

SCCA Executive Committee Minutes
Sunday 19th April 2009, 2.00pm at 7 Tullylumb Terrace, Perth

Present

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

Apologies

George Livie

Minutes of the Meeting on 1-14 February 2009

Accepted.

Matters Arising

Kevin has chased up regular magazine subscribers and has passed the final list to Iain.

Gordon has drafted a proposal for the ICCF entry fees. In view of the significant deterioration in the exchange rate of sterling to the Swiss Franc, since the last review in 2005, it is proposed that the sterling equivalent of fees payable for entry to ICCF tournaments be adjusted, with effect from 1st September 2009, as follows:-

<u>Category</u>	<u>Present SCCA Charge</u>	<u>Proposed SCCA Charge</u>
Individual 7 player	£ 4	£ 5
Individual 11 player	£ 6	£ 8
World individual prelim	£20	£30
World individual semi-final	£20	£30
World individual candidates	£10	£15
Grand Master Norm	£24	£36
Master Norm	£20	£25
Thematic	£ 6	£ 8
Veterans World Cup	£ 8	£12
Webserver Open	£ 5	£ 7

It is further proposed that the new fee structure be reviewed on an annual basis. This proposal will be put forward at the AGM. **(Action: Gordon Anderson)**

Iain attended the CS Council and reported that the CS budget for 2009-10 was voted through with our grant of £560 included. Alan asked for a vote of thanks for Iain for his time and effort putting forward our case for the grant.

Alan said that the 2nd ICCF Veterans World Cup will start on 1st September and be organised in 3 stages: preliminaries, semi-final and final. Numbers of promotions will be decided by the entries. It was agreed that the SCCA would organise the event for a maximum of 3 cycles and sponsor trophies up to £250. Jim and George said they would help as Tournament Directors. **(Action: Alan Borwell)**

After discussion it was decided that we would hold a second webserver open event. This would probably start early 2010 (January or February) and would be in the same format as the first one. It would also be limited to 2 sections per player. **(Action: George Pyrich)**

Jim said that Kevin Paine is taking over as Challengers TD and would be looking to make it easier for members to start games at any time. Also, Colin Macgregor is taking over as Leagues TD. Colin also indicated that he would be happy to serve on the Executive Committee, and it was agreed that he should become an Ordinary Member.

Alan mentioned that a lot of the committee posts defined by the constitution no longer existed and that an update should be considered for the AGM. **(Action: Alan Borwell)**

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Treasurer's Report

Gordon as usual gave a detailed report. Unaudited financial performance in the year ended 31st March 2009 had been very satisfactory. Income in the 12 month period was £3,141.23 (2008 - £3,060.88) while Expenditure was at a reduced level of £2,219.72 (2008 - £2,485.13) resulting in a surplus of £921.51 (2008 - £575.75). After discussion it was decided the following changes to the membership fees would be put forward to the AGM.

Patron Member	£125 (Life subscription; free entry to all domestic events for life; printed magazine free if requested for 1 st year; e-magazine)
Life Member	£100 (Life subscription; entry to domestic events each year per annual members; printed magazine free if requested for 1 st year; e-magazine)
Annual Member	£10 (Annual subscription; free entry to 1 Championship cycle event; free entry to friendly internationals and Challengers; additional Championship entries and League chess per published rates; e-magazine)
Associate Member	£nil (100 Club member only, magazine subscriber only, team league player only)

(Action: Gordon Anderson)

International Secretary's Report

Current Events

Play commenced on 21st February in the 8th European Team Championships Preliminaries. Play is presently continuing in the ICCF Champions League, as well as Olympiads 16 and 17 and the 6th North Atlantic Team Tournament. Play is continuing in our various friendly international matches, notably the SCCA 30th Anniversary 50 board Scottish CCA v. Rest of the World match.

New and Forthcoming Events

Arrangements for the 18th ICCF Olympiad were recently made available with play scheduled to start on 10th September (although entries are to be confirmed no later than 31st May). The event will be held over 6 boards on the ICCF server and I have recently set in motion the selection process. We hope to have a new friendly international match against Australia starting around the end of May and we hope to also have a match against the USA Braille Chess Association (although this would very likely require to be played by e-mail). Unfortunately we were unable to raise a team to play in the Gerhard Radosztics Memorial Team tournament, a postal event over 4 boards for players rated less than 2000 organised by the ICCF European zone.

Individual Events

As reported in recent issues of our Bulletin, some of our members have enjoyed some success recently, notably Ian Marshall and Charles Neil. Thus far in 2009 we have submitted 35 new entries (already almost surpassing the 2008 total of 37) with the extraordinary situation of one individual (who is not an SCCA member) providing 22 of these – all under the Direct Entry Scheme whereby the SCCA receive a substantial commission. Presently we have submitted 8 entries (4 from the aforementioned individual) to the new ICCF World Cup 17 which is scheduled to commence shortly. Also with regard to individual entries, we took up only one of our three nominations to the ICCF World Championship in 2008 and have not submitted any new entries during 2009.

ICCF

The 2009 ICCF Congress is scheduled to be held in Leeds from 12th to 18th September.

AOB

None.

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Next Meeting

Executive committee 2pm and AGM 4pm, Sunday 7th June. Venue expected to be Stirling CC, but needs to be confirmed. **(Action: Jim Anderson)**