

SCCA Executive Committee Minutes
Sunday 4th February 2pm, 2007 at 34 Laggan Rd, Glasgow

Present

Iain Mackintosh (Chair), George Pyrich, Jim Anderson, George Livie, Raymond Baxter and Alan Brown.

Apologies

Alan Borwell and Stuart Mackenzie

Minute of the meeting of 20th August 2006

Accepted.

Matters Arising

It was reported that 10 copies of the Gold Book remain and will be offered as prizes (**Action: George Pyrich**)

Under **SCCA Domestic Events** it was noted that meantime oversight of the delivery of domestic events on the webserver would be taken, through the new individual controllers, by George Pyrich. George confirmed that he was continuing to support the TDs in these new roles and would be developing their expertise. (**Action: George Pyrich**)

Membership Report

Alan Brown presented a short report indicating that:-

- 1) 2007 membership, entry fees and donations of £887.00 had been collected and banked to date.
- 2) Currently there are 110 annual members listed although only 51 (including 9 new members) were "paid up" for 2007 and one other had enrolled as an Associate member.
- 3) Currently there are 79 life members listed and 2 patrons.

It was agreed that the database be issued to executive committee members four times per year namely January, Easter, June and September (**Action: Alan Brown and Jim Anderson**)
It was also agreed to ask the Chess Scotland webmaster to update the link on the CS website to the SCCA site and to add a link to the ICCF site. (**Action: George Pyrich**)

As the existing brochure which has been issued to new members and those showing an interest in the Association is now out of date its withdrawal was agreed.

No replacement was planned given the extensive and detailed information to which those concerned can be directed on the Association's website. However it was agreed that the website could usefully include free access to a recent issue of the magazine for promotional purposes to give those who are interested some flavour of the Association's current chess programme and activities. (**Action: Iain Mackintosh**)

Domestic Events 2006

It was reported that the Championship and Candidates were ongoing.

Results from the Minor B tournament and the Quartets were urgently required to allow the new grading list to be completed timeously. (**Action: Jim Anderson**)

Trophies and medals would be delivered to all winners in the near future (**Action: Jim Anderson**)

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Domestic Events -2007

All events were underway with excellent numbers:-

Championship -9

Premiers – sections of 7 and 8 and

The Open with three sections of 6, 6 and 5

The initial problems of introducing mixed mode play to the Championship and Premiers had soon been overcome.

While League Divn. 1 started at the beginning of February Divn.2 has yet to begin.

There was some discussion on the need to achieve an earlier start date in the Leagues given that these events have to be completed by the 26th November 2007.

The need to achieve early collation of results at the end of a season and to check with team captains the likely team entries for the next season was discussed and it was agreed that an approach be made to Kevin Paine to act as League secretary in the autumn to expedite these matters. **(Action: Jim Anderson)**

Alan Brown suggested that in addition to these measures in view of the importance of the Leagues, and the fact that these games are graded, consideration should be given to extending the playing period for this competition. He agreed to circulate members on this subject for email discussion prior to the next meeting. **(Action: Alan Brown)**

Webserver Tournament

It was reported that this tournament with 31 entries had commenced on the 28th January and that 4 new members had been enrolled through this event.

It was agreed that Alan Borwell be asked if it can be arranged that the webserver allow Tournament Directors to manually set the order of players and the colour draw in domestic webserver events. **(Action: George Pyrich)**

International Report

George Pyrich reported on:-

1) New and forthcoming Events

The ICCF European Zone have announced a new team tournament reserved for lower rated players (6 player teams rated under 2000 – although two may be rated up to 2050 provided the average of the 6 players does not exceed 2000). The event will be played on the ICCF webserver. It will be named “The Haro Otte Memorial Team Tournament” dedicated to the memory of this long serving ICCF Europe Tournament Director and is scheduled to start in late March . Those interested will be asked to contact George Pyrich. **(Action: Iain Mackintosh to advertise on SCCA website)**

2) Current Events

Play continues in Olympiads 16 and 17 as well as the European Championship

Friendlies are being arranged against Slovenia (Server only) and Poland with starts in late February/early March. In this connection it was agreed that the 2007 list of those interested in playing in friendlies be forwarded to George Pyrich immediately. **(Action: Jim Anderson)**

A new match against Germany started recently with 18 server and 10 postal boards.

The Chairman also reported that The Association friendly against Australia has resulted in a win for the Scottish team.

3) Individual Events

A total of 37 entries (32 server, 5 postal) received during 2006 for ICCF individual events-5 of these used the ICCF Direct Entry facility. Iain asked for a list of members who registered for ICCF events in 2005 and 2006 in order to update the website. **(Action: George Pyrich)**

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The 2007 ICCF Congress is scheduled to be held in Benalmadena (near Malaga), Spain during October.

Financial Report

In the absence of the Treasurer the Chairman drew attention to the email received from Stuart which indicated that the year was proceeding as normal financially.
A rough draft of accounts was also considered and the Chairman appreciating that members had only received the paper today indicated that he would be happy to receive any comments/queries over the next few days. **(Action: Members to comment)**

The Treasurer also indicated in his email that as there was a vacancy for an auditor for the Association's accounts he would be willing to seek the services of a new auditor.
It was agreed that the Treasurer be invited to proceed on the same financial basis as previously to seek a replacement Auditor. **(Action: Iain Mackintosh)**

Grading Report

Raymond drew attention to the outstanding results from the 2006 Minor B and Quartet competitions required to allow the gradings to be completed. He also indicated that the volume of games was up compared to the previous year.

Website Report

Iain indicated that he had completed the moving of the website and secured a very competitive financial arrangement in this context.

AOCB

Members noted that this month the SCCA would celebrate its 30th Anniversary (27th February). Early next year the 100th issue of the magazine would be produced and the 10th Anniversary of the Website would be achieved in March 2008.

Members were asked to consider how these events might be celebrated through for instance special tournaments to recognise these milestones. **(Action: Members to consider)**
Some discussion was led on how the Leagues and Challengers Tournament could fit the webserver format. While no conclusions were reached George Pyrich agreed to give this some consideration. **(Action: George Pyrich)**

A request from Stephen Hilton that he be re-admitted to SCCA was considered. Following discussion it was agreed that he could join. **(Action: Alan Brown)**

Next Meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Committee would be held on Sunday 3rd June at the BB Headquarters, Dalgleish Court, Stirling at 2pm.
This meeting would be followed by the SCCA AGM at 4pm at the same venue. **(Action: Alan Brown)**

The meeting closed with thanks to George Livie for hosting this meeting and for his generous hospitality to the members.