

**SCCA Executive Committee Minutes**  
Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2020, 2:00pm, by Skype

**Present**

Iain Mackintosh (Chair), Gordon Anderson, Mickey Blake, Alan Borwell, Kevin Paine, Iain Sneddon (all Skype).

**Apologies**

None.

**Minutes of the Meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

Accepted.

**Matters Arising**

- a. Leaflets for CS Congresses. No action, c/f. **(Action: Iain [editing]; Alan [distribution])**
- b. SCCA website x-references to this season's events are now in place.
- c. 2019 domestic prizewinners have now received their trophies.
- d. Derek Coope's obituary appeared in edition 149 of the magazine.

**Membership Secretary's Report**

Kevin reported that we have 21 annual members (including 5 newcomers), 74 life and 3 patron members. No joy so far in checking if David Dempster is still active. **(Action: Gordon)** Gordon supplied an analysis of membership subs over the past 3 years, showing non-renewals. We need to contact as many non-subscribers as we can as to why. **(Action: Kevin)**

**Domestic Events Report**

Kevin reported that the Open (7 players), Premier (6) and Championship (5) are all in play, and the Challengers began in May. The three League divisions are also in session. 2019 Leagues may yet require a couple of adjudications; TD Jim Anderson to be consulted. **(Action: Kevin)**

**Grader's Report**

Iain reported that, since our last meeting, the following players have secured norms and/or titles:

- CCM Norm: Iain Sneddon
- CCE Norm: Raymond BurrIDGE

**Treasurer's Report**

Gordon reported that Alan Hind had completed his audit (mostly done by post) and had once again kindly donated his fee. Income in the 12 month period was £1,561 (2019-£1,899), with membership subscriptions down significantly from £296 (2019) to £133. Expenditure decreased to £1,696 (2019-£3,947), with no outlay on the George Pyrich Memorial this year, and lower domestic trophy expenses. Some outgoings were made in organising the now cancelled Glasgow ICCF Congress, but these were less than previous Congress attendances. We are now using bank transfers to pay 100 Club prizes, though some members still prefer cheques. No provision has been made in this year's accounts for the cost of trophies for section winners in the George Pyrich Memorial. More than 14 quaichs may be required if ties cannot be broken; we estimate that costs will exceed £1,000, plus P&P. The outcome for the year was a deficit of £134 (2019-Deficit -£2,048). Total assets reduced at the year end to £8,891 (2019-£9,025).

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**International Secretary's Report**

Gordon reflected on excellent performances by our teams in the 11th ETC semi-finals (where we finished 3rd and qualified for the final) and 21st Olympiad prelims (where we also finished 3rd, but didn't qualify for the final). The ETC Final is likely to start in September 2020.

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 remained unimpressive. Current Friendly matches are against Panama, Sweden, Cuba, Netherlands and England (<1800) are currently in progress. No new matches are scheduled at present.

Entries to ICCF events by Scottish players during 2020 to date are 26 (17 players). We have also provided players to NF Invitational events (including Richard Beecham, currently in 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Max Zavanelli Lithuania B event).

We have no plans to bid for the 2021 ICCF Congress.

**ICCF Congress 2020 Proposals**

Following the cancellation of the Glasgow ICCF Congress due to Coronavirus, ICCF is organising an online event to vote on delegate proposals during July. Gordon has circulated the first 18 logged proposals and will co-ordinate our responses by the submission close date of 23<sup>rd</sup> June. **(Action: Gordon, All)**

**George Pyrich Memorial Event**

Alan reported that 8 sections had now completed, all with clear winners. Six groups remain, some with potential 1<sup>st</sup> place ties, so we will apply SB as well as Baumbach tie-break rules to help clear. No adjudication date needs to be set. Distribution of trophies will begin once our trophy supplier has re-opened for business. **(Action: Alan, Iain)**

**Website, Facebook and Magazine**

Iain reported that the SCCA website and Facebook page are ticking along. The next magazine is the landmark issue 150 and is due out in July. Copy by end-June please.

**New Committee Members**

Kevin's professorship commenced in March, so he will demit office as Membership Secretary, though remain on committee. Mickey Blake attended this meeting as a guest, prior to the AGM.

**Edinburgh CC Bicentenary**

We remain supportive of the recreation of the famous London-Edinburgh postal match on the ICCF webserver, but are still awaiting details from ECC before we contact ICCF. **(Action: Alan)**

**Any Other Business**

Alan reported former member Hugh Flockhart had died about 3 weeks ago. He'll prepare a short obit to feature on our website News page. **(Action: Alan)**

**Next Meetings**

The next committee meeting will be convened soon to discuss Proposals for this year's online ICCF Conference. Preferred day Monday evening; preferred date tba. . **(Action: Gordon)**