

SCCA Executive Committee Minutes
Sunday 20th June 2010, 2pm at Tullylumb Terrace, Perth

Present

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

Apologies

Colin Macgregor.

Minutes of the Meeting on 21 March 2010

Accepted.

Matters Arising

Our 2nd Webserver Open started on schedule. Thanks to Jim and Colin for rounding up extra players to provide 3 preliminary sections!

The 2nd ICCF Veterans World Cup (VWC2) preliminary stage is around 70% complete and will close in Feb 2011, with semi-finals starting in Jun 2011. VWC3 has already attracted 220+ entries and the preliminary round will start in Sep 2010. SCCA will continue to provide TDs, with Jim, Gordon, Kevin and George P offering assistance at the meeting. **(Action: Alan Borwell)**

Alan is awaiting a webserver development plan from Martin Bennedik in order to track the correct recording of SIM titles in crosstables. **(Action: Alan Borwell)**

09-10 committee expenses have now been sent to Gordon and provision made in the accounts.

Outstanding league entry fees have been collected by Jim.

SM norm criteria were published in the magazine and on the website.

Colum Duddy's withdrawal from the postal league was confirmed, but we still await word from Martin Hardwick. **(Action: Jim Anderson)**

An updated membership spreadsheet was issued to committee, and a further analysis showing current members will follow shortly. **(Action: Kevin Paine)**

Treasurer's Report

Gordon reported that our accounts had passed audit, and showed a deficit of £169 for the year. Two small detail changes were noted prior to publication in the magazine and on the website. Gordon proposed no change to membership fees in 2011 and indicated that Alan Hind was happy to be nominated as auditor once more. Committee agreed to support these motions at the AGM, and moved a vote of thanks to Gordon and Alan for their excellent work.

Our grant from Chess Scotland may be affected by impending government spending cuts.

International Secretary's Report

George P reported that Scotland has been participating in the 8th European Team Championships since February 2009 and currently stands in 9th place in their semi-final group. Play also continues in the 6th NATT (we are in 9th spot) and the 18th Olympiad (where we are currently 2nd=).

Friendly internationals against Rest of the World, Australia, USA, Ecuador, Scheming Mind and Lithuania continue, with new matches against Sweden and Hong Kong pending in September.

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We submitted 64 individual entries to ICCF events in 2009, and have made a further 36 in 2010 to date, including 1 World Championship nomination.

Budget estimates for delegate expenses to the ICCF Congress in Antalya (Turkey) in October are around £850/person, with George P and Alan planning to attend. We will confirm our level of support at the September committee meeting.

Grader's Report

George P reported that Alastair Dawson gained his first SM norm as a result of winning the Scottish Championship 08-09 outright, and that Gordon Anderson gained 2 grading-based norms from 2300+ performances in the 2009 and 2010 ICCF grading lists. Tom Matheis had recently achieved an ICCF SIM norm in NATT VI, and now holds 2 IM norms.

SM qualification rules were reviewed and the following changes agreed:

- Rule 2(a) – a grading norm of 2300+ needs a minimum of 30 results, and any subsequent grading norm requires 20+ additional results from the preceding norm.
- Rule 2(b) – this should continue as is, but the SCCA Championship should be organised such that players play a minimum of 8 games, and the event is held over in years where this is not possible.
- Rule 2(c) – 'half IM norm' should be replaced by 'IM norm'.
- Rules 2(e) and 2(f) – '15-player' and '7-player' constraints should be removed.

Documentation changes to follow. **(Action: George Pyrich, Iain Mackintosh)**

Membership and Domestic Events

Jim reported that all domestic events were proceeding smoothly and the 2nd Webserver Open had attracted a number of new players - an SCCA flier and free magazine would be distributed to them. **(Action: Kevin Paine, Jim Anderson)**

Kevin reported a concern that some Open entrants were over-graded. A top grading of 1750 would apply for the 2011 event. **(Action: Colin Macgregor, Jim Anderson)**

Time controls were reviewed and the following rates will apply from 2011:

- Leagues, Premier, Open – 10/20 postal; 10/30 web/email.
- Championship – 10/30 postal; 10/40 web/email.
- Challengers – 10/30 postal/web/email.

(Action: Colin Macgregor, Kevin Paine, Jim Anderson)

AOB

George L is looking for ways to sell more 100 Club units. An email circular will be issued to all members asking them to take more units, renew if lapsed and/or introduce a new subscriber. The email format could follow the template of the flier (above). **(Action: George Livie, Kevin Paine, Jim Anderson)**

Bank charges for international money transfers are excessive in relation to the amounts involved and we will investigate cheaper options. **(Action: George Pyrich, Gordon Anderson)**

Next Meeting

Executive Committee on Sunday September 5th at 2pm using Skype. Main items will be ICCF Congress voting requirements and delegate expenses.