

**SCCA AGM Minutes**  
**Sunday, June 9, 2002, at Chess Suppliers, Glasgow**

**Present:** Iain Mackintosh (chair), James Anderson, George Pyrich, Alan Borwell, Raymond Baxter, Stuart Mackenzie.

**Apologies:** Richard Beecham, George Livie, Iain Campbell.

**President's Remarks**

Iain Mackintosh welcomed all those present to the Association's Silver Jubilee AGM.

Despite another disappointing downturn in membership numbers, the Association continues to operate a wide variety of tournaments and services, and our active members have again performed well, individually and collectively, throughout the year. We are fortunate to have so many energetic and talented enthusiasts in our ranks!

Notable performances were Richard Beecham's 100% championship double; George Sprott's IM title; and 4 new SMs (Jonathan Lennox, Ian Aird, Bernard Milligan and Douglas Neil).

We have had exciting play and close finishes in most of our domestic events, and we continue to arrange international friendly matches. Our flagship international tournaments are both progressing well. The new magazine format has been well received, and our website has been considerably expanded.

The outgoing committee has started to look at our forward strategy, and has recently been organising Silver Jubilee events, which will be covered later in the agenda. Iain thanked the committee for another fine year's administrative effort!

**Minutes of Last AGM**

Accepted by all present.

**Secretary's Report**

Jim Anderson said that he has had to slowly find his way this year, but hopes he is now getting on top of things. He reported that annual membership is again down, but that we have sufficient members to run all domestic events and participate in international tournaments.

The new membership brochure has now been printed, and Jim will distribute it at congresses and via the Scottish Chess mailing list. Other actions to increase membership are being studied as part of our strategy review.

Jim thanked all the controllers who have again done a marvellous job, as without them there would be no tournaments. He also stressed that it was with great sadness he had to report the death of John Michael Herries. He thanked Brain Goodwin for his reminiscences of John which were published in the magazine and on the website.

**Treasurer's Report**

Stuart Mackenzie distributed the audited accounts. Stuart went through the accounts with the members present and answered questions. After last year's exceptional adjustments for the magazine and the Bernard Partridge Memorial prize fund, this year had seen a return to normal. We have recorded a small surplus of £446.40, and our balance sheet is still quite healthy. The accounts were accepted by all present.

A full copy of the accounts is attached, and will also be published in the magazine and on the website.

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**International Secretary's Report**

George Pyrich reported that this had been a good year for the Association at international level. We continue to be well represented in ICCF circles, and we are active in individual and team tournaments (for example, the ICCF Jubilee events and Champions League). Individual entries to other ICCF events were lower than previously, but this seems to be a world trend. The Bernard Partridge Memorial tournament is almost complete, and the Bulletin 21st Anniversary event has completed about 75% of its games. In line with domestic tournaments, there are few new rising young stars, and we need to encourage younger players into CC.

Alan Borwell said that the ICCF Jubilee book would be printed in Scotland later this year and that ICCF's researches into interactive web-server chess should bear fruit in 2003. This technology can be adapted to correspondence play, and may turn out to be a method of encouraging children to get interested in CC.

**Election of Office Bearers**

The following individuals were elected to office:

<b>Position</b>	<b>Individual</b>	<b>Proposer</b>	<b>Seconder</b>
<b>President</b>	Iain Mackintosh	Raymond Baxter	George Pyrich
<b>Vice President</b>	George Pyrich	Stuart Mackenzie	Raymond Baxter
<b>Secretary</b>	Jim Anderson	Raymond Baxter	George Pyrich
<b>Treasurer</b>	Stuart Mackenzie	Alan Borwell	Raymond Baxter
<b>Grading Officer</b>	Raymond Baxter	George Pyrich	Stuart Mackenzie
<b>Committee Member</b>	Alan Borwell	Stuart Mackenzie	George Pyrich
	George Livie	Alan Borwell	George Pyrich

George Pyrich will also act as ICCF Delegate and International Secretary. George Livie will take up his duties from September 2002. The positions of Assistant Secretary, Assistant International Secretary and Membership & Publicity Officer were held vacant. The new Committee will co-opt assistants as required.

**Appointment of Auditor**

Iain Campbell was appointed auditor (proposer: Stuart Mackenzie, seconder: George Pyrich).

**Subscriptions**

No changes were proposed by the outgoing committee, and this was accepted by all present.

**Silver Jubilee**

The committee have organised the following events:

- A friendly international against ICCF countries, probably starting in the fourth quarter, over 50+ boards, with SCCA members able to play up to 5 boards if they wanted.
- A dinner, to be held in Edinburgh on Friday, November 22nd at the Hilton Grosvenor.
- A free extra magazine containing extracts from previous editions, to be issued by year-end. (NB Bernard Milligan has contributed scanned copies of editions 1-3 which are now on the website for members to download).
- A quiz, to be published in the July magazine with a bottle of 25 year-old malt whisky as the prize.
- Lapel badges and/or certificates will be made available to all members as commemorative tokens.

**AOB**

Alan Borwell asked if it would be possible to produce an e-mail newsletter so that members could be updated about what is new on the website - Iain would look into this.