

SCCA 45th AGM Minutes
Sunday 22nd May 2022, 4.00pm by Zoom

Present

Iain Mackintosh (Chair), Gordon Anderson, Mickey Blake, Alan Borwell, Kevin Paine, Ian Whittaker.

Apologies

None.

Minutes of the 44th AGM

On the proposal of Gordon Anderson, seconded by Alan Borwell, the minute of the meeting held on 16th May 2021 was accepted as an accurate record and approved.

Matters arising from the 44th AGM

The Edinburgh CC Bicentenary in November 2022 was moved to the SCCA Executive Meeting for action.

President's Remarks

Iain Mackintosh reviewed the preceding year which, after 2 years of Covid disruption, saw our preparations to host the 2022 ICCF Congress in Glasgow during August start to bear fruit. Gordon Anderson deserves a further big vote of thanks for his herculean efforts! Gordon was also involved with the ICCF EB in deciding sanctions following the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

This year's domestic events were dominated by Allan Buchan who won his first Championship and picked up our Best Game Prize to boot! Internationally, we are contesting the 11th European Team Final, where we currently sit 2nd with a +1 score. We continued our active participation in numerous CCF individual and team competitions.

Our main media – website, Facebook and magazine - were regularly updated with new content. We'll look at extending into further social media in the year ahead.

Once again, the SCCA has been indebted to its hard-working committee members and tournament directors, all of whom deserve a huge vote of thanks for their efforts and commitment.

Membership Secretary's Report

Mickey Blake reported we have 112 current members of SCCA (3 Patrons, 86 Life, 23 Annual and 0 Associates). 65 members are classed as 'active' on ICCF.

Mickey reported that the 2021-22 Championship was won by Allan Buchan. Alistair Maxwell won the 2021 Premier, while Andrew Macmillan and Andrew Taylor (with a 100% score) bested the two 2021 Open sections. Robert Gilbert was victorious in the 2021-22 Challengers. The Webserver League comprised 3 divisions again, with winners as last year: D1: Hounds of the Scheming Mind A; D2: Hounds of the Scheming Mind C, and D3: White Rose C. The 9th Annual Best Game Prize was adjudicated by IM Maxim Konstantinov (DEN) and won by Allan Buchan.

Grader Alistair Maxwell summarised new title- and norm-holders over the past year:

- IA Title: Clive Murden (May 21).
- CCM Title: Allan Buchan (May 21); Colin Beveridge (Jan 22).
- CCM Norm: Ian Whittaker (Apr 22)
- CCE Title: Prof. Kevin Paine (Aug 21).
- CCE Norm: Wilf Taylor (Jun 21); Ian Whittaker (Dec 21).

Iain Mackintosh proposed a vote of thanks to Mickey, seconded by Gordon Anderson and unanimously agreed.

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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 a comprehensive audit. We ended the year to 31st March 2022 showing a surplus of £343 (2021: £965 deficit) with net assets of £8,268 (2021: £7,925).

Income in the 12 month period was slightly lower than that in 2021, amounting to £1,681 (2021: £1,729). Membership subscriptions recovered well, from £196 in 2021 to £268 in 2021. Donation income increased slightly to £165, (2020: £147), while Bank interest was almost nil. Income from Magazine sales was slightly lower, mainly due to reduced printed copies. Income from the 100 club was relatively flat. Entries to domestic competitions were flat while there has been a significant reduction in fees paid to ICCF for entries on behalf of members.

Expenditure decreased significantly to £1,338 (2020: £2,695). This resulted from completion of the George Pyrich Memorial events. Deposit costs for the 2022 ICCF Congress have been incurred and a debtor created in this year's accounts.

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 Kevin Paine and unanimously agreed.

International Secretary's Report

Friendly matches with Sweden, Venezuela and the USA were completed. New matches are being organised by Mickey Blake, with Germany started and Canada upcoming.

In 2021 we entered 18 players into 46 ICCF tournaments. So far in 2022 there have been 19 entries by 11 players.

In the 22nd Olympiad Preliminary, we will finish 3rd bottom of our section ahead of Denmark and Nicaragua.

The final of the 11th ETC has started, and our team is currently sitting 2nd with a +1 score. The semi-finals of the 12th ETC are also in play and our team is currently sitting 5th with a 50% score.

In the Carlos Flores Gutiérrez team event, Scotland has scored 23 points and will finish 2nd bottom.

The Nol van't Riet Memorial team event for players rated <2300 is now well advanced. Scotland sits 2nd with 1 game remaining. The North Sea Team Event V is also in play and we sit with 16/34 and 14 games remaining.

The Horst Rittner Memorial is a further team event currently being organised.

A number of invitation events are currently being processed, including England, Romania, Wales and Germany.

The 2021 ICCF Congress was a virtual affair due to the Covid restrictions. Our proposal to host the 2022 Congress in Glasgow was accepted.

Iain Mackintosh proposed a vote of thanks to Gordon which was unanimously agreed. Kevin Paine moved adoption of Gordon's report, seconded by Mickey Blake and unanimously agreed.

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Election of Office Bearers

The following office-bearers were elected to office for 2022-23.

Office	Name	Proposer	Seconded
President	Iain Mackintosh	Alan Borwell	Gordon Anderson
International Secretary	Gordon Anderson	Kevin Paine	Ian Whittaker
Membership Secretary¹	Mickey Blake	Iain Mackintosh	Kevin Paine
Treasurer²	Gordon Anderson / Ian Whittaker	Alan Borwell	Iain Mackintosh
Committee Members	Alan Borwell Kevin Paine	Ian Whittaker Alan Borwell	Iain Mackintosh Mickey Blake

¹ Mickey and Iain will develop the wider remit for this role in the coming year.

² Gordon will remain in post until at least September 2022, after which duties will be transferred.

Appointment of Auditor

Alan Hind was proposed by Gordon Anderson, seconded by Ian Whittaker, and duly reappointed. (NB Alan is likely to retire after the 2022-23 Accounts are finalised.)

Subscriptions

Gordon Anderson proposed no change to domestic membership fees for 2022-23. This was seconded by Ian Whittaker and unanimously agreed. (NB Gordon is currently working on fee proposals for the ICCF EB.)

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