

SCCA Executive Committee Minutes
Sunday 3rd March, 2019, 2:30pm, by Skype

Present

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

Apologies

Alastair Dawson.

Minutes of the Meeting on 27th May 2018

Accepted.

Matters Arising

- a. Leaflets for CS Congresses. No action, c/f. **(Action: Iain [editing]; Alan [distribution])**

Membership Secretary's Report

Kevin reported that we have renewed 25 annual members, with two regulars still to come. One new life member (Robin Moss) has registered. Several enquiries have been processed. An updated membership list would be circulated. **(Action: Kevin)**

Domestic Events Report

Kevin reported that all events have started. The Championship has 7 players, though one has withdrawn due to ill-health. The Premier has one section of 8 and the Open one section of 5. The Challengers has 10 players, with 23 matches arranged to date. The Leagues are popular once more, with an extra 4th Division required this year.

Domestic Events Rules

Kevin and Gordon led a discussion on Rules for SCCA events. We decided to maintain our own set of Rules, so the ICCF default rules box would remain unticked when setting up domestic tournaments. Our Adjudication rules will remain unchanged, but we will modify our Special Leave rules to emphasise that claimants must demonstrate exceptional and/or unexpected conditions which their Annual Leave reserve cannot satisfy. **(Action: Iain)**

Treasurer's Report

Gordon reported on the position at end-January 2019. Income to date is £1,453 and expenses £1,243. Several of items on both sides of the account are expected before March 31st. Our ICCF bill will be much larger this year, inflated by the George Pyrich Memorial fees (£1,714) and we will need to provide for trophies next year (approx. £1,200 assuming single winners of each section). We will run a fairly sizeable deficit this year, but our bank balance is healthy enough to cope. **(Action: Gordon)**

International Secretary's Report

Gordon reported on excellent performances by our teams in the 11th ETC semi-finals (where we will qualify for the final) and 21st Olympiad prelims (where we could finish in the top 3). Team selections have been made in readiness for the next cycles of both these events.

Our performances in In the British Tri-Nations 2017, the Esko Nuutilainen Memorial Team Tournament, the North Atlantic Team Tournament VII, and the 3rd North Sea Team Tournament have been indifferent.

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New Friendly matches against Belgium and Panama are under way, with fixtures against Sweden and Netherlands planned for later in the year.

The 2019 ICCF Congress will be held in Vilnius, Lithuania from 18th to 22nd August with Gordon and his wife Margaret attending as our delegate.

ICCF Congress 2018

Gordon had circulated 'Minutes' from this event, and we agreed that their timing, layout and content were not acceptable. A proposal to put this right would be drafted and circulated to committee with the idea of submitting it to the Vilnius Congress later this year. **(Action: Iain)**

ICCF Congress 2020

Gordon provided a proposal with costings that Scotland should host the 2020 ICCF Congress in Glasgow from 17th to 21st August, based at the Hilton Hotel. Various aspects of risk, organisation, funding and on-the-ground assistance were reviewed. We resolved to bid for the event at the upcoming Vilnius Congress. **(Action: Gordon)**

Grader's Report

Kevin reported that Iain Mackintosh of Perth had been awarded ICCF SIM title and that we had three new ICCF CCE title holders – Alastair Dawson of St Andrews, Geoff Lloyd of Prestatyn and Mickey Blake of Castle Douglas.

Memorial Events

The George Pyrich event is running smoothly with just 1 reserve used so far.

The George Livie event will not now be held. It's been too long since his death, and his wife Margaret has now sadly died also.

Website, Facebook and Magazine

Iain reported that the website and Facebook were operating normally. A new magazine cover image for 2019 had been agreed with a Canadian artist. Alan has judged the Best Game Prize this year, and his report, plus other copy, should be sent by March 31st.

Any Other Business

Gordon reminded everybody that income and expenses returns should be sent to him by March 31st.

Next Meetings

Committee meeting and AGM, 2pm and 4pm respectively, Sunday 26th May by Skype.