

## **Minutes of the BFCC Executive Committee Meeting**

Carrs Lane Church Centre, Carrs Lane, Birmingham  
1.30 pm, Saturday 1 March 2008

### **Present**

Duncan Chambers (Secretary, V-P)  
Andrew Dearnley (Assistant International Secretary)  
Keith Escott (President)  
Stan Grayland (Ratings Officer, BCCA representative)  
Neil Limbert (Websserver Administrator, V-P)  
Austin Lockwood (SchemingMind.com)  
Alan Rawlings (International Secretary, Life V-P, NatCor representative)  
Steve Williams (Membership and Publicity Officer, V-P)

### **1. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Michael Blake, Peter Gibbs, Colin Kidd, Ian Pheby and Barry Sheppard

### **2. Minutes of the November 2007 Executive Committee Meeting**

These minutes were approved with minor amendments and will appear in the February *Information Circular*.

### **3. Matters arising not otherwise on the agenda**

#### *Affiliation fees*

Steve Williams offered to take responsibility for requesting fees from affiliated clubs; affiliation fees will be set at the AGM/EC in June and collected after that.

### **4. Championship tournament matters**

#### *BFCC Open*

Phill Beckett reported on the number of outstanding entries at each stage. It was noted that there are two preliminary entrants who will not be able to be accommodated. Duncan Chambers will contact Phill to arrange for their entry fees to be refunded.

#### *British CC Championship*

Michael Blake reported that the 2007–8 BCCC is progressing without problems.

Duncan Chambers reported that the Rules Committee had amended the BCCC rules to reflect the changes agreed at the previous meeting, but further updating was needed to reflect the fact that all sections are now played by websserver. It was agreed that the Committee would prepare fully updated rules for approval at the June EC meeting so that they can be used in the 2008–9 cycle.

#### *British Ladies' CC Championship*

Keith Escott reported that one of the entrants for the 2007–8 Championship had defaulted her games.

#### *BCCTC*

Keith Escott reported that the 2007–8 tournament is in progress and a few games have been completed. It was noted that tournament details need to be set up on the ICCF websserver; Keith to provide details to Neil Limbert.

#### *British Veterans' CCC*

Peter Gibbs reported that the tournament is progressing without problems.

#### *Tournament administration*

All BFCC tournaments are now administered through the ICCF webserver and TDs need to provide details of tournaments not played on the server to Neil Limbert (as BFCC webserver administrator) for processing. Neil agreed to contact the appropriate people to set this up.

## **5. Other domestic matters**

### *Information Circular and Games Archive*

Duncan Chambers reported that following the last meeting there had been very constructive discussions about moving to primarily electronic distribution of the *Information Circular* and making the BFCC games archive available via BFCC's web site. He thanked Michael Blake, Dave Peardon, Ian Pheby and John Vivante-Sowter for their help.

The group proposed that electronic distribution of the *Information Circular* should start with the August issue and this was agreed by the meeting. The meeting felt that the best format for the magazine would be as a pdf file, with a separate game file in pgn format. It was agreed that anyone requiring a paper copy (including Life V-Ps) should be asked to pay £8 p.a. to reflect the cost of copying and postage. The meeting agreed that the *Information Circular* should only be sent to current V-Ps and that other federations (with the exception of Scotland) should not receive copies.

### *PayPal*

The meeting agreed that an account should be set up so that BFCC can accept non-cheque payments. The appropriate officers (Treasurer, International Secretary and Secretary) were asked to implement this as soon as possible.

### *Ratings*

Stan Grayland reported that the last separate BFCC rating list had been produced. It was easy to download ratings for BFCC players from the ICCF webserver.

## **6. International matters**

### *International Secretary*

Alan Rawlings confirmed his intention to retire as International Secretary with effect from the close of the meeting. A vote of thanks to Alan for all his hard work for BFCC over 15 years was passed unanimously and Andrew Dearnley made a presentation to Alan to mark the occasion.

Andrew Dearnley was unanimously elected as the new International Secretary, with Neil Limbert as Assistant International Secretary. It was agreed that Alan Rawlings would continue to chair the Selection Committee until the AGM.

### *ICCF Cup XI*

Alan Rawlings reported that Jo Wharrier had agreed to take over as Central Tournament Leader for this tournament. It was hoped that the final (to be played by webserver or post) would start in September.

### *ICCF Junior World Cup*

Alan Rawlings reported that he had previously agreed to act as Tournament Director for a proposed Junior World CC Championship. The event had now been transformed into a World Cup (open to all) and Alan was unable to act as TD for this event. ICCF had enquired whether BFCC would be willing to act as organisers. After some discussion it was agreed that BFCC was unable to help as the amount of work involved was unclear and we were fully occupied with plans for the ICCF Congress and other events. Alan agreed to inform ICCF of the meeting's decision.

### *ICCF Congress 2009*

Andrew Dearnley presented a proposal and estimated costings for BFCC to stage the ICCF Congress in Leeds. The estimated net cost to BFCC was £5555. After discussion, the meeting agreed that BFCC would not need to provide airport transfers, which would reduce the net cost. It was also agreed that the dates for the proposed Congress should be 12–19 September rather than 10–17 October.

After further discussion, the meeting unanimously agreed to go ahead with the proposal. Alan Rawlings agreed to inform ICCF of the decision. It was noted that BFCC should not enter into any commitments until a final decision had been taken at the 2008 ICCF Congress.

Andrew Dearnley agreed to discuss the financial implications with the Treasurer. It was agreed that money should be set aside for Congress costs and kept in a 12-month account to maximise interest. Duncan Chambers agreed to provide contact details for the fund raiser who had helped the Braille Chess Association.

#### *ICCF Congress 2008*

It had previously been agreed that Andrew Dearnley and Neil Limbert would represent BFCC. Alan Rawlings noted that the Congress is to discuss revisions to ICCF rules and proposed that if Duncan Chambers (who is a member of the ICCF Rules Commission) is in a position to attend, BFCC should contribute £250 towards his expenses. This proposal was accepted by the meeting.

#### *International tournaments*

Alan Rawlings reported that:

- Eight BFCC players have entered the Veterans' World Cup
- The Len Goide Memorial (category IV) will start on 15 March
- The 6th North Atlantic Team Tournament will be played by webserver. Ian Pheby has agreed to act as Team Captain.
- The England team playing in postal Olympiad XVI has qualified for the final, but the team in Olympiad XVII has not.

### **7. ECF matters**

Keith Escott gave a verbal report. ECF has decided not to bid for the 2012 Olympiad.

### **8. New Vice-Presidents**

The following was ratified and welcomed as a new BFCC Vice-President: Sean Clark.

### **9. Any other business**

Keith Escott asked if the date for the AGM/EC could be changed to 21 June and this was agreed.

There was no other business and the meeting closed at 4.10 pm, with a vote of thanks to the chairman.