

**SCCA 38<sup>th</sup> AGM Minutes**  
Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2015, 4.00pm by Skype

**Present**

Iain Mackintosh (Chair), Gordon Anderson, Alan Borwell, Alastair Dawson, Kevin Paine, George Pyrich (all Skype).

**Apologies**

Jim Anderson.

**Minutes of the 37<sup>th</sup> AGM**

On the proposal of Gordon Anderson seconded by George Pyrich the minute of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2014 was accepted as an accurate record and approved.

**Matters arising from the 37<sup>th</sup> AGM**

None.

**President's Remarks**

Iain Mackintosh summarised another active and rewarding year for the SCCA.

The 2013-14 Championship was won outright by David Cumming (7/8). The 2014-15 Championship is building to an exciting climax, with Eoin Campbell, Geoff Lloyd and Robert Montgomery all in close contention. Raymond Burrige won both 2014 Premier sections outright, scoring 4½/5 in both. Robert Gilbert again won the Open with a score of 9½/10, narrowly missing the 100% Club. Raymond Burrige collected the Challengers' medal. Social Stars and Hounds of the Scheming Mind shared the spoils with 10/16 in division 1 of the Webserver League, while Civil Service A won division 2 (13/16). BCCA A triumphed in the Postal League with 7½/10. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Webserver Open has progressed to the finals of its two competitions (<2000 and 2000+). The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Best Game Prize was adjudicated by Richard Beecham and won by Charles O'Neill-McAleenan. Gordon Anderson and Kevin Paine were awarded IA titles after their work in the ICCF Veterans' World Cups organised by the SCCA.

Internationally, we continued to participate actively in both team and individual events (refer George's report below).

Once more the SCCA has been indebted to its hard-working committee members and tournament directors, all of whom deserve great praise for their efforts and commitment. David Savage was awarded an engraved quach for his long and distinguished service in organising the Postal League.

**Secretary's Report**

No formal secretary's report had been received. Membership renewals were initially slightly down, but recovered after reminders were issued. Life and patron memberships remained steady while donations increased. Our website hosting was very reliable and some content changes were made to improve navigation. We introduced a Facebook page which can be accessed at: <http://facebook.com/scottishcca> and which has attracted a respectable worldwide following. The online magazine was produced on schedule all year, while subscribers to the printed version held steady.

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**Treasurer's Report**

Gordon Anderson presented a full set of accounts and once again expressed his thanks to Alan Hind for an efficient audit. We ended the year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015 showing a surplus of £272 (2014: £142) and net assets of £10,754 (2014: £10,482).

The Accounts reveal a satisfactory financial position. Income in the 12 month period amounted to £2,392 (2014: £2,584), the main contributors to the fall in income being reduced subscriptions to the 100 Club, a reduction in income from entries to ICCF competitions and no costs being incurred with our website ISP Connection fees (donated). The falls in income in these areas was offset a little by increases in donations received, bank interest and magazine income.

Expenditure in the year was £2,120 (2014: £2,443). The reduction in expenditure results from a significant reduction in the costs incurred for prizes, reductions in monies paid to ICCF in respect of tournament entries, and reduced postage for the SCCA magazine. These reductions were offset to some extent by our donations to both the Welsh Correspondence Chess Federation in respect of the ICCF Congress to be hosted by the WCCF this year and a donation to Chess Scotland to assist with the funding of the Glorney Cup which they recently hosted.

Our overall financial position remains very acceptable. Iain Mackintosh proposed a vote of thanks to Gordon and Alan Hind which was unanimously agreed. Gordon moved adoption of the audited accounts, seconded by Alan Borwell and unanimously agreed.

**International Secretary's Report**

George Pyrich reported that we are currently lying 11<sup>th</sup> in the semi-finals of the 10th European Team Championships. We have entered the 6th Champions League, fielding the Lewis Chessmen and Scottish Claymores teams. The Scottish Claymores (different team) finished 4<sup>th</sup> in their section of the European Postal Cup, narrowly missing out on a final spot.

New friendly matches were started against Switzerland, Iceland, Wales, NatCor (affiliated to EFCC) and Netherlands. Our form has reverted to type, with no wins in the last year!

We continue to supply individual entries to a broad range of ICCF events, with the 8th Veterans World Cup and 21<sup>st</sup> World Cup being the most recent.

Through Alan Borwell, we continue to organise and sponsor cycles 2-4 of the ICCF Veterans' World Cup. VWC2 is now complete and was won by Vladimir Stepanovich Sergeev IM from Russia, ahead of Vytautas Sutkus IM from Lithuania and Juan Andres Enricci SIM from Argentina. The three medallists have received engraved Quaichs presented by the Scottish CCA. Cycles 3-4 are proceeding to schedule.

The 2015 ICCF Congress will be held in Cardiff from 16<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> August. In addition to ICCF business, a meeting is scheduled between representatives of the 3 UK National Federations which will discuss the format and organisation of future British events including the British championships.

Iain Mackintosh proposed a vote of thanks to George which was unanimously agreed. Alan Borwell moved adoption of George's report, seconded by Gordon Anderson and unanimously agreed.

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**Election of Office Bearers**

The following returning office-bearers were elected to office for 2015-16, proposed en bloc by George Pyrich and seconded by Alan Borwell:

<b>Office</b>	<b>Name</b>
<b>President</b>	<b>Iain Mackintosh</b>
<b>Vice President</b>	<b>George Pyrich</b>
<b>International Secretary</b>	<b>George Pyrich</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>See note *</b>
<b>Membership Officer</b>	<b>Kevin Paine</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Gordon Anderson</b>
<b>Committee Members</b>	<b>Alan Borwell Jim Anderson</b>

\* No nomination received. Kevin Paine (enquiries), Jim Anderson (domestic events) and Iain Mackintosh (minutes) will continue to provide interim cover.

**Professor Alastair Dawson** was proposed as a new member of committee by Iain Mackintosh, seconded by Gordon Anderson and unanimously elected.

**Appointment of Auditor**

Alan Hind was proposed by Gordon Anderson, seconded by Alastair Dawson, and duly reappointed.

**Subscriptions**

Gordon Anderson proposed no change to domestic membership and entry fees for 2015-16. This was seconded by Kevin Paine and unanimously agreed. Further reductions in ICCF fees are proposed for the Cardiff Congress and, if adopted, we expect to implement them with effect from January 2016.

**AOB**

A vote of thanks to the chair was proposed by Alan Borwell and unanimously agreed.