

SCCA Executive Committee Minutes
Sunday 16th May, 2021, 2pm, by Zoom

Present

Iain Mackintosh (Chair), Gordon Anderson, Alan Borwell, Mickey Blake, Kevin Paine.

Apologies

None.

Minutes of the Meeting on 25th February 2021

Accepted.

Matters Arising

- a. Leaflets for CS Congresses. No action, c/f. **(Action: Iain [editing]; Alan [distribution])**
- b. 2019 League adjudications were completed.

Membership Secretary's Report

Iain M thanked Mickey for his prompt and efficient work following the sudden resignation of Iain S. Mickey reported that the membership spreadsheet hasn't been updated since Iain S demitted office. Gordon has details of recent activity and will forward. **(Action: Gordon, Mickey)**

Domestic Events Report

Mickey reported that all 2020-21 events were completed apart from the Championship. Allan Buchan joined the 100% Club by scoring 5/5 in the Premier. 2021-22 events are all now under way, including 3 League divisions. There had been an issue with Mickey's nationality and new address; a paper will be submitted to ICCF. **(Action: Mickey, Gordon, Kevin)**

Grader's Report

Iain M reported that, since our last AGM, the following players have secured norms and/or titles:

- IM Norm: David Cumming (May 20); Iain Sneddon (Sep 20); Alan Bell (Jan 21); Gordon Anderson (Feb 21).
- CCM Title: Mickey Blake (Aug 20); Iain Sneddon (Aug 20).
- CCM Norm: Allan Buchan (Mar 21); Robert Montgomery (Apr 21).
- CCE Title: Robert Montgomery (Oct 20); Allan Buchan (Dec 20).
- CCE Norm: Raymond Burrige (May & Jun 20); Mark Smith (Nov 20).

Iain Sneddon's Scottish Master (SM) title certificate has been mailed to Irvine.

Post-meeting, Gordon intimated that Allan Buchan's CCM title had now been awarded by ICCF – congratulations to Allan!

Treasurer's Report

Gordon reported that Alan Hind had completed his audit for 2020-21 and is happy to continue next year. Income last year was slightly higher at £1,729, while expenses were £2,694, inflated by the costs for trophies and postage generated by the George Pyrich Memorial. The total cost of this event was spread over 3 sets of accounts and amounted to just over £3,200 in aggregate. The outcome for the year was a deficit of £965 (2020-deficit £134). Total assets reduced, at the year end, to £7,925 (2020-£8891). The full accounts spreadsheet would be displayed online during the AGM.

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International Secretary's Report

Current friendly matches are with Sweden (postal on one board), Venezuela and the USA. No further matches are planned at present, due to upcoming team events.

In 2020 we entered 22 players into 89 ICCF tournaments. So far in 2021 there have been 17 entries by 12 players.

In the 22nd Olympiad Preliminary, we are likely to finish 2nd bottom of our section ahead only of Nicaragua.

The final of the 11th ETC is now scheduled to start on 1st August 2021. Our team will be that which qualified for the final apart from Iain Sneddon replacing Peter Bennett (unavailable). The semi-finals of the 12th ETC start on the same date and our team is currently being selected.

In the Carlos Flores Gutiérrez team event, Scotland has scored 21½ points with 2 games left.

The Nol van't Riet Memorial team event has been announced for players rated <2300. The next edition of the North Sea Team event has also been announced and will start on 1st September. Teams have been selected for both events.

We are being stretched by all of these events in view of our limited resources.

ICCF Congress 2021

ICCF has decided against holding this in Glasgow due to Covid, and will go online instead. We agreed to submit a proposal for Glasgow (Hilton Hotel) in 2022 (August 14-18). **(Action: Gordon)**

George Pyrich Memorial Event

Alan reported all 13 sections were now complete and all trophies had been delivered. Some extra costs had been incurred post-Brexit with import duty applying in EU countries. Overall costs were higher than estimated, but the event was hugely successful. We'll write to Catherine Pyrich to conclude things. **(Action: Iain)** Gordon will act as TD for the ICCF GDPM Team Event Final.

Website, Facebook and Magazine

Iain reported that the SCCA website and Facebook page are up to date. Printed magazines had restarted. The next magazine is issue 154 and is due out in July. Copy by end-June please.

Edinburgh CC Bicentenary

ECC has now appointed Ian Whittaker and Allan Buchan to organise the format of CC matches against (e.g.) London & Paris. **(Action: Gordon)**

Any Other Business

Clive Murden has now completed his IA qualifying period and a title application will be submitted. **(Action: Gordon)**.

Next Meetings

tba – probably to debate the ICCF Congress Proposals late July – early August.