

SCCA Executive Committee Minutes
Sunday 21st March 2010, Skype Conference Call

Present

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

Apologies

Colin Macgregor.

Minutes of the Meeting on 7 June 2009

Accepted.

Matters Arising

Our 2nd Webserver Open will start in mid-late May 2010 with entries closing at end-April. The event will be advertised in the SCCA website and magazine plus the Chess Scotland website (forthcoming events). Colin will act as TD. **(Action: George Pyrich, Colin Macgregor)**

Four TDs for the second 2nd ICCF Veterans World Cup were recruited from SCCA ranks and the event started 1st September 2009 with Alan Borwell as TO. The 3rd ICCF Veterans World Cup is being advertised now, with a start date of 1st September 2010. We are sponsoring prizes for the medalists in the 2nd, 3rd and 4th VWC Finals. **(Action: Alan Borwell)**

Alan has now written to Martin Bennedik, the ICCF webserver developer, to ask for SIM titles to be recorded as such in crosstables, rather than SM which causes confusion with the SCCA SM designation. We will track the item through the webserver maintenance programme. **(Action: Alan Borwell)**

Where SCCA Championship entries were low (as in 2009), players should play each opponent twice. This action was unnecessary in 2010, but will be implemented in future if there are 5 or less players participating. **(Action: carried forward)**

Treasurer's Report

Funds on deposit were extended with Standard Life at 2.1% until 1Q 2011. We are likely to make a small deficit this year and accounts are currently being prepared for audit. Committee members should advise Gordon of outstanding expenses without delay. **(Action: Gordon Anderson, All)**

Only one cheque had been received so far for league entry fees, so we need to chase up captains quickly. **(Action: Jim Anderson)**

Alan advised that ICCF was considering possible changes to the reimbursement of expenses arrangements for officials attending congress, with a decision expected at the 2010 gathering.

International Secretary's Report

The 2009 ICCF Congress in Leeds was attended by Alan and George, and in part by Iain and Kevin. We made a donation towards expenses incurred by the extra delegates. The 2010 Congress will be held in Turkey during October.

Scotland has been participating in the 8th European Team Championships since February 2009 and currently stands in 8th place in their semi-final group. Play also continues in the 6th NATT and the 18th Olympiad.

We are fielding two teams (Lewis Chessmen and Scottish Claymores) in Champions League 2010 C class. Friendly internationals have been started this year against Ecuador, Scheming Mind and Lithuania. Over 50 individual entries were made to ICCF events last year.

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Alan proposed that we formally congratulate George on his appointment as ICCF Finance Director and this was unanimously approved.

Grader's Report

Gordon queried the requirements for the SM title. These are not currently published and Iain will add details to the website and the magazine. **(Action: Iain Mackintosh)**

Membership and Domestic Events

Kevin reported new annual members in the low 40s (within our budget range), with a slight drop in income due to the reduction in entry fees this year. No new life members or patrons to report.

Jim reported that all domestic events started promptly in January, though we had some teething problems setting up the leagues (complicated by the postal league having an unusual 7-team pairing structure). Championship entries were up to 8 and other events were steady – Premiers (2 sections), Open (3 sections), and Webserver League (2 divisions).

Two player problems were noted and will be chased up – Martin Hardwick appears to have silently stopped playing his games, and Colum Duddy has defaulted in the Postal League. **(Action: Jim Anderson)**

AOB

George mentioned that ICCF Grading List 2010/2 has just been published. There is also a new rating forecast feature that can be accessed online.

Alan mentioned that the 2011 ICCF Congress will not now be held in Austria and a new bidder is being sought.

Iain reminded contributors that magazine 109 was pending and would be issued in April.

An updated membership spreadsheet would be issued to committee shortly. **(Action: Kevin Paine)**

Next Meeting

Combined Executive Committee and AGM on Sunday June 20th at 2pm and 4pm respectively.

We will use 7 Tullylumb Terrace, Perth due to uncertainty over the Stirling premises. The committee will endeavour to attend in person, and we will offer Skype conference facilities to members who cannot attend the AGM, but wish to participate. Iain will advertise details on the website and in the magazine. **(Action: Iain Mackintosh)**