

Scottish Correspondence Chess Association

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Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Sunday 11th May 2025, Online.

Present: Iain Mackintosh (Chair), David Kilgour, Kevin Paine, Michael Blake.

Apologies Ian Whittaker, Alan Borwell, Gordon Anderson.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting These were accepted.

Matters Arising None

Membership Secretary's Report

The Association has 107 current members of whom 58 are marked as active players by ICCF. We have 5 Patrons (3 active). 88 Life Members (42 active) and 14 Annual members (13 active). During the membership renewal period we received £49 in donations, membership renewals were reduced as was income.

Our domestic tournaments all started in good time with no issues reported. The level of participation was lower than in previous years -

- 7 for the Championship
- 4 for the Premier
- 3 for the Open, and
- 4 for the Challengers.

We have started 2 Challenger pairings but have been unable to start any more due to rating differences in the competitors. Typically we would start many more double pairings but this is on hold until further entries may be received.

The Scottish League fares well with increased participation despite the recent loss of Civil Service and BCCA. England has entered 6 teams again and this year we are joined by NATCOR with 3 teams.

International Secretary's Report

The ICCF Congress will be held online later this year. The last day to submit proposals is 09/08/2025. Online voting starts 01/09/2025. The last day to vote online is 19/10/2025. Congress information is online at <https://www.iccf.com/Proposals.aspx?id=79>.

We are competing in the following tournaments -

- North Atlantic Team Tournament VIII <https://www.iccf.com/event?id=106849> where Scotland are currently 5th of 13 teams.
- North Sea Tournament VI <https://www.iccf.com/event?id=107913> where Scotland are 9th of 11 with a lot of games still to complete.

We have two International Friendly matches, both are ongoing.

- Scotland v USA <https://www.iccf.com/event?id=106221>
- Scotland v Poland <https://www.iccf.com/event?id=106529>

Treasurer's Report

1. Income.
 - Membership fees received totalled £130 (2024: £330 which in that year included one new life membership).
 - Receipts for all Competitions (League, Individual Domestic and ICCF events) totalled £192 (2024: £249).
 - Income from the 100 Club in the year to date has decreased slightly to £566 (2024: £636).
 - Other Miscellaneous income primarily consisted of donations totalled £63 (2024: £592) which were all gratefully acknowledged.
2. Expenditure
 - The association's costs in the year totalled £434 (2023: £1,214) and primarily covered the 100 Club prizes of £271 (2024: £296) with the balance being made up of Chess Scotland affiliation fee of £50 (2024: £50), competition fees, prizes and trophies £64 (2024: £331) and other miscellaneous items.
3. Surplus for the year
 - The association achieved a surplus of £516 for the year (2024: £592) which was transferred to the Capital Account.
4. Balance Sheet
 - As at March 31 2025 the bank account stood at £10,156 (previously at 31 March 2023: £10,106). After various adjustments for prepayments and accruals, members' accounts were represented by net assets at the year-end of £9,937.23 (2024: £9,421)
5. Accounts Examination
 - The accounts have been independently examined by John Fanning FCA who has indicated that he is willing to take on the work going forward. It is recommended that the association provides an honorarium to the auditor of an annual amount of £25 (equivalent to a bottle of wine or a whisky!) for his work.
6. Subscriptions 2026
 - It is recommended that subscription rates for next year remain unaltered

Any Other Business

Iain Mackintosh confirmed his previous notice that he wishes to stand down from his various roles due to ill health. The meeting discussed potential ways to ensure that Iain is supported and replacement volunteers found.

Next Meeting Date to be notified.

Michael Blake
Secretary
11/05/2025