



Central, South West And Wales Celtic Supporters Association

minutes of meeting held: 13/04/14

venue: swindon shamrock csc

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

Apologies: None.

Absent: Sons of Erin 32 CSC, Coventry Emerald CSC and Nottingham Shamrock CSC.

Dave chaired the meeting and welcomed all present. He thanked everyone for making the effort to attend and thanked Swindon Shamrock CSC for hosting the meeting.

1. Minutes of the Last Meeting.

Minutes of the meeting with JPT on 26/1/14 were distributed among those present. Dave said that it had been a productive meeting with lots of issues raised and discussed. It was important to keep the dialogue with Celtic Park open.

2. Matters Arising.

Offensive Behaviour at Football Act: There was a question about 'The Roll of Honour' from the floor. It was explained that this was one of the songs that was on the list of songs which supporters/people could be arrested for. The 'why's and where for's' were discussed and hopefully it was now clear that although CFC oppose this Act they have to be seen to be acting within the Legal constraints placed on them.

Fans Representation / Forums: The main issue here which concerned us as an Association was the timing of such meetings and the financial cost to us to be in attendance at such meetings. It was agreed that we as an Association would like to be involved in such meetings but the rubrics need to be sorted out in order for that to happen.

3. Chairman's Report (DB).

Dave was brief and to the point. There was not a great deal of activity or things that needed his urgent attention as all the hard work had been completed and implemented. We have all worked hard on the phases of strategic developments which have resulted in a much more accessible Association which is openness and transparent. There are still opportunities and challenges to be addressed with regard to increasing CSA membership but it was hoped that these would be discussed in detail under Item 12 of today's agenda.

4. Treasurers Report (RH).

Ros was to the point with her report. Association Bank Balance: £2,597.96 outstanding £52.00 and £5.00 cash in hand. There had been few outgoings and in the main membership fees were now collected.

5. Secretary's Report (GD).

George reported that the Hospitality Package had been enjoyed by the Black Country Che Guevara CSC. George has emailed Eleanor with the Associations thanks. View message is still in place but there have been few additions to it throughout the season.

6. Ticket Officers Report (AF).

Alisdair reported that we are still waiting to hear about Part Season Books, but in general things with the Ticket Office at this moment in time are going well.

Alisdair requested that all CSC's ordering tickets to please give him two to three weeks notice. Please also remember the last game of the season sold out last year, so please be early with any requests for this game.

7. CSA Membership Update.

6 CSC's have so far renewed their respective memberships with three at this point not having done so. There was some discussion on this matter with regard to new CSC's. It is hoped that any new CSC who join the Association will engage with us and be a little more pro active in promoting the values of the Association.

8. CSA Logo.

The amended Logo is now being used and the view from the floor was that it was an improvement on the last one. It was agreed by all to stick with this for the time being and that if necessary it can be discussed at the AGM if any amendments to it are required.

9. Communications.

Website: This again is a big improvement easy to navigate and updated by Dave regularly. It is extremely accessible which augurs well for the time being.

Twitter: AF has 100 new followers on this section of the Association Communications.

Facebook: No update available.

10. CSA New badge.

As the Association nears it's ten year anniversary it was agreed that a new Association Badge be produced using the Logo which was agreed earlier with some minor alterations. Dave will take this upon himself to draw up some designs for member's perusal. Agreed to produce 150 badges with 20 being taken by each member CSC and the rest made available to collectors/general sale.

11. Celtic FC/Supporters Liaison Officer.

The Association had received some minutes from JPT of a meeting that was held recently. We also have some responses to some of the issues that were raised in our meeting with him in Wolverhampton. One in particular caused some constructive debate in relation to "Part Season Books". The consensus was that somewhere along the line the point we as an Association were trying to make had been lost.

We were not asking for the "Part Season Books" to be rolled out England and Wales wide. We were approaching this from an Association perspective. We were looking for some recognition of the work that the Association does keeping the Celtic Brand alive in this part of the country as well as for the future.

Fiona has agreed to format a response to JPT to outline our response based on discussions this afternoon.

Dave then handed out Policy Statements from JPT: the Celtic FC 'Supporters Charter' and the Celtic FC 'Complaint Reporting Process'. These may be available via the Association website.

12. Plans for the Forthcoming Year (Open Discussion).

As time was running short it was agreed that this discussion should be deferred to a later meeting such as the AGM.

13. Update from Clubs.

Reading Martin O'Neill CSC: are in the process of moving venue more to come on this.

Oxon Shamrock CSC: a present member of the CSC now manages a pub near to Bicester and has indicated that he would welcome the Association to hold any meetings there. The landlord/lady of the White Hart have been very accommodating for us this year and have said that it would be ok for us to perhaps do some fundraising there (cards etc)

Black Country Che Guevara CSC: are holding an End of Season Party on Friday 13th June – see their website for more details.

14. Any Other Business.

There were no items of Any Other Business, but thanks were extended to SSCSC and the staff at the Tap and Barrel for their warm hospitality.

Date and Time of the Next Meeting.

Date: Saturday 14th June 2014.

Venue: Black Country Che Guevara CSC – 1.00pm start.

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