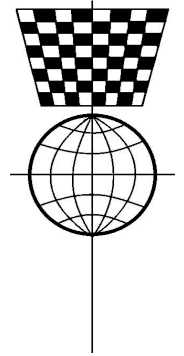


Scottish Correspondence Chess Association

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49th Annual General Meeting Minutes Sunday 7th June 2026, 7:30pm, Online

Present: Robert Bruce (Chair), Ben Major, Ian Whittaker, Andrew MacMillen

Apologies for Absence: Richard Beecham, Gordon Anderson, Wayne McFadden, Alistair Maxwell

Minutes of the Previous Meeting: On the proposal of Ian Whittaker and seconded by Ben Major, these were agreed as an accurate record.

Matters Arising: None

Presidents Remarks: In the absence of a President, Vice President Robert Bruce indicated that despite not many people attending the AGM we are doing OK. Robert advised that as he is constantly travelling around Scotland he intends to approach local libraries and community centres to display a flyer advertising the association to prospective new members.

Membership Secretary's Report: The Association has 103 current members:

- 4 Patrons
- 85 Life Members
- 14 Annual Members

Of the current members only about 28 appear to be active on the ICCF server.

2025 Tournaments:

- 2025/26 Scottish Championship is still in progress
- Premier was won by Robert Bruce
- Open was won by Andrew MacMillen
- SCCA League Division 1 was won by England A
- SCCA League Division 2 was won by White Rose B
- SCCA League Division 3 was won by White Rose C

2026 SCCA Tournaments commenced in February with the following entry numbers

- The Championship has 6 entrants (7 last year)
- Premier has 3 entrants (4 last year)
- Open has 5 entrants (3 last year)

Only 50% of active members participate in SCCA Tournaments.

The Scottish League commenced in March with the following entry numbers:

- Division 1 has 5 teams
- Division 2 has 4
- Division 3 has 6 teams

International Secretary's Report

This is my first report since responding to a request for volunteers to join the committee. I was appointed in September 2025.

Owing to the lack of any kind of handover or induction process, I have found the first few months quite difficult to navigate, but things are slowly becoming clearer.

Since September 45 individual entries have been received for international tournaments, copies of such notices are received, noted and forwarded to the Treasurer to tally against payments received.

The last 8 months have been a very successful period for Scottish players obtaining norms and titles:

Allan Buchan, Iain Sneddon and Robert Montgomery all obtained the IM title, C Richard Beecham and Clive Murden obtained the first GM norms, Clive also obtained the SIM title. Gordon Anderson achieved his second IM norms and Ian Whittaker the Master title. Ian Foote has achieved enough norms to receive the title of CCE. Awards will be collected by the English delegate at the ICCF Congress in October.

I will try to organise some international matches this year, but unfortunately we now have a very small group of players who have expressed an interest.

Treasurer's Report

1. Income for the year

Membership fees received totalled £130 (2025: £130). Receipts for all Competitions (League, Individual Domestic and ICCF events) totalled £106 (2025: £192). Income from the 100 Club in the year to date was £569 (a similar level to last year 2025: £566). Other Donations made, which were all gratefully acknowledged, contributed £109 (2025: £63).

2. Expenditure

The association's costs in the year totalled £691 (2025: £434) and primarily covered the 100 Club prizes of £272 (2025: £271).

On the retiral of President Iain Mackintosh the association presented him with a Long Service Award (made up of an inscribed quaich along with a bottle of Mackintosh whisky and four Macintosh tumblers) in recognition of his long outstanding contribution to the SCCA and correspondence chess in general which cost £162 in total. This was supported by a number of specific donations from members.

Following the Bank of Scotland's withdrawal of their Treasurers Account facilities the association has started having to bear monthly Service Charges which this year totalled £64 (2025: £-).

Other costs incurred included the Chess Scotland Affiliation Fee, which increased this year to £100 (2025: £50), along with other miscellaneous items.

3. Surplus for the year

The association achieved a surplus of £233 for the year (2025: £516) which was transferred to the Capital Account.

4. Balance Sheet

As at March 31 2026 the bank account stood at £10,361 (previously at 31 March 2023: £10,156). After various adjustments for prepayments and accruals members accounts were represented by a small increase in net assets at the year-end to £10,170 (2025: £9,937)

5. Accounts Examination

The accounts have been independently examined by John Fanning FCA who has indicated that he is willing to take on the work going forward. It is recommended that the association provides an honorarium to the examiner of an annual amount of £25 (equivalent to a bottle of wine or a whisky!) for his work. **Action: Treasurer to send agreed honorarium.**

6. Subscriptions 2026/27

It is recommended that subscription rates for the coming year remain unaltered.

Action: Agreed

Election of Office Bearers:

The following were elected for 2026-27

Office	Name	Proposer	Seconder
President	Vacant		
Vice President	Robert Bruce	Ben Major	Ian Whittaker
Secretary	Ben Major	Andrew MacMillen	Robert Bruce
International Secretary	Andrew MacMillen	Ian Whittaker	Ben Major
Membership Secretary	Ben Major	Andrew MacMillen	Robert Bruce
Treasurer	Ian Whittaker	Robert Bruce	Andrew MacMillen
Committee Members	Vacant Vacant Vacant		

Action: Executive Committee to try and fill vacant positions. Secretary to reach out to previous committee members to gauge interest in continuing. Email to be issued to members looking for a President.

Any Other Business

Alistair Maxwell has announced his decision to step away from the position of SCCA Grader. Ian Whittaker proposed a vote of thanks and acknowledgment to Alistair Maxwell for his many years of work in this area. Ian proposed a small token of appreciation be sent to Alistair which was unanimously approved. **Action: Ian to organise a bottle of whisky or similar to be sent to Alistair.**

Next Meeting:

Executive Committee - To be confirmed with proposed date of Sunday 16th August.

Meeting closed at 8:20pm.

Ben Major
Secretary
09.06.2026