

SCCA 42nd AGM Minutes
Sunday 27th May 2019, 4.00pm by Skype

Present

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

Apologies

Alastair Dawson, Alan Borwell (technical problems).

Minutes of the 41st AGM

On the proposal of Gordon Anderson, seconded by Kevin Paine, the minute of the meeting held on 27th May 2018 was accepted as an accurate record and approved.

Matters arising from the 41st AGM

None.

President's Remarks

Iain Mackintosh reviewed the preceding year which had sadly featured three obituaries – Dr Ken Stewart, Raymond Baxter and Eoin Campbell.

On the playing front, it was another busy year for the SCCA. Domestic events all ran on schedule and results are summarised below. Internationally, we continued to participate actively, with excellent results in the European Team and Olympiad events.

Our website was regularly updated with new content. Our Facebook page continues to service a worldwide following. The online magazine was produced on schedule each quarter; while subscribers to the 2019 printed magazine were slightly down.

As ever, the SCCA has been indebted to its hard-working committee members and tournament directors, all of whom deserve grateful thanks for their efforts and commitment.

Secretary's Report

Kevin Paine reported that 2018-19 membership was 27 Annual and 80 Life/Patron members.

Kevin also summarised new title-holders: Iain Mackintosh acquired the SIM title during the year, with Geoff Lloyd, Mickey Blake and Alastair Dawson earning the CCE title. Kevin's own SM title was formally recognised at the meeting, based on three grading awards. Norms were gained by Clive Murden (SIM), Peter Bennett (IM), Gordon Anderson (CCM), and Eoin Campbell, Robert Montgomery and Colin Beveridge (all CCE).

Kevin reported that the 2017-18 Championship was shared by Clive Murden, David Cumming and Iain Mackintosh. The 2018-19 Championship was shared by David Cumming and Iain Mackintosh. Jim Anderson won the 2018 Premier with 5½/6. Andrew Macmillen won the 2018 Open A with 9/10 and Jim Anderson cleaned up Open B with a 100% score of 10/10. Raymond Burrige and Robert Gilbert shared the spoils in the Challengers with 8½. The Postal League wasn't contested once more, but the Webserver League again featured 3 divisions: In 1, Hounds of the Scheming Mind A triumphed with 17/24; in 2, Social A won with 19½/24; and in 3, Brutal Realism finished on top with 18/24. The 6th Annual Best Game Prize was adjudicated by Alan Borwell and won by Peter Bennett.

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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 an efficient audit. We ended the year to 31st March 2019 showing a deficit of £2,048 (2018: £112 deficit) with net assets of £9,026 (2017: £11,073).

Income in the 12 month period amounted to £1,899 (2018-£1,841). Membership subscriptions increased, from £247 in 2018 to £296 in 2019. Each year contained a Life Membership fee of £100. Donation income increased slightly to £148, (2018-£139), while Bank interest showed also showed a slight improvement as interest rates started to edge upwards. Income from Magazine sales was also slightly higher, both for electronic and paper copies of the excellent publication. Income from the 100 club continues to decline due to either deaths or players deciding to 'retire' from making donations. Recent appeals for new subscribers have been unsuccessful. Entries to domestic competitions have increased while there has been a decrease in fees paid to ICCF for entries on behalf of members.

Expenditure in the year increased to £3,947 (2018-£1,952). This results from a number of factors, the most significant being the costs incurred to ICCF for setting up and running the Memorial Tournaments for our late friend George Pyrich (£1,785). Additionally, there were increases for trophies due to two championships completing in the same financial year and increased costs for attending the ICCF Congress in Llandudno. Expenditure on the 100 club prizes has reduced following the decision last year to reduce prizes in line with reduced contributions.

It should be noted that no provision has been made in this year's accounts for the cost of trophies for winners of each section in the George Pyrich Memorial tournaments. It is too early to determine just how many quaichs will be required, however, it is estimated that costs will exceed £1,000.

Our overall financial position remains healthy. 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

Gordon reported on excellent performances by our teams in the 11th ETC semi-finals (where we will finish either 2nd or 3rd and will qualify for the final) and 21st Olympiad prelims (where we have finished 3rd.).

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 continued to be indifferent.

Current Friendly matches are against SchemingMind, Belgium and Panama, with a fixture against Sweden just started. Netherlands and Cuba are pending later in the year.

The British Team Championship has been discontinued following a period of decline. Entries to ICCF events by Scottish players during 2018 were 50 (19 players).

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

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

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Election of Office Bearers

The following office-bearers were elected to office for 2019-20.

Office	Name	Proposer	Seconded
President	Iain Mackintosh	Gordon Anderson	Kevin Paine
Vice President ¹			
International Secretary	Gordon Anderson	Iain Mackintosh	Kevin Paine
Secretary ²			
Membership Officer	Kevin Paine	Iain Mackintosh	Gordon Anderson
Treasurer	Gordon Anderson	Iain Sneddon	Iain Mackintosh
Committee Members	Alan Borwell Iain Sneddon	Kevin Paine Iain Mackintosh	Gordon Anderson Gordon Anderson

¹ No nomination received.

² No nomination received. Kevin Paine (enquiries and domestic events) and Iain Mackintosh (minutes and trophies) will provide interim cover.

Appointment of Auditor

Alan Hind was proposed by Gordon Anderson, seconded by Kevin Paine, and duly reappointed.

Subscriptions

Gordon Anderson proposed no change to domestic membership fees for 2019-20. This was seconded by Kevin Paine and unanimously agreed.

AOB

We welcomed back Iain Sneddon to the committee, but unfortunately bade farewell to Professor Alastair Dawson due to time pressures. Further members of committee will continue to be sought. **(Action: All)**

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