



central, south west and wales celtic supporters association

minutes of meeting held: 29/09/13

venue: wolverhampton shamrock csc

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

Apologies: Coventry Emerald CSC

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

1. Minutes of the Last Meeting.

Minutes from the meeting of 6/7/13 were read and agreed as a true and accurate record.

2. Matters Arising.

There were no outstanding issues that couldn't be addressed in the main body of the meeting, so we moved forward to the Agenda set for today's meeting.

3. Chairman's Report (DB).

DB stated that he felt that things were progressing well with some areas where we needed to show signs of improvement, some areas of on-going development and some that required finishing touches that are nearing completion.

In terms of Promotion and Publicity:

We continue to foster links between us and the Affiliation. Fiona mentioned that an informal meeting would take place between Kevin and her the following weekend. A more formal meeting is also required, preferably when a number of CSA committee members can attend.

The website continues to develop and DB stated that this will now be dealt with as a priority to ensure that this is completed and goes live.

In terms of Dialogue with CFC:

Links had now been established with JPT (Supporters Liaison Officer) and it was felt that we need to adopt a pro-active approach to ensure that we maintain a prominent profile.

In terms of growth:

Whilst it was with regret that DB reported the resignation of Newbury CSC following their disbandment and the difficulties recently experienced by Oxon regarding losing their venue, we welcome the recent involvement of Coventry and Nottingham. There are other potential areas of interest that we will continue to monitor, although nothing moving to any formal stage at this point.

4. Treasurers Report (RH).

RH reported that there had been little or no activity on the Association Account, a small amount of interest had been added leaving a Balance of £ 2, 909.02p.

There was some discussion around the Newbury CSC Ticket Bond. RH agreed to request receipt for this payment from NCSC as no information had been forwarded as part of changing the account/treasurer.

5. Secretary's Report (GD).

GD reported that a new template View Message had been sent to Rachel Kelly at the View and will be updated only when CSC's have something they want to add.

GD will also maintain contact with the relevant people at Celtic Park: John Paul Taylor, Ronnie Hawthorn and Eleanor O'Neill, on a variety of issues and will keep every one informed of any developments.

GD stated that he would be contacting CFC re: hospitality package and would hope to have this in place for the AGM where remaining members would be balloted as usual.

6. Ticket Officers Report (AF).

There was extensive debate around this subject. AF reported that he is still having difficulties in his attempts to clarify what, if any, ticket entitlement we may or may not be entitled to. He explained a recent exchange of emails between himself and JPT, which seems to be moving slowly in the right direction with a new contact at the ticket office being provided, but as yet still no response. GD agreed to raise this in his next communication with JPT, and AF stated that he would continue in his endeavours to persevere with making contact and moving things forward.

Some discussion around how some C/L tickets are now appearing on EBay and other social networking sites. We as an Association find this abhorrent when we try to obtain tickets for the so called glamour matches we meet with a stone wall. This hopefully will be addressed with JPT at some point.

7. Communications Officer's Report (RD).

Still no further developments on this with GD reporting that there had been no response to his request for passwords to Twitter and FB accounts. One last attempt would be made to recover these before alternatives would be considered at the AGM.

8. Acceptance of New Members.

Written confirmation received from both Nottingham Shamrock CSC and Coventry Emerald CSC that they wish to be part of the Association.

Proposed: DB.

Seconded: GD.

Carried Unanimously.

9. CSA Constitution.

A Draft of the Constitution had been presented at the previous meeting. All present now agreed that this document is fit for purpose. It clearly sets out the workings of the Association and responsibilities of all member CSC's. It was unanimously accepted.

It was suggested that we could produce a Certificate / Badge to say that each member CSC was active within CSWW CSA. To be discussed further.

10. CSA Website.

As eluded to earlier this is in the final stages of development before its launch. There are still one or two things to be sorted, but from comments received from those who had seen the template, the future website of the Association looks really good. DB will see that the fine tweaking that needs to be done is completed and hopefully ready soon.

11. Celtic Complaints Panel.

No further news at this point, this is on GD's list of things to be done and he will update accordingly.

12. Update from Clubs.

- Wolverhampton Shamrock CSC reported that their AGM is now due and are looking at options for membership.
RH had received a text message from Derby CSC to say they were running a bus to a game; this may be of interest to Nottingham CSC.
The Wolfetones are playing at the Emerald Club on the 6th November, tickets priced at £12.
- Reading Martin O'Neill CSC reported that things are ticking over at the moment with 12/14 members. Usual fund raising issues as with all CSC's. They are running a coach to the game on 2/11/2013 and there are seats available.
- Swindon Shamrock CSC: Recent game wasn't show in the T&B which raises issues regarding the pubs commitment to the CSC. Things remain generally quiet.
- Black Country Che Guevara CSC reported that things were pretty stable at present with 37 members (some kids and OAP's). Hard core of people turning up regularly for games/meetings etc.
Christmas Dance on the 6th of December more details to follow. Davin Green a member of the CSC is in poor health and a Benefit Night will be held for him on the 11th of October. DB has some raffle tickets for the night if people would like to contribute to this worthwhile event.
- Oxon Shamrock CSC reported that the home of their Club - The Six Bells has closed its doors. It will be difficult to find another establishment but for now the landlord of the White Hart in Bicester has kindly offered to show games when possible. There may be an issue when the game is on BT and it clashes with an EPL game being on at

the same time. The Members were keen to keep the Club going so will run with what they have this year and hopefully settle in there.

13. Any Other Business.

Section 111 : FW from Reading CSC had produced a letter to say how encouraging it was to see constructive dialogue between CFC and Supporters Groups and how a resolution for now was found to the aforementioned area. This was passed on to all member CSC's of the Association and as there was one objection of sorts to this it was up for discussion today. With no representative from the CSC who raised the objection it was felt that we should move on from this and that the matter is now considered dealt with.

- **Date of the Next Meeting.**

Annual General Meeting: Sunday 1st December 2013

Venue: Reading Martin O'Neill CSC – 1.00pm start.