

SCCA Executive Committee Minutes
Sunday 27th May, 2018, 2:00pm, by Skype

Present

Iain Mackintosh (Chair), Gordon Anderson, Alan Borwell, Kevin Paine (all Skype).

Apologies

Alastair Dawson.

Minutes of the Meeting on 11th January 2018

Accepted.

Matters Arising

- a. Leaflets for CS Congresses. No action, c/f. **(Action: Iain [editing]; Alan [distribution])**
- b. HBoS Indemnity Change. Work done, action closed.
- c. Erich Ruch was informed of SCCA committee changes, action closed.
- d. Access to George's computer files. The new ICCF FD has recovered financial docs. The only o/s SCCA doc is 2017 ICCF event entries but we can manage without it. Action closed.
- e. Clive Murden has joined our Selection Committee, action closed.
- f. The Grading page in the magazine now contains stats on title norms, action closed.
- g. All relevant website and magazine references to George are now updated, action closed.

Memorial Events

The George Pyrich event has been publicised via ICCF and entries are coming in. Some large countries have still to respond, but there is still month before closing and reminders have been issued. We are hoping for some publicity in *Scottish Chess* to attract OTB players. **(Action Alan)**

The George Livie event still needs to be sanctioned by the Livie family. A small invitational is envisaged, aimed at friends from George's time in office. **(Action Alan)**

Membership Secretary's Report

Kevin reported that we have 24 annual members. One new life member (Richard White) has registered. The membership database has a few issues, so a spreadsheet is in use.

Domestic Events Report

Kevin reported that all events have started. Last year's Championship is still undecided. This year's Premier has required adjudications after Derek Coope was hospitalised. The Challengers has started with 7 players competing. Black Knight is not participating in the Webserver League following George's death. We will try to canvass Scottish OTB clubs for teams next year, e.g. Bon Accord, Dundee, Paisley, and Cathcart. **(Action All)**

Treasurer's Report

Gordon reported on the position at end-March 2018. We finished with a small deficit (-£112) after making a £500 donation to the WCCF for this year's ICCF Congress. Income was down by £290, but direct comparison with 2017 is difficult because of previous years' carry-overs. Expenditure was up by £657, mainly donations and trophies. 100 Club income is down, so we'll target prize monies at approx. 50% of the fund from now on. We'll need to adjust some ICCF entry fees to account for exchange rate fluctuations – the ICCF bank account maintained in Scotland by George will disappear shortly, so we'll incur exchange charges. **(Action: Gordon)**

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International Secretary's Report

Gordon provided a full report on team performances in the Olympiad, ETC, NSTT, NATT, Esko Nuutilainen Memorial, Tri-Nations and BCCTC events, plus a round-up of friendly internationals. We are performing well in the 21st Olympiad prelims, though we may miss out on a top three finish as other countries have more unfinished games. We are doing even better in the 11th ETC Semi-Finals, where we have a realistic chance of a top 3 finish.

Gordon is preparing for a new Friendly match against Belgium and has circulated players. Further matches are envisaged after the ICCF Congress. **(Action Gordon)**

The 2018 ICCF Congress will be held in Llandudno, Wales from 18th to 23rd August, with Gordon and his wife Margaret attending as our delegate. Alan Borwell will attend for the last two days.

ICCF Congress Proposals

Gordon had provided a summary of the first 23 proposals lodged on the ICCF website. Most are non-contentious, but a few are worth challenging, e.g.

- a. #5 election procedures could bypass member federations
- b. #7 single candidates for posts shouldn't be automatically elected
- c. #11 member federations should deal with non-performing delegates
- d. #12 Esperanto is ok, but other languages are more deserving
- e. #18 ICCF minutes are hopeless and shouldn't be accepted

We'll draft replies to these items and post them on the relevant ICCF website pages. Depending on feedback received, Gordon may convene a further Executive Committee meeting to discuss before the voting deadline on 14th July. **(Action Gordon)**

Grader's Report

Kevin reported that Alan Bell of Falkirk has qualified for the ICCF CCM title and Gordon Anderson of Nottingham has secured the CCE title. Alastair Dawson has secured a CCM norm, and CCE norms have been won by Robert Montgomery, Geoff Lloyd and Kevin Paine. Kevin should also qualify soon for the Scottish Master title. Gordon's CCE medal has still to be posted. **(Action Iain)**

GDPR Compliance

Iain reported that our website Policies page had been updated accordingly and members had been circulated by email. As yet, no-one has declined to have their details held. We'll add a consent note to 2019 membership application forms which normally go out in the autumn. **(Action Iain)**

Website, Facebook and Magazine

Iain reported that the website and Facebook were operating normally. Alastair Dawson reports that some players have now responded to his call for games, so he should be able to initiate a magazine Games Column in the near future. A full colour edition of magazine 140 will be distributed to delegates at the ICCF Congress, partly as publicity for our sponsorship, and partly to commemorate George Pyrich. Printing costs have been met by Austin Lockwood.

Next Meetings

Committee meeting (provisional), ICCF Congress Proposals, date & time tba, via Skype.
Committee meeting (2pm), Sunday, February 3, 2019, via Skype.