



**Central, South West And Wales
Celtic Supporters Association**
minutes of meeting held: 14/06/14
venue: Black Country Che Guevara CSC

Present: Reading Martin O'Neill CSC, Oxon Shamrock CSC, Black Country Che Guevara, Wolverhampton Shamrock CSC, Sons of Erin 32 CSC, Coventry Emerald CSC and Nottingham Shamrock CSC.

Apologies: Swindon Shamrock CSC.

Dave chaired the meeting and welcomed all present. He thanked everyone for making the effort to attend and in particular thanked Coventry Emerald CSC who were in attendance for the first time.

1. Minutes of the Last Meeting.

Minutes of the last meeting held on 13/4/14 were distributed 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 agreeing to draft a formal response on behalf of the CSA.

3. Chairman's Report (DB).

DB said that it had been a relatively successful season for C.F.C and that the Association goes from strength to strength in all that it had set out to achieve. There have been encouraging developments on all fronts relating to the Association with stronger links between member CSC's and a feeling of cohesion between all CSC's. Growth was still an on going objective especially in Wales where we may seek to strengthen our links. We also need to make sure we continue to liaise with JPT and C.F.C to make sure that we are pro active in any developments that may be passed on to the Association.

4. Treasurers Report (RH).

RH informed all present that not too much was happening with regard to the Associations finances at this time, £412 for match tickets was one of the outgoings but this money will come back into the Association Funds. We have a healthy balance at this time which currently stands at: £2,675.14. There was also some additional membership money paid at today's meeting leaving an overall balance of £2731.14.

5. Secretary's Report (GD).

As the new season is now upon us it is important for all member CSC's to update their individual View messages. Please let GD have them as soon as possible to ensure all details are current.

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 will be fully utilized for next year with regular updates at Association meetings.

There was some very constructive discussion/debate around the availability of "Premium Match Tickets" with plenty of discussion around the criteria for their allocation. These are the main issues we have and will try to address with JPT. We need to know facts if we think there are any discrepancies in the way C.F.C distribute these tickets to other Associations. We will await JPT/C.F.C response to Fiona's and the Associations assessment of how things have progressed or not.

7. CSA Membership Update.

There were no figures to hand but an update will be made available at the next meeting. Those in attendance commented that it was good to see SOE 32 CSC today and at last nights function; it was good to have them back and active within the Association.

8. Communications.

Website: This is a fantastic tool for all to use with DB updating regularly. There was some discussion re how to access the site with it not being

optimized for search engine searches. DB will discuss this with the web designer.

Twitter: AF informed all that this was still active.

Facebook: No update available.

9. CSA New badge.

Design has been approved and 150 Badges have been ordered at a cost of £1.40p each. Each CSC has agreed to take 20 badges each at a cost of £2 per badge. It will be up to the individual CSC what and how much they charge for these badges.

10. Engagement with C.F.C/Supporters Liaison Officer.

Some good debate around this item, mainly around the involvement of the Association at meetings arranged by C.F.C / JPT. Timings of these meetings, notice given along with the practicalities and the cost to the Association to attend these meetings were central to the debate. It was suggested that, taking all of this into account, that the technology now exists to explore alternative methods of communicating with each other such as conference calling and Webinars. It was felt that such alternatives should be suggested and explored with JPT to ensure that fans forum meetings are inclusive and representative.

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

Nottingham Shamrock CSC suggested that each member CSC present give their ideas/expectations.

Nottingham Shamrock CSC: Proposed that as many member CSC's as possible attempt to share transport costs for trips to games. It was stated that they had not managed to attend games due to the fiscal cost of doing so. But if we could work out the rubrics and the logistics it may be possible to do so as an Association, thereby arranging a trip where we all can travel together to a pre arranged game. This has already happened last season with Coventry Emerald CSC and Reading CSC having organised shared transport up to games. We therefore already have the expertise and knowledge to enable us to co-ordinate this. It was agreed that we would be proactive in this venture, with a trip being arranged before Christmas, and if this is successful another one in 2015. It was agreed that some people would look at "pick up points" that would be agreeable to all and then to

look at costing's. There is a lot of work to be done here before the next meeting.

Reading Martin O'Neil CSC: While agreeing with the above proposal felt it would be difficult for them to attend owing to the distance involved. It was suggested that there may be other CFC groups that they could link up with.

Some issues with their venue at this time, but both Fiona and Alisdair are working on this. They are also in the early stages of setting up their own Website. As with all CSC at this time Membership fluctuates in Readings case because it a "transit town" a lot of people coming and going.

Coventry Emerald CSC: Echoed the thoughts that were raised by Nottingham CSC and would work with all to achieve this objective.

Oxon Shamrock CSC: Also echoed the Nottingham proposal. An Association Event is what is needed to keep the momentum that has been achieved under the guidance of DB and indeed the Association as a Whole.

Oxon reported that they are still homeless "Nomads" but the W/Hart in Bicester will continue to show all Celtic games. We as a Club are extremely grateful to them for this.

Black Country Che Guevara CSC: reported that all is going well with the BC CSC, with a good venue and support of members at functions. This all takes a lot of work but the results are there for all to see.

BCCGCSC AGM will take place in July and there will be some new polo shirts coming soon. DB also said that they have made contact with a Merchandising Outlet which could be of benefit to other CSC's who might be looking at marketing merchandise, DB is happy to pass on contact details.

12. Update from Clubs.

This item was combined with the above agenda item no. 11.

13. Any Other Business.

DB and SG (Black Country) to attend Pat Bonner CSC Anniversary Dance in Liverpool on the 4th of October, anyone else interested in attending would be encouraged to do so.

A big vote of thanks to Black Country Che Guevara CSC for hosting today's meeting and the Function last night. Thanks also to the Staff at St. Patrick's Club for their excellent hospitality and welcome.

Date and Time of the Next Meeting.

Date: September 2014 – to be confirmed.

Venue: Nottingham Shamrock CSC – time to be confirmed.

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