

SCCA Executive Committee Minutes
Sunday 21st May, 2023, 2pm, via Zoom

Present

Iain Mackintosh (Chair), Gordon Anderson, Mickey Blake, Alan Borwell, David Kilgour, Kevin Paine, Ian Whittaker.

Apologies

None.

Minutes of the Meeting on 23rd February 2023

Accepted.

Matters Arising

Leaflets for CS Events. Completed by Ian and in circulation.
Membership List. Circulated by Mickey.
Domestic Events. Circulated by Mickey.
Paper Archive Shredding. Gordon getting quotes and will proceed.
Edinburgh CC Bicentenary. Re-run of Edinburgh-London match almost completed.
New Committee Member(s). Completed.

Membership Secretary's Report

Mickey circulated membership numbers to date: 3 x Patron; 88 x Life and 21 x Annual. 53 players are classed by the ICCF Rating List as active. A full membership list has been circulated.

Domestic Events Report

Mickey confirmed entrants to domestic events – Championship (9), Premier (4), Open (10), and Challengers (12, though 1 default likely). There are 3 Leagues with 13 teams in total, and changes in participating clubs.. All sections now initiated.

Grader's Report

Graham Morrison completed both his CCE and CCM titles during March-May– congratulations!

Treasurer's Report

Ian reported that the handover of duties from Gordon to himself is fully complete, Draft accounts for 2022-23 were produced by year-end, but are not yet audited due to holiday clashes over Easter and May. Alan Hind retired at year-end, so Ian hopes to engage John Fanning FCA to have the books examined and full accounts published soon. **(Action: Ian)**

International Secretary's Report

Mickey continues to organise friendly matches pro tem, with current opponents and scores (Scotland points first) being: Germany (34½-56½); Canada (15-18); New Zealand (11½-8½); Philippines (13-40) and Wales (10½-10½).

In the 22nd Olympiad Preliminary, we finished 3rd bottom of our section with 27½/54. The final of the 11th ETC is nearing completion and we have 47/95 with 1 game still in play. The semi-finals of the 12th ETC are in play and we have 34½/70, with 2 games remaining.

In the Carlos Flores Gutiérrez team event, Scotland finished in 2nd bottom place with 23 points. The Nol van't Riet Memorial team event saw us finishing in 2nd place with 19/36, thus qualifying

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for the Final where the same team will be fielded. In the North Sea V Team event, Scotland will finish second bottom, ahead of Denmark, having scored 22/48. In the Horst Rittner Memorial, Scotland sits 4th with a score of 30/61 with 11 remaining games. The next <2300 team event is the Francois Riva Memorial which is due to start on 1st July 2023.

ICCF Congress 2023

We agreed not to send a delegate to Amsterdam this year, but will participate in online voting. We'll ask Phil Beckett to act as our proxy for SCCA certificates, medals, etc. **(Action: Gordon)**

Website, Facebook, Twitter and Magazine

Ben Major has retired as SCCA Facebook page editor, so Mickey is now responsible for both Facebook and Twitter. Our next magazine is issue 162, due out in July, so copy by end-June please. We decided that very low demand for printed magazines would cause this service to be withdrawn after edition 164 in January 2024. References to printed magazines on the website will need to be revised accordingly. **(Action: Iain)**

Edinburgh CC Bicentenary

The ECC currently leads London 54½-27½ in this 84-board match on the ICCF webserver -an online rerun of the famous Edinburgh-London correspondence match. An Edinburgh player, Andre Antunes, is playing in our Championship this year.

Any Other Business

David proposed that we nominate Alan Borwell for ICCF's Hall of Fame – nominations close on 11 July 2023. All agreed: **(Action: David)**

Iain paid a handsome tribute to Gordon's long and distinguished service on both SCCA and ICCF committees over 15 years, before wishing him and Margaret a long and happy retirement.

We will write to both Gordon and Alan Hind to formally thank them for their huge contributions to the wellbeing of Scottish Correspondence Chess. **(Action: Iain)**

Next Meetings

July tba (via Zoom) Discussion and voting on proposals to 2023 ICCF Congress in Amsterdam. **(Action: David)**