SCCA Executive Committee Minutes

Sunday 24th August 2008, 2:00pm at 7 Tullylumb Terrace, Perth

Present

lain Mackintosh (Chair), Jim Anderson, Alan Borwell, George Pyrich (Perth). Gordon Anderson, Kevin Paine (Skype – limited by technical difficulties).

Apologies

George Livie.

Minutes of the Meeting 18th May 2008

Accepted.

Matters Arising

The updated database has been distributed to the committee in Excel format.

George Pyrich has collected some of the entries for the Champions League and will continue to collect the rest. (Action: George Pyrich)

International Report

Current Events

Play is continuing in the "Harro Otte Memorial Team Tournament" as well the ICCF Champions League (where we have 4 teams each of 4 players). Play also continues in the 7th European Team Championship as well as Olympiads 16 and 17 as all 3 events come to a conclusion. Our various international matches are still in progress with new matches (postal and server) against Spain starting since our last meeting.

New and Forthcoming Events

The 6th North Atlantic Team Tournament is scheduled to start on 1st May 2008. The event is being organised by the French Federation (AJEC) and will be played on the ICCF server with teams of 8 players. ICCF Olympiad 18 is scheduled to start later in the year, likely to be September or October, and the 8th European Team Championships at the end of the year, likely to be December. We hope to start at least one new friendly international before year-end.

Individual Events

We submitted a total of 32 entries to ICCF individual events during 2007, including 1 (David Edney) from our annual allocation of 2 nominations for the ICCF World Championship. This figure also includes Ian Swan who is presently playing a World Ch. Candidates event. Only 2 of the total of 32 were in respect of postal events. Thus far in 2008 we have submitted 3 new entries including 2 to the 1st ICCF Veterans World Cup scheduled to start in April. With regard to Invitational events, David Kilgour is playing in the AEAC 5 GM event and Tom Matheis in the BFCC 45th Anniversary event. Iain Mackintosh has recently been entered to the Len Goide Memorial Tournament organised by the BFCC.

ICCF Congress

The 2008 ICCF Congress is scheduled to be held in Pleven, Bulgaria from 20th to 26th September. Alan reported that due to the President not being able to make the meeting he would be taking the Chair as well as being SCCA representative.

The Marketing and Services directors have different views as to how the ICCF website and webserver should be developed. The SCCA voting preference is to maintain the status quo until a joint approach is agreed. (**Action: Alan Borwell**)

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The new ICCF finance director is proposing early payment of member fees and sanctions for those countries which pay late or not at all. The SCCA voting preference is to back his proposal. (Action: Alan Borwell)

An expenses budget of £800 was allocated to Alan to attend the Congress as SCCA delegate.

We presently await receipt of our 2007 ICCF Statement of Account.

Financial Report

Gordon reported that during the last four months things have been relatively quiet and that the accounts were up to date.

SCCA League 2009

Following the article in SCCA Magazine 102, Jim Anderson had polled team captains and players for their preferences on league structure. The majority of players were happy with an all-play-all format on the webserver, but a significant minority preferred to continue with the current format.

The committee decided to operate 2 types of league next year with the number of divisions in each depending on entries. One league would be as now (target 6 teams per division, 5 boards, 2 games per player, any playing mode) and the other would be all-play-all (target 5 teams per division, 4 boards, 4 games per player, webserver mode only). Teams could enter as many sides as they wished in either or both types of league.

A letter will be sent out to the captains letting them know and asking them to submit their player lists by end-November so that the composition of the leagues and divisions could be finalised before play starts in January. Any players who wish to try the webserver would be given friendly games on the server before year-end. (**Action: Jim Anderson**)

Other Events 2009

The Challengers event was also discussed, and it was agreed that we could offer all playing modes, with 'mini-events' on webserver to allow pairs of players to use this mode.

The TDs for Leagues and Challengers would need to be trained in webserver administration, and grading submissions for events not administered on the webserver would need to be manually prepared at the end of each year. (**Action: Jim Anderson**)

Membership renewal forms need to be updated for issue in early September. (Action: Kevin Paine)

AOCB

100 Club

George Livie reported that 2 further units have been sold.

Next Meeting

February 2009. Date and venue to be advised.