



Central, South West And Wales Celtic Supporters Association

Minutes of Annual General Meeting

Saturday 6th December 2014

Venue: Black Country Che Guevara CSC

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

Apologies: Swindon Shamrock CCS and Coventry Emerald CSC.

The meeting commenced at 12.30pm.

Dave chaired the meeting, welcomed everyone and ran through the order of events for the day.

1. Minutes of the last AGM.

Minutes from last Annual General Meeting held on 1/12/13 at Reading Martin O'Neill 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.

DB stated that he was satisfied with the progress and direction the CSA had taken during his three year tenure and thanked everyone for their support. He used the analogy that he had inherited a 'sick patient' but that the patient was now well on the road to recovery!

DB highlighted that a process of radical change had been implemented to ensure that we have an organised and proficient Association that is now fit for purpose. He went on to outline that we have built and developed some positive networks and links

between member CSC's and that these have established solid foundations for further progression and developments to come.

DB acknowledged that these were challenging times for CSC's and that he recognised the dedication of core members who kept things running, and in such times there is strength in unity. He went on to outline his vision for the CSA over the forthcoming months which included:

- A focus on growth with an exciting development of a Recruitment Officer (should this proposal be accepted today).
- Continuing to foster closer links with Celtic FC, in particular the ticket office, to ensure we have a strong voice.

To conclude DB thanked committee members for their hard work, commitment and support, without which the CSA would not be able to function.

▪ Treasurers Report.

Balance Sheet as at: 06/12/2014

Balance Brought forward: £2, 605.10

Income:-

Memberships: £196.00

Badges: £340.50

Interest: £ 2. 24

Expenditure:-

Badges: £210.00

Buffet (JPT): £45.00

Balance at 6/12/2014: £2, 888.84

DB thanked Ros for a very accurate assessment of where the Association is fiscally and as there were no questions we moved on to the Secretary's report.

▪ **Secretary's Report.**

George echoed much of what DB had said in relation to where the Association is this moment. He went on to say how his role within the Association was in the main keeping good communication links with the people at Celtic Park, in particular JPT, Eleanor O'Neill (CEO PA) and Rachel Kelly at the View. All Templates are in place and the job goes on quite effectively.

He went on to say that he had had a few health issues this year which had sorted themselves out, and that he felt his ten years with the Association had been a huge learning curve. He thanked Dave for his unstinting support during which there were some difficult times for him. In short he announced that he would continue in the role this coming year if re-elected but he would like to pass the mantle on at the next AGM to someone else for the 2015/16 season. He also said he would continue to work for the good of the Association and would help in any way the new incumbent of the role of Secretary.

▪ **Ticket Officer's Report.**

Alasdair said that there were no real issues here, good working relationships being maintained with the Ticket Office and that the "New" tracker ticket system would be up and running very soon. Again progress was noted and that the Association is now firmly recognised at the Ticket Office rather than the previous Officer who ran this on what could be best described as an "ad hoc" basis.

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 re-elected. This was seconded by FW (MONCSC).

5. **Membership and Club Fee's.**

Agreed that these will remain the same as 2014 (£2 per member per CSC). Cheques made payable to the Association and sent to Ros Harris – contact via rosharris18@btinternet.com for details.

Proposed: DB (BCCGCSC) Seconded: GM (NSCSC).

6. CSA Constitution.

There was one proposed amendment to the Constitution.

DB submitted the following proposal:

Clause 4. The Committee: 'The removal of "Communications Officer" and their duties under clauses 4 (a) (v) and 5 (v), as these duties were now shared and administered between existing members of the CSA'

Following discussion it was felt that this was a necessary role within the CSA and that the position should remain in the Constitution and be reviewed annually.

Motion Not Carried.

Clause 5. Duties of the Committee: 'Addition of "Recruitment Officer" as a dedicated committee role responsible for increasing the membership of the CSA'.

All present felt that this was an excellent idea and Gary McAleer (Nottingham Shamrock CSC) was proposed with amendment to proposed role.

Proposed: DB (BCCGCSC) Seconded: GD (OSCSC)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. Review of CSA Aims and Objectives.

This document was tabled with no proposed additions or amendments, however whilst reviewing the document the 'Liaison Officer' role was discussed. This was a position that was initially thought to benefit the association. However over the years it has become less necessary and through no fault of his DT has not been able to promote the Association as originally planned. The consensus was that the position was no longer necessary and would be removed.

8. Ticket Allocation Policy.

TAP circulated and reviewed with some discussion around Clause 5 and Clause 6 re: access to and payment for tickets. As the process had now been simplified it was felt that this needed to be amended to reflect this. FW (MONCSC) agreed to draft the necessary amendments to be distributed for agreement once completed.

9. Any Other Business

Living Wage: After discussion around this at the last meeting it was good to hear that CFC are now going to implement this. All present thought this was step in the right direction.

Wolverhampton Shamrock CSC: Proposal at their AGM to organise a function before the end of the Season. All were asked to support this venture in whatever way possible.

Hospitality: George had spoken with Eleanor and this will continue, Oxon Shamrock are this Seasons Recipients.

Letter to CFC (Part Season Book): We have had a response to Fiona's excellent letter in this regard. Dave read out JPT response and although there is still some way to go at least it is now again open for discussion. George will circulate both Fiona's initial letter and JPT response.

Celtic Fan Forum: This meeting happened at Celtic Park recently with most of the big names at the table to discuss a variety of issues. We were not aware of this meeting and after some discussion it was decided that George would seek clarification / an explanation as to why we as an Association were not invited.

JPT: It was decided that we should open up the next Association Meeting to a Q&A session with JPT. George will email JPT and ask for some suitable dates from him in February or March.

Black Country Che Guevara: Their annual Xmas party will take place on Friday the 19th of December, tickets are available. There may be the use of a Flat above St Pats in the short term if anyone was thinking of attending and staying over.

Semi final Tickets: It is unlikely that the association will receive any tickets for this fixture although Alasdair will try.

10. Date and venue of next meeting.

To be confirmed.

Huge thanks to Black Country Che Guevara CSC for hosting today's meeting and to the Management and Staff of St Patrick's Club for making us feel so welcome.

Meeting Closed.

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