



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

*minutes of meeting held: 15/07/17  
venue: reading martin o'neill csc*

## **Present:**

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

## **Apologies:**

**Birmingham Sons of Erin 32 CSC, Swindon Shamrock CSC and  
Nottingham Shamrock CSC.**

**Dave chaired the meeting welcomed everyone and extended the  
Associations thanks to all who had made the journey to attend today's  
meeting.**

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

Minutes of the last meeting held on 2/7/16 were read and agreed as a true and accurate record.

### **2. Matters Arising.**

There were a couple of matters arising, including Association Days, but as these would be addressed under agenda items it was agreed to proceed.

### **3. Chair's Report (Dave Bradshaw).**

Dave stated that his comments would be more a reflection of events since our last meeting rather than a report as such. Due to a number of circumstances we only had two meetings during the last 12 months, which meant that we hadn't been as active as we might have liked as an Association, but nevertheless he still felt that the association was on the right track. There was some reflection here on the status of current member CSC's and the fact that some had been more active within their own areas than others.

We still have good points of contact at Celtic Park, and we are steadily building links with other Supporters Groups in and around Celtic Park. The

situation with regard to obtaining tickets and the hospitality package remained a positive aspect of our activities.

Areas for improvement included the growth of the Association which, linked to the role of the Recruitment Officer, had not been as successful as we had hoped but it was still an objective to be achieved. We will examine and refine the role before the next AGM. Dave would like to see at least one New Member CSC in 2017/18.

#### **4. Treasurers Report (Ros Harris).**

Association Balance as of the 7/7/17 is £2,694.79. Ros also provided an update on the amount of outstanding monies that were owed.

#### **5. Secretary's Report.**

Due to their only being a few meetings this year one of which I missed due to some ongoing health issues, nothing much has changed with respect to what I do. I continue to liaise with Eleanor O'Neil at Celtic Park with regard to the Hospitality package and that continues in the same vain. Along with what DB had said earlier maintaining and strengthening the links and contacts at Celtic is of paramount importance.

#### **6. Ticket Officers Report (Alisdair Ferguson).**

Alisdair stated that there continues to be a healthy relationship between the Association and the Ticket Office at Celtic Park. A slight issue over distribution of tickets, some discussion around this with AF proposing that we use Royal Mail next day guaranteed, this is a bit more expensive but will mean that tickets arrive on time. We are still working on a 3 week notice for ordering tickets where possible.

#### **7. Recruitment Officer's Report.**

As alluded to earlier in the Chair's reflection and after further discussion around this, it was agreed that Clubs will go away and think in more detail about this role, taking into consideration the geographical elements and perhaps a sharing role of sorts could be worked on, and as said earlier hopefully some conclusions at the next AGM.

#### **8. CSA Membership Update (Ros Harris).**

Ros reported that we have 7 registered CSC's in the Association totalling 106/130 members an increase on last year's members.

There was some discussion with regard to Associate Member CSC and it was discussed that after the year that said CSCs should either become fully committed to the aims and objectives of the Association by joining, or leaving with our best wishes.

## **9. Association Days.**

Following discussion it was agreed that a designated 'Association Day' remained a good idea and that we should commit to making arrangements for this season. It was agreed that the home game against St. Johnstone on the 17th of February 2018 would be our designated. It was further agreed that in view of potential fixture alterations, we would arrange for a weekend trip to allow for either a Saturday or Sunday fixture.

It was felt that this would be an ideal opportunity to approach CFC with regard to arranging for children of our respective Clubs to provide the 'Guard of Honour' on the pitch prior to this game. George agreed to email John Paul Taylor at Celtic Park with regard to details concerning the Guard of Honour and report back to DB and all when he has had a response from JPT.

## **10. Communications Update.**

Digital presence remains strong via website (DB) and Twitter (AF). Facebook is still somewhat of an anomaly.

## **11. Update from Clubs.**

**Oxon Shamrock CSC:** Oxon had a fundraising day on Cup Final Day and raised in excess of £300.00 for a local Charity. Venue is ok for the present but could change.

**Reading Martin O'Neill CSC:** Reading raised over £1,000 for a good cause, and membership remains steady.

**Wolverhampton Shamrock CSC:** Wolverhampton Shamrock is ticking over nicely, still some slight issues at the Emerald Club but workable.

**Black Country Che Guevara CSC:** Recent AGM committed to the values of the Association. Some new members also have come on board. Their Xmas function this year is on the 15th of December at St Patrick's Club.

## 12. Any Other Business.

- We had two interesting guests at today's meeting one of which was Gary Reeves from a CSC in Bracknell. He reported that he is planning a football tournament next year; it was discussed that the Association's Jimmy Johnstone Trophy could be competed for at the event. Some work to be done.
- IW from Oxon raised the ongoing issue with the SPFL and the SFA with regard to the cheating that went on under the guise of EBT. There was again some discussion around this and initially George will draft an Association response. Nick (Reading CSC) raised the point of expanding this complaint and making it a more substantial document he agreed to look into this and will keep us informed of any progress at the next meeting.
- Football for Palestine. Dave and few others have funded themselves to visit Palestine and raise awareness of this. The Link is: <https://fundly.com/football-for-palestine> please if possible donate directly here.
- Expansion of the Association some new CSC: Hayes and Harrow were mentioned as possible new recruits some work will be done locally.

**Appreciation was noted for Reading Martin O'Neill CSC and staff at The Gateway Pub their hospitality.**

### Date and Time of the Next Meeting.

- **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at the Emerald Club, Wolverhampton.**
- **Annual General Meeting at The King's Arms Hotel, Bicester on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2018.**

Meeting closed.

**Minutes: George Deans (Secretary) On Behalf of Central South West and Wales CSA.**