



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

**Minutes of Annual General Meeting**

**SATURDAY 12<sup>th</sup> December 2015**

**Venue: Wolverhampton Shamrock CSC**

**Present: Reading Martin O'Neill CSC (RMO), Oxon Shamrock CSC (OS), Black Country Che Guevara CSC (BC), Wolverhampton Shamrock CSC (WS) and Birmingham Sons of Erin 32 CSC (SON).**

**Apologies: Swindon Shamrock CSC.**

Dave chaired the meeting, welcomed everyone and ran through the order of events for the day. He also extended thanks on behalf of the Association for all those who had made the journey to attend today's meeting.

## **1. Minutes of the last AGM.**

Minutes from last Annual General Meeting held on 6/12/14 at Black Country Che Guevara CSC were read with no matters arising.

DB (BC) proposed these be accepted as a true and accurate record.  
Seconded: Fiona (RMO).

The minutes of the previous CSA meeting held on 27/9/15 at Reading Martin O'Neill CSC were also presented.

## **2. Matters Arising.**

One matter arising from meeting on 27/9/16 re: proposal to support the Refugee initiative implemented by CFC earlier this year.

It was agreed to take this forward to whatever date is proposed for the Association Day at Celtic Park.

Proposed: DB (BC).

Seconded: GD (OS).

## **3. Officer Reports:**

- **Chairman's Report.**

**DB's reflection on the year and indeed his four year tenure as Chair was reflective and to the point. This had been a period of stability and some growth. A robust constitution and Aims and Objectives have seen an openness and transparency that had been missing in the Associations formative years.**

**There was some discussion around realistic goals with regard to where Celtic Football Club is with respect to the lack of competition in Scotland. It was felt that this impacts on the amount of members CSC's have and it is hard to keep everyone on board especially in the current financial climate. It is hoped over the next few years, with competition perhaps coming back into the SPFL, that revenues and memberships may see an upturn in some respects. It was agreed that the forward steps the Association has taken over the past few years are bearing fruit and that, as alluded to earlier, there may be better times ahead.**

**DB stated that the biggest priority for the CSA over the coming years should be expansion, that more CSC's should be encouraged to get involved. It was hoped that the Recruitment Officers role could be a major driver with this strategy.**

**DB concluded by thanking all committee members for their dedication and hard work during the past 12 months and hoped that this would continue.**

▪ **Treasurers Report.**

**Association Balance currently stands at: £2,970.79, however £606 is still to go out of the account for the recent Hamilton game. It is hoped that this will be reimbursed as a good will gesture by CFC following the postponement of this game.**

**There were some in's and out's with regard to payment for badges and so on but all in all a very healthy balance. RH reported that there will be over £3000.00 in the account when the membership monies for this year are paid in. Interest for this account is negligible; there was some discussion about moving some funds into a higher interest account. RH agreed to look into this.**

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.**

GD agreed with everything Dave had said with regard to the progress the Association had made over these past few years. He went on to say that at this AGM he intended to pass the mantle on to someone else but in the present circumstances surrounding someone being willing to step up to the plate he was prepared if chosen to stand for re-election with some proviso's in place which were discussed at this juncture. GD reiterated that if anyone feels that they can take up this role we can work somewhat together to prepare for next year's AGM.

▪ **Ticket Officer's Report.**

AF informed all that there was now a new contact at the Ticket Office at Celtic Park and he hope for the continuing good working relationship that had gone before. AF will also look at the avenues to go down re the refund of monies for the Hamilton game tickets.

It was agreed that the Points Allocation System would apply to all who purchased tickets for the Hamilton game. Further to "matters arising item" The next /first Association day we will liaise with CFC on how we go about supporting the Refugee initiative.

▪ **Recruitment Officer's Report**

Not present.

4. **Election of Officers.**

The present Committee was re- elected en bloc with no objections from those present.

Chair: DB

Treasurer: RH

Ticket Officer: AF

Secretary: GD

Recruitment Officer: TBC

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

It was reported that the Association has over 100 registered members at this time.

Agreed that membership fees remain the same as 2015 (£2 per member per CSC). Cheques made payable to the Association and sent to Ros Harris – contact via [rosharris18@btinternet.com](mailto:rosharris18@btinternet.com) for details.

Proposed: DB (BC)      Seconded: RH (WS).

## **6. CSA Constitution.**

There were no proposed amendments to the constitution; all agreed that this is a comprehensive and transparent document.

DB (BC) proposed that it be accepted as being reviewed and adopted in its current form.

Seconded: DK (WS).

## **7. Review of CSA Aims and Objectives.**

All agreed that this is a relevant working document that clearly sets out who we are and what we are trying to achieve.

There was some discussion around 'Associate Members' of the Association. Some felt that CSC's should fully commit and that, whilst it was acceptable to provide a mechanism for CSC's to 'dip their toe in', there should be an agreed timescale within which a decision to either join or not should be made. There was no unanimous agreement on this issue and after discussion it was proposed that we keep things as they are for now and perhaps look at this again at the next AGM.

Proposed: DB (BC).

Seconded GD (OS).

## **8. Ticket Allocation Policy.**

There were no proposed amendments. All agreed that this is an effective mechanism for a fair and equal distribution of tickets.

DB (BC) proposed that this document be adopted unchanged for the coming year.

Seconded: AF (RMO)

## **9. Hospitality Package**

George will liaise with Eleanor O'Neill on this. This year's recipients of said package will be Wolverhampton Shamrock CSC.

10. Any Other Business

- Black Country Che Guevara CSC Xmas Party 8/12/2015 at St Pats.
- Reading Martin O'Neill CSC are Planning a trip to the Home game against Hearts on the 2nd of April. More details to follow with regard to stay overs and times to follow.
- Guard of Honour. George will liaise with JPT on this when we have identified and Association Day match

11. Date and venue of next meeting.

To be confirmed.

Huge thanks to Wolverhampton Shamrock CSC for hosting today's meeting and to the Management and Staff of the Emerald Club for making us feel so welcome.

Meeting Closed.

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