1 section, 6 players, double round robin.
- Premier. 1 section, 6 players, single round robin.
- Open. 2 sections, 5 players, double round robin.
- Challengers. 6 players registered so far.
- Postal League. Only 3 teams entered so no league this year. We'll advertise it again next season, but drop the event if we have two blank years in succession.
- Webserver League. Strong interest with several new teams. Decision on 3 or 4 divisions pending; should start in next few days. Team captains will remit fees directly to Gordon as last year.
- 2014 Trophies. Most ready for engraving. Championship trophy won by Stuart Graham in 2010-11 to be retrieved asap. **(Action: Jim Anderson)**

Treasurer's Report

Gordon reported on figures for the first 10 months of the financial year. Year-to-date income amounted to £1,644.50, with annual membership receipts down after adjustments for life and patron subscriptions. There may be a link between the introduction of online renewal forms in 2013 and this drop; older members may still prefer postal reminders. Year-to-date expenditure was £1,866.38 which included VWC2 trophies, and donations to the WFCC (2015 ICCF Congress) and Chess Scotland (Glorney Cup). Bank balances are healthy (£11,968) and Gordon expects our final result to be near break-even.
Improved pay-in facilities via Halifax in Bath were sought by Kevin. **(Action: Gordon Anderson)**
ICCF tournament remittances should be sent directly to Gordon once George completes his move to Spain. **(Action: George Pyrich, Gordon Anderson)**

International Secretary's Report

George reported that new friendly matches versus Iceland and Wales had recently started, and a fixture with NatCor (affiliated to EFCC) was pending.

A total of 98 entries to ICCF individual events were received during 2014, a substantial increase over the previous year's total of 69. However we filled only 1 of our allocation of 3 places in last year's new World Championship events.

A new cycle of the ICCF Champions League with a revamped format is scheduled to start in April and our team selection process is presently underway. We hope to be able to field 2 teams as before. Communications about the event have been a bit confusing, so we'll ask ICCF to clarify. **(Action: George Pyrich)**

The Preliminaries of both the 21st ICCF World Cup and the 8th ICCF Veterans World Cup are scheduled to commence sometime during the 3rd quarter of the year.

The 2015 ICCF Congress will take place in Cardiff from 16th to 22nd August. Expenses of SCCA officials planning to attend will be part-subsidised, with the amounts depending on our total budget. **(Action: All, Gordon Anderson)**

The future of the British CC Championships will be discussed between the home nations in Cardiff. We'd like to see an agenda from Austin Lockwood and plan to present our ideas in advance. **(Action: All, George Pyrich)**

Grader's Report

George reported no new movements in title norms.

ICCF Veterans' World Cup (VWC)

Alan reported the following status:

- **VWC2:** (TD George Pyrich) has been concluded with the winner being Vladimir Stepanovich Sergeev IM from Russia, ahead of Vytautas Sutkus IM from Lithuania and Juan Andres Enricci SIM from Argentina. The three medallists have received engraved quaichs presented by the SCCA.
- **VWC3:** (TD George Pyrich) started on 15/2/2014 with 13 players and it should end in late summer 2015. There are currently 76 finished games with 29 still in progress.
- **VWC4:** (TDs Gordon Anderson, Alastair Maxwell and Kevin Paine) The Final of 15 players started on 15/1/2013 with no closing date. Both SIM and IM title norms are available in this tournament. There are 0 completed games so far.
- **VWC5:** (Organised by the BdF) There are 9 Semifinal Groups of 13 players. Alan Borwell is playing in Group 02 and is unbeaten with 7/11pts. Peter Bennett leads Group 07 with 7.5/12 pts.
- **VWC6:** (Organised by the BdF) There are 9 Scottish CCA participants playing in 12 different preliminary groups. Richard Beecham topped his group with a very impressive 10/12 score! Alan Borwell (8/12) has also qualified for the Semifinal stage.
- **VWC7:** (Organised by the BdF) started on 1st September 2014 with 33 Prelim. Groups. There are 6 SCCA participants playing in 8 groups.

3rd Webserver Open

George reported that the B Final had been started ahead of its original schedule, and the A Final should be on the webserver during March with an official start date in April. **(Action: George Pyrich)**

2nd Annual Best Game Prize

Iain reported that Richard Beecham had completed his assessment and the results and games would be reported in full in magazine 129. Wording to be provided to Jim for the trophy. **(Action: Iain Mackintosh)**

Website and Magazine

Iain reported that the website has continued to run smoothly on the new hosting service. Some improvements are planned to aid new and renewing members (as above).
The next magazine copy date is 31 March - all contributions gratefully received as usual. A reduced number of printed magazines has been agreed with the printer, and this year's subscriber list is needed by end-March. **(Action: Kevin Paine)**

Adjudication Fees

Kevin drew attention to the SCCA Rules which are still postal-based on this subject. They need to be changed at our next meeting so that revisions can be applied in 2015. **(Action: Kevin Paine)**

Retirements and Presentations

We need to check if George Livie received a quaich after retiring. **(Action: Iain Mackintosh)**
Dave Savage should receive a letter and quaich for his long service in running the Postal Leagues. **(Action: Jim Anderson)**

New Committee Members

We agreed to personally approach potential candidates, so nominations sought. **(Action: All, Iain Mackintosh)**

Next Meeting

Sunday, 21st June in Perth and by Skype. Exec meeting at 2pm, AGM at 4pm.