



**Central, South West And Wales
Celtic Supporters Association**
minutes of meeting held: 2/07/16
venue: Black country che guevara CSC

Present:

Wolverhampton Shamrock CSC (Ros and Derek)

Black Country Che Guevara CSC (Dave, Sue, Eddie, Mick, Paul)

Reading Martin O'Neill CSC (Alisdair and Fiona)

Nottingham Shamrock CSC (Gary, Pete, Ian, Patrick)

Birmingham Sons of Erin 32 CSC (Paul)

Apologies:

Oxon Shamrock CSC, Swindon Shamrock CSC and Coventry Emerald CSC.

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

1. Minutes of the Last Meeting.

Minutes of the last meeting held on 27/9/15 had been presented and accepted at our AGM on 12/12/15.

2. Matters Arising.

No matters arising.

3. Chair's Report (Dave Bradshaw).

Overall a positive season for Association, have maintained circa 100 members across 8 CSCs.

John-Paul Taylor relationship positive, but more direct engagement with other fans forums has proved unfeasible due to distance & travel constraints.

There is a general feeling of optimism about CFC team performance for the season ahead.

Objectives for 2016/17:

- Maintain existing CSCs and add a few more Clubs
- Organise Association visits to Celtic Park, particularly to get kids involved in Guard of Honour at start of game
- Review name of Association at later date
- Travelling to other CSCs to watch big games was discussed but people felt they needed to be at their home bases for these games. Perhaps progress the idea but not for the big games.

4. Treasurers Report (Ros Harris).

Current balance £2003 but approx. £800 owed so end-of-year balance in line with expectations.

Some issues with tickets ordered and paid for that didn't arrive. CP ticket office said they'd refund but not yet received, Alisdair to follow up.

5. Secretary's Report.

Apologies received from George - no other issues passed on, Fiona acting secretary in George's absence.

George has confirmed that hospitality package is still valid despite CSC not being able to attend initial game due to rail issues and no home games since then.

6. Ticket Officers Report (Alisdair Ferguson).

Relationship with CP positive - now got email contact details, more convenient than phone.

Asked Clubs to manage expectation amongst members about how many tickets we're likely to get for big games (Rangers & potentially Europe). Ticket allocation policy will apply if oversubscribed against allocation.

7. Recruitment Officer's Report (Gary McAleer).

Lot of discussion about pros/cons of single recruitment officer v's recruitment committee, agreed to stick with single officer but all members have to contribute contacts and ideas. Gary confirmed he's happy to stay in role.

General aim to recruit 2 new member clubs in 2016/17 – Wales / Cardiff initial target.

Suggested to re-engage with Affiliation to remind them to pass on relevant contacts and club details for us to follow up – Gary to action.

8. CSA Membership Update (Ros Harris).

Member Clubs same as last year, Dave will contact Swindon to find out what their plans are as they maintain contact but haven't paid subscriptions this year.

9. Association Days.

Despite nature destroying all previous attempts with floods and gales, there is still enthusiasm for arranging a visit to CP! Motherwell game on the 15 October was felt to be the most popular option. Dave agreed to make contact with CP to action and explore opportunities for promotion of CSWWCSA around our visit.

10. Communications Update.

Digital presence strong via website and Twitter (thanks to Alisdair), Facebook still inactive (Derek will see if his tech-savvy son can get us admin access to FB).

11. Update from Clubs.

Wolverhampton Shamrock: all ok, better relationship with Irish Club hosts.

Nottingham Shamrock: some turmoil over the year with changes of location (Raglan Road Bar), but settling down now. Ran family day to CP last year, very popular. New badges.

Sons of Erin: Club fine, new venue (Witton Arms). Glasnevin playing Friday 2 Sept £5/ticket, all invited

Reading Martin O'Neill: no issues, same pub, same members, same committed!

Black Country Che Guevara: End of season dance last week, successful. New badges. Good turnout for games, no issues.

12. Any Other Business.

Notts offered to help other Clubs with stopovers if that helped with date changes / early KO's (mainly applicable to Reading) – other clubs also offered.

Appreciation was noted for Black Country Che Guevara CSC and St. Patrick's Club for their hospitality.

Date and Time of the Next Meeting.

- **Saturday 22nd October 2016, Nottingham, 1pm start.**
- **Annual General Meeting: Saturday 3rd December 2016, Witton Arms (Sons of Erin), 1pm start.**

Meeting closed.

Minutes: Fiona Wheatley. On Behalf of Central South West and Wales CSA.