



# *Central, South West And Wales Celtic Supporters Association*

*minutes of meeting held: 11/10/14*

*venue: nottingham shamrock CSC*

**Present: Reading Martin O'Neill CSC, Oxon Shamrock CSC, Black Country Che Guevara, Wolverhampton Shamrock CSC, and Nottingham Shamrock CSC.**

**Apologies: Swindon Shamrock CSC, Sons of Erin 32 CSC and Coventry Emerald CSC.**

**Dave chaired the meeting and welcomed all present. He thanked everyone for making the effort to attend and in particular thanked Nottingham Shamrock CSC who were hosting their first meeting.**

## **1. Minutes of the Last Meeting.**

Minutes of the last meeting held on 14/6/14 were distributed and agreed as a true and accurate record.

## **2. Matters Arising.**

The response to JPT/CFC with regard to part season books was further discussed with FW reading through her draft. All present accepted that Fiona had targeted the main points that needed to be raised in concern with this matter. There was some subsequent feedback to which Fiona agreed to incorporate into her final response.

## **3. Chairman's Report (DB).**

DB said that there had been limited activity since the last meeting. CSC's remained generally active in their own ways. There were things to be discussed today as agenda items such as: shared travel, tickets and so on. The next meeting will be our AGM, Dave stressed the importance of a full attendance at this meeting to discuss how we continue to move the Association forward, he added that he appreciated the commitment of all those currently involved.

#### **4. Treasurers Report (RH).**

RH informed all present that not too much was happening with regard to the Associations finances at this time. We have a healthy balance at this time which currently stands at: £2,444.00, with cheques to be paid in bringing this to a total of £2696.00.

#### **5. Secretary's Report (GD).**

GD again asked all CSC's to let him know if they needed their information updated in the View. All to contact him by email with any amendments to their previous message.

GD agreed to copy the CEO into the Associations response to the "part season book issue" via his PA.

GD also agreed to contact JPT to try and get the Association website on the Official Celtic Website page.

#### **6. Ticket Officers Report (AF).**

The relationship between the Association and the Ticket Office is now on a much firmer footing at this time. This is mainly due to some sterling work done by AF.

The Tracker System set up earlier this year is now operational and it was agreed that this was a fair way of distributing tickets if the need ever arises again in the future.

AF agreed to present an overview of the ticket allocation spreadsheet at the AGM.

#### **7. CSA Membership Update.**

Ros informed everyone present that the Association has 98 fully paid up members for the season 13/14. It was agreed that as from the AGM this year that George will set up a template of sorts so that we can see how the Association is hopefully growing in the next few years.

#### **8. CSA Shared Travel**

Eddie (Nottingham CSC) took the lead on this matter which had been discussed at previous meetings. He had come to the conclusion that 'Shared Travel' for the Association would be logistically problematic. However from shared thoughts and ideas a new proposal was suggested:

[www.celticsupportersassociation.co.uk](http://www.celticsupportersassociation.co.uk)

'Association Days'. The way this would work initially would be that we as an Association would pick 6 games a Season to go to, with each CSC making their own arrangements to get there with the possibility of some shared travel. Designated dates will allow all CSC's time to plan and organise themselves. Everyone felt was a really good idea and will be a major item on the Agenda for the AGM. Discussion included instead of the Association asking for the 6 and 10 tickets imagine the kudos if we were asking for 100, 150, 200 for six games a Season. A Bigger voice at Celtic Park and perhaps more involvement there too. Again this brought into the discussion the need for this staggered Season Book. All felt that this would lead to growth in the Association and will be pursued vigorously.

## **9. Communications.**

**Website:** This is a fantastic tool for all to use with DB updating regularly. .

**Twitter:** AF informed all that this was still active.

**Facebook:** Sue will attempt to contact RD with a view to shutting down the old F/B account and starting with a new one.

## **10. CSA New badge.**

These are available now for collection by member CSC's. All present said that the 10th anniversary badges were excellent. The profit to the Association was likely to be in the region of £145. 00 once all are sold, which is good business for the Association.

## **11. Engagement with C.F.C/Supporters Liaison Officer.**

This was highlighted earlier in many respects with Fiona's response. Although some good things have come from this engagement it was felt in some respect that the Association were like the 'Poor Cousins' in the bigger scheme of things at Celtic Park. If it is possible perhaps we can invite JPT to the AGM to establish what we feel would be good for the association in the light of our response to CFC re: Part Season Book.

GD agreed to email JPT and invite him to attend our AGM.

## **12. Football Against Apartheid.**

Fiona and Alasdair took the lead on this and will send out all relevant contact for CSC's to become involved. It will also be discussed at the AGM.

### 13. CSA Annual General Meeting.

Date: 6th or 7th of December

Venue: Black Country or Wolverhampton CSC

Time: T.B.C.

It was requested that each CSC present what they as a club want from the Association at the AGM.

### 14. Update from Clubs.

**Nottingham Shamrock CSC:** Membership was a bit slow coming in, considering a cut off date.

Running a bus to the ICT game on the 1st of November with some seats available. Gary has contacted 3 Local CSC's to try and establish if they would be interested in joining the Association.

**Reading MON CSC:** There had been a initial "dip" in interest but the Club was now in a rebuilding phase and settled back in the Gateway. There has been some new interest from people working in the area.

**Oxon Shamrock CSC:** Same core membership as last year (13 with one Family membership). Watching the games in the White Hart and the landlord has OK'd us to do some fundraising in the pub.

**Wolverhampton Shamrock CSC:** Membership is the same but may increase if newer members can be attracted. Planned a trip to the Motherwell game but it was moved, they had the day out in Glasgow with some members from Black Country Che Guevara with JPT arranging a Stadium tour at no cost.

**Black Country Che Guevara CSC:** 33 Members this year. The club is in a very stable place at the moment. A sad death of one of the members has been hard for all to come to terms with but things are moving on positively with the family of departed member now Honorary Members of the CSC. Forthcoming events include a Christmas Dance on the 19th of December and a fundraising Charity event being planned.

**15. Any Other Business.**

**Minimum / Living Wage.**

Some strong feeling here that CFC should be paying employee's the Living Wage instead of the Minimum Wage. It was noted that on such principals the Club was founded was to support the poor and lesser people in Society as a whole. There was general agreement that the Association should put forward this opinion at every opportunity.

A big vote of thanks to Nottingham Shamrock CSC and the management/staff of Fellows, Morton and Clayton for their tremendous hospitality. The food and refreshments were gratefully received.

**Date and Time of the Next Meeting.**

2014 Annual General Meeting (details above).

**George Deans, Secretary. On Behalf of Central South West and Wales CSA.**