

SCCA Executive Committee Minutes
Thursday 23rd February, 2023, 7pm, by Zoom

Present

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

Apologies

None.

Minutes of the Meeting on 22nd May 2022

Accepted.

Matters Arising

Leaflets for CS Events. Ian produced a draft which was used in ECC with some success. This to be circulated for final comment before wider distribution. **(Action: Ian)**

Membership Secretary's Report

Mickey circulated membership numbers to date: 3 x Patron; 87 x Life (probably overstated) and 23 x Annual. Reminders are being sent to recent members. A full list with contact details will be circulated shortly. **(Action: Mickey)**

Domestic Events Report

Mickey listed entrants thus far to domestic events – Championship (8), Premier (5), Open (10), and Challengers (11). Sections will be initiated by end-February. **(Action: Mickey)**

Grader's Report

Robert Montgomery obtained his final CCM norm and the title in January – congratulations!

Treasurer's Report

Ian reported that the handover of duties from Gordon to himself was now complete, save for the Bank being slow to update correspondence addresses. Alan Hind will be informed prior to financial year-end. **(Action: Ian)** Income and expenditure to date are broadly in line with last year, with some membership and entry fees still to be banked. We agreed paper archives held by Gordon could be shredded as sufficient records are held on the website. **(Action: Gordon)**

International Secretary's Report

Mickey continues to organise friendly matches pro tem, with current opponents and scores (Scotland points first) being: Germany (32½-54½); Canada (15-15); New Zealand (9½-7½); Philippines (10½-32½) and Wales (1-0).

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 45½/91 with 5 games to 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 for the Final. The North Sea Team event nears conclusion with us scoring 22/48 and occupying 2nd bottom place. The Horst Rittner Memorial is well under way and Scotland sits 3rd with a score of 25/49 and 23 remaining games.

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ICCF Congress 2022

After two postponements, the Glasgow Congress was finally held at the Hilton Glasgow Hotel. (August 14-18).

Numbers attending were lower than in pre-Covid years, as many national delegates preferred to vote online rather than travel. As a result, the order of business finished a day ahead of schedule and allowed attendees to join the superb programme of outings organised by Gordon & Margaret Anderson. Other events, including the welcome & buffet, the closing dinner and the evening chess matches (team & blitz), all ran well and were much enjoyed.

We received sponsorship from ICCF Europe, USA and Wales (Blitz), We also had substantial donations from the Glasgow Convention Bureau and the Slater Foundation. The net result was a deficit of £191 – much better than our forecast.

Website, Facebook, Twitter and Magazine

Ben Major continues as SCCA Facebook page editor – items to benjamin_major@outlook.com Mickey has established our presence in the Twittersphere and we'll see what responses we get. Recent member Tom Anderson had his first article published in magazine 159. Next magazine is issue 161, due out in July. Copy by end-June please. Only 5 printed magazines have been requested in this year's membership returns. We'll fulfil these orders, but will almost certainly discontinue paper copies from 2024. **(Action: Iain)**

Edinburgh CC Bicentenary

The ECC currently leads London 53-23 in the online correspondence match. Hopefully a few players will continue with CC thereafter...Edinburgh Council held a civic reception and a formal vote of thanks was given by the Scottish Parliament. **(Action: Iain)**

Any Other Business

Gordon confirmed that he would be retiring from the SCCA Executive Committee after the AGM in May. (He has also recently demitted office as ICCF Treasurer, though will assist in closing the 2022-23 Accounts). We had a wide-ranging discussion about suitable candidates for the SCCA vacancy and drew up a short list to pursue. **(Action: Iain)**

Long-standing member Brian Goodwin sadly died in Glasgow during January. RIP.

Gordon reported that Russell Sherwood (WLS) and Phil Beckett (ENG) were both recovering from serious illnesses. Best wishes to both.

Next Meetings

Sunday May 21, 2023 (via Zoom)
2pm EC
4pm AGM.