

SCCA Executive Committee Minutes

Sunday 10th June 2012, 2pm, 7 Tullylumb Terrace, Perth and by Skype

Present

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

Apologies

None.

Minutes of the Meeting on 26th February 2012

Accepted.

Matters Arising

- New League time controls have been added to the website, and can be used from 2013. Action closed.
- A reminder on player etiquette was repeated to the Social Stars team captain, and was effective. Action closed.
- The Southampton lady player's cheque was returned. Action closed.
- IA qualifications gained by SCCA TDs in VWCs to be tracked. Current status:
Alastair Dawson, Alistair Maxwell, Jim Anderson and Kevin Paine will all have completed 3½ years' service upon completion of the 4th VWC Prelims in February 2013 with total of 1,170 games (15 x 13 players sections) and so will require only 6 months service in one of next semifinal sections starting May 2013 to complete qualification.
Also in February 2013, Gordon Anderson will have 2½ years and 702 games - for the award he will have to complete a full 1½ years for a semifinal and also almost another 300 games.
TD selection will be made accordingly, and monitoring to continue. **(Action: George Pyrich)**
- No new committee members as yet, item carried forward. **(Action: Iain Mackintosh)**

Membership Secretary's Report

Kevin reported that annual subscriptions had reached 32, with Jim Anderson's cheque pending. Further late payments plus membership enquiries would be followed up. Life and patron membership was steady at 85.

Domestic Events Report

Jim reported that all 2012 events were progressing satisfactorily. Some players had been granted leave with health issues – best wishes to Derek Coope, Stuart Graham and Pat Moir.

Treasurer's Report

Gordon reported that our final surplus was £1,026, due largely to there being no ICCF Congress delegate expenses this year. Revenue from annual membership had declined, and there was some interest in reviewing how commercial organisations marketed their offerings – e.g. chessworld.net and schemingmind.com. **(Action: All)**

International Secretary's Report

George reported that Scotland continues play in the 19th Olympiad; the 9th ETC preliminaries; the Thor Løvholt Memorial; the 1st Europa Postal Cup and the Witold Bielecki Memorial Team Tournament. The next Champions League cycle times are still awaited, but the 5th VWC schedule is now published and looks similar to VWC 2-4. The friendly international against Italy has started, completing our quota for 2012.

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The 2012 ICCF Congress will take place in Rustenburg, South Africa from 28th October to 3rd November. We will make a decision on who attends in August.

Grader's Report

George reported the following SM norms and title awards:

- Gordon Anderson gained his third SM norm with an ICCF rating of 2306 on the 2012/2 list (206 games) and qualifies for the SM title. (Previous grading norms in 2009/3 and 2010/1 lists).
- Alan Bell gained his third SM norm with an ICCF rating of 2363 on the 2011/4 list (93 games) and qualifies for the SM title. (Previous grading norms in 2009/3 and 2010/4 lists).
- David Cumming gained his first SM norm with an ICCF rating of 2317 on the 2012/2 list (506 games).

These norms and titles were approved unanimously, and our two new SMs were warmly congratulated.

ICCF Veterans' World Cup (VWC)

Alan reported the following status:

- **VWC2:** semi-finals are in progress and will end 30 Nov 12. Final starts 1 Feb 13. No issues flagged up so far.
- **VWC3:** semi-finals are in progress and will end 14 Nov 13. No issues flagged up so far.
- **VWC4:** preliminary sections progressing well; decisions needed later on semi-final qualification due to high numbers participating.

Funding Proposal

Gordon proposed that part of our surplus (£500) should be offered to Chess Scotland to support the Scotland teams playing in this year's FIDE Olympiad. Together with us waiving this year's CS grant, our contribution would be £1,000+. This was unanimously approved and referred to the AGM for endorsement.

Marketing/3rd Webserver Open

Alan proposed that we should contribute regular SCCA articles to the new-look Scottish Chess, now edited by Peter Woods whose aim is to cover all forms of chess in Scotland. A couple of articles covering the SCCA plus computer chess should be published before we launch a further Webserver Open. **(Action: Alan Borwell, Iain Mackintosh, other contributors)**

Next Meeting

August, date tba. Skype call to discuss ICCF Congress attendance and agenda items.