

SCCA AGM Minutes

Sunday 13th June, 4pm, 2004 at BB Headquarters, Dalgleish Court, Stirling.

Present: Iain Mackintosh (chair), Jim Anderson, Raymond Baxter, Alan Borwell, George Livie and George Pyrich.

Apologies: Stuart Mackenzie.

Minutes of Last AGM

Acceptance proposed by George Livie, seconded by Alan Borwell and accepted by all present.

President's Remarks

Iain Mackintosh said last season was busy as usual. We distributed our Silver Jubilee commemorative badges at home and abroad, and they seemed to be well received. Chess Suppliers agreed to sponsor our Championship, and we welcome their support of our premier domestic event. Last year's champion, Alan Brown, received the SM title, and is involved in a tight finish to the current tournament.

On the ICCF front, Alan Borwell and George Pyrich stood down from their posts at the Ostrava Congress, and both received rousing receptions for their many years of dedicated service. We have been fortunate to have had such fine ambassadors for CC in Scotland. The IM title was presented to George Livie at the Congress, and Iain Mackintosh took up the post of project manager for Webserver software development.

Manuel Jaime Summers of Belgium won the long-running Bernard Partridge Memorial event, and the Douglas Livie Memorial tournament officially starts just after this AGM. The SCCA-ICCF friendly match over 129 boards is nearing its conclusion, and it looks as though the Rest of the World will cross the finishing line first.

Our other domestic and international matches all ran well, and our website now has a Picture Gallery. The committee and controllers are to be warmly thanked yet again for their efforts in continuing to make the SCCA such an active and enjoyable Association.

Secretary's Report

Jim Anderson said the annual membership was about the same as last year. Once again we have had some existing members drop out, but at the same time we have attracted quite a few new members. We enrolled our first Patron member (Michael Domnin) and one further Life member.

Jim was pleased to say the Championship this year had a good entry, more teams had entered the Leagues, and the other tournaments were about the same or slightly down against last year. Some late entries had allowed the Openings event to be restarted again.

Jim was happy with the way things had gone this year even though it has been a hard year for him personally.

Treasurer's Report

Stuart Mackenzie was unable to attend the meeting but had supplied a provisional (unaudited) profit and loss account showing a small surplus. The meeting expressed concern that the accounts had not been finalised prior to the AGM again.

The National Giro account had been written off, and the Clydesdale deposit account had been recovered after a long dialogue with the bank. The committee had decided in principle to operate two funds - a general reserve and a development account. The meeting instructed the treasurer to improve the interest earned on deposits.

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International Secretary's Report

George Pyrich echoed the praise for Alan Borwell's service to ICCF, and that he thoroughly deserved his appointment as Honorary President, awarded in Ostrava. (George himself has agreed to extend his period of service through the ICCF Appeals Commission).

The SCCA-ICCF match was about 85% complete, with the current score 86-122. Play is nearing completion in the NATT 5 and NSTT 2 events, and also in the XV Olympiad, where Iain Mackintosh achieved an IM norm on board 6. Friendly matches are currently in progress against Catalonia, Norway, Canada, Finland and Romania. Announcements are awaited about the start dates of the VII European Championships and the new postal Olympiad.

The ICCF Gold book continues to sell slowly, but we recorded an increase in members applying for individual ICCF events. Gordon Anderson intends to play in the inaugural ICCF Webserver tournament. George Livie and George Pyrich are playing in the Stephen Tatlow Memorial which starts later in June. The Douglas Livie Memorial also starts this month, and will be a 13-player category 3 event. This year's ICCF Congress is planned for Mumbai, India, in October-November. Our delegate will be confirmed in August.

Election of Office Bearers

The following individuals were elected to office:

Position	Individual	Proposer	Seconded
President	Iain Mackintosh	George Pyrich	George Livie
Vice President	George Pyrich	Iain Mackintosh	Alan Borwell
Secretary	Jim Anderson	George Pyrich	Raymond Baxter
Treasurer	Stuart Mackenzie	Jim Anderson	George Pyrich
International Secretary	George Pyrich	Iain Mackintosh	Alan Borwell
Grading Officer	Raymond Baxter	Alan Borwell	George Livie
Committee Members	Alan Borwell George Livie	Iain Mackintosh George Pyrich	Raymond Baxter Jim Anderson

The positions of Assistant Secretary, Assistant International Secretary and Membership & Publicity Officer were held vacant. The new Committee will co-opt assistants as necessary. George Pyrich will also be ICCF Delegate.

Appointment of Auditor

Iain Campbell was re-appointed auditor. He was proposed by George Pyrich and seconded by George Livie.

Subscriptions

In the absence of the treasurer, Jim Anderson proposed no changes to fees, seconded by George Livie, and accepted by all present.

Postal Matches

David Cumming had proposed that first class post should be used for all matches which started and finished in the same season. This was unanimously accepted by all present. The ruling will apply to all domestic events, except Championship and Candidates, from 2005.

AOB

Alan Borwell proposed a vote of thanks to Iain Mackintosh for all he has done for the SCCA as president, webmaster and magazine editor. All present thanked Stirling Chess Club for the use of their premises and their hospitality on the day.