

SCCA Executive Committee Minutes
Sunday 3rd February 2008 at 2:00pm at 7 Tullylumb Terrace, Perth

Present

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

Apologies

Raymond Baxter and George Livie.

Minutes of the Meeting 3rd June 2007

Accepted.

Matters Arising

The updated membership database will be distributed to the committee in May. **(Action: Jim Anderson, Kevin Paine)**

All the medals for last year's domestic tournaments have been distributed.

Our request that the ICCF webserver allows a manual override as well as random colour selection will be tabled at the ICCF webserver review meeting in Cologne in 3 weeks time. **(Action: Alan Borwell)**

Alan Borwell reported that the ICCF Schools Prototype Webserver competition is under way and Scotland has 2 teams taking part.

We now have a new Treasurer (Gordon Anderson) and Auditor (Alan Hind).

We entered 3 teams into the ICCF Champions League (Lewis Chessmen, Caledonian Knights and Caledonian Kings).

George Livie reported there were insufficient numbers to hold a 30th anniversary social event.

Membership Report

Annual Membership

By January 31, we had processed 45 renewals and 4 new members. Some further renewals are still expected. There are 58 previous annual members on the database who have not renewed, although most of these have not been members for some years. A few payments are outstanding and will be chased up. **(Action: Kevin Paine)**

Life and Patron Membership

Alan Hind was given life membership as remuneration for his duties as Auditor. Otherwise there were no new life or patron memberships taken up.

Associate Membership

Jim Anderson reported that we have 32 associate members, mostly League players. The database will be updated to incorporate details of associate members, and they will be sent information on full membership benefits. **(Action: Kevin Paine)**

Tournament Fees

Some late entrants have still to pay entry fees will be chased up. **(Action: Jim Anderson)**

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Introductory Games

All four new members have requested two or three introductory games and pairings will be made with existing members shortly. **(Action: Kevin Paine)**

Challenges

Four members have subscribed, again raising the issue of whether this event remains viable. Meanwhile, Bernard Milligan awaits the entry list. **(Action: Jim Anderson)**

Friendly Internationals

17 members have requested to take part in these games; although a number of life and patron members that do not return the forms may also be likely to play. George Pyrich asked for the list to be sent to him. **(Action: Kevin Paine)**

Magazine

22 annual/life members have requested the printed magazine. Iain Mackintosh asked for the list to be sent to him. **(Action: Kevin Paine)**

Domestic Events 2007 Results

Last year's tournaments are now finished with all the results on the website. The winners are:

Championship 2006-2007	Richard Beecham
Premier 2007 Section A	David Cumming
Premier 2007 Section B	Hugh Calder and David Cumming
Open 2007 Section A	Derek Hughson
Open 2007 Section B	Kevin Paine
Open 2007 Section C	Robert Rough

Trophies still have to be bought and engraved. **(Action: Jim Anderson)**

Domestic Events 2008 Status

Jim reported that entries for this year's tournaments were slightly down on last, but still very good. Championship 7, Premiers 13, Open 12 and the Challengers 10. The League has the same number of teams. All this year's tournaments have now started, apart from the Challengers.

International Report

Current Events

Play is continuing in the "Harro Otte Memorial Team Tournament" as well the ICCF Champions League (where we have 4 teams each of 4 players). Play also continues in the 7th European Team Championship as well as Olympiads 16 and 17 as all 3 events come to a conclusion. Our various international matches are still in progress with new matches (postal and server) against Spain starting since our last meeting.

New and Forthcoming Events

The 6th North Atlantic Team Tournament is scheduled to start on 1st May 2008. The event is being organised by the French Federation (AJEC) and will be played on the ICCF server with teams of 8 players. ICCF Olympiad 18 is scheduled to start later in the year, likely September or October, and the 8th European Team Championships at the end of the year, likely December.

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Individual Events

We submitted a total of 32 entries to ICCF individual events during 2007, including 1 (David Edney) from our annual allocation of 2 nominations for the ICCF World Championship. This figure also includes Iain Swan who is presently playing a World Championship Candidates event. Only 2 of the total of 32 were in respect of postal events. Thus far in 2008 we have submitted 3 new entries including 2 to the 1st ICCF Veterans World Cup scheduled to start in April. With regard to Invitational events, David Kilgour is playing in the AEAC 5 GM event and Tom Matheis in the BFCC 45th Anniversary event. Iain Mackintosh has recently been entered to the Len Goide Memorial Tournament organised by the BFCC.

ICCF Congress

The 2008 Congress is scheduled to be held in Pleven, Bulgaria from 20th to 26th September. It looks like we may not have a delegate due to the earlier date clashing with other commitments. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

Financial Report

Income generated in the 9 months to December period amounts to £1,975.20, comprising subscriptions, fees, 100 Club units, donations and bank interest. Expenditure incurred in the same period amounts to £1,590.73, including 100 Club prizes, trophies, ICCF delegate travel and committee expenses. Additionally, and not incorporated within these figures, a cheque for £510 has been received from Chess Scotland, less our affiliation fee of £30.

Income is slightly reduced on the previous year, in line with membership numbers. Expenditure is less clear, since the bigger items of expenditure (prizes and ICCF fees) have still to be incurred, though other costs are in line with those recorded last year.

All of the banking arrangements have been adjusted to allow Gordon Anderson to operate the various accounts. We are currently applying to use the HBOS Telephone Banking Service.

Grading Report

Raymond Baxter is retiring after the 2008 AGM and our intention is to discontinue the SCCA grading service and produce all our grades via the ICCF system. This will require contacting the 13 active members who only have SCCA grades at present, and liaising with ICCF to monitor changes, check norms and title status, etc. **(Action: Raymond Baxter, George Pyrich)** In order to simplify the process, all domestic events need to be administered on the ICCF webserver from now on so that grading data is automatically captured. **(Action: Jim Anderson)**

AOCB

100 Club

George Livie reported that 81 units are currently taken.

Douglas Livie Memorial

The last game is finally coming to a close and prize-winners will be announced later in February. **(Action: George Livie)**

SCCA Anniversary Events

Arrangements for an SCCA vs ICCF friendly match would be made shortly. A titled tournament would be more difficult to organise as we are unlikely to have enough players over 2250 willing to play. However this, or an invitation webserver event would be looked into. **(Action: George Pyrich)**

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Website

A facelift is under way, hopefully in time for its 10th anniversary in March. (**Action: Iain Mackintosh**)

Magazine

The 100th edition had been produced and the committee expressed their appreciation. Some spare copies would be sent to Kevin for promotional purposes. (**Action: Iain Mackintosh**)

CC Postcards

Iain now has stocks of these, available to members at cost price.

ICCF Webserver Committee

Alan will be handing over control of development work to Gino Figlio in Cologne later this month. If committee members could think of any improvements or changes he would be happy to put them forward.

Gordon MacArainn

Sadly, we were advised that Gordon had been fatally injured in a motoring accident at the end of 2007. Sam Collins is to be contacted for a short obituary. (**Action: Jim Anderson**)

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on the 18th May at 2:00pm in the BB Headquarters, Dalgleish. Court, Stirling. The AGM will be held at 4:00pm.