

SCCA Executive Committee Minutes

Sunday 14th September, 2pm, 2003 at 34 Laggan Road, Newlands, Glasgow G43 2SY

Present

Iain Mackintosh (Chair), George Pyrich, Raymond Baxter, Alan Borwell, Jim Anderson and George Livie.

Apologies

Stuart Mackenzie.

Minutes of Last Meeting

Accepted.

Matters Arising

Iain has still not heard from Chess Suppliers about advertising fees and sponsorship. He will contact them. **(action Iain)**.

Alan has been busy and not had time to finish the article on the Bulletin 21st Anniversary tournament for the autumn magazine. He should have it ready for the winter magazine. **(action Alan)**.

Stuart has sent the changes to the Auditor who has checked and signed the accounts.

Stuart has sent out the last of the prize money for the Bernard Partridge tournament.

Iain has sent the format for creating SCCA business cards to the committee.

Finance

Stuart has provided authorisation forms for George and Iain to complete, which will then enable access to the Clydesdale deposit account **(action Stuart)**.

It was suggested at the meeting that Stuart should look around to see if he could get a better rate of interest on the savings account **(action Stuart)**.

Stuart should send a copy of the final accounts to Iain by the end of September to be published in the next magazine **(action Stuart and Iain)**.

The committee asked that Stuart send a summary of account balances and major transactions by e-mail to the committee before each executive meeting. **(action Stuart)**.

Grading

Raymond had analysed autumn ICCF grading changes for SCCA members and these would be published in the next magazine. **(action Iain)**.

International

No sales of the ICCF GOLD book since our last meeting - 15 copies remain in stock.

The 7th European Team Championships Preliminaries are scheduled to start end-2003 with teams reduced from 12 to either 8 or 10 players. However, no announcement yet, so event may be delayed.

Play continues in the Anniversary SCCA v ICCF Match with almost half the games completed.

Approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ of games have now been completed in NATT5 event.

Play continues in the 15th Olympiad and the 2nd North Sea TT.

The Friendly match against England (BFCC) has completed.

Other Friendly matches against Catalonia, Norway, IECC and Brazil continue.

New Friendly matches have started recently against Canada and Finland.

The Bernard Partridge Final prizes are all now paid - certificates still under preparation.

Entries for ICCF individual events are still very low (none since our last meeting) and no entries received yet for World Championship Semi-Finals.

Invitations received from BFCC to provide nominations for their proposed new events.

The ICCF Congress 2003 is to be held in Ostrava, Czech Republic from 11th to 18th October. George Pyrich and Alan Borwell will attend - possibly also Iain Mackintosh. Alan has waived his expenses as he will only be attending for a short period. Iain will receive assistance with his expenses subject to he and George not exceeding the budgeted amount.

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Website

Iain pointed out that by clicking the link "Site Statistics" you can access a page that gives an interesting breakdown of hits and download traffic on the website. The site continues to be actively used, but the number of magazine downloads is well in excess of the number of subscribers. The members' password (but not the user-id) will be changed before the next magazine issue. **(action Iain)**.

Silver Jubilee Badges

Jim said that he had ordered 500 specially designed badges at a total cost of £423 from a company called MBC. Delivery is expected in about 2 weeks.

All ICCF players in the Silver Jubilee match will receive a badge, distributed via delegates to the ICCF congress. **(action George P)**.

All SCCA life and annual members will receive badges when membership forms are distributed this year. A stock will be maintained for future members and other distribution. **(action Jim)**.

New Tournaments

An application will be made to ICCF for the Douglas Livie Memorial, which will be a 13-player, category 4 tournament, with a likely start in May 2004. **(action George P)**.

No application will be made for the Friends of Scotland Open event mooted last time. The recently announced BFCC Jordan Open has adopted our planned format, and there are also reservations about its general appeal, and our capacity to control large numbers of players. No other fee-based playing formats were agreed meantime.

Fundraising

In the absence of a cash-generating tournament, other sources of fund-raising were examined, and it was agreed that we should look at ways to better promote the 100 Club, attract sponsorship, and organise other activities, eg dinners. **(action George L)**.

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None.

Next Meeting

This will be held on the 8th February 2004, 2pm at Raymond's house, 63 Orchard Brae Avenue, Edinburgh.