SCCA Executive Committee Minutes

Thursday 29th February, 2024, 7:30pm, via Zoom

Present

Iain Mackintosh (Chair), Mickey Blake, David Kilgour, Graham Morrison, Kevin Paine, Ian Whittaker.

Apologies

Alan Borwell.

Minutes of the Meeting on 21st May 2023

Accepted.

Matters Arising

John Fanning was installed as Auditor and full accounts were produced. Phil Becket acted as our proxy at the Amsterdam ICCF Congress. SCCA printed magazines are now discontinued. Our proposal for Alan Borwell to join the ICCF Hall of Fame has not yet been responded to by Michael Millstone. **(Action: Iain, David)** Gordon Anderson and Alan Hind both received retirement presents. Accounts paper archives have now been shredded. We delivered our votes to ICCF re 2023 Amsterdam Congress Proposals.

Membership Secretary's Report

Mickey had circulated a comprehensive membership analysis prior to the meeting. Numbers are similar to last year, but we received a couple of transfers from ENG to SCO following the demise of BCCA.

Domestic Events Report

Mickey had also circulated entrants to domestic events – Championship (8), Premier (4), Open (15), and Challengers (10 sections to date). Our Leagues are running as regional events this year. Everything is now initiated.

Grader's Report

Robert Montgomery will be invited to this year's AGM to receive his Scottish Master certificate. (Action: lain)

Treasurer's Report

Ian reported that our accounts are healthy, due in part to an unsolicited grant from the Slater Foundation. ICCF competition entries are slower at present due to the appointment of a new ICCF Treasurer. Ian proposed we should discuss how we utilise our Development Funds during the year – e.g. for promotional purposes to attract new members. (Action: All)

International Secretary's Report

The 23rd Olympiad Prelims have now started. Gordon Anderson has entered a World Championship Preliminary round. Wales is hosting the 2024 ICCF Congress in Llandudno, though David is unlikely to attend in person. A UK Nations team tournament has been mooted, though progress via ICCF has been slow thus far.

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Website, Facebook, Twitter and Magazine

Mickey continues to run our Facebook and Twitter accounts with regular updates. The website soldiers on and we may expand it slightly to include some promotional materials. Next magazine is issue 165 due out in April - copy by end-March please. Printed magazines have now been discontinued.

Edinburgh CC Bicentenary

This has been successfully concluded with a win for Edinburgh over London in the re-run of the historic correspondence match, this time played on the ICCF server.

Next Meetings

Sunday May 12, 2024 (via Zoom) 2pm EC 4pm AGM.