

SCCA Executive Committee Minutes
Sunday 22nd May, 2022, 2pm, by Zoom

Present

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

Apologies

None.

Minutes of the Meeting on 24th February 2022

Accepted.

Matters Arising

- a. Leaflets for CS Events. July target not possible for Alan; but a draft will be attempted.
(Action: Iain, Ian)
- b. Kevin Paine's CCE medal was mailed out and safely received.

Membership Secretary's Report

Mickey was asked why we now have 0 Associate members. The answer lies in the way League matches were organised historically. A preponderance of clubs entering back then were Scottish OTB Clubs whose players weren't SCCA members – Scots nationals were awarded Associate status. The balance of Clubs nowadays is non-Scottish.

Domestic Events Report

All events are progressing without incident. It wasn't possible to circulate the SCCA/ICCF Merged Playing Rules paper by our AGM date; so we'll try for Autumn and may canvass members using a postal/email vote to settle the issue before the 2023 season. **(Action: Mickey)** Our 2021 Best Game Prize was judged by IM Maxim Konstantinov (DEN) and won by Allan Buchan.

Grader's Report

There was a slight glitch in Colin Beveridge's grade in our last rating list, but Alistair Maxwell has fixed it. Iain reported that, since our last EC, the following players have secured norms and/or titles:

- CCM Norm: Ian Whittaker (Apr 22)

Treasurer's Report

Gordon presented a full set of accounts and expressed his thanks to Alan Hind for a comprehensive audit. We ended the year to 31st March 2022 showing a surplus of £343 (2021: £965 deficit) with net assets of £8,268 (2021: £7,925). Expenditure decreased significantly to £1,338 (2020: £2,695). This resulted from completion of the George Pyrich Memorial events. Full figures will be presented at the AGM, and will also be posted on the website. **(Action: Iain)**

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International Secretary's Report

We have started a friendly international against Germany and hope to finalise a match versus Canada soon. **(Action: Mickey)** We expect to play around 3 matches per season.

In the 22nd Olympiad Preliminary, we will finish 3rd bottom of our section with a 50% score. The final of the 11th ETC has now started and we have a 50+% score including a win by Richard Beecham. The semi-finals of the 12th ETC are in play and again we are scoring 50%.

In the Carlos Flores Gutiérrez team event, Scotland will finish in 2nd bottom place. The Nol van't Riet Memorial team event sees us in 2nd place with 1 game remaining. The North Sea Team event is also in play, and we sit with 16/34 and 14 games remaining.

The Horst Rittner Memorial is currently being organised and should see the return of GM David Kilgour to competitive action.

After declining several invitational events last year, we have now accepted invites from England, Romania, Wales and Germany.

ICCF Congress 2022

The Congress is being held in Glasgow, based at the Hilton Glasgow Hotel. (August 14-18). We have completed organising the majority of events, including welcome & buffet; chess matches; coach excursions, etc. We will receive sponsorship from ICCF Europe, USA and Wales (Blitz), but are expecting a deficit at present. **(Action: Gordon)**

We have written to Scottish firms and contacts for further financial support. Limited responses so far, but the Glasgow Convention Bureau is writing a bid on our behalf. **(Action: Iain)**

Website, Facebook and Magazine

Ben Major continues as SCCA Facebook page editor – items to benjamin_major@outlook.com
New member Tom Anderson has volunteered to submit magazine material. Next magazine is issue 158, due out in July. Copy by end-June please. The price of printed magazines has risen recently and demand is very low – future direction to be reviewed. **(Action: Iain)**

Edinburgh CC Bicentenary

ECC and London team captains are currently working on pairings. We'll help with webserver administration, player registrations, etc. **(Action: Ian, Gordon)**

Any Other Business

None.

Next Meetings

Monday June 27 EC ICCF Congress Proposals (7:30pm) – Zoom.