

SCCA Executive Committee Minutes
Thursday 25th February, 2021, 7:30pm, by Zoom

Present

Iain Mackintosh (Chair), Gordon Anderson, Alan Borwell, Kevin Paine, Iain Sneddon.

Apologies

Mickey Blake.

Minutes of the Meeting on 24th May 2020

Accepted.

Matters Arising

- a. Leaflets for CS Congresses. No action, c/f. **(Action: Iain [editing]; Alan [distribution])**
- b. David Dempster has not been active since 2018.
- c. ICCF Congress Proposals were submitted online by 23rd June 2020.
- d. Hugh Flockhart's obituary was not published.

Membership Secretary's Report

Iain S reported that we have 24 annual members (including 3 newcomers), 74 life and 3 patron members. We need to contact non-subscribers each year where possible to establish their reasons. **(Action: Iain S)**

Domestic Events Report

Iain S reported that the Open (2 sections, 5 players each), Premier (1x5) and Championship (1x8) are all in play, There are 6 Challengers entries so far; likely to start in March. League divisions are not yet started; team captains to be consulted. **(Action: Iain S)**. 2019 Leagues still require an adjudication; TD Jim Anderson to be consulted. **(Action: Kevin)**

Grader's Report

Iain reported that Alistair Maxwell is now producing grading reports for the magazine, and he has also completed an exercise to scan back numbers of the magazine for the website archive. Since our last meeting, the following players have secured norms and/or titles:

- IM Norm: David Cumming (May 20); Iain Sneddon (Sep 20); Alan Bell (Jan 21); Gordon Anderson (Feb 21).
- CCM Title: Mickey Blake (Aug 20); Iain Sneddon (Aug 20).
- CCE Title: Robert Montgomery (Oct 20); Allan Buchan (Dec 20).
- CCE Norm: Raymond Burrige (May & Jun 20); Mark Smith (Nov 20).

Iain Sneddon's Scottish Master (SM) title will be formally presented at this year's AGM.

Treasurer's Report

Gordon reported that Income in the 10 months to 27th January amounted to £1,160, with expenditure £867 and bank balances healthy at £9,286. Most income and expenses items are incomplete at present. The largest single expense item will be the remaining trophies for the George Pyrich Memorial, plus their P&P. Section 6 resulted in a 4-way tie, so 3 extra quaichs were required. This will result in an overall deficit for 2020-21.

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International Secretary's Report

The 11th ETC Final remains delayed by the unfinished 10th ETC Final. The start date for the 11th Final will be 3 months after the completion of the 10th Final. Play has started in the 22nd Olympiad Preliminaries, where the team sits in 8th place. However, both Alan Bell and Gordon Anderson have achieved IM Norms in the event.

Current Friendly matches are against Cuba, Netherlands, England (<1800), Venezuela and USA are currently in progress. No new friendlies are scheduled at present. The States and Regions event, organised by the WFCC, has a Scottish entry – Highland Knights. The 5th NSTT is being organised by the EFCC and should start in September this year.

There has been a steady increase of players in NF Invitational events, including Richard Beecham, (currently in 1st place in the Max Zavanelli Lithuania B event), Iain Mackintosh, Geoff Lloyd, Iain Sneddon, Tom Matheis, and Clive Murden. Tri-Nations events (including the BCCC, 960 Chess and Opening Thematics) are under discussion – input welcome.

ICCF Congress 2021

ICCF is hoping to decide the viability of holding this in Glasgow by end-February. After examining the vagaries of infection rates, new virus variants, vaccination programmes and quarantine provisions worldwide, our recommendation is that the Congress should have an online format again this year. **(Action: Gordon)**

George Pyrich Memorial Event

Alan reported that 13 sections were now complete, most with clear winners, but a 4-way tie in section 6. One section remains with a potential 1st place tie, so we will apply SB as well as Baumbach tie-break rules as necessary. Distribution of trophies is up to date, with one returned where the Czech winner sadly died before the parcel could be delivered. **(Action: Alan, Iain)**

Website, Facebook and Magazine

Iain reported that the SCCA website and Facebook page are ticking along. Fresh artwork for magazine and website has been received from Brigitte Wolff in Canada. The next magazine is issue 153 and is due out in April. Copy by end-March please.

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

None.

Next Meetings

Sunday 16th May 2021
2pm SCCA Exec Committee
4pm AGM
Zoom hosting **(Action: Kevin)**