

SCCA Executive Committee Minutes
Sunday 26th February 2012, 3pm by Skype

Present

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

Apologies

George Pyrich.

Minutes of the Meeting on 5th June 2011

Accepted.

Matters Arising

- New League time controls were not applied for 2012 due to inconsistencies with the website. **(Action: Kevin Paine [time controls], Iain Mackintosh [website])**
- A reminder on player etiquette was given to the Social Stars team captain, but needs to be repeated. **(Action: Jim Anderson)**
- Southampton lady player's cheque to be returned. **(Action: Iain Mackintosh)**
- Financial feedback from the last meeting was relayed to Gordon. Action closed.
- ICCF Congress EB deputies are entitled to EB expenses. Action closed.
- SM certificates were printed and issued. Action closed.
- IA qualifications gained by SCCA TDs in VWCs to be tracked. **(Action: George Pyrich)**
- New committee members are still being sought after zero response to magazine adverts. **(Action: Iain Mackintosh)**
- Colin Hammersley's entry on the grading was updated. Action closed.

Membership Secretary's Report

Kevin reported that 2012 renewals were delayed by his overseas work commitments, but that most members had responded promptly. Annual subscriptions were slightly down at 31, but with several late payments from active players being pursued. Previous enquiries from Siegrun Macgilchrist, Barrie Anderson and Jon Mahony would also be followed up. Life and patron membership was steady at 85.

Domestic Events Report

Jim reported that all 2012 events were started during January. The Championship was restarted as a double round robin to ensure that players had at least 8 games. BCCA had entered 3 teams for the Postal League. The 2nd Webserver Open final is now nearing conclusion with a tight finish in prospect.

Treasurer's Report

Gordon reported that after 11 months of the current financial year, income (c.£2,600) was about £1,200 ahead of expenditure (c.£1,400). A number of year-end expenses have still to be presented, and we also need to make provision for VWC4 trophies. The main reason for the disparity was a windfall of £800 arising from Alan receiving ICCF EB expenses while deputising for George at the 2011 ICCF Congress in Finland. The 100 Club remains steady with 89 units subscribed.

International Secretary's Report

George reported that Scotland is represented in the 19th Olympiad; the 9th ETC preliminaries; the Thor Løvholt Memorial; the 1st Europa Postal Cup and the Witold Bielecki Memorial Team Tournament. A number of individuals are participating in the Witold's Friends v Rest of the World match. We await details of the next Champions League cycle and the 5th VWC.

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Peter Bennett and David Cumming (quota places) and Stuart Graham (qualifier) will play in the ICCF 36th World Championship preliminaries.

New friendly internationals have started against Netherlands and the Czech Republic, and we hope to start a further match with Italy in May.

The 2012 ICCF Congress will take place in Rustenburg, South Africa from 28th October to 3rd November. We will make a decision on who attends later in the year.

Grader's Report

Nothing to report.

ICCF Veterans' World Cup (VWC)

Alan reported the following status:

- **VWC2:** semi-finals are in progress and will end 30 Nov 12. Final starts 1 Feb 13. No issues flagged up so far.
- **VWC3:** the 28 preliminary sections will end shortly on 29 Feb 12. TDs should close play promptly and refer exceptions to Alan. Iain will process any adjudications. 84 qualifiers plus 7 others will contest 7 semi-final groups from 1 May 12.
- **VWC4:** started on 1 Sep 11 with 400+ entrants in 31 preliminary sections.

AOB

Alan raised the idea of using the windfall reported by Gordon to help fund a further Webserver Open aimed at attracting OTB as well as CC players. We'll consider ideas between now and next meeting, including prize funds, multiple events by grading bands and joint promotion with Chess Scotland. **(Action: All)**

Next Meeting

Sunday 10th June, to include the Executive (2pm) and AGM (4pm). 7 Tullylumb Terrace, Perth if you can get there in person, link by Skype if not.