



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

**Minutes of Meeting Held: 5/5/18**

**Venue: Black Country Che Guevara CSC**

**Present:**

**Reading Martin O'Neill CSC, Wolverhampton Shamrock CSC, Black Country Che Guevara CSC, Oxon Shamrock CSC and Birmingham Sons of Erin 32 CSC.**

**Apologies: Swindon Shamrock CSC.**

**Prior to commencing the meeting today we paused to remember Bobby Sands who gave his life for the cause of Irish freedom on this day in 1981.**

**Dave chaired the meeting, he 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 Annual General Meeting held on 20/1/18 were read and agreed as a true and accurate record.

## **2. Matters Arising.**

There was some discussion around Nottingham CSC's continued membership of the association. After some discussion DB agreed to endeavour to contact Gary at NCSC for some clarity on their situation.

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

Dave reported that things were still looking very positive for him about the Association. There is a togetherness that runs through the Association and it is reflected in its continued growth. Strong links with Celtic Football Club are being maintained and improved upon, the brilliant success of the recent Association Day are testimony to this. All present concurred with Dave and as for the young members who formed the Guard of Honour it will be a day never to be forgotten.

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

Balance at this time stands at: £3,240.44. Ros went on to explain some of the recent income as follows: £242 in for memberships and £843 for tickets including £786 for the Association game against St Johnstone. Membership monies from Wolverhampton are also forthcoming.

Ros raised the point that the Celtic Ticket Office are now charging for postage of tickets. AF said he will look into this and get back to all about it.

#### **5. Secretary's Report (George Deans).**

George said things had been fairly quiet after the exertions of the Association Day. He has now emailed both Eleanor O'Neill and John Paul Taylor with regard to setting things in motion regarding the hospitality package, and the possibility of another Association Day with perhaps another turn at the GOH. This is ongoing and George will keep everyone up to date in this regard.

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

Alisdair said there was not much to say, everything appears to be working with regard to obtaining tickets and that he will look into the slight issue raised in the Treasurers report regarding postage. Fiona has produced a comprehensive spreadsheet showing the eligibility of CSC for tickets etc. with the points system that was introduced, again highlighting the transparency of the Association. DB did ask AF if there was any point in applying for tickets against in the Rangers or Cup Final games. AF explained that in both cases there was little or no chance of this as there are no public sales of these tickets.

#### **7. Communication's Officer's Report (Chris Kane).**

There was not much to report apart from the fact that the Facebook page is now up and running and that we should encourage our members to use it. Chris will continue to administer this and following some discussion it was agreed that we should try and be a little more proactive in this regard.

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

Ros reported that at this point in time we have 115 fully paid up members which will rise to 130 when Wolverhampton Shamrock numbers are added. This is slightly up on last year and looking really healthy.

## **9. Association Days.**

This had been touched on earlier. Al agreed that this had been a well organised event and that we were well looked after in every regard by Celtic Football Club. This had proved to be a real challenge for the Association but we had risen to the task and that lessons were learnt in every regard so that the next one should not pose us any unforeseen issues.

It was agreed that we should look to organise another Association Day for next season and that this time perhaps we can look at group booking shared accommodation so that we can socialise together instead of separately.

## **10. CSA Invitation Tournament (Jimmy Johnstone Memorial Trophy.**

All plans were now in place for this event on the 12th May. There was a huge thanks extended to Gary Reeves for all his sterling work in organising this, and for raising the profile of Celtic Football Club and what it stands for in the local community with some great media coverage.

## **11. Hospitality Package.**

Recipients are Black Country Che Guevara CSC and as alluded to earlier George has set things in motion and will keep everyone up to date with any developments.

## **12. Update from Clubs.**

**Oxon Shamrock CSC:** George reported that numbers are staying around 12/14. There are a lot of transient Celtic supporters who avail of match days in particular, lots of them work round and about Bicester. Oxon will be having a big push for their nominated charity: 'Humminingbird Cancer Centre' on the 19<sup>th</sup> May (Scottish Cup Final day). The club seem to be secure in the current venue but one can never tell with the way the Pub industry is run these days. George has spoken with the people who run it at this time and they are happy for the club to continue on as things are. Membership is now down to 12 as some opted not to re-join this year.

**Reading Martin O'Neill CSC:** Membership is increasing; people want to be part of the Club. There are lots going on, new merchandise arriving soon and there is a real positive vibe around the Club.

**Birmingham Sons of Erin 32:** Chris reported that they have a new venue and he will keep all updated on this.

**Black Country Che Guevara CSC:** Again a real positivity around the Club. A great joint Celtic evening in partnership with Sons of Erin was organised recently with Damien Quinn coming over to provide the entertainment. This was well attended and raised some healthy funds for the CSC's and some being donated to Charity. A Christmas Dance has been organised on 14/12/2018 with Eddie Boland providing the entertainment, Sue will keep us informed of tickets etc.

**13. Any Other Business.**

- The Young Wolfstones were playing later today at the Sacred Heart Club.
- DB is returning to Palestine 14/10/2018 to the 21/10/2018 again he will be raising monies to assist the plight of the people there.

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

**Date and Time of the Next Meeting.**

- **Reading Martin O'Neill CSC will host the next meeting in August, date and time to be confirmed.**

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