

SCCA Executive Committee Minutes
1st-14th February 2009, by email

Present

Iain Mackintosh (Chair), Gordon Anderson, Jim Anderson, Alan Borwell, George Livie, Kevin Paine, George Pyrich.

Apologies

None.

Minutes of the Meeting 24th August 2008

Accepted.

Matters Arising

George Pyrich has collected remaining Champions League entry fees.
SCCA voting at the ICCF Congress on website/webserver and late fees was as minuted.
Jim Anderson has circulated captains re 2009 League formats as agreed.
Jim Anderson has handled all 2009 webserver event administration.
Kevin Paine has revised membership renewal forms as agreed for 2009 distribution.

Secretary's Report (JA)

A written report was not supplied, but we recorded that Championship cycle events started on 9 Jan; Leagues (2 server, 2 postal) started on 16 Jan; Challenge (including server pairings) started on 30 Jan.

Membership Secretary's Report (KP)

Annual Membership

To date 44 annual members have renewed membership and we have one new annual member (upgrading from Associate Membership). The above totals compare with a return of 45 renewing annual members and 4 new annual members, by this time last year.

Life and Patron Membership

We have three new life members. Both Martin Hardwick and Robert Montgomery have upgraded from annual membership, whilst a new member, Alan Bell, has also taken out life membership.

Associate Membership

All non-members taking part in the league games (webserver and post) have been added to the database as Associate members, where addresses are known, and will be consequently sent membership forms.

Magazine Subscriptions

21 annual/life members have so far requested the printed magazine (which compares with 22 who had indicated by this time last year). A number of regular subscribers need to be chased up.
(Action: Kevin Paine)

International Secretary's Report (GP)

Current Events

Play is presently continuing in the ICCF Champions League, as well as Olympiads 16 and 17 and also the NATT 6 event. New friendly international matches started recently against England (BFCC) on 11 October and USA on 20 October. Play continuing as before in other matches, notably the SCCA 30th Anniversary 50 board Scottish CCA v. Rest of the World match. There is a possibility of another new match fairly soon against Australia.

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New and Forthcoming Events

Team recently submitted for the 8th European Team Championships which is scheduled to start on 14 February. Team is: 1. CR Beecham 2. DA Kilgour 3. T. Matheis 4. TJ Craig 5. I Mackintosh 6. GM Anderson 7. RS Montgomery 8. AD Bell & Team Captain: George Pyrich. As yet no announcement with regard to ICCF Olympiad 18 but it is expected soon.

Individual Events

During calendar year 2008 we submitted a total of 40 entries (only 4 of these were for postal events), compared to previous year's total of 31.

Treasurer's Report (GA)

This report covered the 9 month period to 31 December 2008, which includes the main period of income generation following the issuing of membership renewal forms. Income in the period amounted to £2,676.06 against £3,055.88 for the full year to 31st March 2008. Total income for the year is likely to be around £200 lower than in the last full year.

Expenditure incurred in the 9 month period amounted to £1,287.38 against £2,343.13 for the full year to 31st March 2008. Costs still to be incurred will be at least on par with the last full year which will see total expenditure fairly close to the previous year.

On this basis, the Association will still see a reasonable surplus for the full year.

Subsequent to this report, our ICCF account to end-November was received, amounting to 347.80 Swiss francs, and settled at a sterling cost of £225.43, which includes bank charges of £14. Sterling fluctuations over the last period have been considerable, and a smoothing formula is needed for adoption at the next AGM. (**Action: Gordon Anderson, George Pyrich**)

100 Club Report (GL)

The 100 Club is running at 86 units a month but it is fair to say that more than half the units (45) are taken up by existing and former Committee members.

Chess Scotland Grant

CS has requested a business case to support the continued allocation of a proportion of Scottish Executive funding to SCCA. A paper has been provided and is likely to be discussed at the next CS Council. (**Action: Iain Mackintosh**)

ICCF Veterans' World Cup

Scotland has agreed to organise this event via Alan Borwell, and other TDs may be required to assist. A trophy will probably be required, but not for 2-3 years. (**Action: Alan Borwell**)

Membership and Entry Fees

Kevin Paine noted a couple of annual members renewing only as associates to play in team leagues. Fees have been unchanged for many years, and various proposals were discussed to find ways of offering free or cheaper event entry. Gordon Anderson has circulated a discussion paper and we need to resolve a proposal before the AGM calling notice. (**Action: All**)

Websserver Open

The final of the 1st open event is nearing a conclusion and we need to decide if and when we initiate a 2nd event, including appropriate fee and prize structures. (**Action: All**)

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Challenge Event

Bernard Milligan has initiated the 2009 event and handed over TD duties to Jim Anderson. A vote of thanks is due to Bernard his long service in administering the tournament. The current structure of grading bands and number of games defined at the start of the year is unwieldy, and we need to find a way of operating new challenges at any juncture. **(Action: Jim Anderson)**

Next Meetings

March/April. To attend to matters arising from this minute, prior to AGM.
May/June. Executive committee followed by AGM.
Dates to be advised. **(Action: Jim Anderson)**