



**Central, South West And Wales
Celtic Supporters Association**
minutes of meeting held: 8/10/17
venue: Wolverhampton Shamrock CSC

Present:

Wolverhampton Shamrock CSC, Black Country Che Guevara CSC, Oxon Shamrock CSC and Birmingham Sons of Erin 32 CSC.

Apologies:

Reading Martin O'Neill CSC and Swindon Shamrock CSC.

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 meeting held on 15/7/17 were read and agreed as a true and accurate record.

2. Matters Arising.

There were no matters arising.

3. Chair's Report (Dave Bradshaw).

Dave as Chair gave an overview of the past few months: meetings now being held on a regular basis, working from a very sound base and excellent links with Celtic Park are maintained.

There were areas that needed to be addressed. Most of which would be dealt with in the Itemised agenda including: ticketing, growth (More CSC's In Association) and the revamping of the Jimmy Johnstone Trophy.

4. Treasurers Report (Ros Harris).

Ros reported that there are still some slight issues with regard to CSC memberships but the ticketing issue from the last meeting has now been resolved. The present balance in the Association at this time is £3030.

5. Secretary's Report (George Deans).

George gave a brief account of what his role was and how that had gone in the past few months. He was liaising with JPT at Celtic Park re: the Association Day in February, especially with regard to the Guard of Honour. George will contact JPT to ascertain what the requirements are for this with respect to times, numbers, guardians present and so on.

6. Ticket Officers Report (Alisdair Ferguson).

Alisdair was not present today and had sent apologies. In his absence we discussed the issue that had arisen with regards to the Hearts game at Celtic Park especially where the members were allocated their seats. Alisdair is liaising with the ticket Office in this regard.

7. Recruitment Officer's Report.

As discussed at previous meeting this post will be reviewed at the AGM scheduled for January 2018.

8. CSA Membership Update (Ros Harris).

Ros gave an update on the current status re: CSA Membership.

There was also agreement that the status and commitment from existing clubs would be reviewed at the next AGM under 'Membership and Club Fee's.

9. Association Days.

This season's designated Association Day is now scheduled for the home game against St. Johnstone on the 17th February 2018. We have already agreed that in view of potential fixture alterations, we would arrange for a weekend trip to allow for either a Saturday or Sunday fixture.

As discussed earlier in both Dave and George's reports this is a chance for the Association to show its commitment to its continuous growth within the Celtic Community. It has been confirmed that the Guard of Honour will be made up of 14-16 5 to 12 years old who are siblings or relations of **fully** paid up members of the Association. We need to provisionally know how many prospective children from each CSC as soon as possible and no later than the AGM in January. In the event of this being oversubscribed the same processes we use for allocation of tickets will apply i.e. those CSC's who have been active within the Association will be given priority.

10. CSA Invitation Tournament (Jimmy Johnstone Memorial Trophy.

Gary Reeves was in attendance at the last meeting in Reading and promoted this as an idea of bringing people together and raising charitable funds. It was also felt that this would be a good opportunity to promote the values of the Association.

Gary has been in touch with Dave and had provided an outline report of his proposal. Essentially he is looking at organising an Invitation Tournament on either the weekends of 12/13th May 2018 or the 19/20th May 2018 to take place at Burnham Football Club. Around 12-16 teams would be an ideal number and Gary has already received expressions of interest from some local CSC's in the area.

All present thought that this was a good idea in principle and would be a great opportunity to revive the CSA's Jimmy Johnstone Memorial Trophy. It was hoped that Gary will attend our AGM in January where this can be discussed in more detail.

11. Communications Update.

All social media avenues of the Association are working well, Chris from SOE 32 CSC has offered to assist Erin in updating the Facebook Account.

12. Update from Clubs.

Oxon Shamrock CSC: 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 us to continue on as we are. Membership is now down to 12 as some opted not to re-join this year.

Birmingham Sons of Erin 32: A possible change of venue is in the offing other than that things are ticking along nicely.

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

Black Country Che Guevara CSC: Lots going on at present with trips up to the Kilmarnock and Motherwell games being organised and club committed to the Association Day. Membership has also improved and two

new Members Badges will be available soon. Christmas Party has been arranged for the 15th of December at St. Patrick's Club.

13. Any Other Business.

- Chris from SOE 32 CSC has offered to organise a CSA Club Flag and possibly good quality polo shirts too.
- Football for Palestine. Dave reminded those present that he will be part of a group visiting Palestine soon to raise awareness. Those wishing to donate can do so at: <https://fundly.com/football-for-palestine>

Appreciation was noted for Wolverhampton Shamrock CSC and staff at The Emerald Club for their hospitality.

Date and Time of the Next Meeting.

- **Annual General Meeting at The White Hart, 4 Sheep Street, Bicester, OX26 6TB on Saturday 20th January 2018.**

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