



Central, South West And Wales Celtic Supporters Association

Minutes of Annual General Meeting

Saturday 3rd December 2016

Venue: Birmingham Sons of Erin 32 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, Nottingham Shamrock CSC and Coventry Emerald 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 12/12/15 at Wolverhampton Shamrock CSC were read with the following matters arising:

- Refugee Initiative: As we didn't have an Association Day this matter will be addressed as and when we do.**
- Hospitality: Fiona Reading / Martin O'Neil CSC will organise some flowers for Eleanor the CEO's PA. Ros will organise a Thank You card from Wolverhampton for the last hospitality package.**

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

2. Matters Arising.

See above.

3. Officer Reports:

▪ Chairman's Report.

Dave's reflection on the year was that it had been a busy year for everyone involved which had led to limited activity with the CSA. Despite this we have remained proactive in what we are trying to achieve. On the plus side we maintain positive links at Celtic Park, we have received another hospitality package and had agreement to arrange an Association Day with a 'guard of honour' for the families of member CSC's.

Looking forward to 2017 we aim to have more frequent meetings, attend more games at Celtic park and look to expand our membership. A more formal strategy of how we go about maintaining and expanding on the above is needed and will be addressed in the coming year.

▪ Treasurers Report.

Ros reported that the current Association Balance stands at £2,896. Number of members registered is 79; a reduction in last year due to some CSC's not registering any members. There were some anomalies with regard to overdue ticket payments but these happily had now been resolved.

▪ Secretary's Report.

George reported that he had only attended a few meetings this year, one of which was missed due to some on-going health issues so nothing much has changed with respect to what he does. George continues to liaise with Eleanor O'Neil at Celtic Park with regard to the hospitality package and that continues in the same vain. In line with DB's comments earlier, maintaining and strengthening the links and contacts at Celtic is of paramount importance.

▪ Ticket Officer's Report.

Alisdair reported that there continues to be a healthy relationship between the Association and the Ticket Office. There was some discussion around Season Books, and whether the Association could purchase two. There was discussion around this giving us 'kudos' at Celtic Park for when high profile games are on the agenda

and when tickets are more difficult to come by. As there were financial matters to consider Ros and Alisdair agreed to try and have a proposal in place for the next association meeting.

▪ **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.

Ros reported that the Association has over 79 members at this time. DB proposed that CSC fees remain at £2.00 per member this was Seconded: Ros (WS).

6. CSA Constitution.

The following proposed amendments to the constitution were agreed:

- Item 3 (d) 'Membership': amend with regard to length of time associate members can remain associated members of the CSA to 12 months.
- Item 7 (a) 'Annual General Meeting': amend month we hold our AGM from November to January so that it falls after the Christmas break.
- Item 9 (a) 'Voting': amend to include no less than three member CSC's present to be quorate.

7. Review of CSA Aims and Objectives.

This document was reviewed and the following amendments were agreed:

- Frequency of meetings is amended to every three months rather than two.

- That reference to Associate membership be changed to reflect today's agreed amendment to the Constitution. Fiona (MON) agreed to draft the wording for this.
- That the clause relating to CSC's being subject to place a ticket bond with the Association be removed. Existing paid up members of the Ticket Bond would be reimbursed in the event of them leaving the Association or in the event that the Association is dissolved.

8. **Ticket Allocation Policy.**

There were no proposed amendments.

All present felt that this policy is an open and transparent document that ensures there is an agreed mechanism of how all tickets are distributed.

As previously discussed under the Ticket Officer and Treasurer reports there have been some anomalies with regard to receiving and payment of tickets. There was quite a bit of debate around this. In short DB has said we will look into what can be done to ensure there is a more efficient process in place.

9. **Hospitality Package**

George will liaise with Eleanor O'Neill on this. This year's recipients of said package will be Birmingham Sons of Erin. George requested that they liaise with him with regard to this and he will make the necessary arrangements Eleanor at Celtic Park for the 16/17 Season

10. **Any Other Business**

- All members agreed that the CSWWCSA would make a donation of £50 to Martin Clarke's funeral. This will be organised by Black Country Che Guevara CSC.
- FW (MON) gave update on Celtic Foundation plans for a major evening celebration in London of the Lisbon Lions victory 50th Anniversary. ACTION: Fiona to send Dave an update to circulate to members.
- Hospitality Package – George to remind Eleanor that this Hospitality Day will be taken before the end of season 2016-17. The only reason Ros and Derek came up in October this year

was because their original plans were thwarted by weather, then all the remaining games were on a Sunday so it was agreed with Celtic Park they could carry forward to this season.

11. Date and venue of next meeting.

Next Meeting: Sunday 5th March at Reading Martin O'Neill, Gateway Bar, Greyfriars Road, RG1 1PA.

If anyone wants to have a few jars on the Saturday night and stay over in Reading let Fiona or Alisdair know and they will arrange accommodation.

Huge thanks to Birmingham Sons of Erin 32 CSC for hosting today's meeting and to the Management and Staff of the Witton Arms for making us feel so welcome.

Meeting Closed.

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