



Central, South West And Wales Celtic Supporters Association

Minutes of Annual General Meeting

Sunday 1st December 2013

Venue: Reading Martin O'Neill CSC

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

Apologies: Nottingham Shamrock CSC and Coventry Emerald CSC.

The meeting commenced at 12.15pm.

Dave chaired the meeting. He welcomed everyone and thanked all present for the turnout of Member CSC's. Reading CSC were also thanked for hosting today's meeting.

1. Minutes of the last AGM.

Minutes from last Annual General Meeting held on 9/12/12 at Swindon Shamrock CSC were read and with no matters arising we moved on to the Agenda items.

2. Matters Arising.

None.

3. Officer Reports:

▪ Chairman's Report.

Dave said the past year had been a period of stability and consolidation for the Association and we were now where he wanted us to be. Openness, transparency and dialogue, particularly with Celtic Football Club, were some of the things we as an Association can be particularly proud of. Our meeting with Peter Lawwell was worthy of particular mention here, and will hopefully set the foundations for more improved communication with the introduction of John Paul Taylor as Supporters Liaison Officer.

After going from many years of operating without any agreed frameworks we now have clear guidelines on what we want to achieve and have produced some excellent policy documents. The Constitution, Aims and Objectives and Ticket Allocation Policy set out our intentions and vision, and are documents that will stand the Association in good stead in the forthcoming years. We have also been on the peripheral of the Complaints Panel set up by CFC, there was some discussion surrounding the logistics of our active participation in this and we will look at what can be done in this regard in an effort to increase the Associations active participation in matters regarding CFC.

Other positive developments during the last year included the addition of new member CSC's to the CSA and the new website, which was welcomed by all as a vast improvement on the previous site.

Dave stated that a priority for the forthcoming year was to increase membership of the CSA and efforts would be made to engage with Clubs in our catchment area to encourage them to get involved. He went on to say that there are challenging times ahead for every CSC and that we are stronger together than as individuals and this was echoed by all present.

To conclude Dave thanked the rest of the committee for their hard work and dedication, without which the Association would not be able to function.

▪ Treasurers Report.

Balance Sheet as at: 01/12/2013

Income:-

Memberships: £150.00

Badges: £205.00

Tickets: £753.00

Interest: £ 2. 36

Expenditure:-

KANU Donation: £200.00

Celtic Park Meeting: £360.00

Wizard Website: £250.00

Refund Newbury: £100.00

Tickets:	£753.00
Balance at 30/11/2013:	£1,852.10
Ticket Money to be added:	£ 753 00
Total Monies Held:	£2,605.10

Ros stated that whilst this was still a healthy balance we have had some big expenses this year, particularly the meeting at Celtic Park and the setting up of the website. It was hoped that with the appointment of JPT trips to Celtic Park to discuss matters may not be necessary and that the Website payment was a one off.

There was some discussion around the logistics and cost of sending someone to meetings, in particular to Complaints Panel meetings and we will look at how we approach this in the future. It may not be feasible to have an individual present at these meetings due to the cost implications.

- **Secretary's Report.**

George echoed Dave's thoughts on how the Association had done this year and concurred with his assessment of where we are at the present time. On his own role in this he said that the role as secretary becomes easier when you have the support networks in place.

Links with the necessary people at Celtic Park have been maintained and hopefully strengthened with the appointment of JPT who we will look forward to working with in the coming years. The Hospitality package has been organised for this season and George will liaise with the CSC who attends next year and Eleanor to make sure it is co-ordinated.

- **Ticket Officer's Report.**

Alasdair stated that we now have an official contact at the Ticket Office which will greatly assist him in his role. A lot of patient and persistent work has gone on behind the scenes to get us to where we are now and it is to his credit that we now have this link.

We are still being asked about Season Books etc with regard to "Big" match tickets and perhaps our forthcoming discussions with JPT will shed some light on the proposed International Season book that was muted by the CEO at our recent meeting.

▪ **Communication Officer's Report.**

There had been no contact from Rob so we moved on to the next Agenda Item.

4. Election of Officers.

As all present members were prepared to seek re election and there were no nominations from the floor, DB proposed that the present Committee be elected on block. This was seconded by FW.

It was agreed that the post of Communication Officer be suspended for the time being with the following agreeing to take responsibility for specific aspects of the role:

DB – Website.

AF – Twitter.

DK – Facebook.

5. Membership and Club Fee's.

Agreed that these will remain the same as 2013 (£2 per member per CSC. Cheques made payable to the Association and sent to Ros Harris – contact via rosharris18@btinternet.com for details.

6. CSA Constitution.

There was one proposed amendment to the Constitution.

DB submitted the following proposal:

'Only full (paying) members of the CSA are eligible to be entered into the ballot and they should have been paid up members for a minimum of twelve months. Where a Club is chosen but is unable to accept they will be entitled to be entered into the next years draw and the ballot will be redrawn.'

Following discussion the proposal was rejected in favour of:

- 1) The remaining CSC left following today's ballot would be eligible for next season's hospitality package.
- 2) All paid up CSC's would be balloted at the next AGM with a list being kept of all clubs drawn against future corresponding seasons.

Following a draw of the two remaining eligible CSC's Black Country Che Guevara CSC were this years winners and as alluded to earlier

George will liaise with the Club and Eleanor O'Neill at Celtic Park to make sure everything is in place for this.

7. Review of CSA Aims and Objectives.

This document was tabled with no proposed additions or amendments.

Proposed: DB Seconded: GD

8. CSA Website.

All agreed that the new website is looking good with an excellent layout and very easy to navigate.

It was suggested and agreed that a link to the Affiliation of CSC's be put on the site.

9. Ticket Allocation Policy.

TAP circulated and with there being no proposed additions or amendments it was accepted in its current format.

10. Any Other Business.

- George agreed to ascertain whether JPT will be in attendance at the next Association meeting in January.
- There was some discussion regarding the CSA logo. Agreed to consider ideas for a new logo, ideas to be presented at the next meeting. DB agreed that he would attempt to find an alternative in the interim.

11. Date and venue of next meeting.

Provisionally the 26th January 2014 @ Black Country Che Guevara CSC (1pm start).

Huge thanks to Reading Martin O'Neill CSC for hosting today's meeting and to the Management and Staff of the Gateway for making us feel so welcome.

The meeting concluded at: 1.50pm.

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