

SCCA Executive Committee Minutes
Thursday 24th February, 2022, 7:30pm, by Zoom

Present

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

Apologies

None.

Minutes of the Meeting on 16th May 2021

Accepted.

Matters Arising

- a. Leaflets for CS Events. Aiming for July to catch 2022 CS Congress. **(Action: Iain, Alan)**
- b. Iain wrote to Catherine Pyrich enclosing the article in SCCA magazine 153.
- c. Mickey withdrew from our Domestic events to avoid them being classed as international.

Membership Secretary's Report

Mickey reported that we have 3 Patrons, 86 Life and 24 Annual members, with 89 tournament entries received this year. A review of Life members will be undertaken as some are probably out of date. The Membership list is now cross-referenced to the Grading list. The activity level of Scots members on the ICCF server compares favourably with other UK countries.

Domestic Events Report

Mickey reported that all 2022 events are now under way and expressed thanks to those acting as TDs. The Championship has 8 entries; the Premier 8 entries (1 section); the Open 16 entries (2 sections); the Leagues have 17 entries (3 divisions) and the Challengers 8 entries (56 pairing requests currently). We agreed that SCCA Playing Rules should follow the ICCF Rules and a paper will be submitted to our 2022 AGM to ratify this. **(Action: Mickey)** Our 2021 Best Game Prize is being judged by a Russian master at present and we hope events elsewhere won't impact his work.

Grader's Report

Iain reported that, since our last EC, the following players have secured norms and/or titles:

- IA Title: Clive Murden (May 21).
- CCM Title: Allan Buchan (May 21); Colin Beveridge (Jan 22).
- CCE Title: Prof. Kevin Paine (Aug 21).
- CCE Norm: Wilf Taylor (Jun 21); Ian Whittaker (Dec 21).

Kevin Paine's CCE medal will be mailed out by us. **(Action: Gordon)**

Treasurer's Report

Gordon reported 10-month interim figures of £1,444 (income) and £886 (expenses), but stressed that it is too early to predict the outcome for the whole year. ICCF Glasgow Congress expenses and incomes will have a bearing on our final result.

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International Secretary's Report

We have lost Friendly Matches against Sweden, Venezuela and the USA. We expect to arrange new matches against Germany and Canada soon.

In the 22nd Olympiad Preliminary, we are likely to 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 4th place with 3 games remaining. The North Sea Team event is also in play, and again we are close to 50% with 25 games still to conclude.

Because of our limited resources, we had to decline several invitational events last year, but we have now accepted invites from England, Romania and Wales.

ICCF Congress 2022

At the last ICCF Virtual Congress, delegates approved the proposal from Scotland to host the 2022 Congress in Glasgow, based at the Hilton Glasgow Hotel. (August 14-18). We have completed development of the Congress Website, with 7 registrations completed so far. We will receive sponsorship from ICCF Europe and Wales (Blitz), and will be writing to Scottish firms and contacts for further financial support in the near future. **(Action: Iain)**

Committee Roles

In order to spread Gordon's workload, the following were agreed:

- International Friendly Match Administration – with immediate effect. **(Action: Mickey)**
- Treasurer Role. Iain will stand at this year's AGM and will shadow Gordon's work from SCCA year-end to approx. September. Precise dates will depend on ICCF Congress, Bank handovers, etc. **(Action: Iain, Gordon)**

Jonathan Penrose Memorial Event

SCCA will not organise a separate event but are happy to assist English and Welsh initiatives.

Website, Facebook and Magazine

Ben Major is now the SCCA Facebook page editor – items to benjamin_major@outlook.com
Next magazine is issue 157, due out in April. Copy by end-March please.

Edinburgh CC Bicentenary

ECC will play one CC match against London. We'll help with player registrations. **(Action: Iain, Gordon)**

Any Other Business

Gordon intimated he intends to step down from the EC at the 2023 AGM.

Next Meetings

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| Sunday, May 22 | EC (2pm), AGM (4pm) – Zoom. |
| Monday June 27 | EC ICCF Congress Proposals (7:30pm) – Zoom. |