

SCCA Executive Committee Minutes
Thursday 20th February, 2020, 7:30pm, by Skype

Present

Iain Mackintosh (Chair), Gordon Anderson, Alan Borwell Kevin Paine, Iain Sneddon (all Skype).

Apologies

None.

Minutes of the Meeting on 26th May 2019

Accepted.

Matters Arising

- a. Leaflets for CS Congresses. No action, c/f. **(Action: Iain [editing]; Alan [distribution])**
- b. Submissions to ICCF Congress 2019 Proposals were completed on time.

Membership Secretary's Report

Kevin reported that we have 19 annual members, 75 life and 3 patron members. Some late annual renewals expected. ICCF referrals via Gordon to Kevin are working well for new members. We'll try to see if David Dempster is still active. **(Action: Gordon)** Alan spotted some amendments to the life list – Ken Stewart and Rosie Giulian – and asked for lapsed annual members to be forwarded so he could contact them at CS events. **(Action: Kevin)**

Domestic Events Report

Kevin reported that the Open (7 players), Premier (6) and Championship (5) were all now started. Following organiser issues in England, there were no BCCA entries for the League, so we are running three divisions with 6, 6 and 5 teams respectively. League invoices to be raised and settled by end-March if possible. **(Action: Kevin)** The Challengers won't start until March. SCCA website x-references to new events required. **(Action: Iain)** 2019 winners' trophies will be organised once Best Games Prize results are known. **(Action: Iain)** 2019 Leagues require a couple of adjudications (TD Jim Anderson now recovered from illness). **(Action: Kevin)**

Grader's Report

Iain reported that Kevin's SM title would be presented at this year's AGM. Since our last meeting, the following players have secured norms and/or titles:

- Geoff Lloyd : 2nd CCM norm and CCM Title (Sep 2019).
- Iain Sneddon: 2nd CCE norm and the CCE Title (Aug 2019)
- Kevin Paine: 1st CCM norm (Jul 2019)
- Colin Beveridge: CCE Title and 1st CCM norm [overscore] (Jun 2019)
- Gordon Anderson: CCM Title [overscore] (Jun 2019)

Treasurer's Report

Gordon reported that income to date was £1,428 and expenses £632. Further items are expected in both categories between now and FYE. Comparisons with last year are difficult at present (e.g. no GDP Memorial set-up expenses, but trophies now as sections conclude). We are starting to generate income and expense transactions for the upcoming ICCF Congress, but these will be accrued or pre-paid to ensure the 2020-21 accounts carry the full statement.

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International Secretary's Report

Gordon reported that our final position in the 11th ETC semi-finals was 3rd. The final is expected to start in June. The 22nd Olympiad prelims have started. Current Friendly matches are against Panama, Sweden and Cuba. A match versus Netherlands should start in March. Entries to ICCF events by Scottish players during 2019 were 57 (29 via DE).

Gordon was unable to attend the 2019 Congress in Vilnius due to his wife's surgery. Austin Lockwood of Wales kindly presented the Scottish bid for the 2020 Congress which was accepted.

ICCF Congress 2020

Following the failure of the Glasgow Hilton to honour our booking, we have secured the Golden Jubilee Hotel in Clydebank and ICCF has agreed to a change of date – now August 23-27. The website has been launched and the Congress programme is complete. Work continues on the Opening Ceremony (including entertainment), the Excursions schedule and chess matches. A meeting with the hotel on 16th March will provide more accurate costings. Scheming Mind have agreed to sponsor name badges and place boards. Any work for committee members tba.

(Action: Gordon) SCCA organisers/delegates expenses to be proposed. **(Action: Alan)**

George Pyrich Memorial Event

Alan reported that 4 sections had now completed, with 10 remaining and some close finishes/ties likely. Issues discussed were how to apply tie-breaks; and trophy distribution – by post or at the 2020 ICCF Congress; as winners become known or all together; and whether to involve Catherine Pyrich or not. Final decisions to be made at the next committee meeting. **(Action: All)**

Derek Coope

Iain reported that no funeral had been held as Derek's body was donated to medical research. A celebratory service in Oban has been mooted, but no details received as yet. Duncan Campbell of Oban CC has agreed to supply material for an obit in our next magazine. **(Action: Iain)**

Website, Facebook and Magazine

Iain reported that the SCCA website is now prefixed by https:// which means that it is regarded as secure by Google et al on the internet. The next magazine is due out in April, and the cover image will feature another Brigitte Wolf Lewis Chessmen image. Copy by end-March please.

New Committee Members

Iain S is now able to support Domestic Events and Membership work as Kevin's professorship commences in March. Possible additions to committee include Raymond Burrige, Mickey Blake, and Alistair Maxwell. **(Action: Iain)**

Edinburgh CC Bicentenary

We agreed to support the recreation of the famous London-Edinburgh postal match on the ICCF webserver. Further details required from ECC before we contact ICCF. **(Action: Alan)**

Any Other Business

Gordon reported Richard Beecham is well placed in the Max Zavanelli Memorial Tournament.

Next Meetings

The next committee meeting is via Skype, 2pm, Sunday 24th May, 2020, with the AGM at 4pm.