

SCCA Executive Committee Minutes
Sunday 12th May, 2024, 2pm, via Zoom

Present

Iain Mackintosh (Chair), Mickey Blake, David Kilgour, Kevin Paine.

Apologies

Graham Morrison, Ian Whittaker.

Minutes of the Meeting on 29th February 2024

Accepted.

Matters Arising

Our proposal for Alan Borwell to join the ICCF Hall of Fame has now been responded to by Michael Millstone. The proposal was declined, but no reason given. David has now sent a further proposal.

Gordon has completed the Accounts Paper Archive Shredding.
Edinburgh CC Bicentenary. The re-run of Edinburgh-London match is complete and a magazine article was published.

Membership Secretary's Report

Mickey reported we have 115 current members of SCCA (4 Patrons, 87 Life, 24 Annual and 0 Associates). 61 members are classed as 'active' on ICCF, though 18 of those are non-members.

Domestic Events Report

Mickey reported that the 2023-24 Championship is still in progress with one result awaited. Derek Price won the 2023 Premier, while John Armstrong won Open A and Colin Macgregor did likewise in Open B. The 2023-24 Challengers is still ongoing.

League chess looked under threat after BCCA merged with EFCC, but sponsorship was obtained from Mickey and Phill Beckett in the first instance, followed by EFCC promising to fund English teams from 2025. Our Webserver League comprised 3 divisions again, all won by BCCA teams – Tigers (D1), Panthers (D2) and Leopards (D3).

Allan Buchan and Robert Montgomery shared the 11th Annual Best Game Prize adjudicated by IM Valer Eugen Demian of Canada.

Grader's Report

Alistair confirmed one new title over the past year: a CCE for Mark Smith (Aug 23). Two new members joined our list following the amalgamation of BCCA and EFCC. The new ICCF system has introduced a degree of volatility in grading calculations.

Treasurer's Report

Ian reported that accounts for 2022-23 were completed by year-end, and were audited by John Fanning FCA as expected. Draft accounts for 2023-24 showing a provisional surplus of £592 have been circulated and will be audited once John Fanning returns from holiday. **(Action: Ian)**

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International Secretary's Report

David summarized as follows: Recent friendly match results have included:

Wales	24½-17½	win
USA	28-32	loss

In the Final of the 11th European Team event, we finished 9th with 49%. Congratulations to Wales who won the event with 52%. In the ETC 12th Semi-Final we are struggling in 9th place with 47%. In the Final of the Nol van't Riet Memorial team event we are sitting 9th with 46%.

The last few months have seen relatively low activity in team and individual events. The immediate priority is to process ICCF Congress proposals, then arrange friendly matches to satisfy new member expectations. We'll also contact the ICCF Tournament Office to develop an upcoming schedule.

ICCF Congress 2024

This is scheduled in August at Llandudno this year. We will participate in online voting (see Next Meetings below).

Website, Facebook, Twitter and Magazine

Mickey continues to be responsible for both Facebook and Twitter. The final printed copy of our magazine (issue 164) was distributed in January 2024.

Edinburgh CC Bicentenary

The ECC defeated London 56-28 in this 84-board match on the ICCF webserver -an online rerun of the famous Edinburgh-London correspondence match.

Any Other Business

We presented Gordon Anderson and Alan Hind with commemorative quichs to formally thank them for their huge contributions to the wellbeing of Scottish Correspondence Chess.

Next Meetings

Dates tba (via Zoom)

1. Discussion and voting on proposals to 2024 ICCF Congress in Wales. **(Action: David)**
2. Discussion on the use of our Development Fund to promote membership and events. **(Action: David)**