



Central, South West And Wales Celtic Supporters Association

minutes of meeting held: 29/03/15

venue: Black Country Che Guevara CSC

Present: Oxon Shamrock CSC, Black Country Che Guevara CSC, Wolverhampton Shamrock CSC, Nottingham Shamrock CSC and Sons of Erin 32 CSC.

Apologies: Reading Martin O'Neill 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 11/10/14 were distributed and agreed as a true and accurate record.

2. Matters Arising.

No matters arising.

3. Chairman's Report (DB).

Dave was brief and to the point, there had been limited activity on the Association front but we remain pro-active behind the scenes. We have had some good revenue coming in from the sale of our anniversary badges and the Aims and Objectives of the Association are still on track.

We need to be looking ahead and gather momentum so that things are seen to be moving forward. This is particularly the case in terms of nurturing positive relationships with CFC (in particular: meeting with JPT and the part-season book initiative), review and growth of Association membership and implementation of the 'Association Day' initiative.

4. Treasurers Report (RH).

Ros was unable to attend today's meeting but had provided a written update of accounts. The balance at present is £2,270.47 which is a very

healthy balance for the association. There was some discussion around how we keep track of sales of tickets, payment for said tickets and how any payments are made to the Association. It was felt to be a good idea that CSC's pay the money directly into the Association Account which clearly referenced them as a way of immediately identifying who the payment is from. It was also felt that the lines of communication between Treasurer and Ticket Officer might be improved to facilitate accurate accounting. DB agreed to raise this matter with RH and AF and request that this is implemented.

5. Secretary's Report (GD).

George gave an update on communication with John Paul Taylor and where we are at the moment. Hopefully we will have a date in May for a 'Q&A' session with him.

View messages updated - SOE to send George an update of contact details.

Communication links/lines are good but there can be room for improvement, perhaps a topic for discussion with JPT when he is here.

6. Ticket Officers Report (AF).

AF had attempted to get to the meeting today but had to abandon his journey due to transport issues with British Rail. He did contact DB to say that everything was fine ticket wise and no issues to report.

DB distributed The 'Ticket Tracker Record'.

7. Recruitment Officer's Report (GM).

GM was unable to attend today's meeting in person but had asked Eddie to provide an update on his behalf. Work continues with regard to establishing links with both Derby and Leicester CSC. This is an on-going process which will be monitored and reported back.

Ian from Oxon Shamrock suggested that it may be a good idea to contact former members of the Association to see if there is any interest there. Former CSA members left with no animosity and we as an Association have moved forward positively in many ways, so there may be an opportunity to re-kindle their interest. This may be a useful conversation to be had with GM.

8. CSA Membership Update.

RH made DB aware that some member CSC's annual fee's remain outstanding. It was requested that those who are still to do so address this as soon as possible. An update on this should be available by the time we meet again.

9. Association Days.

This was discussed at the last meeting in Nottingham where it was suggested that we have two 'Association Days' per season where all member CSC's make a concerted effort to travel to designated games during a season. During discussion it was agreed that we should try and have one before this season finishes. Suggestions were also put forward for future seasons as the first and last games of the Season. It was noted that with the last game of the season usually kicking off early on a Sunday that this may present some difficulties for some members. It was decided that when the SPFL Split fixtures are announced that we pick a Home game and try and get as many Association Members at that said game.

10. Communications.

Website: DB updates this as and when needed. It is up to individual CSC to keep their page updated with any changes that may have occurred, however there is a planned review in due course.

Twitter: AF Reading is care of this side of things and reports all is well with this.

Facebook: Ongoing issues with this with regard to old passwords and the like. It was decided that a new F/B page should be set up. SG (Black Country CSC) will look at setting this up as soon as possible.

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

There had been some difficulty arranging this meeting due to some member's availability, although DB pointed out that JPT is keen to do so. He is eager to have discussion around our proposals for a part season book, particularly taking into account the tight timescales involved.

Following discussion it was agreed that we would attempt to arrange a meeting, preferably sometime in May. It was also agreed that Black Country Che Guevara CSC would host this meeting.

12. Pedal for Scotland.

Eddie and Gary from Nottingham are thinking about doing this for a Celtic Charity and to raise the profile of the Association in the process. Initially it was thought that a member from each CSC could take part! After some discussion it was agreed that the Association would support this project and that reps ask around their respective CSC's to see if anyone else was interested. Members present stated that they would sponsor the individuals who take part, and Gary could choose the Celtic Charity we donate the money to.

13. Update from Clubs.

Black Country Che Guevara CSC: End of Season dance planned for the 5th of June. Davin Green Charity Night date TBC. Own merchandise page now available. DB to contact and forward details of his contact for any merchandising issues.

Wolverhampton Shamrock CSC: Reported the sad loss of a member, Roy Simpson. He was widely known among members of the Association and will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Running a bus to a Derby CSC Function on 10th April - seats available.

Sons of Erin 32 CSC: A relatively new start for this CSC. Good to see them represented here today. New Structure in place. A New base is an issue at present but apart from that all is well SOE wise. Had a good fundraiser with "Shebeen" the main attraction. Merchandise is also available.

Oxon Shamrock CSC: We are still a nomadic CSC but a good strong core of members. Still have a few Anniversary Badges available.

Nottingham Shamrock CSC: Their new badge has been a good source of income. They had a great day out at the recent Milan game and all seems to be on a firm footing at present.

14. Any Other Business.

- Derek from Wolverhampton enquired about the 'Wales' title in the Association name. It was explained that after the Association Account was set up to change the name when Cardiff left the Association would

entail setting up another Account. It was felt that discussion regarding the CSA's name could be discussed in full at the next meeting.

- **Living Wage:** Ian (Oxon) said that he would like to think our contribution as an Association went some way to having this adopted by CFC.

A big vote of thanks was given to Black Country Che Guevara CSC and the management/staff of St. Patrick's Club for what is now their accustomed excellent hospitality.

Date and Time of the Next Meeting.

To be scheduled when Liaison Officer confirms the date and time. Venue: St. Patrick's Club (vote 2-1). Further information to follow.

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